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Research Fields

- Holocaust Studies
- Comparative Genocide Studies
- Human Rights
- Modern Germany, Modern Ukraine
- Women's History

Brief Biography

- 2012-present, John K. Roth Professor of History, Claremont McKenna College
- 2016-2018, Acting Director, Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. USA
- 2014- 2016; 2018-present, Director, Mgrublian Center for Human Rights, Claremont McKenna College
- 2011-2012, Associate Professor, Affiliated Faculty, Department of History, Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester, Mass, USA
- 2010-2012 Project Director (Germany), German Witnesses to War and its Aftermath, Oral History Department, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. USA
- 2010-2012, Visiting Professor, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
- 2007-2012 Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin, Ludwig Maximilians University, 2007-2012
- 2004-2009 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of History, Towson University USA (on leave, research fellowship 2007-2009)
- 2000-2004, Director, Visiting Scholars Program, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
- 1999-2000 Assistant Professor, Adjunct Faculty, Center for German and Contemporary European Studies, Georgetown University, USA
- 1999-2000 Assistant Professor, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, American University, USA

- 1999 Ph.D., European History, American University, Washington D.C.
- 1996-1998 Project Coordinator, Oral History Collection of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), Center for the Study of Intelligence, and Georgetown University
- 1994 Ukrainian Research Institute, Ukrainian Studies Summer Program, Harvard University
- 1993 M.A. European History, American University, Washington D.C.
- 1992 Studium an der Humboldt Universität Berlin
- 1987 B.A. History and German, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
- 1985-1986 Studium deutsche und österreich-ungarische Geschichte an der Universität Wien

Advisory Boards and Professional Service

- Chair, Academic Committee, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Council, 2019-present; Member 2014-2017
- Co-Founder of the National Consortium of Directors of Human Rights, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Centers
- Advisory Board, Fortunoff Archive, Yale University, 2017-
- Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial Commission, Scientific Commission, 2017-
- Claims Conference, Research Grants Selection Committee, 2017-2021
- Scientific Committee, Yahad-in-Unum, Paris
- Academic Advisory Board, International Tracing Service Archives, Bad Arolsen Germany
- Academic Advisory Board, Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD), Amsterdam
- Steering Committee, Inaugural Research Conference, Shoah Foundation, Institute for Visual History and Education
- International Advisory Board, *Journal of Genocide Research* (Routledge), 2005
- Co-Editor, *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust*, 2009-2019
- Task Force Member, National Institute for Holocaust Education, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2002-2004
- Task Force Member, Holocaust, Human Rights and Tolerance Education, University of Maryland, Towson, 2005-2008
- Academic Advisor, Presenter, “Holocaust Education in the U.S. and Ukraine: The Role of Survivors and Eyewitnesses,” “Research Agendas for Holocaust Education,” Kiev, Ukraine, Roundtable Foreign Ministry of Ukraine, and United Nations, International Task Force for Holocaust Education, 2008-2011
- Historical Consultant, Canadian Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, War Crimes Division, Office of Special Investigation
- Historical Consultant, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (1994-1997, 2007-) “Liberation, 1945” Exhibit, "Days of Remembrance," “Nazi Propaganda” “Complicity and Collaboration”
- Co-Chair, Program Committee, 2012 Lessons and Legacies Conference Northwestern University

- Program Committee, 2004 Lessons and Legacies Conference, Brown University, Holocaust Education Foundation
- Chair, German Studies Association Article Prize Committee, 2001-2002
- Editor, Translator: U.S. National Archives, Guides to the Captured German World War II Documents, 1992-1993
- Peer Reviewer: Smithsonian, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Journal of Colonial Studies, Journal of Contemporary History, McGraw Hill, College Textbooks Division (Modern German History), Simon and Schuster Young Readers Series on the Holocaust, University of Toronto Press, Yad Vashem Monographs, European Research Council, UNESCO World Memory Project, NEH documentary films.

Media Coverage (selected)

National Public Radio Interview, Salt Lake City Affiliate, Radio Station KCPW- NPR. 20 minute segment on, *Nazi Empire Building*, April 6, 2006.

New York Times, “Women’s Role in Holocaust May Exceed Old Notions: Research Finds Greater Female Involvement,” July 18, 2010, Sunday Edition, A-8, ½ page feature.

