Dear Friends of the Alliance,

Warmest greetings for a Happy New Year! We thank everyone who attended and supported our 30th anniversary Lecture Series event, as well as honoring Professor Myrna Goodman on her retirement. We are also grateful to those who supported our fundraising efforts for new projects for digitization of our Lecture Series videos, a Lecture Series documentary, the Armenian Endowment, and student internships to Rwanda. Once again, we offered a superb lecture series and guest speakers, as well as supporting our local Yom Hashoah commemoration, the Jewish World Watch Walk Against Genocide, and the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide. The Alliance also co-sponsored *Je reviews de la vérité (I Return from the Truth)* written by Charlotte Delbo and performed in French with supertitles by Compagnie Propero Miranda on April 2, 2014. Delbo was a French writer chiefly known for her the memoirs of her time as a prisoner in Auschwitz, where she was sent for her activities as a member of the French resistance.

This year brings yet another genocide milestone with the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. A documentary, *Orphans of the Genocide*, will be shown at the Lecture Series and at an evening showing at Congregation Shomrei Torah co-sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

Special appreciation is once again extended to the Jewish Community Federation of Santa, The Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties whose generous grant for a sixth consecutive year will support the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture.

With deepest gratitude,

Christyne Davidian
President, Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

Top Photo From Left:
Adam Mirza, Irfan Mirza, Diane Parness, Hans Angress, and Myrna Goodman

Bottom Photo:
Paul Schwarzbart

---

**Alliance Mission Statement**

**Our Mission**
Honor the experience and preserve the memory of the innocent victims, survivors, and rescuers impacted by the tragedy of genocide
Support Holocaust and Genocide education in conjunction with the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State University

**Our Work**
Attract, collaborate, and coordinate with scholars, survivors, and experts
Outreach to our community, schools, and survivor groups
Seek funding and support methods to preserve memory

**Our Vision**
Inspire a “never again” moral stance that focuses on our common humanity
Promote personal action and proactive prevention awareness of the causes of intolerance, genocide, and denial
Report from the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide at Sonoma State

This was a notable year for the Center and a significant one for me as well. In January, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Lecture Series with a gala event in Cotati. The event also noted my official retirement from my faculty appointment as the Academic Coordinator of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of kind words from my former colleagues and the beautiful plaque the Alliance Board and Pacific Auction presented to me.

In addition to marking the personal fulfillment I experienced during my tenure as the Center Director, I was very honored by the outpouring of affection from so many of the important people who, over the past 30 years, have contributed the time, talent and treasure that assured the success of our program. It was satisfying to see and celebrate with old friends and loyal program supporters. I am pleased to be able to continue to serve as the Center Director as an emerita faculty member.

I would like to thank each member, past and present, of the Alliance Board for your hard work through the years. Your devotion to our educational mission has been a crucial contribution to our success.

Sadly, this year we lost our founding Center Director, Dr. John Steiner. John was the moral force behind the Center and his intellectual rigor and stubborn dedication to Holocaust and genocide education inspired our work in both the classroom and in the Lecture Series programming. We also mourn the passing of George Farber this year, a loyal supporter of our work and a devoted peace activist. We will miss his quiet grace and devotion to peace.

The 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. In addition to our annual Armenian Genocide lecture, we will commemorate this anniversary by featuring a documentary film which explores the experiences of the orphans of the Armenian Genocide.

Both lectures should be very compelling given the anniversary of the Genocide. Additionally, the lecture honoring Adele Zygielbaum this spring will be given by Professor Christopher Browning, a prominent scholar of the Holocaust.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2015 Lecture Series.

Myrna Goodman, Ph.D.
Emerita Professor of Sociology
Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide

Hans Angress

From Left: Barry Preisler, Diane Parness, Almudena Bernabeu (Guatemalan Genocide) and Myrna Goodman
Lecture Series Academic Coordinator Report

It is very gratifying to consistently hear from our students that our lecture series is a transformative experience, and that it moves them to make a difference in the world. Several of our lectures from the 2014 series made an emphatic impression on our audience. Prof. Carol Rittner, who delivered the Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture, did a masterful job conveying the role of gender in genocide. Our classes referred to her lecture for weeks after the event. Students were moved by the powerful presentation offered by Irfan Mirza on his role as a negotiator in the Bosnian war. Almudena Bernebeu brought us her unique perspective on the Guatemalan Genocide. Her audience was captivated by her account of the struggle to bring General Rios Montt to justice.

