

# CRISIS & CREDIBILITY IN THE JEWISH CHRISTIAN WORLD: REMEMBERING FRANKLIN H. LITTELL

## THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES

MARCH 6 – 8, 2010

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

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- 12:00 – 5:45pm      **Registration @ Crowne Plaza Hotel**
- 6:00pm                **Bus will depart from the Crowne Plaza Hotel**
- 7:00 – 9:00pm      **Opening Reception - Temple University Library**

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 7

**SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY**

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- 7:00am                **Registration & Continental Breakfast @ Saint Joseph's University, Mandeville Hall**
- 8:00am – 5:00pm    **Book Sale**, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, Mandeville Hall
- 7:30 – 8:55am        **Interfaith Midrash Group - The People and the Land: A Post-Shoah Midrashic Reading of Genesis 15 and Romans 11**, Dale Classroom 111  
Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College (Sherman Oaks, CA)  
Steven L. Jacobs, University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, AL)  
Henry F. Knight, Keene State College (Keene, NH)  
James Moore, Valparaiso University (Valparaiso, IN)  
Richard L. Rubenstein, University of Bridgeport (Bridgeport, CT)
- 9:00 – 10:30am      **Opening Plenary – Franklin H. Littell: After 40 Years in the Wilderness, the Unfinished Agenda**, Wolfington Teletorium™, Mandeville Hall  
**Greetings:** Hubert G. Locke, Co-Founder, Annual Scholars' Conference  
**Welcome Remarks:** Brice Wachterhauser, Provost, Academic Affairs, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)  
**Chair:** Richard Libowitz, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)  
Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University (Los Angeles, CA)  
Yehuda Bauer, Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel)  
Erich Geldbach, Marburg University (Marburg, Germany)  
Richard L. Rubenstein, University of Bridgeport (Bridgeport, CT)  
Samuel Totten, University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)  
Racelle Weiman, Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)
- 10:30 – 10:45am    Coffee Break, Mandeville Dining Room + Book Sale, Foyer

10:45am – 12:00pm Breakout Sessions

**1a. History: Seeking Shelter but Finding None**, Dale Classroom 111

**Chair:** Virginia Johnson, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

Paul Bartrop, Bialik University (Melbourne, Australia)

Almost indescribable & unbelievable; Jewish Immigration  
to Australia 1939

Robert Marko, Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI)

Holocaust in Galicia and Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytskyi

Susan L. Pentlin, Central Missouri University (Warrensburg, MO)

The Holocaust Experience in Western Poland

C. Paul Vincent, Keene State College (Keene, NH)

Revisiting the Voyage of the *St. Louis*

**1b. Theology: Thoughts of Heaven and the Gates of Hell**, Faralli Classroom 107

**Chair:** Shawn Kraemer, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

Charles R. Clarke, Monroe College (Rochester, NY)

A 'Secular Midrash' via Buddhism and Ecospirituality

Ulrich Rosenhagen, University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI)

New Theology of Israel Contemporary Protestant Church Declarations in  
Germany

Simon Sibelman, Virginia Holocaust Museum (Richmond, VA)

From Praise to Accusation: The Paradigm of the Psalm in  
Holocaust Literature

Mark Weitzman, Simon Wiesenthal Center (Los Angeles, CA)

Beyond Mel Gibson: Catholic Fundamentalists and the Jews

**1c. Education: Finding Light in the Darkness**, Gallagher Classroom 103

**Chair:** Miriam Kassenoff, University of Miami (Miami, FL)

Michael Dickerman, Richard Stockton College (Pomona, NJ)

Bonhoeffer and the Jews: The Essay of 1933

Brenda Gaydosh, West Chester University (West Chester, PA)

Bernhard Lichtenberg

Mary Johnson, Facing History and Ourselves &

Richard Stockton College (Pomona, NJ)

Integrating Themes of Rescue and Resistance into Introductory Courses on  
Holocaust and Modern Genocide

Kathy Tabasso, Richard Stockton College (Pomona, NJ)

