

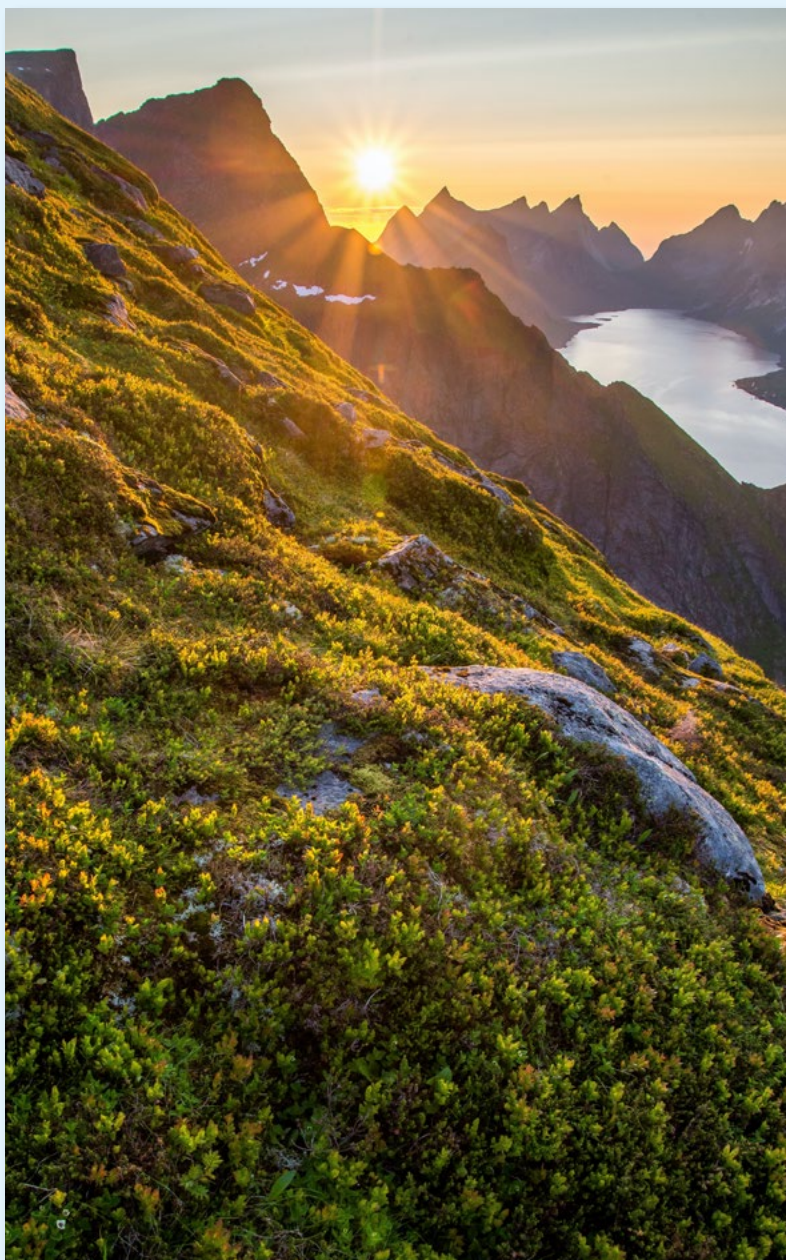
2023 Spring Newsletter

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Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies



From the Interim Director, a Recap of the Last Six Months

Welcome to the winter 2022/2023 CJHPS newsletter. As many of you know, it has been insanely busy since printing our last newsletter. It is hard to believe we've weathered six months.

To read the full article, go to page 2.

Judaic, Holocaust & Peace Studies students travel to Israel

From May 21-29, 2022, 5 Appalachian State students embarked on a journey from North Carolina to Israel through the generous support of the Greensboro Jewish Federation's Miriam and Abe Brenner Holocaust Education Scholarship Fund and the Rosen Family.

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From the Interim Director, a Recap of the Last Five Months

This editorial note will be just a quick recap of those six months since former director, Dr. Pegelow Kaplan, departed CJHPS after leading the first Rosemary Horowitz Conference, summer 2022. The conference was a great success with speakers and attendees from across the country and the world and a fitting conclusion to Dr. Pegelow Kaplan's tenure at CJHPS and homage to our colleague. Amidst the conference, Amy Hudnall, a long-term supporter of CJHPS, was appointed as interim director.

