Welcome to the Queen City! Reconvening, Recalibrating, and Reimagining Holocaust Education for the 21 Century

The aim of the 2022 AHO conference is to celebrate our ability to re-convene in person, to recalibrate our work as we emerge changed, but committed to what we do, and to reimagine where we’re going as we seek to define Holocaust education and leadership for the 21st century.

Agenda

Saturday, June 11 Theme: Reconvening

Optional Bus Tour: 12:45 (meet in the lobby) to 3:15 pm Jacobs-Jaffa Charlotte Jewish Tour

Charlotte’s 165 years of Jewish history is rich with civic, business and religious leaders, and philanthropists. As part of our Jacobs-Jaffa Charlotte Jewish Charlotte Heritage Tour, you will enjoy a unique, engaging, entertaining and educational hike through our city’s history. The experience will include a tour through the Hebrew Cemetery that was founded in 1867 and is rich with stories of the famous Jews who were buried there from the Civil War to the Civil Rights era to today. We will pass through historic sites that highlight Jewish contributions to our county and state, as we explore the pluralistic and powerful Jewish community that thrives in Charlotte today. Noshes will be served.

Registration 1 - 6 p.m. – Foyer outside Cotillion Ballroom

Exhibit Room – Queens Court

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Reunion Schmooze – Atrium and Courtyard

Come and celebrate being together at last! Open bar and heavy appetizers (come hungry!)

Sunday, June 12

Theme: Reconvening our AHO Community

7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast - Queens Court

8 – 9 a.m. Orientation for First-Time Attendees- Cotillion A
Chair: Susan Myers, President, AHO

8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration: Hallway leading to conference rooms

9:00- 10:30 a.m. Session 1: Focus Groups- participants choose one section, How can the AHO support you? Explored at each session

Section A: Meeting of Museum and Center Directors – Cotillion A
Chair: Dee Simon, Executive Director, Baral Family Holocaust Center for Humanity

Section B: Meeting of State Commissions and Councils – Cotillion B
Chair: Dr. Lilly Filler, Chairperson, South Carolina Council on the Holocaust

Section C: University/College Centers - Cotillion C
Chair: Tom White, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Section D: Individual Members – If enough sign up - Location TBD
Chair: Susan Myers

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break – Foyer outside Cotillion Ballroom

Theme: Recalibrating: Where have we been? Where are we going?

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m
Session 2: Keynote - Muslims, the Holocaust, and Colonialism

Presenter: Dr. Mehnaz Afridi
Chair: Millie Jasper

LUNCH 12:15 - 1:15 - Queens Court

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Session 3: Our new reliance on the digital world: The intersections of Holocaust education, virtual learning, and digitized resources

Speaker Panel:
Karolina Ziulkoski, Chief Curator, YIVO Bruce and Francesca Cernia Slovin Online Museum
Ellen Resnek, Educational Programs & Outreach Manager, Classrooms Without Borders
Lauren Granite, Director of US Educational Programs, Centropa

Chair: Dr. Lauren Bairnsfather, Director, Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Refreshment Break – Foyer outside Cotillion Ballroom
3:15 – 4:45 p.m.
Session 4: Plenary - “Holocaust Cinema Complete: A history and analysis of 400 films, with a teaching guide”

Speaker: Rich Brownstein to discuss his book in conversation with Michael Berenbaum
Chair: Miriam Kassenoff


**Bus leaves the hotel at 5:30 pm, and will return to the hotel by 9:30 pm.

Monday, June 13 Theme: Reimagining Holocaust Education for the 21st Century

7:00 – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast - Queens Court

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Session 5: Keynote - The Intersection between Holocaust and Civil Rights Education in the U.S.

Speaker: Willie Griffin
Chair: Doyle Stevick

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Refreshment Break —Foyer outside Cotillion Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Session 6: Panel: The bridges between Holocaust education, Racial Justice, and Human Rights

Speakers: Jay Grimes, Rosalia Torres Weiner, Dia de’Angelo
Chair: Donna Tarney

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Business Luncheon – Queens Court

Chair: Susan Myers, President
Agenda:
  a. President’s report
  b. Treasurer’s report
  c. Discussion and vote on By-Laws changes
  d. Election of Board of Directors
  e. New Business

2:30- 4:00 P.M. Session 7: A conversation about the rising tide of violent antisemitism

Speaker: Rob Williams
Chair: Mark Weitzman
4:00 – 4:15 P.M. Refreshment Break Foyer outside Cotillion Ballroom

4:15 – 5:45 p.m.: Session 8: America and the Holocaust: Reflections on Three Quarters of a Century and the Development of Holocaust Consciousness in American Society

   Speaker: Dr. Michael Berenbaum
   Chair: Dr. Christine Beresniova

6:30 to 8 pm Special Dinner at hotel featuring Kori Street of the Shoah Foundation highlighting new technology.

8 – 9:30 p.m. AHO Board Meeting – Queen Charlotte Board Room

Tuesday, June 14 Theme: Going forward in our respective fields

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast -- Queens Court

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. Session 9: Challenges and Opportunities in South Africa, UNESCO, UN

   Speakers: International Panel – Tali Nates (Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre), Karel Fracapane (UNESCO) and Tracey Petersen (UN)

   Chair: Kiel Majewski, Executive Director, Spungen Family Foundation

10:15 - 11:15 am “Town hall for the field” conversation
   Updates for USHMM, Shoah Foundation, Echoes and Reflections and the Anne Frank Center at UofSC
   Moderator: Talli Dippold and Susan Myers

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Trip to the Anne Frank House in SC

Conference Planning Committee:

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Talli Dippold
Lauren Granite
Susan Myers
Donna Tarney