THE 47TH ANNUAL SCHOLARS’ CONFERENCE ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES

LESSONS FOR A WOUNDED WORLD:
POST-HOLOCAUST WISDOM IN THE FACE OF TERROR AND FEAR

MARCH 11-13, 2017
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY ~ PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 11 ~ SHUSTERMAN HALL

4:00 – 6:30pm Registration, The Conwell Inn, Lobby

6:00 - 9:30pm Opening Reception, Dinner & Program – Shusterman Hall

Welcome:
Henry F. Knight, President, Annual Scholars’ Conference & Keene State College
Hai-Lung Dai, Vice President for International Affairs, Temple University &
2017 Honorary Chairman, Annual Scholars’ Conference

Evening Program
Presenters:
Shimon Samuels, Simon Wiesenthal Centre (Paris, France)
From Deletion of Heritage to Elimination of a People
Henry Greenspan, University of Michigan
25th Anniversary Performance Series "Remnants"
Meghan Brodie, Ursinus College
In Her Words: Stories of Resistance from Holocaust Memoirs Written by Women

~ REMINDER – IT’S SPRING AHEAD! MOVE YOUR WATCHES AHEAD 1 HOUR! ~

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 ~ SHUSTERMAN HALL

7:30 – 8:30am Breakfast

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration

8:30am Welcome Remarks:
Hubert G. Locke, Co-Founder, Annual Scholars’ Conference

Page 1 of 5
8:30 – 10:10am  **Plenary I – Franklin H. Littell’s “The Crucifixion of the Jews” and Post-Holocaust Thought**
This opening plenary session considers the seminal, transformational contribution of Franklin H. Littell’s “The Crucifixion of the Jews” to a post-Holocaust understanding of the foundations of civilization. Areas of inquiry include religion, philosophy, history and culture.

**Chair:** Marcia Sachs Littell, Stockton University (Emeritus)
**Presenters:** Hubert G. Locke, University of Washington (Emeritus)
Henry F. Knight, Keene State College
Richard L. Libowitz, Temple University
David Patterson, University of Texas, Dallas

10:10 - 10:30am  **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 11:45am  **Panel Session 1 – The Holocaust: Contemporary Developments & Observations**
**Chair:** Leonard Grob, Farleigh Dickinson University (Emeritus)
**Presenters:**
Robert Everett, Second Church of Plymouth (MA)
Julia Popova, “Operation Zhabotinsky” Foundation
Amy Weiss, College of Saint Elizabeth
Barbara Wind, Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ

**Can the Barmen Declaration Still Speak To Us Today?**
The unique cooperation of Russian Evangelical churches with Russian Jewish Congress in keeping the memory of Holocaust alive

**An Act of Atonement: The Children’s Memorial Forest and American Protestant Holocaust Commemorations in Palestine**

Before “Night” ... “The Yoke of Night” ~ A recently discovered literary work.

Discussion

11:45am – 12:30pm  **Lunch**

12:30 – 2:00pm  **Panel Session 2 – The Holocaust: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**
**Chair:** Leonard Swidler, Temple University
**Presenters:**
Mary Gallant, Rowan University
Alice Kim, Drew University
Nancy Harrowitz, Boston University
Angelique Stevens, Monroe Community College

**Jews, the Holocaust and Collective Identity in the Former Yugoslavia**

**Constructing an Ethical Theology of Suffering: Bearing Witness to Trauma and Suffering In the Book of Job and the Holocaust for Healing and Remembrance**

**Trauma and Identity in Holocaust Testimony and Slave Narratives: Connecting Our Legacies**

**The Darkness Beyond the Circle: Reading the Holocaust in Martin Sherman’s, “Bent” and CP Taylor’s, “Good.”**

Discussion
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 (CON’T)

2:00 – 2:10pm  Break

2:10 – 3:40pm  Panel Session 3 – From Armenia to Auschwitz, and Beyond;

“Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.”

Chair: Peter Nelson, Facing History and Ourselves

Presenters: Marc Mamigonian, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)

The War on Lemkin: A New Aspect of Denial of the Armenian Genocide

Arda Melkonian, University of California, Los Angeles

Forced Separations and Unlikely Reunions

Doris Melkonian, University of California, Los Angeles

The Aftermath of Genocide: Armenian Women Rebuilding Their Lives

Cynthia Yoken, Jewish Federation of Greater New Bedford (MA)

Consequences of the Second World War on French Society, vis-à-vis, the Children and their Rescuers

Discussion

3:40 – 3:50pm  Break

3:50 – 5:15pm  Panel Session 4 – The Holocaust in Historical Perspective

Chair: Richard Libowitz, Temple University

Presenters: Edward Gaffney, Valparaiso University

What Would Jeremiah and Jonah, Bulgarian Bishops, Rabbi Heschel and MLK Do? A Post-Shoah Reflection on Political Theology and Littell’s Early Warning System

