AHO Winter Conference 2023
Research Holocaust Theater Catalog
Miami, Florida, Thesis Hotel
January 7-10, 2023

Saturday, January 7, 2023

1:00-6:30 PM  Registration

6:30-8:30  Reunion Schmooze

Sunday, January 8, 2023

7:00-8:00 AM  Breakfast/Registration

Session 1:

8:00-9:00  Life in the Museum World (museum directors)
Chair: Mary Pat Higgins, President and CEO, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum:
Panelists: Jack Klinger, President and CEO, The Museum of Jewish Heritage; Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus; Dee Simons, Baral Family CEO, Holocaust Center for Humanity

9:00--9:15 Break

Session 2:

9:15-10:15 “During the Siege of Sarajevo”
Mark Gudgel College of Saint Mary
Chair: Ursula Szczepinska, The Florida Holocaust Museum

10:15-10:45 Lois Roman, Holocaust Memorial Center Zemelman Family Campus
Holocaust Center -AHO Young Leadership
Chair: Eli Mayerfeld CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus

10:45-11:00 Break
Session 3:

11:00-12:15 NJTF HTII Research: Holocaust Theater Catalog and Remembrance
Readings:
Panelists: Arnold Mittelman NJTF President and HTII Executive Director, Alvin
Goldfarb, MJTE HTII Advisory Board/Holocaust Theater Scholar, Theater Scholars and
other professionals via zoom.
Chair: Kelli Szany, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education center

Session 4:

1:15 -2:30 PM Combating Antisemitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt-United States
Department of State
Chair: Mark Weitzman, The World Jewish Restitution Organization

2:30-2:45 break

Session 5:

2:45-3:45 PM Rare Artifacts of Jewish Athletes During the Holocaust: Neil Keller
Chair: Dr. Shay Pilnik, Yeshiva University

4:00 Buses to University of Miami

4:30-6:30 PM Reception Hosted and sponsored by the University of Miami’s Sue and
Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic studies and The College of Arts and
Sciences George Feldenkrais Programs in Judaic Studies.

6:30 Buses to Gable Stage Theater
7:00-8:30 PM Performance - “We will not be Silent” followed by a discussion about the use of Holocaust theater as a tool for education and resistance featuring artists engaged in creation and production. Hosted by Arnold Mittelman

8:30-9:15-Talk Back with production/cast

9:15 PM Buses back to hotel

**Monday, January 9, 2023:**

7:00-8:00 Breakfast

**Session 6:**

8:00- 9:15 The Past, Present and Future of Holocaust Education  
Panelists: Dr. Haim Shaked, Director of the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic studies, University of Miami: Dr. Alan Berger, Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair of Holocaust Studies, Florida Atlantic University: Dr. Oren Steir, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, Department of Religious Studies, Florida International University  
Chair: Mark Weitzman, The World Jewish Restitution Organization

9:15-9:30 break

**Session 7:**

9:30- -10:45 The Sh’ma Project: Move Against Hate: [https://www.theshmaproject.com/](https://www.theshmaproject.com/)  
Suki John, PhD  
Professor, School for Classical & Contemporary Dance  
Chair: Michael Berenbaum, Sigi Ziering Institute
10:45-11:00 Break

**ENACTING AS GRIMSTERY:**

**Session 8:**
11:00-12:15 Enacting History: Using Verbatim Testimony, Scripted Text and Theater Techniques to Teach the Holocaust: Mira Hirsch and Arnold Mittelman and other national and international practitioners to be confirmed shortly.
Chair: Kori Street, Interim Finci-Viterbi Executive Director


**Session 9:**
1:15-2:30 The Singer of Shanghai: Kevin Ostoyich, Professor of History, Valparaiso University Fellow, Kate Hamburger Kolleg (global dis:connect) Luddwig-Mazimilians-Universitat at Muchen.
Chair: Danny Spungen, Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation

2:30-2:45 Break

**Session 10:**
2:45—4:00 Letters from Anne & Martin: A Theatrical Presentation, Anne Frank Center USA and the University of South Carolina
Chair: Troy Fears, CANDLES Holocaust Museum

4:00-4:15 break

**Session 11:**
4:15-5:30 America and the Holocaust, Comments on the Ken Burns Series and on The Much Larger Issues Michael Berenbaum, Sigi Ziering Institute
Chair: Marilyn Sinclair, All About Words/Liberation75

6:30 AHO Board of Directors Meeting
**Tuesday January 10, 2023:**

7:00- 8:00 AM Breakfast

**Session 12:**

8:00-9:15 Robert P. Watson “The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II”

Chari: Millie Jasper, Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center

9:15-10:15-Open membership discuss with the Board of Directors Association of Holocaust Organizations.