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at The University of Texas at Dallas

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- Graduate and undergraduate courses
- Fellowships and scholarships
- Graduate Certificate in Holocaust Studies
- Arnold A. Jaffe Library Collection
- Annual Burton C. Einspruch Holocaust Lecture Series
- Annual Spring Lecture Series
- Public lectures, film screenings, teachers’ workshops, and other academic events

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This March we welcomed Holocaust scholars from across the globe to UT Dallas, the new and permanent home for the Annual Scholars’ Conference, which provides an invaluable forum for scholars to discuss and advance Holocaust research, ensuring the valuable lessons of the Holocaust remain relevant for today’s world.

The Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at The University of Texas at Dallas gratefully acknowledges the support of the following individuals and organizations that have helped to make this Conference possible.

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Generously sponsored the following UT Dallas students: Philip Barber, Dan Dunham, Holly Hull Miori, and Christine Maxwell

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**Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust, Inc.**

*We are thankful to the previous organizing body of the Annual Scholars’ Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches for entrusting UT Dallas and the Ackerman Center to be the permanent home of the Conference beginning in 2018.*

**Dr. David Dichek**  
*Made in memory of Rev. Hubert G. Locke*

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The Eternal Flame Award is given to acknowledge individuals whose words and actions have endeavored to assure that we remember the horrific past and murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust and to build a better future for all humanity.

This year, the award was presented to Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, The Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies and founder of the Holocaust Studies Program at The University of Texas at Dallas in recognition of her lifetime of dedication fulfilling the mission of the Ackerman Center: “Teaching the Past, Changing the Future.”
STUDENT SUPPORT

Selwin Belofsky Fellowship in Holocaust Studies

The Selwin Belofsky Fellowship in Holocaust Studies is awarded to PhD students who will work on topics related to the Holocaust. Belofsky Fellows receive monthly stipends along with remission of all UT Dallas tuition and fees annually for up to five years.

Current Belofsky Fellows:

Scott Swartsfager | PhD, History of Ideas
Dr. Swartsfager specializes in Intellectual History and the Holocaust in the Netherlands. In the Spring of 2019, he successfully defended his dissertation titled *Promoting Normal: Jewish Culture in Occupied Amsterdam.*

Sarah R. Valente | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas
Miss Valente is a fifth-year PhD candidate in Humanities, majoring in History of Ideas and pursuing original research on Jewish history of Brazil, Holocaust Literature, and Translation Studies.

Mala and Adolph Einspruch Fellowship for Holocaust Studies

This endowment was established by Dr. Burton Einspruch in memory of his parents, Mala and Adolph Einspruch, and is awarded annually.

Current Recipient:

Sarah Snyder | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas
Mrs. Snyder is pursuing research on the Adolf Eichmann Trial of 1961 and Concentration Camp Trials of 1945.

Mike Jacobs Fellowship in Holocaust Studies

This endowment was established by the children and grandchildren of the late Mike Jacobs in his honor and is awarded annually.

Current Recipient:

Philip Barber | PhD Student, History of Ideas
As a former Christian minister and public educator, his research interest is focused on the role of public education in Holocaust representation and the history of anti-Semitism in the Christian Church.
Diana S. Briones | Masters Student, History of Ideas

Intern at the
Holocaust Museum in Buenos Aires, Argentina
made possible by
UT Dallas Comet Giving Day
Spring 2019

Briones traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina for a semester-long internship at the Holocaust Museum there. Currently, the Museum is undergoing a two-year renovation, resulting in an expansion of approximately 10,600 square feet. During this internship, Briones worked on research projects for future content in the Museum’s permanent exhibit. She created files of data and amassed over 350 images of Nazi camps and ghettos to be used for large digital maps in the new building. In addition, Briones attended the inauguration of a temporary exhibit on the life of Gino Bartali, the presentation of a new edition of Diana Wang’s *Los Niños Escondidos Del Holocausto a Buenos Aires*, and an event for International Holocaust Remembrance Day, where the President of Argentina spoke alongside survivors of the Shoah.

