ASSOCIATION OF HOLOCAUST ORGANIZATIONS
35th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Holocaust Museum Houston
Houston, Texas
June 5-8, 2021

Saturday, June 5
Registration 2:00-5:00 p.m. – 6th 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. – 6th 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
Simon Wiesenthal Center
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