

**ASSOCIATION OF HOLOCAUST ORGANIZATIONS  
35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Holocaust Museum Houston  
Houston, Texas  
June 5-8, 2021**

**Saturday, June 5**

**Registration 2:00-5:00 p.m. – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Foyer**

**Exhibit Room – Regency**

**7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Reception – Arboretum 5**

**Sunday, June 6**

**All meals are in Arboretum 4-5**

**7:00 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast**

**8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Orientation for First-Time Attendees- Arboretum 2**

**Chair: Susan Myers, President, AHO**

**Registration: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Foyer**

**9:00- 10:30 a.m. Focus Groups**

**Session A: *Meeting of Museum and Center Directors* – Arboretum 2**

**Chair: Millie Jasper**

**Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center,  
White Plains, NY**

**Session B: *Meeting of State Commissions and Councils* – Arboretum 3**

**Chair: Dr. Lilly Filler  
South Carolina Council on the Holocaust**

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break –**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Session A: *Meeting of Museum and Center Educators* – Arboretum 2**

**Chair: Talli Dippold  
Greenspon Center for Peace and Justice  
Queens University of Charlotte  
Charlotte, NC**

**Session B: *Effective Board Management* - Arboretum 3**

**Presenter: Dr. Kelly J.Zuniga  
CEO, Holocaust Museum Houston**

**12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch**

**All Plenary Sessions in Regency**

**1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Session I *The Book Smugglers of the Vilna Ghetto:  
Risking One's Life for Culture***

**Presenter: Dr. David E. Fishman  
Professor of Jewish History  
Jewish Theological Seminary**

**Chair: Daniel A. Reich**  
**Curator and Director of Education**  
**Holocaust Museum and Learning Center/St. Louis**

**3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Refreshment Break –**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Session II – *The Last Jews: What the Experiences of Intermarried Families Can Teach Us About The Holocaust***

**Presenter: Dr. Tatjana Lichtenstein**  
**Associate Professor of History**  
**Director, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies**  
**The University of Texas at Austin**

**Chair: Elena Barr Baum**  
**Director**  
**The Holocaust Commission of the UJF of Tidewater, VA**

**Buses Leave at 5:45 p.m.**

**6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner at Holocaust Museum**  
**Houston**

**Monday, June 7**

**7:00 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session III *The Third Reich in the Ivory Tower***

**Presenter: Dr. Stephen H. Norwood**  
**Professor of History**  
**University of Oklahoma**

**Chair: Dr. Marilyn Harran**  
**Professor of History and Religious Studies**  
**Chapman University**

**10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Session IV *Are You Well?: When Studying the Holocaust Becomes a Problem***

**Presenter: Dr. Mark Mengerink**  
**Associate Professor and Interim Chair, History Department**  
**Lamar University**

**Chair: Lauren Bairnsfather**  
**Director**  
**Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh**

**12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Business Luncheon -**  
**Chair, Susan Myers, President**

**Agenda:**

- a. President's report**
- b. Treasurer's report**
- c. Report on website**

**2:30- 4:00 P.M. Session V *Submerged on the Surface: The Not-So-Hidden Jews of Berlin, 1941-1945***

**Presenter: Dr. Richard Lutjens**  
**Assistant Professor of History**  
**Texas Tech University**

**Chair: Jane R. Denny**  
**Independent Scholar and Educator**

**4:00 – 4:15 P.M. Refreshment Break**

**4:15 – 5:45 p.m. Session VI: *Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing***

**Presenter: Dr. James Waller**  
**Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies**  
**Keene State College**

**Chair: Dr. Ellen Kennedy**  
**Executive Director, World Without Genocide**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Optional Tour**

**8:00 – 11:00 p.m. AHO Board Meeting –**

**Tuesday, June 8**

**7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast**

**8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Session VII *Antisemitism Today***

**Presenter: Dr. Eunice G. Pollack**  
**Coeditor, *Encyclopedia of American Jewish History***  
**Editor, *Antisemitism in America***

**Chair: Mark Weitzman**  
**Director of Government Relations and the Task Force Against Hate**  
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