A NATIONAL CONVERSATION

What can the Holocaust teach us about society and ourselves today?

2014 SPRING EVENTS
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum challenges us to ask critical questions about why the Holocaust happened—and was allowed to happen. How was it possible that such an advanced society with a democratic constitution descended into genocide? What motivated the killers and their collaborators as well as the bystanders and rescuers? Why did the democracies of Europe and America fail to respond?

These questions are pertinent to our globalized, highly connected world where extremism is on the rise and hate can spread faster than ever. The Museum’s NATIONAL CONVERSATION is designed to provoke discussion about the Holocaust and its lessons on the attraction of ideologies, the role of technology in spreading ideas, the power of individuals, and the importance of leadership in both free and oppressed societies.

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Do Words Kill? Hate Speech, Propaganda, and Incitement to Genocide

What makes hate speech dangerous and when does it cross the line to incitement to violence? In conjunction with the Museum’s traveling exhibition State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda, an expert panel will discuss what can be done to counter “dangerous speech” without restricting freedom of expression. The panel will also discuss hate speech today and options for addressing it.

Phoenix: Wednesday, May 7
(see page 13 for details)

Inside the Mind of a Nazi Perpetrator: The Search for the Rosenberg Diary

Alfred Rosenberg’s ideas, writings, and speeches became a formative part of Nazi ideology and the pursuit of Lebensraum, or living space, for the German people. After a relentless 17-year search for Rosenberg’s diary, the Museum shares the significance of this latest acquisition to its permanent collection by taking you into the mind of a major Nazi ideologue, who was a close confidant of Adolf Hitler and instrumental in the “Final Solution.”

Los Angeles: Tuesday, May 27
(see page 14 for details)

The Rwandan Genocide 20 Years Later

Genocide did not end with the Holocaust. This year, the Museum marks the 20th anniversary of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda with a series of events and public programs, culminating in conferring its highest honor, the Elie Wiesel Award, on Canadian General Roméo Dallaire for his valiant attempts to warn the world and prevent the genocide. Dallaire’s experience as head of the UN peacekeeping force in Rwanda powerfully demonstrates the difference one person of integrity can make, even in the face of widespread indifference by the international community. Learn more at ushmm.org/rwanda20.

New York: Tuesday, March 4
(see page 10 for details)
Washington, DC: Tuesday, March 18, and Wednesday, April 30
(see pages 4 and 5 for details)
MARYLAND

Friday, February 28–Wednesday, April 30

Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race

This traveling exhibition traces the history of the early 20th-century international eugenics movement and the Nazi regime’s “science of race,” challenging viewers to reflect on the present-day interest in genetic manipulation that promotes the possibility of human perfection. Learn more at ushmm.org/deadlymedicine.

University of Maryland, Health Sciences and Human Services Library
601 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD

This exhibition has been made possible by The Lerner Foundation and Eric F. and Lore Ross, with additional support from the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund established in 1990.

WASHINGTON, DC

Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.

2014 LEVINE ANNUAL LECTURE

The Wages of Justice: The Holocaust, Murder, and Crimes against Humanity

Professor Lawrence Douglas, Amherst College

Drawing on the trials of Maurice Papon, Adolf Eichmann, and Ivan Demjanjuk, Professor Lawrence Douglas examines how domestic national criminal law in France, Israel, and Germany influenced the prosecution of Holocaust perpetrators and collaborators.

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

This program has been made possible through the generosity of the William S. and Ina Levine Foundation.

Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m.

The Rwandan Genocide 20 Years Later

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US Holocaust Memorial Museum

These programs are made possible with support from the Louis Franklin Smith Foundation.

Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Recovering a Musical Heritage: The Music Suppressed by the Third Reich

Maestro James Conlon has worked tirelessly on behalf of two generations of Jewish composers who were suppressed by the Nazis, their careers and lives destroyed. He discusses this mission and the challenges that still lie ahead. By invitation only

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.

2014 National Tribute Dinner

The Museum honors Canadian General Roméo Dallaire, the head of the UN peacekeeping force in Rwanda in 1994, with its 2014 Elie Wiesel Award for his valiant attempts to warn the world and prevent the Rwandan genocide.

Washington Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC

Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m.

2014 Monna and Otto Weinmann Annual Lecture

Sara Horowitz, Director, Centre for Jewish Studies, York University

The Monna and Otto Weinmann Annual Lecture honors Holocaust survivors and their fates, experiences, and accomplishments.

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Monday, June 23, Daylong program

The Museum in Today’s World

Museum donors are invited to participate in this behind-the-scenes look at Museum programs and initiatives. By invitation only

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

This program is sponsored by the Legacy of Light Society.
SHAPING HOW LEADERS VIEW THEIR ROLE

Did the Holocaust have to happen? Once begun, what could be done about it? Every institution established to preserve democratic values failed to do so, including the judiciary, law enforcement, churches, and a democratically elected government. Can we prevent such a societal breakdown from happening again?