Our good friend and strong supporter, The Honorable Mathilde Mukantabana, once again gifted our audience with her tale of Rwanda’s horror and healing. Ambassador Mukantabana brings something new to her presentation every year. Once again, we were very fortunate to offer Prof. James Waller’s superb analysis of Becoming Evil. Students are consistently inspired by his presentation and scholarly work. Prof. Sergio La Porta returned to deliver his exceptionally comprehensive and compelling account of the Armenian Genocide for the annual Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture. It would be very hard to imagine the lecture series without Holocaust survivors Paul Schwarzbart and Hans Angress. I am always pleased to see how deeply our students are moved by their experiences.

Our own professors are the backbone of the series. We provide the theoretical and historical context essential to understanding the essence of genocide. Professors Greg Sarris, Eric Williams, Stephen Bittner, Barry Preisler, Myrna Goodman and I contributed to students’ appreciation and comprehension of the complex subject of genocide.

Our purpose was very well served by the 31st annual lecture series. Our 2015 series, “A Century of Genocide,” features some exciting and innovative presentations. Prof. Christopher Browning will deliver the Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture on “Revisiting the Perpetrators.” Prof. Alex Alvarez will discuss “Climate Change and Genocide,” while Dr. Elaine Leeder will take us on her personal journey to Lithuania. Dr. Ana Bracic will look at “The Plight of the Roma,” and Dr. Erik Nielsen will examine the genocide in Darfur. We will pay special attention to the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide with presentations by Prof. Sergio LaPorta and Bared Maronian. I hope you will join me in learning from some of the nation’s outstanding genocide scholars.

Diane L. Parness, Ph. D.
Professor, Department of Political Science
Academic Coordinator, Holocaust & Genocide Lecture Series
The 30th Anniversary of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series Event

On Sunday, January 26, 2014, the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide and the SSU Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide co-sponsored an event, “Preserving the Legacy of Holocaust and Genocide Education at Sonoma State University in Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Lecture Series on the Holocaust and Genocide and the Retirement of Professor Myrna Goodman” which honored Past Faculty, Alliance Board Members, and Program Supporters.

It was dedicated to the memories of Robert L. Harris and Paul V. Benko for their vision, heart, and dedication—their counsel, compassion and wisdom continue to guide us. It included an acknowledgment of Sylvia Sucher, who quietly serves as the inspiration, guiding light and very soul of the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide.

The afternoon’s program included the presentation of a Golden Resolution by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and proclamations from the City of Santa Rosa and the City of Petaluma. The keynote address was delivered by Her Excellency Professor Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador from the Republic of Rwanda to the United States, a former member of the Alliance Board who is now one of our Senior Advisors.

It also included an acknowledgement of Professor Emerita Myrna Goodman on the occasion of her retirement from Sonoma State and a live and silent auction coordinated by Pacific Auction Company’s Steve Godfryd and Chiaya Rawlins, an Alliance Board Member.

As you will see from the photos included in this issue, it was a lively event that was attended by over 125 supporters of the Alliance.

As part of the event, the Alliance announced the creation of four very special funds to support its work into the next century: a $50,000 fund to cover the cost of digitizing videotapes of the lectures many of which are in Beta and VHS formats, a $25,000 fund to create a PBS quality documentary about the series, a third fund established in conjunction with our sister organization, the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA), to create an internship for Sonoma State students to travel to Rwanda to work with survivors of the genocide, and a fourth fund to establish an Armenian Genocide endowment. We hope that many of you will consider making a donation to an existing Alliance fund or one of these specialized funds in the coming year. Your support has been the key to this collaboration between the community and the University and continues to be crucial to sustaining the exceptional quality and reputation of the lecture series.

With gratitude,

Barbara Lesch McCaffry,
Treasurer, Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide
Emerita Professor, Hutchins School of Liberal Studies

Dinner with Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana

From Left: Myrna Goodman, Barry Preisler, and Diane Parness
Giving to the Alliance

Your kind gift to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide can be submitted using the enclosed envelope.

