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Elizabeth Baer, Ph.D., research professor in English at Gustavus Adolphus College. Dr. Baer is serving at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for the Senior Historian Office in 2016-2017. She served as the Ida E. King Visiting Distinguished Scholar in Holocaust Studies at Stockton University in NJ. She is the author of *The Blessed Abyss: Inmate #6582 in Ravensbrück Concentration Camp for Women* (Wayne State UP 2000), *Experience and Expression: Women, the Nazis, and the Holocaust* (2003), *The Golem Redux: From Prague to Post-Holocaust Fiction* (2012) and *The Genocidal Gaze: From German Southwest Africa to the Third Reich* (2017).



Doris Bergen, Ph.D. is the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies. Her research focuses on issues of religion, gender, and ethnicity in the Holocaust and World War II and comparatively in other cases of extreme violence. Her books include *Twisted Cross: The German Christian Movement in the Third Reich* (1996); *War and Genocide: A Concise History of the Holocaust* (2003); *The Sword of the Lord: Military Chaplains from the First to the Twenty-First Centuries* (edited, 2004); and *Lessons and Legacies VIII* (edited, 2008).



Christina Chavarría is the Program Coordinator in the Levine Institute for Holocaust Education at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She holds a BA and MA in comparative literature from the University of Dallas. Christina is currently running the Conference for Holocaust Education Centers, a program that builds cooperative relationships with Holocaust organizations in the United States. Previously, she ran the Museum's Belfer National Conference, Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators, and managed outreach projects for the Museum Teacher Fellows. Christina also served as Director of Education at Holocaust Museum Houston. Prior to that, she was a high school English teacher.

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from The New School.

Laura B. Cohen, Ph.D. is Executive Director of the Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Center at Queensborough Community College/CUNY in Bayside, New York. Dr. Cohen received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University's Division of Global Affairs in 2018 and wrote her dissertation about the intersection of transitional justice and contested narratives at the Srebrenica genocide memorial in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dr. Cohen holds an M.S. from New York University's Center of Global Affairs and an M.A. in Media Studies



David M. Crane is the founding Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone from 2002 to 2005 after being appointed by Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. Served with the rank of Under-Secretary General, he indicted the President of Liberia, Charles Taylor, the first sitting African head of state in history to be held accountable. Prior to this position, he served over 30 years in the U.S. government. Appointed to the Senior Executive Service of the United States in 1997, Mr. Crane has held numerous key managerial positions during his three decades of public service.



Peter Hayes (Ph.D., Yale, 1982) specializes in the histories of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust and in the conduct of the nation's largest corporations during the Third Reich. He taught at Northwestern from 1980 to 2016. Prof. Hayes also has served on the academic boards of multiple professional societies and Holocaust memorial sites, including as Chair of the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum from May 2014 to May 2019. He has won numerous awards and is the author of several books including *Why? Explaining the Holocaust* (2017).



Wendy Lower, Ph.D. is the John K. Roth Professor of History and George R. Roberts Fellow at Claremont McKenna College. Lower chairs the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and served as Acting Director of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the USHMM (2016-2018). Dr. Lower is the author of several books including, *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields* (2013) and her latest *The Ravine: A Family, A Photograph, A Holocaust Massacre Revealed* (2021).

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Michael Meyer, Ph.D. has published more than 200 articles and longer review in his area of study. He is a professor in the history department at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio and received his doctorate from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (JIR) in Cincinnati, Ohio. Professor Meyer's most recent book is *Rabbi Leo Baeck: Living a Religious Imperative in Troubled Times* (2021).



Jake Newsome, Ph.D. is a scholar of German and American LGBTQ history. He earned his Ph.D. from the University at Buffalo (SUNY), and his research focuses on Holocaust history, gender and sexuality, and memory studies. His current book project, *Pink Triangle Legacies: Coming Out in the Shadow of the Holocaust* explores the fate of gay and lesbian Holocaust victims, and the role that Holocaust memories played in gay rights activism. Dr. Newsome is the recipient of multiple research and teaching awards, scholarships, and fellowships.



Ewa Schaller, Ph.D. is the Senior Program Officer / Educator & Education Coordinator American Friends of Yahad-In Unum. She oversees and conducts teachers' seminars, lectures, and other educational events in coordination with the Educational Program of Yahad-In Unum in Paris. Schaller holds a PhD in Humanities from the University of Torun, Poland.



Katherine Sorrels, Ph.D. is associate professor of history, affiliated faculty in Judaic studies, and co-chair of the Taft Medical Humanities Research Group, all at the University of Cincinnati. Her research concerns nationalism, internationalism, and health in modern Central European Jewish history. Her current focus is on Austrian Jewish refugee doctors who pioneered new approaches to intellectual and developmental disabilities in the UK and US during and after the Second World War. Sorrels received her PhD in history from the University of Pittsburgh.

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Gary Zola, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) and Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati. Professor Zola is a historian of American Jewry who specializes in the development of American Reform Judaism. He has published several volumes, articles, monographs and book reviews and has lectured at several academic conferences and colloquia.

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Sarah Weiss is the chief executive officer of the Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center. She joined the staff of HHC in 2004. In 2007, Sarah became the executive director and has worked to formulate lasting partnerships with organizations and educational facilities locally, nationally, and internationally. She has led and traveled on educational journeys to Poland and Israel with students and adults. In 2011-2017, Sarah took on the additional role as director of the Jewish Community Relations Council at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. Sarah brings a personal connection to this work as the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors.



Jodi Elowitz is HHC's the Director of Education & Engagement and has vast experience in the field of Holocaust education. She worked as the Outreach & Program Coordinator for the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, at the University of Minnesota, after serving as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, and the Director of Holocaust Education for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ms. Elowitz's area of expertise is artistic representation of the Holocaust. She has written several articles and has presented her work at conferences and public speaking engagements. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities/Art History and her Master of Liberal Studies degree in Holocaust Studies at the University of Minnesota.

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Trinity Johnson is HHC's Development Manager and former education and program coordinator. She received her B.A. in History Education from Wittenberg University and her M.A. degree in Holocaust and Genocide Studies from Richard Stockton University.



Cori Silbernagel is HHC's Curator overseeing all aspects of HHC's Permanent Collection of artifacts and archival materials. She received a B.A. in Art History from Northern Illinois University and an M.A. in Public History from Northern Kentucky University.



Sarah Schneider is the Program Coordinator at HHC. In 2018, Sarah graduated with a Master's in History and a specialization in Public History from the University of Central Florida. Sarah's Master's thesis and digital project highlighted the migrations of one group of Jewish German and Austrian children who fled the Holocaust via children's homes in France. Sarah graduated Brandeis University with a BA in American Studies and a minor in Social Justice and Social Policy.