To help leaders today explore their role in safeguarding democracy, the Museum offers ongoing training programs for civic and military professionals, members of the judiciary, law enforcement officers, and leaders of faith communities. By studying the choices made by individuals and institutions during the Holocaust, participants gain fresh insight into their own professional and individual responsibilities today. By invitation only

Washington, DC
Topeka, Kansas
LaVista, Nebraska
Bristol, Rhode Island

Tuesday, May 27–Friday, May 30,
Multi-day program

Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators

This institute is designed to help education professors prepare future teachers to educate their students effectively about the Holocaust. By invitation only

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

The institute is made possible with support from the Arthur and Rochelle Belfer Foundation.

Wednesday, March 19,
Daylong program

(10 a.m. Introductory lecture open to the public)

The Holocaust in Hungary:
70 Years Later

This conference brings scholars together to discuss the latest research on the Holocaust in Hungary as well as the recent trend of Holocaust minimization.

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Monday, May 12–Wednesday, May 14,
Multi-day program

The International Tracing Service (ITS) Collections and Holocaust Scholarship

This conference brings together scholars who have conducted significant new and original research using collections from the International Tracing Service (ITS) archives. Portions are open to the public.

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

In partnership with the International Tracing Service (ITS) in Bad Arolsen, Germany.

This conference is made possible by the major support of Betty-Jean and David Bavar and the Harris Family Foundation.

Above right: Philadelphia police recruits visit the Museum’s Permanent Exhibition.
Exhibition:

MIchigan

Through Friday, May 2

Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933–1945

Among the groups persecuted by the Nazis as threats to the national health were Germany’s homosexual men. This exhibition examines the regime’s attempt to eradicate homosexuality, which left thousands dead and shattered the lives of many more.

Holocaust Memorial Center, Zekelman Family Campus
28123 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibitions program is supported in part by the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund established in 1990.

Events and Public Programs

Illinois

Saturday, April 5, 6 p.m.

Next Generation Associates Event

A dynamic group of young leaders in their 20s, the Next Generation Associates support the Museum’s urgent work to share the lessons of the Holocaust and create a future different from the past.

Chicago, IL

Coming Soon

Wings of Memory Society Event

The Wings of Memory Society recognizes donors to the Museum whose annual gifts of $5,000 or more help keep Holocaust memory alive in a constantly changing world.

Bryn Mawr Country Club
6600 North Crawford Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL

Coming Soon

Chicago Next Generation Event

The Chicago Next Generation hopes to inspire those in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to support the Museum’s work and to carry Holocaust memory into the future.

Chicago, IL

Ohio

Monday, May 19, Noon

2014 Cleveland Luncheon

This annual luncheon provides an opportunity for Museum friends and supporters in the Cleveland area to learn about recent accomplishments and current initiatives.

Landerhaven
6111 Landerhaven Drive
Mayfield Heights, OH

Programs for Professionals

Kansas

Thursday, June 12, Daylong program

Law, Justice, and the Holocaust

This professional training helps judges explore their role in safeguarding democracy by studying the choices made by individuals and institutions during the Holocaust. See page 7 for more information about the Museum’s programs for leaders and professionals. By invitation only

Topeka, KS

Nebraska

Thursday, April 24, Daylong program

Law, Justice, and the Holocaust

(see description above)

LaVista, NE

Save the Date

Tuesday, September 9

2014 Risa K. Lambert Chicago Luncheon

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers
301 East North Water Street
Chicago, IL

Sheila and Joseph Gutman chaired the 2013 luncheon, which marked the Chicago launch of the Museum’s comprehensive campaign.
CONFRONTING THE HOLOCAUST: AMERICAN RESPONSES

April 27–May 4

The 2014 Days of Remembrance commemorate the anniversaries of two seminal events in Holocaust history: the refugee crisis in the spring of 1939 and the deportation of Hungarian Jews five years later. American responses to the persecution and murder of European Jews invite reflection on the role of individuals, organizations, and governments in confronting hatred and mass atrocities.

The US Congress established the Days of Remembrance in 1979 in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and charged the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum with leading the nation in Holocaust remembrance. In addition to organizing the National Days of Remembrance ceremony in the US Capitol Rotunda, the Museum provides guidance and resources for Holocaust commemorations to state and local governments, military bases, workplaces, schools, houses of worship, and civic groups nationwide.

Learn more about Days of Remembrance observances taking place near you at ushmm.org/remembrance.

2014 NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

NORTHEAST REGION

EVENTS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

NEW YORK

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

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New York Institute of Technology Auditorium
1871 Broadway (at 62nd Street)
New York, NY

Wednesday, March 12, Noon

New York Real Estate Luncheon

This annual luncheon brings together leaders in real estate development to discuss the legacy of the Holocaust and its meaning for the world today. By invitation only

The Four Seasons Restaurant
99 East 52nd Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues), New York, NY

Wednesday, May 21, 6 p.m.

The William B. Konar Fund Reception

The William B. Konar Fund supports the Museum’s National Institute of Holocaust Education in engaging the public and leaders in a dialogue about moral responsibility, the fragility and importance of democracy, the dangers of unchecked hatred and antisemitism, and the imperative to prevent future genocides.