Please designate the fund to which you wish to make your gift:

- **Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E022):** This endowment fund, named for an SSU faculty member who was one of the founding members of the Alliance, supports the lecture series on the Holocaust and Genocide offered annually at Sonoma State University.
- **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Annual SSU Lecture Series Fund (C0119):** This fund supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series and the annual Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture that is part of the series.
- **Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund (C0286):** This fund supports an annual lecture related to the Armenian Genocide as part of the lecture series.
- **Digitization of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series (C0408):** This fund supports the transfer of all lectures on magnetic media to digital media for preservation and archival purposes.
- **Holocaust and Genocide Program Documentary Fund (C0409):** This fund supports the production of a documentary about the Holocaust and Genocide programs at Sonoma State University including the Memorial Grove, and the Anne Frank Tree projects.
- **The SSU Rwanda Student Education and Travel Fund (C0410):** This fund, created in collaboration with Friends of Rwanda (FORA), supports the education of SSU student(s) regarding the Rwandan Tutsi genocide and/or to support their travel to Rwanda to work and teach in FORA vocational schools with Rwandan Genocide survivors.
- **Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund (E0396):** This endowment fund, created in memory of a Holocaust survivor, supports Holocaust and Genocide Education including the lecture series.

You can also donate on-line

- go to: https://www.sonoma.edu/development/
- click on the green button on the left side of the screen for “Give Online”
- click on Schools, Departments & Programs
- click on School of Social Sciences

To donate to the **Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Annual SSU Lecture Series Fund (C0119)** please select the button for The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust.

To donate to all other funds, please select the button for “Other” and indicate the name of the fund and its associated fund number in the designated box. You can also include information here if you would like us to send someone else an acknowledgement of your gift.

Questions can be directed to the Alliance at alliance@sonoma.edu

---

2014 Donations*

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following donors who make it possible for us to continue the work of the founders the Alliance:

**Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust Lecture Series Fund (C0119):**
- Dina Angress (in memory of the people who perished in the Holocaust)
- Herbert Hans Angress (in memory of Ernst Angress)
- *Barbara A. Brooks and Floyd L. Brooks
- Jean B. Chan and Peter Stanek
- Mr & Mrs. Bruce Dzieza (Grant from the Dzieza Family Fund of the American Endowment Foundation)
- Sally Giovinco (in memory of Daniel and Etta Garey)
- *Naomi W. Granvold
- Nancy R. Harris (in memory of Claire and Robert L. Harris)
- Margo and Charles Klipp (in memory of David and Estelle Klipp)

**Other:**
- *Elaine Leeder (in honor of Professor Myrna Goodman)
- *Karen and Todd Leitsch
- *Lillian and Bruce Mattimore (for Local Speakers)
- *Asumpta and Yehoyada Mbangukira (for Cultural/Artistic Scholars)
- *Barbara Lesch and Michael “Mac” McCaffry (in memory of Hilde Catz and for Distinguished Speakers)
- *Susan L. Miller
- *Pam and Joel Neuberg (in honor of Sylvia Sucher)
- Geoff and Deborah Lipton Perel (in memory of Malka Perel)
- *Joan Simon
- Arline F. Thomas (in memory of Sam and Anne Lipfield)
- *Stephen D. Watrous and Melanie B. Webster
A generous grant from the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties

Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund (C0286):
Lynn Arsanis (in memory of the Parokian Family)
Brian H. Boyajian
Patrick T. Burger and Rosann V. Bazirjian
Todd W. Cereghino (in memory of the victims of WWI on the November 11th anniversary of Armistice Day)
Adrena Clemmer (in memory of the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide)
Christyne A. Davidian
Myrna L. Goodman and Susanne Otteman (in memory of David B. Davidian, Sr.)
Larissa Goliti
Richard J. and Marcia K. Grant (in memory of David B. Davidian, Sr.)
Blanca Luisa and John Paul Gregorian (in memory of Paul P. and Mary S. Gregorian)
Barbara Lesch and Michael “Mac” McCaffry (in memory of David B. Davidian, Sr.)
Medtronic Matching Fund (for Christyne Davidian)
Medtronic Volunteer Grant (for Christyne Davidian)
*Pam and Joel Neuberg (in honor of Sylvia Sucher)
*Haiganoush and Barry Preisler
Berge Roubinian (in memory of Leon Roubinian)
David Salm (in honor of Yehoyada Mbangukira)

Digitization of the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series (C0408):
*Shelley Bauer
*Linda Emblen
*Elaine Leeder
*Blair and Daniel Pleasant

Holocaust and Genocide Program Documentary Fund (C0409):
*Michelle and Paul Zygielbaum

The SSU Rwanda Student Education and Travel Fund (C0410):
*C. Joan Brozovich
*Micaela Grobbel and Nathan Rank
*Sabrina Kahn
*Vianney R. Mugabo

Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment Fund (E0022):
*Shelley Bauer
*Sandra R. Benko

*Robert G. Berg and Stanford T. Roodman
*Joe H. and Judith L. Brumbaugh
*Mitch Braff and the Jewish Partisan Educational Foundation
*Judith K. and Larry L. Carlin
*Lynn R. Cominsky and Garrett Jernigan
*(Susan) Miriam Dregely and Sharon Moxley
*Rabbi Ted Feldman and Congregation B’nai Israel
*Evelyn Fielden
*Myrna L. Goodman and Susanne Otteman
Evelyn Gurevitch (in memory of Paul V. Benko)
Rudy S. Lacoe and Marguerite M. Hammett (in memory of Paul V. Benko)
*Olivia and Peter Leveque
*Lorraine J. Lichtman
Marcelle F. and Kenneth K. Marcus
*Asumpta and Yehoyada Mbangukira
*Sharon E. and Virgil W. Miller
*Mathilde Mukantabana
Ellen and Mike Mundell (in honor of Sylvia Sucher)
*Mei and Shiro Nakano (in honor of Professor Myrna Goodman)
Ruth K. and D. Steven Nash (in memory of Paul V. Benko)
*Pam and Joel Neuberg (in honor of Sylvia Sucher)
*Suzy and Robert Rafal
*Chiaya Rawlins
*Lucia Roncalli
Joseph F. Schwartz (in memory of June L. Schwartz)
Helga and Morris Spizman (in memory of the Baendel and Sauer Family)
*Barbara Tobin and Cass Smith
Robert L. and Murray L. Zucker

Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund (E0396):
*Michelle and Paul Zygielbaum
*Pam and Joel Neuberg (in honor of Sylvia Sucher)

SSU Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide (C0183):
*Herbert Hans Angress
(for Center Academic Support)
Myrna Goodman
Lucille and Henry Libicki Donor Advised Continuity Fund of the Jewish Community Federation Endowment
*Ann Sheppard (for Center Academic Support)
A generous grant from the Sonoma State University Students’ Instructionally-Related Activities Fund

*Donations preceded by an asterisk were made in conjunction with the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Lecture Series in January of 2014.

This list includes donations received between November 1, 2013 and October 31, 2014. If we inadvertently omitted your name or listed it incorrectly, please let us know at alliance@sonoma.edu
In Memoriam

Holocaust Survivors:
Hilde Catz  Olaf Dieter  Werner Epstein  Sophie Rosalie Fox  Fred Marvan,
John Steiner - Founding Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust

Long-Standing Supporters of the Lecture Series:
George Farber  Lil Krulevitch
Howard R. “Chuck” Harris - brother of Alliance founder Robert L. Harris

2015 Holocaust and Genocide Commemorations and Events

Film Screening and Discussion of Regional Emmy Nominated Orphans of the Genocide for 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:30PM at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Co-sponsored by the SSU Alliance and the Social Action Committee of Congregation Shomrei Torah. For more information, contact Larry Carlin at larrcar@comcast.net or 707-569-8879.

Congregation Shomrei Torah (CST) will host its annual Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial Observance on Wednesday, April 15, 2015; the actual Day of Remembrance, at 6:15 p.m. at 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa. The annual Candle Lighting service will include Jewish survivors and children of survivors; lighters for the Roma/Gypsy, Gays & Lesbians, Disabled, Righteous Gentiles, and Political Prisoners; and other genocide lighters from Native America, Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda & Darfur. Rabbis George Gittleman and Stephanie Kramer will officiate. For more information, contact Larry Carlin at larrcar@comcast.net or 707-569-8879.

The Annual County-Wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration will be held at the Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa on Sunday, April 19th from 2-4 p.m. The theme will be Gevurah: Heroes Sung and Unsung. For more information about this year’s theme and guest speakers, please see http://www.jccsoco.org and click on the link for “Special Even” or contact the Jewish Community Center, Sonoma County at 707-528-4222.

April 24th will mark the 100th Annual Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide themed “Remember and Demand” Worldwide. Several events will take place during March and April 2015 including public commemorations on April 23, 2015 at San Francisco Civic Center and April 24, 2015 at San Francisco City Hall. Complete event details will be listed at www.rememberand-demand.org.

The 21st Annual Commemoration of the Tutsi Genocide is coordinated by the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA) and events will be listed at www.friends-of-rwanda.org.