Alison Dobrick, William Patterson University

Cartoon Comparisons: Understanding and Educating about Nazi Imagery, Past and Present

Victoria Khiterer, Millersville University

The 75th Anniversary of Babi Yar Massacre and Problems of Commemoration of the Holocaust in Modern Ukraine

Charles Weisbecker, Atlantic Cape Community College

Albania’s Rescue of Jews from the Holocaust: A Study in Normocentric Value Orientation

Discussion

5:30 – 6:30pm  Dinner
**Sunday, March 12 (Con't)**

6:30pm  
**Special Evening Event**

*Franklin H. Littell’s Challenge to Churches*

This presentation explores Franklin H. Littell’s “The Crucifixion of the Jews” and ways in which its subtitle, “The Failure of Christians to Understand the Jewish Experience,” may pose challenges for the Christian religious communities, as well as for Christian theologians.

Chair: Abraham Peck, University of Southern Maine  
Presenters: Rebecca Alpert, Temple University  
Karl Sen Gupta, University of Texas, Dallas  
David Patterson, University of Texas, Dallas  
Martin Rumscheidt, Atlantic School of Theology (Emeritus)

8:15 – 8:45pm  
**Special Film Screening**

*MARGRIT: NOT A23029*  
A film by Harry Hillard  
~ Narrated by Michael Berenbaum  
Introduction: Peppy Margolis, Raritan Valley Community College

---

**Monday, March 13 ~ Shusterman Hall**

7:30 – 8:30am  
**Breakfast**

8:00am – 3:00pm  
**Registration & Concierge**

8:30 – 8:45am  
**Franklin H. Littell Archives ~**  
Special Collections Research Center, Temple University Library  
Presenters: Margery Sly, Director  
Courtney Smerz, Archivist

8:45 – 10:15am  
**Plenary II - Franklin H. Littell’s Insights into Anti-Zionism**

“This new code word for Antisemitism is Anti-Zionism,” says Littell in The Crucifixion of the Jews, whether among ’Arab League propagandists, adherents of the ’New Left,’ or liberal Protestants.” This panel addresses the question of how true this statement continues to be relevant, in a variety of contexts.

Chair: Larry Glaser, New Jersey Commission on the Holocaust  
Presenters: Christine Malina-Maxwell, University of Texas, Dallas  
Rebekah Nix, University of Texas, Dallas  
Joan Peterson, Saint Mary’s College of California  
Asaf Romirowsky, Scholars for Peace in the Middle East

10:15 – 10:30 am  
**Welcome Remarks – Joseph P. Lucia, Dean of Libraries, Temple University**

10:30 - 10:40am  
**Coffee Break**
10:40 – 11:55am  **Panel Session 6 – Medical Ethics Then & Now: Maintaining the Dignity of the Human Person**
Chair: Terumi Rafferty-Osaki, American University
Presenters: Ruth Callahan, Glendale Community College (AZ)  
KwangYu Lee, Drew University  
Castle Hartheim: Medical Murder and a Template for the Holocaust  
The Potentiality of a ‘Third Reich’ in Our Time from social-psychological perspectives  
Cheyenne Martin, University of Texas Medical Center, Galveston  
Nurses, Nuns and Catholic Physicians in Resistance throughout France, Belgium and Italy  
Andrew Weinstein, Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY  
The “Good Death”? Euthanasia from Nazi Times to the Present in Contemporary Art
Discussion

11:55am – 12:10pm  **An Interlude:**  Poetry: From a Second Generation Survivor living with a Holocaust Past  
Chair: Miriam Klein Kassenoff, University of Miami  
Presenter: Richard Kalfus, St. Louis Community College

12:10 – 1:00pm  **Special Conference Luncheon & Program**  
Chair: Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University  
Sigi Ziering Institute  
Speaker: Richard Rubenstein, University of Bridgeport (Emeritus)  
**Personal Notes on the Origins of Holocaust Theology**

1:00 – 2:30pm  **Closing Plenary:**  
*The Enduring Legacy of Franklin H. Littell’s “The Crucifixion of the Jews”*
This closing plenary session considers the implications of Littell’s “The Crucifixion of the Jews” for the future of interfaith relations, Holocaust studies and understanding Antisemitism. The overarching question addressed here is: Where do we go from here?

Speaker: Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University  
Sigi Ziering Institute  
Chair: David Patterson, University of Texas, Dallas  
Discussant: Christine Malina-Maxwell, University of Texas, Dallas

**Concluding Remarks:**  
Henry F. Knight, President, Annual Scholars’ Conference  
Marcia Sachs Littell, Annual Scholars’ Conference

~ Thank You for your participation at the 47th Annual Scholars’ Conference. ~