In the last six months, Hudnall has led the construction of the university required Periodic Review (every five years) and a search for a new chair. CJHPS focused fall 2022 on reestablishing and strengthening ties among university leaders, the local Jewish community, and the university's Jewish students. The CJHPS Library finally opened to student and community use in October. After extensive planning, CJHPS now provides students a place to study and relax, an extensive library from which to do

research, and faculty mentors on site. We are so excited to offer this place of repose and learning.

One effort of which CJHPS is proud is the "A Year on Antisemitism: What It Is and Why We Care" in which CJHPS organized a series of events educating about antisemitism for the academic year of 2022-2023 (listed on page 4) Many of these events were organized in conjunction with Hillel, AEPi, the AppState's Diversity Office and others. Additionally, the Center actively engaged the public on the education of antisemitism through radio talks, newspaper articles, and other public speaking engagements as antisemitic acts at AppState and across the country continued to rise.

It's been a busy six months and there appears to be no sign of this abating. We will continue to move forward with the search for a new director with the inclusion of our community and students. CJHPS continues to negotiate the

inclusion of a journal as part of its academic offerings. And spring heralds two Holocaust courses being taught with the support of Western Galilee College in Israel and out of which we hope to evolve a study abroad trip for students to continue their research in Israel. Even more events on antisemitism are planned for the spring semester including a visit by survivor of white supremacist attacks, Tanya Gersh, talks by the ADL, and further roundtables on antisemitism.

We anticipate a vibrant spring in which we all have the opportunity to grow and expand our ability to live in the world more peacefully and thoughtfully. I look forward to making this journey with you.

Yours in unity and peace,
 Amy Hudnall,



Interim Director

Judaic, Holocaust, & Peace Studies Students Travel to Israel



While in Israel, students connected with Western Galilee College (WGC) as part of an ongoing collaboration with App State's Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies (CJHPS). Prior to leaving, the students completed the "Medicine, Nazism and the Holocaust" course offered by the Department of History in Spring 2022. This course was the first taught as a collaboration between WGC and App State.

The CJHPS, working with WGC and App State's Office of International Education

and Development, developed the course for students with interests in the Holocaust. Dr. Miriam Offer, a senior lecturer at WGC and leading expert on the history of medicine during the Holocaust, taught the course to 15 Israeli students from

WGC and 15 App State students. Students met weekly for lectures and cross-cultural discussions via Zoom. Following completion of the course, five students were awarded full scholarships to continue their research in Israel:

Armando Barradas Valencia, a senior global studies major from Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico

Danny Collins, a senior religious studies major from Mars Hill, North Carolina
Parker Duck, a senior history major from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

Liam Lentz, a junior religious studies major from Laurinburg, North Carolina
Kiana Linehan, a junior global studies major from Waxhaw, North Carolina.

The Greensboro Jewish Federation's Brenner Holocaust Education Scholarship Fund offers financial support to non-Jewish junior and senior undergraduate students, graduate students and teachers to study the Holocaust in order to foster greater understanding of Jewish issues. The Brenner Holocaust Education Scholarship Fund, the Greensboro Jewish Federation, and the Rosen Family have supported CJHPS student travel to Israel, Germany, Poland, and Austria.

To read the full article online, scan this QR code with your phone camera.



New Name Contest!

CJHPS is seeking two new, catchy names, one for the newsletter and one for the Center website's blog written by the director. We have had some ideas, like Echoes of Memory, Bear Witness, Radical Amazement, or To Forget the Holocaust, but we'd like your input. So we've put together a committee of five people, Joan Benbaset, Molle Grad, Leonard Hayet, Suzanne Lasky Gerard, and Sandy Testani, to collect your submissions and vote on these new names. To submit your ideas go to [this link](#) and donate \$10 or more per name, to post an idea for a newsletter name and/or an idea for the blog name. We can't wait to see what you suggest!