The 7th Annual Walk to End Genocide: Santa Rosa in coordination with Jewish World Watch will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Registration is from 8:00 to 8:45 am and the walk begins at 9 am at Congregation Shomrei Torah, 2600 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa. For more information, see http://www.jewishworldwatch.org.

Alliance History

The Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust was formed in 1982 on behalf of the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and the need to tell their stories and for others to learn from their experiences. Those who began this collaborative effort between the community and members of the Sonoma State University faculty promised to let the world know of the atrocities that had occurred. The initial intention was primarily to learn the facts, act on them, and never forget.

As a result of these efforts, a highly successful annual lecture series on the Holocaust and Genocide was created at Sonoma State University. As a University-community partnership, the Board includes members of the community, University faculty and administrators, and students who have participated in the Lecture Series.

In 2010, the name of the Alliance was changed to the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide to reflect its revised mission and its continuing educational commitment to include all those affected by genocide.

We extend our sincere thanks and goodbyes to board member Brian Boyajian, representing Armenians of the North Bay, who has served on the Board for many years and whose valuable support will be greatly missed. We look forward to welcoming several new Board members in the coming year, many of whom joined us for our first Open House for prospective Board Members and Volunteers on October 12, 2014 at the home of Alliance Board member Flora Lee Ganzler.

Alliance 2014-2015 Board Members
Herbert Hans Angress
Todd Cereghino
Christyne Davidian
Flora Lee Ganzler
Myrna Goodman
Dick Grant
Lillian Mattimore
Yehoyada Mbangukira
Barbara Lesch McCaffry
Chiaya Rawlins
Arlene Thomas

Senior Advisors
Mathilde Mukantabana
Virgil Miller
Joel Neuberg
David Salm
Sylvia Sucher
Emeritus Board
Members
Ilka Hartmann
Evelyn “Evey” Sackler
Address corrections or deletions can be requested using the enclosed donation envelope or via e-mail to alliance@sonoma.edu. Those interested in receiving information for lectures and special events via e-mail should forward name and e-mail to alliance@sonoma.edu.

A treasure trove of past Holocaust and genocide Lectures are archived and available for viewing via YouTube and Streaming Video from the Center Website: http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/index.html. In YouTube, click on “Playlists” then “Holocaust Lecture Series.”

Current and Past Alliance Board Members at 30th Anniversary Event with Sylvia Sucher and Myrna Goodman in the middle.
32nd Annual Sonoma State University

2015 Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series

January 20–May 5, 2015 / Tuesdays 4:00 PM–5:50 PM

Warren Auditorium (Ives Hall)

SSU Students: POLS 307, Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide, counts as upper-division General Education credit under GE category D5

A CENTURY OF GENOCIDE

January 20: WEIMAR: CRADLE OF CATASTROPHE
Professor Diane L. Parness, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

January 27: BREAKING THE SILENCE: A HOLOCAUST CHILDHOOD
Paul A. Schwarzbart

February 3: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
Professor Sergio La Porta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program

February 10: ORPHANS OF THE GENOCIDE:
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE EDUCATION THROUGH FILM
(Bared Maronian, Award Winning Filmmaker
Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture

February 17: THE DAYMARE: SHOAH CHILDHOOD MEMORY & REMEMBRANCE
Professor Elaine Leeder, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 24: RESISTING THE PERPETRATORS
Professor Christopher Browning, Ph.D.,
Frank Porter Graham Professor Emeritus, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Adele Zygielbaum Memorial Lecture

March 3: ORIGINS OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN EUROPE
Professor Barry Preisler, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

March 10: THE CONCEPT OF GENOCIDE
Professor Myrna Goodman, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

March 17: SPRING BREAK (campus closed)

March 24: BECOMING EVIL
Professor James Waller, Ph.D.,
Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture

March 31: CESAR CHAVEZ DAY (campus closed)

April 7: PORAJMOS: THE ROMANI GENOCIDE & ITS AFTERMATH
Professor Ana Bracic, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma

April 14: RWANDA TWENTY YEARS AFTER GENOCIDE
Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States

April 21: CLIMATE CHANGE, BORDER REGIONS, & THE GENOCIDE IMPULSE
Professor Alex Alvarez, Ph.D., Northern Arizona University

April 28: DARFUR, GENOCIDE, & THE ROLE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN THE 21st CENTURY
Professor Erik Solevad Nielsen, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

May 5: LESSONS LEARNED FROM A HOLOCAUST CHILDHOOD
Hans Angress

Study the nature of hate: Prevent the escalation of prejudice into genocide
30th Anniversary Pictures