

Timeline for the Alliance, the Lecture Series and the Center

- 1983 Alliance organized in June of 1983
- 1984 First lecture series, (Spring 1984)
- 1985 Lecture series offered as a one-unit course
- 1986 Lecture series offered as a two-unit course
- 1987 Women & the Holocaust Conference
- 1987 Initial videotaping of series, (by Bernard Offen)
- 1987 SSU Center for Holocaust Studies created
- 1988 Sonoma County Survivors Project, (affiliated w/ the Center & Alliance)
- 1994 Lecture series offered as a three-unit course, (with a discussion section)
- 1995 Lecture series offered as a an upper-division General Education course
- 1999 Paul V. Benko Endowment established
- 2002 Name of the Center changed to Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide
- 2004 First streaming video broadcast of the series
- 2004 Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund established
- 2006 Event honoring Sonoma County Holocaust survivors held on September 17, 2006
- 2009 Erna & Arthur Salm Holocaust & Genocide Memorial Grove Dedication on March 29, 2009
- 2009 Adele Zygielbaum Endowment Fund established
- 2010 Name of the Alliance changed to Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide
- 2013 Anne Frank sapling installed in the Memorial Grove on April 14, 2013

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Kathi I. Austin, Stanford
Zachary Baker, Stanford University
Yehuda Bauer, Yad Vashem
Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University
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Jerry Fowler, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
Brenda Flyswithawks, Santa Rosa Junior College
Phyllis Gerstenfeld, CSU Stanislaus
Hamdan Gouumaa, Global Majority
Viktoria Hertling, University of Nevada, Reno
Robert H. Hewsen, Rowan University
Richard Hovannisian, UCLA
Douglas Huneke, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tiburon
Hasmik Harutyunyan, folklorist
Jennifer Jordan, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
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Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble
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Sergio La Porta, CSU Fresno
Peter Li, Rutgers University
Sandy Lowe, SRJC

Floyd M. Matson University of Hawaii
Daniel Matt, Graduate Theological Union
Lejla Mavris, Global Majority and Bosnian genocide survivor
Mathilde Mukantabana, Friends of Rwanda Association & Consumnes
Community College
Mei Nakano, Japanese-American Citizens' League
Joel Neuberger, Holocaust Center of Northern California
Samuel Oliner, Humboldt State University
Avner Perry
Soucheata Poouv, Khmer Legacies
Lynne Rappaport, Pomona College
Sani Rifati, Voices of Roma
Carol Ritter, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
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Naomi Roht-Arriaza, Hastings College of the Law
Lucia Roncalli, M.D.
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John K. Roth, Claremont McKenna College
Mina Rush, Jewish World Watch
Ruth Sachs, Center for White Rose Studies
Claudio Segré, UC Berkeley
Robin Seletsky, SUNY Oneonta
Lani Silver, Holocaust Oral History Project
Nechama Tec, University of Connecticut
Michael Thaler, Holocaust Center of Northern California
Frederic Tubach, UC Berkeley
Claudia Stevens, College of William and Mary
Rene Van Rooyen, Office of the U.N. High Commissioner on Refugees
James Waller, Keene State College
Jack Weinstein, Facing History and Ourselves
Carl Wilkins, World Outside My Shoes
Reverend Cecil Williams, Glide Memorial Church
Diane Wolf, UC Davis
Philip Zimbardo, Stanford University

Holocaust and Genocide Survivors and Rescuers Who Spoke in the Series

Hans Angress, Holocaust survivor
Leon Bass, Holocaust liberator
Alfred Batzdorff, Holocaust survivor
Maurice Blaug, Holocaust survivor
Hilde Catz, Holocaust survivor
Hans Cohn, Holocaust survivor
Christyne Davidian, 3rd generation Armenian genocide survivor
Max Drimmer, Holocaust survivor
Knud Dyby, Holocaust rescuer
Lucille Eichengreen, Holocaust survivor
Fritz Hirschberger, Holocaust survivor
Ernest James, Holocaust liberator
Lillian Judd, Holocaust survivor
Betty Kale, Holocaust survivor
Dennis Judd, 2nd generation Holocaust survivor
Elaine Leeder, Sonoma State University & 2nd generation Holocaust survivor
William Lowenberg, Holocaust survivor
Gloria Lyon, Holocaust survivor
Robert Melson, Purdue University and Holocaust survivor
Mel Mermelstein, Holocaust survivor
Odette Meyers, Holocaust survivor
Judith Meisel, Holocaust survivor
René Moelho, Holocaust survivor
Simon Mudahogora, Tutsi genocide survivor
Julia Nemeth, 2nd generation Holocaust survivor
Irene Opdyke, Holocaust rescuer
Bernard Offen, Holocaust survivor
Blair Pleasant, 2nd generation Holocaust survivor
Arn-Chorn Pond, Cambodian genocide survivor
Christina Radich, 2nd generation Holocaust rescuer
Jeannette Ringold, Holocaust survivor (Bay Area Hidden Children's Group)
Bernat Rosner, Holocaust survivor
Jeanetta Sagon, Holocaust survivor
Mira Schelub, Holocaust survivor
Paul Schwarzbart, Holocaust survivor
Stephen Schwartz, 2nd generation Holocaust survivor
Herman Shein, Holocaust survivor

Tharcisse Seminega, Rwandan genocide survivor
Otto Springer, Holocaust rescuer
Hiroki Sugihara, 2nd generation Holocaust rescuer
Michael Thaler, Holocaust survivor
Luong Ung, Cambodian genocide survivor
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United Church of Christ (Petaluma)
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