Instructions:

For a \$10 or greater donation submit one name for the newsletter or blog. The names will then be collected, provided to the judges anonymously, and they will choose the best name based on a majority vote. Have fun choosing names and support the Center!

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Search for New Director

The search for a new CJHPS director began in November with the establishment of a search committee including Amy Hudnall, chair; Dr. Michael Behrent, Dept. of History; Dr. Chris Patti, CJHPS FAB member and Dept. of Communications; Dr. Davis Hankins, CJHPS Affiliated Faculty and Dept. of Religion; Carey Fissel, Director of Development, CJHPS and CAS. Additionally, the Committee has solicited the advice and insight of the local Jewish community, in particular: Bonnie and Michael Berkowicz

Carol Berns

Joan Brooks

Steve and Lainey Brooks

Molle Grad

Leonard Hayet

Vera Hirschhorn

Suzanne Lasky Gerard

Murray and Floris Leipzig

Bob Maland

Medina Roy

Ron and Gail Ruthfield

Neil Schaffel

Manny Solon

Nanci Tolbert-Nance

We have received some excellent submissions and are in the early stages of selection. We will spend the spring choosing the top candidates and interviewing. For the interview process we have received permission for students and community members to attend the meetings with some restrictions. Let's hope we will have a new director by the end of summer!

2022-2023 Academic Year Events

Fall

9/7/2022

Amy Hudnall is Speaker at Candlelight Peace Vigil

10/19/2022

"No Justice with Healing? No Healing without Justice"
by Craig Higson Smith

11/10/2022

"The Increase of Antisemitism in America," guests
Rabbi Judy Schindler, Dr. Peter Wherry, and CJHPS
Director Amy Hudnall, Charlotte Talks, NPR

11/9/2022

"Kristallnacht: Roundtable Conversation on
Antisemitism" with Hillel and AEPi

11/9/2022

Statement on Antisemitism for Center in The
Appalachian

11/13/2022

Lunch and Learn about CJHPS with Hillel and AEPi

11/17/2022

Gather, Heal Grow: Healing from Genocide through
Ancestral Cherokee Foodways." By Nico Albert Williams.

Spring

2/15/2023, 7pm

Anti-Defamation League Rachel Lang Speaking on
Antisemitism

3/8/2023, 6pm

2nd Roundtable Conversation on Antisemitism with
Hillel, AEPi, and others led by Professor Chris Patti

3/23/2023, 7pm

Survivor Tanya Gersh Talks about Her Experiences
Against White Supremacists

4/16/2023

A Day Against Hate organized by Hillel and AEPi and
co-sponsored by CJHPS

4/17 and 4/18/2023

Yom HaShoah

4/24/2023 3pm

CJHPS Annual Student Awards Ceremony

5/04/2023, 12-3pm

Reading Day Free Lunch and Take Time to Meet with the
Appstate police

Summer

July 8-13

21st Annual Martin and Doris Rosen
Summer Symposium

More Summer events TBA

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21st Annual Martin and Doris Rosen Summer Symposium (July 8-13, 2023)

Get ready for lots of changes in the 21st summer symposium, the first being a change of date. This summer, the symposium has been moved to July 8-13, to accommodate teachers’ summer schedules and reduce interference with An Appalachian Summer Festival.

This year’s Symposium will be co-directed by Lee Holder and Amy Hudnall and titled “The Holocaust and Lessons for Today.”

The theme will allow us to easily shift from core aspects of the Holocaust, facilitated through propaganda, hate rhetoric, and the control of information to the modern-day antisemitism and hate speech. Lessons from the Holocaust are prescient and an understanding of how the Holocaust occurred can help us all better understand the risks our society may run when censoring and maligning others.

One way in which we will discuss these topics is through the experiences of publishers and authors and how they navigate the risks of censorship and banning. Other changes to this year’s symposium will include more experiential learning that can be applied in the classroom. This will range from participating in a Shabbat service to using art as a medium in which to teach the lessons of the Holocaust.

More time will be given to the value of contemplation and the natural world as a way of processing the lessons of the Holocaust. While retaining the rigorous, academic nature of the symposium, we will add new ways of teaching and learning with a focus on the core lessons of the Holocaust and how those lessons can be taught more successfully through experiential learning methods. We hope to see you all there!





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