



**A**ckerman  
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at The University of Texas at Dallas

**Ackerman Center  
Highlights  
and  
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**2017 – 2018**



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
School of Arts and Humanities

# Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies

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The Ackerman Center is a distinguished and exceptional academic center, providing an in-depth view of the Holocaust within a dedicated facility. The three endowed professors and one senior lecturer offer a unique multi-faceted learning environment that is supported by the Arnold A. Jaffe Library Collection.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACKERMAN CENTER AND ITS PROGRAMS

- Outstanding faculty and staff
- Graduate and undergraduate courses
- Graduate student fellowships and scholarships
- Certificate in Holocaust Studies
- Arnold A. Jaffe Library Collection
- Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches
- Public lectures, film screenings, teachers' workshops, and other events



**Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth**, Founder & Paul and Leah Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies

**Dr. David Patterson**, Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies

**Dr. Nils Roemer**, Director & Stan and Barbara Rabin Professor in Holocaust Studies



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THE 48<sup>TH</sup>  
**ANNUAL SCHOLARS'  
CONFERENCE**

ON THE HOLOCAUST AND THE CHURCHES

Founded by Franklin H. Littell & Hubert G. Locke

THE ACKERMAN CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST STUDIES at THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

This March we welcomed Holocaust scholars from across the globe to UT Dallas, the new and permanent home for the Annual Scholars' Conference, which provides an invaluable forum for scholars to discuss and advance Holocaust research, ensuring the valuable lessons of the Holocaust remain relevant for today's world.

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas gratefully acknowledges the support of the following individuals and organizations that have helped to make this Conference possible.

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# STUDENT SUPPORT

## Selwin Belofsky Fellowship in Holocaust Studies

The Selwin Belofsky Fellowship in Holocaust Studies is awarded to PhD students who will work on topics related to the Holocaust. Belofsky Fellows receive monthly stipends along with remission of all UT Dallas tuition and fees annually for up to five years.

### Current Belofsky Fellows:

**Scott Swartsfager** | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas

Mr. Swartsfager is a fourth-year PhD candidate specializing in Intellectual History and writing on the Holocaust in the Netherlands. His dissertation is titled *Promoting Normal: Jewish Culture in Occupied Amsterdam*.

**Sarah R. Valente** | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas

Miss Valente is a fifth-year PhD candidate in Humanities, majoring in History of Ideas and pursuing original research on Jewish history of Brazil, Holocaust Literature, and Translation Studies.

## Mala and Adolph Einspruch Fellowship for Holocaust Studies

This endowment was established by Dr. Burton Einspruch in memory of his parents, Mala and Adolph Einspruch, and is awarded annually.

### Current Recipients:

**Trisha Murphy** | PhD Student, History of Ideas

Miss Murphy's research interests include the Catholic Church's reaction to the Holocaust and the collaboration with the Nazis of citizens in occupied territories.

**Terin Tehan** | PhD Student, Literary Studies

Miss Tehan is interested in Holocaust representation, digital rhetoric, and German literature and is currently researching how Holocaust narratives are framed in new media texts.

## Mike Jacobs Fellowship in Holocaust Studies

This endowment was established by the children and grandchildren of the late Mike Jacobs in his honor and is awarded annually.

### Current Recipients:

**Philip Barber** | PhD Student, History of Ideas

As a former Christian minister and public educator, his research interest is focused on the role of public education in Holocaust representation and the history of anti-Semitism in the Christian Church.

**Pedro González** | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas

Mr. González is currently researching race, racism, and racializing technologies of nation-state building in nineteenth-century Mexico, including anti-Semitic actions and propaganda.

**Sarah Snyder** | PhD Student, History of Ideas

Mrs. Snyder is pursuing research on the Adolf Eichmann Trial of 1961 and Concentration Camp Trials of 1945.

**Shamim Hunt** | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas



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**William and Sylvia Zale Foundation**  
*In honor of Eugene and Ethel Zale, Theodore and Ilse Zale, & Lew and Doris Zale*

*Presenting the paper*

“Erich Fromm’s Theory of Love as Universal Consciousness”

at the Third International Erich Fromm Seminar for Doctoral Students and Postdocs

June 20-24, 2018 –

International Psychoanalytic University Berlin

Besides presenting her paper at the seminar, Ms. Hunt plans to do research at the Erich Fromm Institute in Tübingen where there is an archive of hundreds of Fromm’s unpublished works. Ms. Hunt has submitted her dissertation to her committee for review. Her dissertation title is *Erich Fromm’s View of the Self and Its Influences*. She also has extensive experience teaching philosophy courses.

