From the Director

Los Angeles, December 24, 2014

It has been an eventful first semester at the Center for Advanced Genocide Research. We co-hosted the successful international conference, "Memory, Media, and Technology: Exploring the Trajectories of Schindler's List," which brought scholars from around the world to engage in discussions of genocide research, education, and new media. We also enjoyed the lecture by Dr. Simone Gigliotti (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), on "A Mobile Holocaust: Testimony and the Spatial Turn." Drawing primarily on the USC Shoah Foundation testimonies of two Holocaust survivors, Dr. Gigliotti explored the ways in which analyses of Holocaust witnessing can be approached in spatial terms (please see the video link below).

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2015. In the spring semester, we will be welcoming our first research fellows to the Center. Dr. Peg Levine (University of Melbourne, Australia), recipient of the 2014-15 Center Fellowship, will spend the semester in residence at USC, using the Center's resources and networks to continue her research on "ritualcide" in the Cambodian Genocide during the Khmer Rouge regime. Dr. Jared McBride (Columbia University), inaugural recipient of the 2014-15 Margee and Douglas Greenberg Fellowship, will be at the Center in January 2015 doing research on the Nazi-occupied area of Wolyn, now Western Ukraine. Both Dr. LeVine (February 26th) and Dr. McBride (January 15th) will be giving lectures at the Center during their stay about their cutting edge research.

In addition, we will be welcoming several distinguished guest scholars to lecture in the 2015 academic year. On March 10th, Dr. Peter Hayes (Northwestern University), will be presenting "Antisemitism and Homophobia in Nazi Germany: Commonalities and Differences." On April 9, Dr. Ugur Unger (Utrecht University, Netherlands) will be lecturing on the Armenian Genocide as part of the 100 year commemoration series at USC. Please mark your calendars for these exciting events. For more details of upcoming talks see below.

Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

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Recent Events at the Center

Full Videos of Center Events Viewable Online
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View Simone Gigliotti's lecture here...

Future Opportunities

Call for Applications for the 2015-2016 Greenberg Fellow

The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research invites proposals from advanced standing Ph.D. candidates for its 2015-2016 Margee and Douglas Greenberg Research Fellowship. The fellowship provides $4,000 support for dissertation research focused on testimony from the Visual History Archive. The incumbent will spend up to one month in residence at the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Award decisions for this fellowship will be based on the originality of the research proposal and its potential to advance research with testimonies in the Visual History Archive. The fellow will be expected to provide the Center with fresh perspectives, to play a role in Center activities, and to give a public talk during the stay.

To submit an application, please send a cover letter, CV, proposal outline, writing sample, and recommendation letter from your Ph.D. advisor by Friday January 16th, 2015 to cagr@usc.edu.

View the full Call for Applications...

Call for Applications for the 2015 USC Student Research Fellow

The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research invites proposals from graduate and undergraduate students for its 2015 USC Student Research Fellow program. The fellowship provides support during summer 2015 for undergraduate and graduate USC students interested in doing research at the Visual History Archive and/or with other resources regarding the Holocaust and other genocides. Following the fellowship period, students will be expected to give a public presentation based on their work and findings and submit their final written work for archiving.

To submit an application, please send a cover letter, CV, proposal outline, writing sample, and recommendation letter by January 15, 2015 to cagr@usc.edu

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Upcoming Events

https://t.e2ma.net/message/7gyku/fzd3ne
Constructing a Micro-history of the Holocaust in Western Ukraine
USC Doheny Memorial Library, Room 240
January 15, 2015, 4:00 pm

Dr. Jared McBride, 2014-2015 recipient of the Douglas and Margee Greenberg Fellowship will discuss how oral history and testimony can be integrated with existing archival documents to recreate a micro-level history of the Holocaust in western Ukraine.

Learn more...

Anti-semitism and Homophobia in Nazi Germany: Commonalities and Differences
USC University Religious Center Fishbowl
March 10, 2015, 4:00 pm

A lecture with Peter Hayes, Ph.D.
Northwestern University

During WWII, both Jews and homosexual men and women threatened the Nazi dream of a "racial utopia." Both were portrayed as sub-human and were subjected to concentration camps and cruel persecution.

Theodore Zev Weiss Holocaust Educational Foundation Professor Peter Hayes examines anti-semitism and homophobia as central components of Nazi racism.

Learn More...

Special Collections

Please consider donating private papers, documents, photographs or films regarding the Holocaust and other genocides.

The Center works with USC Libraries Special Collections to preserve private collections and make them accessible for academic research and student investigation.

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