

Association of Holocaust Organizations Annual 2023 Conference

Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

June 10-13, 2023

Saturday June 10, 2023

1:00-6:00 p.m. Registration at Hotel/SpringHill Suites Dallas Downtown/West End, 1907 N Lamar St | Dallas, TX 75202

6:30-8:30 p.m. Reunion Schmooze Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum (walking distance), 300 N Houston St | Dallas, TX 75202

Sunday, June 11, 2023

All sessions at the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Breakfast: 7:30-9:30 a.m., Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

First Time Attendee Orientation: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Classroom 1

Chair: Susan Myers, President AHO

Participants are welcome to explore the Museum between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

A special Dimensions in TestimonySM session will be available at 11:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor Dimensions in TestimonySM Theater (limited capacity – first-come, first-served).

Focus Groups: 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Participants choose one session)

Session A:

Library: Meeting of Museum and Center Directors

Chair: Dee Simons, Executive Director, Baral Family Holocaust Center for Humanity

Session B:

Classroom 2: Meeting of State Commissions and Councils

Chair: Talli Dippold, CEO Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida

Session C:

Conference Room: University/College Centers

Chair: Tom White, Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Session D:

Classroom 1: Education/Program Directors

Chair: Dr. Laura Cohen, Harriet & Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Center at Queensborough Community College-CUNY

Session E:

Terrace: Individual Members

Chair: Lauren Bairnsfather, AHO Board Member

Lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Classrooms 1 & 2 and 2nd Floor Terrace

Session 1: 12:45-1:45 p.m. Cinemark Theater

Domestic Extremism and the Work of the ADL's Center on Extremism

Presenter: Oren Segal, Vice President, Center on Extremism, Anti-Defamation League

Chair: Mary Pat Higgins, President and CEO, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, Dallas, Texas

Session 2: 2:00-3:45 p.m. Cinemark Theater

We Were There: Christians and the Holocaust screening, plus a sneak preview of the upcoming documentary **A Year That Mattered: Varian Fry and the Refugee Crisis, Marseille 1940-41**

Presenter: Pierre Sauvage, Chambon Foundation and Varian Fry Institute

Chair: Marilyn Harran, Professor and Director Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education, Chapman University, Orange, California

Break: 3:45-4:00 p.m.

Session 3: 4:00-4:45 p.m. Cinemark Theater

The Lessons of the Holocaust for Healthcare: Personal, Professional, and Historical Reflections

Presenter: Alex Kor, DPM, MS, Podiatrist at Witham Health Services in Lebanon, IN; Fellow and Past President, American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine; Fellow, American Society of Podiatric Surgeons; Clinical Assistant Professor for Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Board of Directors, CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Terre Haute, IN

Chair: Troy Fears, Executive Director, CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Terre Haute, Indiana

Special Session: (Pre-registered guests only) 6:00-9:00 p.m., Classroom 1, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Advanced Training for Rising Holocaust Organizational Professionals

Presenters: Lois Roman and Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus, Farmington, Michigan

Monday, June 12, 2023

Breakfast: 7:00-8:30 a.m., Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Session 4: 8:30-9:45 a.m., Various Locations (see below). Participants are welcome to attend up to two discussions.

Roundtable Discussion Topics & Locations:

8:30-9:05 a.m.:

- Impact of Holocaust Education, Classroom 1
- Facing/Combating Antisemitism, Classroom 2
- Fundraising/Grants, Conference Room
- Traveling Exhibitions, Library
- Public Programs, Terrace
- Volunteers, Terrace

9:10-9:45 a.m.:

- Impact of Holocaust Education, Classroom 1
- Facing/Combating Antisemitism, Classroom 2
- Holocaust/Genocide Education in Colleges and Universities, Conference Room
- Strategic Planning, Library
- Holocaust Education for Elementary Students, Terrace
- Group Tours/School Partnerships, Terrace

Session 5: 10:00-11:00 a.m. (walking distance)

Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

Located within the former Texas School Depository building, chronicles the assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy

Break: 11:00-11:15 a.m.

Session 6: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Cinemark Theater

New Liberation Pavilion at The National WWII Museum

Presenter: Jason Dawsey, Research Historian, Jenny Craig Institute for the Study of War and Democracy, The National WWII Museum, New Orleans, Louisiana

Chair: Jack Kliger, President & CEO of the Museum of Jewish Heritage – A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, New York City

Business Luncheon 12:15-1:30 p.m., Cinemark Theater

Session 7: 1:45- 2:45 p.m., Cinemark Theater

Why Autocrats Target Women and How We Can Help

Presenters: Natalie Gonnella-Platts, Director, Women's Advancement, George W. Bush Institute, moderator: Chris Walsh, Director, Freedom and Democracy, George W. Bush Institute, Dallas, Texas

Chair: Kate English, The Educator's Institute for Human Rights, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia

Session 8: 2:45-3:45 p.m., Cinemark Theater

Impact of Educational Travel Programs

Presenter: Dr. Rick Halperin, Director, Southern Methodist University (SMU) Human Rights Program, Dallas, Texas

Chair: Joy Nathan, Executive Director of the Texas Holocaust, Genocide and Antisemitism Advisory Commission, Austin, Texas

Break: 3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Session 9: 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Cinemark Theater

Eva's Promise Screening with Discussion and Q&A

Presenters: Susan Kerner, Producer; Steve McCarthy, Director; and Barbara Wallace Grossman, Professor of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies, Tufts University

Chair: Millie Jasper, Executive Director, Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center White Plains, New York

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Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Breakfast: 7:00-8:30 a.m., Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Session 10: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Cinemark Theater

Animation: A Creative Interdisciplinary Approach to Holocaust Education

Presenters: Dr. Nils Roemer, Dean, School of Arts, Humanities and Technology and Director of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Dr. Christine Veras, Assistant Professor of Animation and Director of Experimenta.1., UTD

Chair: Dr. Sara Abosch, Chief Education Officer, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum

Session 11: 9:45-10:45 a.m., Cinemark Theater

Holocaust Education Research and Evaluation Projects

Presenters: Dr. Matthew Browning, Director of Virtual Reality and Nature Lab, Clemson University; Dr. Annie Wright, Executive Director of Center on Research and Evaluation at Southern Methodist University (SMU); and Dr. Amy Fisher-Smith, Associate Professor and Department Chair, Psychology, University of Dallas

Chair: Danielle Ponzio, Education Coordinator of the Holocaust Education Resource Council, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Session 12: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Cinemark Theater.

Student Facing Activities to Combat Holocaust Distortion

Presenter: Paul Kutner, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Yeshiva University

Chair: Dr. Lauren Bainsfather, Principle, LAB Historical Consulting