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**Karl S. Sen Gupta** | PhD Student, History of Ideas



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**The Max and Florence Wolens Research Fund**

*Presenting the paper*

“Oscar Schindler, Saul Auslander, and the Temptation of Temptation”

at the 11th Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies Conference

July 15-19, 2018 – Kraków, Poland

Mr. Sen Gupta’s teaching experience began at the University of Memphis under Dr. David Patterson, where he taught several sections of Holocaust courses to seniors and juniors. His degree at UT Dallas is in Intellectual History and his focus is on post-Holocaust ethics, with particular emphasis on the thought of Emmanuel Levinas. He plans to teach at the university level on a “constellation” of relevant subjects, including but not limited to Holocaust literature and the (ongoing) history of anti-Semitism, particularly in terms of its Christian theological antecedents.

**Cynthia Seton-Rogers** | PhD Student, History of Ideas  
Certificate of Holocaust Studies Holder



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*Presenting the paper*  
“The Crown’s Unlikely Assets: Sephardic Jews in the  
Courts of Tudor England”  
at the British Association for Jewish Studies  
Annual Conference  
July 9-11, 2018 – Durham University, U.K.

Mrs. Seton-Rogers previously received her Masters degree from UT Dallas with a concentration in Holocaust Studies. She is currently working towards completing her PhD, and her areas of research are Anti-Semitism, Early Modern European History, and Holocaust Literature. In this paper, she explores the contributions made by Sephardic crypto-Jews in the courts of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I and the ways in which they helped to shape British and world history.

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**Sarah Snyder** | PhD Student, History of Ideas



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*Presenting the paper*  
“The Impact of Adolf Eichmann’s Capture and Trial:  
Through the Lens of Anti-Semitism”  
at the 11th Congress of the European Association for  
Jewish Studies Conference  
July 15-19, 2018 – Kraków, Poland

Mrs. Snyder’s areas of research are concentration camp history, political memory of the Holocaust via museums and commemorations, and the study of the Adolf Eichmann trial. She is currently working with Yad Vashem to research the Eichmann trial and the impact it had on witnesses who testified, as well as how it changed the world. Subsequently, Mrs. Snyder will be volunteering at Auschwitz-Birkenau and traveling throughout Poland to visit various Holocaust sites.

**Claire Soares** | PhD Candidate, Aesthetic Studies



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**Nancy A. Nasher and David J. Haemisegger**  
*In memory of Israel and Janet Nasher & Patsy and Raymond Nasher*

*Presenting the paper*

“Van Meegeren’s Vermeers and a Buyer Called Goering”

at the 11th Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies Conference

July 15-19, 2018 – Kraków, Poland

Ms. Soares is an award-winning filmmaker, engineer and author who applies her knowledge of engineering forensics to cases of art masterpieces that may be forgeries. This stays in step with her research on the subject of World War II looted art. Currently she is a PhD candidate and anticipates that visual media, as well as an interdisciplinary approach, will take on larger roles with public and higher education.

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**Kathryn Yates** | MA Student, History of Ideas



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Mrs. Yates was recently selected as a 2018-2019 Dallas-Fort Worth Schweitzer Fellow and will help design and implement a college readiness program for first generation college applicants in her community this coming year. She currently volunteers for the Dallas Holocaust Museum / Center for Education

and Tolerance and the Assistance Center of Collin County. Her academic pursuits focus on Public History and Museum Studies. She is especially interested in museum outreach programs and their efforts to promote community and civic engagement. This award will allow Mrs. Yates to travel to Germany this May in order to study how museums and the arts community in Berlin support recent immigrants and work to promote tolerance, empathy, and understanding within an increasingly diverse population.



*Recipient of an award from the*  
**Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies**

*Presented the paper*

“Language Theory Mirrored between Benjamin and Kafka”

at the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association Annual Conference

November 15-19, 2017 – Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawaii

Mr. Alhashmi is currently a Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to this, he was an interpreter with the EU Border Assistance Mission in Libya (EUBAM). He was also a Teaching Assistant at Aljabal Al Gharbi University from 2009-2011, where he obtained his Bachelor’s Degree in Translation. His current interests include ethics, modern philosophy of language, translation theory, speculative fiction, and cultural studies.

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*Recipient of an award from the*  
**Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies**

*Attended the*

Jews in Muslim-Majority Countries: History and Prospects Conference

October 24-27, 2017 – Jewish Museum, Berlin

After completing her bachelors degree in architecture at the University of Alexandria, Ms. Shafek enrolled at UT Dallas as a graduate student in the School of Arts & Humanities with an interest in translation studies. She graduated with her

MA in 2015 and is currently enrolled in the PhD program in Humanities.

Assisted by her interdisciplinary background, Ms. Shafek’s research focuses on the cultural history of Egyptian Jews in modern and contemporary Egypt. Shafek was able to travel to attend this conference, which brought together established scholars on this under-studied topic.



# A NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR THE STUDY OF THE HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies and the Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives (CUSLAI) are pleased to announce an academic collaboration with the Museo Memoria y Tolerancia in Mexico City. The partnership will jointly present scholarly lectures, symposiums, conferences, workshops, and sponsor student internships.

