

Peace and Genocide Education Club Honored with 2021 Student Organization Leadership Award

At the end of this term, the Peace and Genocide Education Club (PGEC) garnered another recognition by receiving the 2021 “Outside the Box” award from Appalachian State Club Council. The award recognized “an organization that continuously shows tremendous creativity and originality.” The prize committee was impressed by PGEC’s approach and programming on settler colonialism in Appalachia.

“We believe,” PGEC leaders stated, “that peace looks different from person to person and we would love to know what it looks like for other people.”

The Peace and Genocide Education Club was established in 2016 as part of a restructuring of the Center Fellows and continues to work closely with the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies (CJHPS), whose director serves as PGEC faculty advisor.

Forthcoming Fall Center Events

As pandemic conditions improve, the Center will begin to offer a combination of virtual, in-person and hybrid programs. ZOOM registrations links will be made available via the Center website. For more information, contact the Center at 828.262.2311 or holocaust@appstate.edu. The Center will start its Fall events on:

Thurs., August 26, 7:30 pm EST. Virtual Center Research Colloquium with Dr. Noah Shenker, the N. Milgrom and 6a Foundation Senior Lecturer in

Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Monash University’s Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Melbourne. Focuses on Shenker’s illuminating work on Holocaust survivor testimony.

Thurs., Sept. 2, 7:00 pm EST. Lecture by Prof. Emerita Carolyn Ellis (University of South Florida) on “Being with Jerry: Compassionate Research with a Survivor of the Holocaust” on the ASU campus (location TBD). Prof. Ellis’s innovative work will also be featured in a Center Lunch Research Colloquium earlier during the day.

Center Holds International Workshop on German-Jewish Studies in Cooperation with Berlin's Zentrum für Antisemitismusforschung



Keynote by Prof. S. Schüler-Springorum (top row, second from right)

Migration Studies.” It brought together some 50 scholars from across the Southeastern U.S. and Germany as well as several diplomats, including Anke Yael Popper, the new German-Jewish Head of Cultural Affairs at the Embassy of the Federal Republic in Washington, D.C. The event was made all the more meaningful by the cooperation with the prestigious Center for Research on Antisemitism (ZfA) at the Technical University of Berlin, Germany. Some of the ZfA’s doctoral students also submitted position papers.

The Center’s director, Prof. Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, a renowned expert in German-Jewish history and gender studies,

delivered an insightful keynote lecture on “racial defilement” and sexual violence in Nazi Germany that prompted fruitful discussions.

The Center here received a lot of positive feed-back. Participants praised the “organization and communication” and stressed that the workshop organizers “managed to create a very inviting and friendly atmosphere” under the “trying circumstances.” of a pandemic. The Center is currently preparing the next SEGS workshop, seeking to cooperate with partners in Israel.

In recent years, the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies has strengthened its research profile, among others by co-organizing the 2019 conference on Holocaust testimony with our partners at the USC Shoah Foundation and Western Galilee College in Akko, Israel.

In March, the Center took another important step in this direction by co-organizing the latest annual workshop of the Southeast German Studies (SEGS) Consortium as a virtual event. The workshop focused especially on “New Approaches in German-Jewish Studies” and “Refugee and

A Word From the Director

The second spring of the pandemic was yet another test of our resolve and ability to adjust. The Center responded with a widened range of online programs for the general public and/or academic community that took us, literally, once more around the world with speakers from the Bay Area to Jerusalem and Melbourne.

We entered more co-operations with partners on campus, in NC, the U.S., Germany, and Israel that will outlast the pandemic. In light of the relatively low vaccination rates in key parts of the country and new, more aggressive variants, we will also hold the 19th Martin and

Doris Rosen Symposium on “Remembering the Holocaust” in late July online.

Our main priority is to keep everyone safe. While we hope to be able to return to an in-person format in 2022, the Center staff is also excited about the improved accessibility of the symposium events. Even supporters who cannot come to the mountains will be able to participate easily on their computers or smart phones.

Now that restrictions are continually being lifted and the campus is gearing up for a largely in-person fall term, the Center will start to reintroduce some in-person and hybrid programming in line

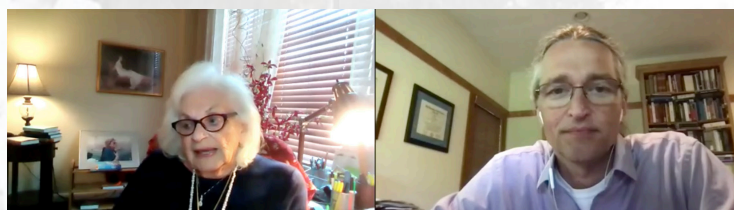
with the by now familiar safety precautions. At the same time, a course exchange with Western Galilee College is taking shape that will soon allow Appalachian State students to take (online) classes with Israeli colleagues and their students. Our Center library is growing rapidly with new acquisitions and donations, including many volumes that cannot be found in other campus libraries.

We are also continuing a number of Center-supported

research projects with German and Israeli colleagues that will result in several publications with German and American academic presses in the near future.

Overall, the state of the Center is strong. We are incredibly grateful for the support and generosity from so many friends and donors.

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Center Director Prof. Pegelow Kaplan in a Rosen Summer Symposium program with Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff.

Center Names Winner of the First JHP Student Research Paper Prize



Prize Winner Alexander Gilliatt

In early May, the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies honored Alexander Gilliatt (GJS/JHP) as the first recipient of the newly-introduced JHP Student Research Paper Prize. Gabe Atkinson (HIS/JHP) received

an honorable mention. Faculty members working with the Center expressed their excitement about the strong work that Appalachian State students are carrying out in these fields.