Communitas...the Story of Le Chambon

12:00 – 1:00pm

Buffet Lunch @ Mandeville Hall Lobby & Dining Room

- 1:00 – 3:15pm **Plenary 2 – Professional Ethics After Auschwitz: How We Have Changed, or Have We?**, Wolfington Teletorium™, Mandeville Hall  
**Chair:** Honorable Norma L. Shapiro, Senior United States District Judge, Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA)  
*Business* - John McCall, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)  
*Medicine* - Sheldon Rubinfeld, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, TX)  
*Journalism & the Media* - Laurel Leff, Northeastern University (Boston, MA)  
*Education* - Stephen Norwood, University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK)  
*Law* – Harriet Tamen, Esq. – Advocate (Paris, France & New York, NY)
- 3:15 – 3:25pm Coffee Break, Mandeville Dining Room + Book Sale, Foyer
- 3:25 - 4:40pm Breakout Sessions
- 2a. History: All in the Name of the Law**, Dale Classroom 111  
**Chair:** Suzanne Root, Esq., Advocate (Merion, PA)  
 Rolf Ahlers, Sage College (Albany, NY)  
 Civilized Evil; Dr. Max Aue  
 Edward M. Gaffney, Valparaiso University School of Law (Valparaiso, IN)  
 Nazi-looted Art  
 Gary Mullen, Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)  
 Jean Amery on Torture  
 Harry Reicher, University of Pennsylvania, Touro Law Center (Philadelphia, PA)  
 American Judicial Responses to the Nazi Legal System
- 2b. Education: Finding Ways to Tell the Story**, Faralli Classroom 107  
**Chair:** Terrance L. Furin, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)  
 Rosalie Franks, Roger Williams University (Bristol, RI)  
 Preserving the Stories and Lessons of Survivors and Their Echoes in *The Shawl* and *Back to Gombin*  
 Thomas Kennedy, Bay Head Elementary School (Bay Head, NJ)  
 Using Technology to Teach the Holocaust  
 Beth Reisboard & Nancy Astor Fox, The Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation (Narberth, PA)  
 One Survivor Remembers  
 Linda Short, Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA)  
 The End of Holocaust Education?
- 2c. Contemporary Issues**, Gallagher Classroom 103  
**Chair:** Katherine Sibley, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)  
 Steven K. Baum, Journal for the Study of Antisemitism (Marlton, NJ) & Neil E. Rosenberg, Esq. (Cherry Hill, NJ)  
 Psychology of Anti-Semitism and Legal Considerations  
 Haim Genizi, Bar Ilan University (Ramut Gan, Israel)  
 American Quakers and Refugees from Nazism  
 Shelly Z. Shapiro, Holocaust Survivor and Friends Education Center (Latham, NY)  
 An Update on Holocaust Denial: Antisemitism Today

4:45 – 6:00pm

Breakout Sessions

**3a. Holocaust, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**, Dale Classroom 111**Chair:** Ben Liebman, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)Ilya Altman, Center for Holocaust Research & Education (Moscow, Russia)  
The Unknown Black Book

Patty Chappine, Richard Stockton College (Pomona, NJ)

Delayed Justice: Forced Slave Labor Restitution after the Holocaust

Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Center (Paris, France)

Echoes of the Holocaust: From Durban to Durban

**3b. History: Some Survived to Tell the Story**, Faralli Classroom 107**Chair:** Alan Iser, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

Ann Weiss, Eyes from the Ashes (Philadelphia, PA)

Alone in the Pit: A Young Girl and the Einsatzgruppen

Diana Mara Henry, Independent Scholar (Hartford, CT)

Memoirs of a Jewish Spy

Miriam Kassenoff, University of Miami (Miami, FL)

One Family's Escape from the Holocaust

Suzanne Vromen, Bard College (Annandale-on-the-Hudson, NY)

Resistance in Belgium: The Role of Convents

**3c. 1939-2010: Prelude to Catastrophe – What Have We Learned?****A Panel Discussion**, Gallagher Classroom 103**Chair:** Ann Marie Osaki, Richard Stockton College (Pomona, NJ)

Paul Bartrop, Bialik University (Melbourne, Australia)

Herbert Hirsch, Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA)

Samuel Totten, University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)

6:15 – 7:15pm

Dinner @ Campion Student Center (Shuttle available)

7:30pm

**Plenary 3 – Faith and Freedom; Remembering Franklin H. Littell –****A Community Event – Saint Joseph's University, Campion Student Center****Welcome Remarks:** William Madges, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)**Chair:** Rebecca Alpert, Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)

Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University (Los Angeles, CA)

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University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

Elisabeth Maxwell, Remembering for the Future (London, England)

John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL)

Pierre Sauvage, Chambon Foundation (Los Angeles, CA)

7:30am **Registration & Continental Breakfast @ Saint Joseph's University, Mandeville Hall**

8:00am – 5:00pm **Book Sale**, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Foyer, Mandeville Hall

8:00 - 9:30am **Plenary 4 - Art Memorial to Stephen Feinstein**, Wolfington Teletorium™, Mandeville Hall  
**Chair:** Marty J. Kalb, Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, OH)  
Robert Barsamian, Independent Artist (Dallas, TX)  
Noreen Brand, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center (Skokie, IL)  
Steven Lipman, Jewish Week (New York, NY)

9:35 – 10:45am **Plenary 5 - Film, *Not Idly By—Peter Bergson, America and the Holocaust*, and Discussion with Pierre Sauvage, Chambon Foundation (Los Angeles, CA)**, Wolfington Teletorium™, Mandeville Hall

