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Electronic Newsletter Introduced

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Alena Billingsley '17 (Minor in Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies) presented a paper entitled “Jewish Resistance in the Holocaust. A Comparison of the Warsaw Ghetto and Theresienstadt Death Camp Upnings” at ASU’s 2016 Celebration of Student Research and Creative Endeavors. Alena conducted the research for her work at the archives of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., with the support of the Center and the Rosenblath Foundation.

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Meeting of NC Jewish Studies Scholars at ASU

For several years, the North Carolina Jewish Studies Consortium has provided a forum for Jewish Studies faculty members at universities and colleges across the state to meet, discuss their research and teaching, and network. The consortium has mostly done so by sponsoring an annual meeting at a school with a prominent Jewish studies program such as Elon University. On September 25, the Consortium held its annual meeting at ASU for the first time.

In the course of the day, Jewish Studies faculty from schools such as UNC Chapel Hill, Duke University, Elon University, NC State University, and UNC-Wilmington discussed the complex relations between Jewish Studies and Holocaust Studies. They were joined by advanced undergraduate students, also from ASU. UNC-Chapel Hill’s Frank Porter Graham Professor Emeritus Christopher R. Browning of Tacoma, Washington State, gave the keynote lecture on the Stachusochowische Factory Store Labur Camps. Browning, one of the foremost experts and key pioneers in the field of Holocaust Studies, based his talk on extensive interviews with Jewish survivors of these camps. The meeting is another result of the Center’s intensified cooperation – spearheaded by

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SUMMER SYMPOSIUM ON WOMEN IN THE HOLOCAUST

In a gathering co-organized with the USHMM’s The High Country, the Center commemorated Kristallnacht, the November 1938 anti-Jewish pogroms in Nazi Germany. Initiated by Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels in coordination with the Gestapo, the pogroms in SA and SS units, the nation-wide pogrom marked a key shift in the Nazi regime’s anti-Jewish policies that culminated in a systematic genocide during the subsequent

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