Pedro Jose González Corona | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas

Recipient of an award from the
The Max and Florence Wolens Research Fund

Presented the paper
“Epistemic Dialogues, Memory Spaces, and Peripheral Knowledge. The Case of the Museum of Memory and Tolerance in Mexico City”
at the International Conference on Interculturalism and Multiculturalism

March 28-30, 2019 – Porto, Portugal

In his presentation, González Corona talked about the Holocaust Museum in Mexico City, El Museo Memoria y Tolerancia, as a space of memory that anchors public debates about human rights. In public debates, the museum helps to identify and denounce human rights abuses in Mexico and the region.
Hashmi presented research associated with the collaborative “Digital Deportations” project at the 2018 ICMEMO conference in Israel. She discussed the use of visual analysis as a new way to examine the overlooked histories of Sephardic Jewish victims from the Middle East who were deported to death camps during the Holocaust. As part of the conference, she visited several museums related to the Holocaust in different cities in Israel including Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the Ghetto Fighters’ House in Galilee where she met with several prominent individuals in the field.

In the spring of 2019, Hashmi visited Oaxaca, Mexico with her research group to present original research related to Germans in Latin America and Texas during the Second World War at the 2019 SECOLAS conference. Her presentation analyzed both FDR’s propaganda campaign in Latin America as well as sentiments expressed in major American media publications to explore the possible roots of fears that enabled FDR’s foreign and domestic policies against those labeled “enemy aliens” in the U.S. and Latin America.
Emily Riso | Masters Student, History of Ideas

Recipient of an award from the Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund

Presented the paper
“German Afrika Corps in Dallas: POW Interactions in a Racially Segregated Society” at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

March 26-31, 2019 – Oaxaca, México

Riso’s research focuses on German prisoner of war interactions with the Dallas community while they were interned at White Rock Lake during World War II. Her research asks how Dallas employers and educational institutions treated these men compared to how they treated minority Dallas citizens.

Jeffrey Hirshberg | PhD Student, History of Ideas

Recipient of an award from the Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund

Presented the paper

February 16-20, 2019 – Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Hirshberg’s areas of interest are St. Thomas Aquinas, Nietzsche, philosophy of mathematics, and ethics. In his paper, Hirshberg examined and resituated Franz Rosenzweig’s understanding of mathematics as put forth in The Star of Redemption with a view to an Aristotelian understanding of number and eternity with respect to infinitesimal calculus and its ethical import in Rosenzweig’s thought.
Presented the paper
“The Crypto-Jews Who Helped to Shape the New World” at the Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies Regional Conference
December 9, 2018 – St. Augustine, Florida

Seton-Rogers discussed her ongoing research on the Sephardic Diaspora by examining both primary and secondary sources to identify some of the cultural and economic contributions made by the Sephardic Crypto-Jews in the Caribbean and Latin America who practiced their faith in secret but were forced to live outwardly as Christians.

Will present the paper
“Rethinking Identity: Sephardic Jews during the Diaspora” at the 26th International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies at Columbia University
June 20-22, 2019 – Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

“The Sephardim in the Age of Exploration and the Building of Empires” at the 9th Annual Conference of the Society for Sephardic Studies
June 24-26, 2019 – The University of Lisbon, Portugal

The geographical and temporal proximity of these two conferences offers a rare opportunity to attend two prestigious international conferences. Seton-Rogers will first reexamine the important but often overlooked place that Sephardic Jews have in European history. She will then discuss the roles that the Sephardic Jews in the Courts of Europe played in the struggle for control over the newly discovered lands and wealth of the New World.
Karl S. Sen Gupta | PhD Candidate, History of Ideas

Recipient of an award from the Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund

Presented the paper
“Dunamis or Kenosis? Divine and Human Self-Limitation in the Drama of Redemption”
at the Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft Conference: Back to Redemption: Rosenzweig’s Star 1919-2019

February 16-20, 2019 – Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Sen Gupta presented a paper addressing the alleged Islamophobia of Franz Rosenzweig’s magnum opus, The Star of Redemption. In particular, he singled out the impact of classical theism on Islamic and Christian theology in terms of the God-world relation.