The annual JHP Student Research Paper Prize was launched by the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies during the 2020-21 academic year. The prize honors a student in a JHP cross-listed class in a given year, who has done exceptional work and contributed to the pursuit of Judaic, Holocaust and/or Peace Studies at Appalachian State University and beyond. In 2021, nominations came from the course instructors and were all diligently reviewed by a prize

committee composed of Center affiliated faculty. The research paper prize includes a \$250 cash prize.

Alexander Gilliatt, the prize recipient, just graduated with a major in Political Science and a minor in Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies. He received the prize for his paper “English, Yinglish, and a Surviving Mother Tongue,” which he completed in Prof. Stephanie Yep’s Judaic Studies class. “Alex brings Yiddish to life, not only by peppering his paper with insightful and humorous examples of assimilations of Yiddish into the English language,” Yep wrote in her nomination, “but by showing

what makes Yiddish Jewish. Alex argues that Yiddish is veiled in its codedness yet ‘allows for a widespread understanding of the feeling a word exudes.’ He unravels features of irreverence and sarcasm embedded in the Yiddish language—features that lie at the center of performing Jewishness.” Gilliatt will remain at Appalachian State a bit longer, aiming at completing the Government and Justice Studies’ MA program and remaining involved with the Center.

The Center is looking forward to more student achievements and prize winners in the years to come.

Center Presents Cutting-Edge Research on Warsaw Ghetto by Yad Vashem Director

In the Spring of 2021, the Center launched a new series of virtual programs designed to familiarize the Appalachian State community and broader academic and general audiences with the latest research by influential scholars from around the globe. In early March, Professor Havi Dreifuss presented her award-winning work on the “Warsaw Ghetto - The End (April 1942 - June 1943)” in a virtual Center program live from Israel. A professor of Jewish history and the Head of the Institute for

the History of Polish Jewry and Israel-Poland Relations at Tel Aviv University, Dr. Dreifuss also serves as the Director of the Center for Research on the Holocaust in Poland at the International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem. Her talk with its emphasis on everyday life and struggles in the ghetto prompted a nuanced discussion, made all the more meaningful by the participation of two survivors of the Warsaw ghetto.

In the course of the term, other important scholars from Omer Bartov, an eminent Israeli-American Holocaust scholar at Brown University, to Dr. Noah Shenker, an expert in Holocaust survivor

testimony at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia, continued these explorations of pathbreaking scholarship.



Prof. Havi Dreifuss lecturing from her office in Israel.



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19th Annual Martin and Doris Rosen Summer Symposium on “Remembering the Holocaust” To be Held as Virtual Program Open to the Public

19th Annual Martin & Doris Rosen Virtual Summer Symposium
Children in the Holocaust

JULY 18, 2021 – JULY 23, 2021

**Kindertransporte
During
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a Public Presentation

Wednesday, July 21st
2:00 – 3:00 pm

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Appalachian State University's Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies will hold its 19th Annual Martin and Doris Rosen Summer Symposium from July 18-23, 2021. The 19th Symposium will focus on Children in the Holocaust. Originally scheduled for 2020, but postponed during the first wave of the pandemic, the 2021 symposium will take place online.

Many of the symposium's participants, audience members, and speakers belong to a high-risk group for COVID-19 and it has always been the Center's priority to keep everyone safe. The online

platforms will allow us to easily connect to teachers, researchers and audiences in the High Country, U.S, Israel, Europe, and elsewhere and also explore relevant Memorials and Centers. In order to participate in any of the public events, simply register for the ZOOM-based events on the Center's website at <https://holocaust.appstate.edu/teachers/2021-symposium>.

Teacher-participants and other audience members will learn and analyze how the Nazi regime sought to indoctrinate Gentile children and turn them into supporters of their

regime. They will also examine how persecuted Jewish children tried to cope with persecution and, eventually, outright genocidal onslaughts. The presentations and assigned materials will shed new light on children's complex challenges and struggles under Nazi rule and occupation, in the ghettos and even camps as well as many's resilience and despair.

Program Highlights

Sunday, July 18

12:00-2:00 pm

Anti-Judaism and Anti-Semitism: Long Histories, Present Dangers, Rabbi Prof. Michael Berenbaum (American Jewish University)

Monday, July 19

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Children in the Nazi State and Party Organizations, Dr. Patricia Heberer Rice (Senior Historian at the Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)

Tuesday, July 20

8:45 – 9:00 am

Children During the Holocaust and Its Aftermath, Dr. Eva Fogelman (Florida) (A pre-recorded lecture is accessible online before this synchronous discussion. Access via website)

10:00 – 11:30 am

Testimony: Hiding in Nazi-Occupied Poland: Holocaust Child Survivor Prof. Emeritus Shimon Redlich (Israel) interviewed by Prof. Gabriel Finder (University of Virginia—Charlottesville)

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Public Film Screening:

Natan Gross' and Shaul Goskind's *Unzere Kinder* (1948) followed by discussion with Prof. Emeritus Shimon Redlich (Israel), who also starred in the film

Wednesday, July 21

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Kindertransporte during the Shoah, Prof. Deborah Dwork (The Graduate Center – CUNY)

Thursday, July 22

9:00 – 11:00 am

Testimony: Escaping Nazi-Controlled Europe: A Kindertransport Survivor Speaks: Child Survivor Margot Lobree (North

Carolina) in conversation with Prof. Chris Patti (Appalachian State University)

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Testimony: Indonesian Lullaby: Surviving the Shoah in the Netherlands, Holocaust Child Survivor Dr. Alfred Münzer Remembers (Washington, D.C.)

Friday, July 23

10:00 – 11:45 am

Testimony: Surviving the 1994 Rwandan Genocide: Child Survivor Umuhire Ntabana Speaks