This will bring together three distinguished institutions dedicated to studying the Holocaust, genocide and human rights. The Ackerman Center is committed to teaching the history and the legacy of the Holocaust. Museo Memoria y Tolerancia focuses on educating the public about the Holocaust, genocide and human rights. The Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives concentrates on strengthening cultural connections with an emphasis on human rights.

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**Diana S. Briones** | MA Student, History of Ideas



*Intern at the*  
**Museo Memoria y Tolerancia in Mexico City**  
*Made possible by*  
**The Schuman-Ellman Opportunity Fund**

Ms. Briones is a graduate student in the History of Ideas program at UT Dallas. In conjunction with the Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives, she will be travelling with two other students to Mexico City for a month-long internship.

During this one-month summer internship, Ms. Briones will be specifically focusing on letters from three families sent from Austria to Mexico. They were originally in German and have been translated into Spanish. She will annotate and translate them into English under the supervision of Dr. Roemer. In addition, she will be learning about human rights through workshops and coursework, attending lectures and conferences at local universities, and training in the procedures of the Museum. At the end of the summer internship, she will receive a certification.

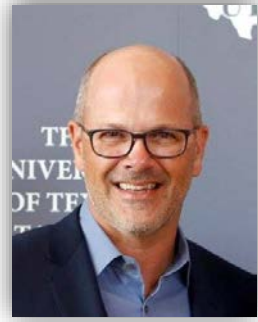
## ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS



Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth



Dr. David Patterson



Dr. Nils Roemer

### **Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies**

Held by Professor Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

### **Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies**

Held by Professor David Patterson

### **Stan and Barbara Rabin Professorship of Holocaust Studies**

Held by Professor Nils Roemer

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## JACQUELINE AND MICHAEL WALD PROFESSORSHIP IN HOLOCAUST STUDIES



Jackie and Michael Wald have recently created a newly endowed professorship in Holocaust Studies to encourage and promote the Ackerman Center as a premier Holocaust Studies program.

A search for the holder of this professorship will begin in the Fall 2018 semester.

**Through the generosity of our supporters, the Ackerman Center has several other endowments and other named funds to help us fulfill our mission of “Teaching the Past... Changing the Future.”**

**These endowments offer academic and outreach support:**

**The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies Endowment**

Funded by The Edward and Wilhelmina Ackerman Foundation

**Arnold A. Jaffe Holocaust Library Collection**

The inaugural gift to the Holocaust Studies Program at UT Dallas upon its establishment in 1986.

**Burton C. Einspruch Holocaust Lecture Series**

Held annually, eminent scholars and prominent figures in the field of Holocaust Studies are invited to participate in the lecture series.

**Schuman-Ellman Opportunity Fund for the Ackerman Center**

An unrestricted endowment to support Ackerman Center activities and programming.

**Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Established in 2016 by the Office of the President to support a post-doctoral fellow in Holocaust Studies.

**These endowments have been created in order to support the research of graduate students in the Holocaust Studies Program:**

**Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund**

**Herman Abrams Research Fund**

**The Max and Florence Wolens Research Fund**

**These endowments help to fund the academic career of UT Dallas graduate students who will focus on Holocaust studies:**

**The Selwin Belofsky Fellowship in Holocaust Studies**

**Mike Jacobs Fellowship in Holocaust Studies**

**Mala and Adolph Einspruch Fellowship for Holocaust Studies**

**These endowments have been created in order to support academic conferences:**

**Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies Conference and Lecture Fund**

**Charles M. Schwarz Endowment in Holocaust Studies**

**Richard Gundy & Steven Gundy Family Endowment in Holocaust Studies**

## NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Create an Opportunity Fund**

Make an enduring impact on the Ackerman Center through an Opportunity Fund. These permanently unrestricted endowments are used to support undergraduate and graduate programs at the Ackerman Center. An Opportunity Fund in your name can be established with a \$10,000 gift.

### **Create a Scholarship or Fellowship**

Help students with a named undergraduate scholarship or graduate fellowship. Financial assistance through scholarships and fellowships help students focus on their academic pursuits and grow through internships and other service opportunities. A named endowment for a scholarship or fellowship can be established with a \$25,000 gift.

### **Create or Support a Professorship or Chair**

The Ackerman Center retains three tenured faculty members and each professor has an endowment that can be supported to expand their individual research projects. These funds support their independent work and their students. You can create your own named professorship or chair to help recruit new scholars in the field to UT Dallas. An endowment for a chair or professorship can range in gift commitments but begins with a \$100,000 pledge minimum.

### **Friends of the Ackerman Center**

This annual fund is for immediate use and supports public outreach and enhance our student programs. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and needed.

## WAYS TO GIVE

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Your gift will allow the Ackerman Center to fulfill its essential mission — teaching the history of the Holocaust and its implications for all people to this and future generations. With your help, the Center will be able to fulfill its mission of *Teaching the Past... Changing the Future*.

The Ackerman Center welcomes contributions of all sizes and in several forms, including:

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- Appreciated Stocks and Securities
- Artwork and Collectibles
- Business Interests (privately held stock)
- Real Estate and Land
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