Chrissy Stanford | Masters Student, History of Ideas

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Presented the paper
“Deported from Latin America: German Internee Newspapers in Seagoville Camp”
at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

March 26-31, 2019 – Oaxaca, México

Stanford discussed the original research she conducted on US internment camp newspapers written and published by German internees during WWII. These newspapers are significant because they challenge the perception that many Americans had about the political and ideological loyalties of ordinary Germans to National Socialism that obscured the true nature and intentions of Nazi Germany and the Third Reich.
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Presented the paper
“The Transformation of U.S. Holocaust Museums”
at the International Committee of Memorial
Museums in Remembrance of the Victims of Public Crimes Conference

October 14-18, 2018 – Tel Aviv and Jerusalem

Yates presented her research at the 2018 International Committee of Memorial Museums Conference in Israel. She discussed the evolving role of Holocaust museums in the United States and compared renovations underway in Dallas and Houston. While in Israel, Yates had the opportunity to meet with many prominent professionals in her field and visited a number of museums, including the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem, and the Ghetto Fighters’ House in Galilee.

Recipient of an award from the
Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund

Research at the Museum of Memory and Tolerance

July, 2019 – México

Yates will travel to Mexico City to study educational programming and methods for community engagement at El Museo Memoria y Tolerancia. She will expand the framework for her academic research by exploring how the museum works to contextualize history in a way that generates activism for social change and civic responsibility. Yates hopes that this research will allow her to contribute to the success of future programming in north Texas.
Jacqueline and Michael Wald endowed this professorship in Holocaust Studies to encourage and promote the Ackerman Center as a premier Holocaust Studies program. The endowment has already been used to fund new teaching initiatives and projects such as the creation of a hybrid online course in Holocaust and human rights-related issues. A search committee to fill this professorship will be formed later this year.
Researching for the Future represents a new initiative that recognizes that the digital age dramatically changes the way we read, see, interpret and create. Whereas the first wave of technological innovation simply produced tools to enhance existing patterns of research and creativity, Digital Humanities 2 embraces the openness and transformative quality of digital studies. Our growing cluster of research projects is intent on promoting technologies for the study and teaching of the Holocaust. The projects bring together enabling technologies for scholarly exploration and civic engagement about the Holocaust and its remembrance.

This endowment supported a public event showcasing a collaborative presentation discussing new technologies, methodologies, and scholarship in Holocaust Studies on October 20, 2018.

March 31, 2019: Dr. David Patterson, “Death and Ghetto Death”

April 7, 2019: Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, “When We Remember: The Murder of the Hungarian Jews, March 19, 1944 – May 1945”

April 14, 2019: Dr. Nils Roemer, “Deportation and Liberation in the Final Year of the Third Reich”
Through the generosity of our supporters, the Ackerman Center has several other endowments and named funds to help us fulfill our mission of “Teaching the Past… Changing the Future.”

These endowments offer academic and outreach support:
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These endowments have been created in order to support the research of graduate students in the Holocaust Studies Program:
Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth Research Fund
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The Max and Florence Wolens Research Fund in honor of Istvan and Zsuzsanna Ozsváth

These endowments help to fund the academic career of UT Dallas graduate students who focus on Holocaust Studies:
The Selwin Belofsky Fellowship in Holocaust Studies
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These endowments have been created in order to support academic conferences:
Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies Conference and Lecture Fund
Mitchell L. and Miriam Lewis Barnett Annual Scholars’ Conference Endowment
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NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Create an Opportunity Fund
Make an enduring impact on the Ackerman Center through an Opportunity Fund. These permanently unrestricted endowments are used to support undergraduate and graduate programs at the Ackerman Center. An Opportunity Fund in your name can be established with a $10,000 gift.

Create a Scholarship or Fellowship
Help students with a named undergraduate scholarship or graduate fellowship. Financial assistance through scholarships and fellowships help students focus on their academic pursuits and grow through internships and other service opportunities. A named endowment for a scholarship or fellowship can be established with a $25,000 gift.

Create or Support a Professorship or Chair
The Ackerman Center retains three tenured faculty members and each professor has an endowment that can be supported to expand their individual research projects. These funds support their independent work and their students. You can create your own named professorship or chair to help recruit new scholars in the field to UT Dallas. An endowment for a chair or professorship can range in gift commitments but begins with a $100,000 pledge minimum.

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This annual fund is for immediate use and supports public outreach and enhances our student programs. Gifts of all sizes are welcome and needed.
WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift will allow the Ackerman Center to fulfill its essential mission — teaching the history of the Holocaust and its implications for all people to this and future generations. With your help, the Center will be able to fulfill its mission of *Teaching the Past...Changing the Future*.

The Ackerman Center welcomes contributions of all sizes and in several forms, including:

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