10:45 - 11:00am Coffee Break, Mandeville Dining Room + Book Sale, Foyer

11:00am – 12:40pm Breakout Sessions

**4a. Physicians and Nurses: The Healing Professions during & after Auschwitz**, Gallagher Classroom 103

Mary Lagerwey, Western Michigan University, Bronson School of Medicine (Kalamazoo, MI)

Patients as Other: Nursing practice under the Third Reich

Cheyenne Martin, University of Texas Medical Branch (Galveston, TX)

Medical Resistance in the Face of Genocide; Auschwitz, Rwanda and Bosnia

Aiko Sawada, Hokkaido College of Nursing (Kitami-shi, Japan)

Difficulties in Transmitting Holocaust Memories

Harold Ticktin, Independent Scholar (Shaker Heights, OH)

The Secret Medical School in the Warsaw Ghetto

**4b. History: Resistance in Many Places and Forms**, Faralli Classroom 107

**Chair:** Sabrina DeTurk, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

Marjorie Margolis, Conant High School (Jaffrey, NH)

Rachel Margolis – a Lithuanian anti-Nazi Partisan

Nancy Rupperecht, Middle Tennessee State University

Warnings from the Left: Bertolt Brecht's Early Condemnation of National Socialism

Theodore Thomas, Milligan College (Milligan College, TN)

Hermann Maas – Rescuer and Reconciler

Tamara Vershitskaya, Regional Museum of Novogrudok, Belarus

Jewish Women Partisans in Belarus

11:00am – 12:40pm Breakout Sessions

**4c. Literature and the Arts: Telling the Story**, Dale Classroom 111

**Chair:** Millicent Feske, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

Helen Frink, Keene State College (Keene, NH)

Testimony, Memoir or Creative non-Fiction in Holocaust Literature

Joan Peterson, Saint Mary's College of California (Moraga, CA)

Babi Yar: in Yevtushenko, Shostakovich, *Testimony* and Monuments

Leon Sangster, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (Pomona, NJ)

Reflection of the Holocaust through Poetry

Stephen Stern, Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA)

Rosenzweig and Levinas

12:45 – 1:55pm Lunch @ Mandeville Hall Dining Room

2:00 – 3:30pm

**Plenary 5 – Church Crisis: Three Institutional Responses to the Early Persecution of the Jews and Kristalnacht; a Panel Discussion**, Wolfington Teletorium™, Mandeville Hall

**Chair:** Leonard Swidler, Temple University (Philadelphia, PA)

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

(Washington, D.C.)

The Federal Council of Churches and the Kirchenkampf, 1933-1938

Suzanne Brown-Fleming, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

(Washington, D.C.)

The View from Rome: Contextualizing the Vatican's Response to Kristalnacht

Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose University College (Calgary, Canada)

Our Jewish Brethren: Christian Responses to Kristalnacht in Canadian Mass Media

3:30 – 3:50pm

Coffee Break – Mandeville Dining Room & Book Sale, Foyer

3:55 – 5:25pm

Breakout Sessions

**5a. History: Wounds may Heal, but the Memories Never Fade**, Faralli Classroom 107

**Chair:** Jeffrey Hyson, Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

Paul Mojzes, Rosemont College (Rosemont, PA)

The Balkan Wars 1912-1913: an Unrecognized Genocide

Yitzchak Kerem, Aristotle University & The Hebrew University

(Jerusalem, Israel)

Iran and the Holocaust: Rescue and Revisionism

Mary Gallant, Rowan College (Glassboro, NJ) &

Harry Rhea, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey (Pomona, NJ)

Institutional Structure and Collective Memory after Genocide

**5b. Encountering the Stranger: A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue**,

Dale Classroom 111

Leonard Grob, Farleigh Dickinson University (Teaneck, NJ)

Henry F. Knight, Keene State College (Keene, NH)

Rochelle L. Millen, Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH)

Khaleel Mohammed, San Diego State University (San Diego, CA)

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

**SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY**

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5:45 – 7:00pm

**Closing Banquet with the Presentation of the Eternal Flame Award to  
Felix and Ruta Zandman - Saint Joseph's University, Campion Student Center**

7:00 pm

**A Community Program – Saint Joseph's University, Campion Student Center  
Speaker: Rabbi Irving (Yitz) Greenberg (Riverdale, NY)**

**“After 40 Years in the Wilderness – The Unfinished Agenda”**

**Co-Sponsored by: Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, Saint Joseph's University**

**Welcome Remarks:** Philip A. Cunningham, Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations,  
Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, PA)

**Chair:** Hubert G. Locke, Co-Founder, Annual Scholars' Conference

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