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From the Director

Los Angeles, August 30th, 2014

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research (CAGR). The Center will serve as the research and scholarship unit of the USC Shoah Foundation. It integrates the "Resisting the Path to Genocide" research cluster that has been part of the successful interdisciplinary Dornsife 2020 initiative for the past four years.

The Center for Advanced Genocide Research will distinguish itself by focusing on interdisciplinary study organized around three themes to advance the analysis of genocide and systematic mass violence on an international scale:

- **Resistance to Genocide and Mass Violence** will ask questions focused on what enables people to resist and what conditions support acts of resistance and elements of defiance that slow down or stop genocidal processes.
- **Violence, Emotion and Behavioral Change** will study the intertwined nature of genocide and mass violence and emotion, and how this impacts social, psychological and physical behavior.
- **Digital Genocide Studies** examines how big data and large datasets, including the 52,000 testimonies in the USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive, can be used to find patterns in the field of mass violence and its resistance.

The Center will build upon and extend the existing visiting fellows and scholar opportunities established by both USC Shoah Foundation and the 2020 "Resisting the Path to Genocide" research cluster. Beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year, almost a half-dozen fellowships will be offered every year on a competitive basis via international Call for papers ranging from 3-4 weeks to an entire semester. In addition, the Center will organize or co-organize an annual workshop on subjects focused on our research agenda, as well as a variety of seminars and public lectures of from fellowship holders and invited guest speakers each year. This programming aims to attract cutting edge scholars of all levels from all over the world to conduct research at USC, using our unique resources (the USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive, the Doheny Library Special Collections and the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Collection) to work on innovative and dynamic scholarly projects across disciplines.

It is our sincere wish that the Center for Advanced Genocide Research will allow researchers and scholars from different disciplines all over the world to collaborate at a single institution to study genocide in ways that would not otherwise be possible and thus create an interdisciplinary innovative academic network for the future.

We hope for your support as we enter into our first year of research and programming.

Wolf Gruner
Director, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research
Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies
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First Events at the Center

2014 International Workshop for PhD Candidates from North America and Israel: Researching the Holocaust

From May 26–30, 2014, the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research partnered with the Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies at USC and the International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem for the second biennial International Workshop for PhD Candidates from North America and Israel.



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The Launch of the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research

On April 25th, 2014, USC President C. L. Max Nikias and USC Shoah Foundation-with its founder, USC Trustee Steven Spielberg-announced the new Center for Advanced Genocide Research at a campus press conference. A panel discussion followed, facilitated by Dean of USC Dornsife College Steve Kay with USC Shoah Foundation Executive Director

Stephen D. Smith, inaugural Director of the Center for Advanced Genocide Research Wolf Gruner, and Beth Meyerowitz, USC vice provost for faculty affairs.

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Upcoming Events

A Mobile Holocaust: Testimony and the Spatial Turn

Music Library Herklotz Room, Doheny Memorial Library Room G24

November 11

4-6 p.m.

Please join the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research for its first public event, a lecture by Dr. Simone Gigliotti, Professor of History at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.



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Memory, Media, and Technology: Exploring the Trajectories of *Schindler's List*

USC Shoah Foundation International Conference

November 16-18

The Center for Advanced Genocide Research is proud to co-host USC Shoah Foundation's international academic conference this fall. This conference marks the 20th anniversary of

Schindler's List and the USC Shoah Foundation. Panel presentations and roundtable discussions will focus on the role of media archives in research and education, the role of mediated memories in facilitating public action, and the future of these new practices for mediating memory.

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Future Opportunities

In September of 2014, the Center for Advanced Genocide Research will announce its 2014-2015 Margee and Douglas Greenberg Research Fellow and 2014-2015 Center Fellow.

Applications for the 2015-2016 fellowship rounds, along with other research and scholarly opportunities, will be available later this fall.

For more information about the USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced

Genocide Research and its work, please visit our website at: cagr.usc.edu

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