Genesee Valley Club
421 East Avenue, Rochester, NY

Coming Soon

New York Next Generation Event

The New York Next Generation provides friends of the Museum in their 20s, 30s, and 40s with the opportunity to network with like-minded people while helping the Museum to confront hatred, prevent genocide, and promote human dignity around the world.

New York, NY

PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS AND PROFESSIONALS

MASSACHUSETTS

Saturday, March 22, Daylong program

First Step Workshop for Pre-Service Teachers

This workshop helps prepare future teachers to educate their students effectively about the Holocaust. By invitation only

Salem, MA

Bristol, RI

Above: A Museum educator discusses photographs from the Holocaust with workshop participants.

Above left: Jewish refugees board the MS St. Louis in Hamburg, Germany, in May 1939, bound for safe haven in Cuba. Collection of Walter Karliner, Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, New York

Below: Roland Freisler, Nazi jurist and president of the People’s Court, pronounces the judgment of the court. Berlin, August 1944. Nederlands Instituut voor Oorlogsdocumentatie

RHODE ISLAND

Friday, March 14

Law, Justice, and the Holocaust

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Bristol, RI

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SEATTLE REGION

EXHIBITIONS

WASHINGTON

Through Sunday, February 16

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings

On May 10, 1933, university students across Nazi Germany burned thousands of books in an ominous “cleansing” of the “un-German spirit” from German culture. This traveling exhibition explores how the book burnings became a potent symbol in America’s battle against Nazism and why they continue to resonate with the public today. Learn more at ushmm.org/bookburning.

The Library of the University of Washington
1150 NE 45th Street, Seattle, WA

This exhibition was underwritten in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

EVENTS AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON

Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION
State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda

This reception marks the Phoenix opening of the Museum’s newest traveling exhibition. Holocaust survivor Margit Meissner and Museum educator JoAnna Wasserman are the featured speakers. By invitation only.

Burton Barr Central Library
1221 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

This program is made possible in part by the Rosenbluth Family Foundation and Barry and Barbara Zemel.

Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Do Words Kill? Hate Speech, Propaganda, and Incitement to Genocide

(see the description on page 2)

Panels include Mike Abramowitz and Elizabeth White of the Museum’s Center for the Prevention of Genocide and Len Downie, Jr., the former executive editor of the Washington Post.

Burton Barr Central Library
1221 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

This program is made possible in part by the Rosenbluth Family Foundation and Barry and Barbara Zemel.
TEXAS

Wednesday, March 19, Daylong program

Regional Education Summit

The Museum’s regional summits serve to enhance dialogue and cooperation among groups involved in Holocaust education, foster partnerships among participants, and help them meet the challenges of teaching about the Holocaust. By invitation only

Dallas, TX

This summit has been made possible by donors to the Dallas Initiative on Holocaust Education.

WASHINGTON

Saturday, April 26, Daylong program

First Step Workshop for Pre-Service Teachers

This workshop helps prepare future teachers to educate their students effectively about the Holocaust. By invitation only

Pullman, WA

This summit has been made possible by the David and Fela Shapell Family Foundation.

TRAVEL WITH THE MUSEUM TO

POLAND

August 23–31, 2014

Accompanied by Museum survivor volunteer Estelle Laughlin, a Warsaw native, and led by Jacek Nowakowski, a Museum expert on Polish history and artifacts, the trip will feature:

- Visits to Warsaw, Lodz, Treblinka, Palmiry, Bedzin, Oswiciem (Auschwitz), and Krakow.
- VIP access to the Jewish Historical Institute collection and archives.
- Visit of SHOAH, the new addition to the permanent exhibit at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.
- Private meetings with Museum partners and dinner hosted by US Ambassador Stephen Mull.

Cost: $5,100 per person, double occupancy ($700 single supplement)

Trip is all-inclusive with the exception of passport/visa fees, travel to and from Poland, upgraded accommodations, one dinner, personal expenses, housekeeping gratuity, lost baggage and trip cancellation insurance.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Nadia Ficara at nficara@ushmm.org.

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**International Programs**

**Tuesday, April 1–Tuesday, April 8**

**Bearing Witness Trip: Journey to Rwanda**

During this one-week stay in Rwanda, participants will gain firsthand insight into the events leading up to the Rwandan genocide that unfolded without effective intervention by the international community. Travelers will also explore Rwanda’s efforts to recover from the genocide, to achieve justice for the victims and reconciliation for a society that was deeply divided, and to teach new generations about this history. Learn more at ushmm.org/rwanda20.

Kigali, Rwanda

**Sunday, June 1–Wednesday, June 4**

**Conference: International Decision-Making in the Age of Genocide**

The Museum’s Center for the Prevention of Genocide convenes a 20th anniversary conference on the international response to the Rwandan genocide, in cooperation with The Hague Institute for International Justice. Participants in the conference include members of the United Nations Security Council, representatives of Western and African governments, former Rwandan officials, leaders of the failed UN peacekeeping effort in Rwanda, and other eyewitnesses to the genocide. By assembling the most important participants in the same room, the Museum hopes to shed light on the mechanics of the international decision-making process.

By invitation only

The Hague, Netherlands

**Saturday, August 23–Sunday, August 31**

**Travel with the Museum to Poland**

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