International Herald Tribune, July 22, 2010, Special Interest Section.

KCBS Talk Radio Interview, San Francisco, “German Women’s Role in Holocaust,” segment/Ipod Cast, July 22, 2010, 7 : 40 am.

Feature articles in Polish newspapers, *Rzeczpospolita* and *Krakow Post* and Israeli newspaper, *Yedioth Aharonoth*

CSPAN2-Book TV, May 30, 2013, Book Expo America, *Hitler’s Furies*
CSPAN, Presentation La Museum of the Holocaust, October 20.

CBS This Morning, October 6 2013, Holocaust: History’s Darkest Chapter, Even Darker
BBC London, World Service Newshour, Radio 4, The World This Weekend, Radio 3
Nightwaves with Anne McElvoy; Radio New Zealand with Jim Mora, Newstalk National Radio
Ireland,
NPR-WNYC, Leonard Lopate Show, October 9, 2013, Hitler’s Furies

Feature articles on *Hitler’s Furies* in the Sunday Times (London), Mail on Sunday (London), Prospect online, Jewish Book Week, Jewish Chronicle, Swedish Göteborgs-Posten,, Swiss Weltwoche, Austrian Die Presse, and other presses in Turkey, Poland, and Spain.

Interview in New York Times, ArtsBeat, John Williams, October 14, 2013.
Atlantic Monthly on line, shindig. November 15, 2013
Washington Post online, She the people. October 18, 2013

Claremont Courier, October 3, 2014, Over There WWI Exhibit, September 22, 2016, Hitler's Furies
Facing History and Ourselves, Segments on the Nazi East, 2017
Tablet, The Future of Holocaust Studies, April 2018, www.tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/culture-news/260677/history-future-holocaust-research
Global Issues Forum, CNN/USHMM, May 2018
Feature articles and critical reviews of The Ravine: Jewish Telegraph Agency, BBC Radio Edinburgh, January 2021, *New York Times* "When Genocide is Caught on Film" Feb 16, 2021 and Editor's Choice, April 1, 2021. *National Public Radio*, Feb 17, 2021, *Times of Israel*, *Haaretz*, *El Pais*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Der Spiegel*, *Times of London* featured *Book of the Week*, March 12, 2021, CSPAN, April 18, 2021, *Tablet*, June 24, 2021.
Podcasts on The Ravine, *New York Times*, March 26, 2021, From the Newsroom, The Inquiring Mind, Axelbank Reports, Story in the Public Square, Keen On.
"Women under Hitler's Flag" docu film, ARTE, 2022.
PBS Newshour, Feb 6, 2023, Holocaust Survivors Fleeing Ukraine Find New Home"
"Ukraine: Holocaust Ground Zero" BBC, reviewed in The Guardian, Daily Telegraph, Times of London, Sept 4-5 2023.
"Freedom on Fire, and Superpower" Interview with Evgeny Afineevsky and Sean Penn, Malibu, Dec 2023 <https://www.cmc.edu/newsfeed/focused-war-ukraine-professor-wendy-lower-interviews-sean-penn>
Interview, Screening of *The Zone of Interest*, with Jonathan Glazer and Jim Wilson, Century City, Dec 6, 2023.

Prizes, Awards, Grants, Fellowships

- **Raul Hilberg Memorial Lecture**, 30th Anniversary of the Miller Center, University of Vermont, Nov 13, 2023
- **Conference Keynote, Strassler Center**, "A Past Present and Future of Holocaust Studies," Oct 16, 2023
- **Inaugural Yaschik Fellow**, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Jewish Studies, and Anne Frank Center, March 2023
- **The Bogdanow Lecture Series, Gender and Ukraine**, Manchester University UK, Jan 31, 2023
- **Winner**: National Jewish Book Award, Holocaust Category, The Ravine, 2021
- **Shortlisted**: The HWA Gold Crown, Best Non-Fiction, 2021
- *London Times*, 21 Best Books of the Year, 2021, The Ravine
- **Longlisted**: PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Non Fiction, 2021, The Ravine
- **Longlisted**: Wingate Literary Prize, UK, 2021, The Ravine
- Yale University, William Rosenberg Senior Scholar, 2021
- Yom Hashoah Scholar in Residence, 2015. USC Shoah Visual History Foundation
- **Finalist, National Book Award**, Nonfiction 2013, Hitlers' Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields (Houghton Mifflin, 2013).
- **Finalist, National Jewish Book Award**, Holocaust Studies, Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields (Houghton Mifflin, 2013).

- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, NY, Vilnius Workshop Grant, Co-applicant, Workshop Borderlands Research-Global Comparisons, Vilnius September 2012
- Yad Vashem, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Summer Workshop 2010
- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation), 3 year research grant 2009-2012
- Einspruch Lecturer, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, University of Texas at Dallas, 2009 and 2012
- Baker Burton Award, Best First Book European History, Southern Historical Assoc, 2007
- Towson University, Faculty Development and Research Grant, 2006
- Judith and Edwin Cohen Foundation Grant, January 2006
- The Freilich Foundation, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia 2003
- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Postdoctoral Fellowship 1999
- German Historical Institute, Washington DC, Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1997
- American University, Washington DC, College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Grant, 1996-1997
- American University, Washington DC, History Department, Teaching Fellowship, 1993-1996
- Phi Alpha Theta International History Honors Society: National Paper Prize and Regional First Prize for “Ukrainian Nationalists in the Villages of Western Ukraine and the Holocaust, 1941-42”, 1995

Selected Publications

Monographs

- Nazi Empire-Building and the Holocaust in Ukraine, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press 2005 (paperback, 2007, audio version 2010).
- Творення нацистської імперії та Голокост в Україні, Kiev 2010
- The Diary of Samuel Golfard and the Holocaust in Eastern Galicia, Lanham MD: Altamira/Rowman and Littlefield and USHMM, 2011
- Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013; 23 translations in German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Swedish, Danish, Portuguese, Estonian, Hungarian, Czech, Finnish, Hebrew, Hungarian, Japanese, Greek, Croatian, Romanian, Slovakian, Ukrainian
- The Ravine: A Family, a Photograph, a Holocaust Massacre Revealed, Houghton, 2021; translations in French, Dutch, Swedish, and Finnish.

Edited/Annotated Collections

- Co-author with Adam Jones, *Genocide and Gender: Dynamics and Consequences*, The Cambridge World History of Genocide Vol 1, eds. Kiernan, Lemos, Taylor, (Cambridge University Press), 103-126
- Co-editor with Ben Kiernan, Norman Naimark, Scott Straus, The Cambridge World History of Genocide, 3 vols (Cambridge University Press, 2023).
- Szyk's Hometown: Lodz Poland and the Holocaust, pp. 9-12 in Arthur Szyk: Art, Propaganda, Memory (Fairfield University Art Museum, 2023) ed. Philip Eliasoph
- Lessons and Legacies: New Directions in Holocaust Research and Education, eds. Wendy Lower and Lauren Faulker (Northwestern University Press, 2017).
- The Shoah in Ukraine: History, Testimony, Memorialization, eds. Wendy Lower and Ray Brandon, (Indiana University Press, 2010).
- Шоа в Україні. Історія, свідчення, увічнення. За редакцією, Рея Брендона та Венді Лауер. Пер. з англ. – К.: а́бд і єїоа́дà, 2015. – 500 с. з іл
- Surviving the Forgotten Genocide: An Armenian Memoir by John Minassian (Rowman and Littlefield: 2020).

Articles/Chapters in Peer Reviewed Journals, Books

- Венді Лауер, "Погроми, насилля натовпу та геноцид у Західній Україні влітку 1941: історія, пояснення та порівняння", *Проблеми історії Голокосту: український вимір*, №10 (2018): 214–255.
- *Women in the Nazi East*, in Women and Genocide: Survivors, Victims, Perpetrators eds. Bemporad and Warren (Indiana University Press, 2018).
- *Holocaust Studies: The Spatial Turn*, in A Companion to Nazi Germany, eds. Baranowski, Nolzen, Szjenmann (Wiley and Sons, 2018).
- *Decentring Berlin Europeanization of Holocaust History*, Journal of Modern European History, vol 16, 2018, pp. 32-39.
- *Everyday Violence*, Wendy Lower, Mary Fulbrook, Michaela Christ in Ruptures in the Everyday: Views of Modern Germany from the Ground eds. Andrew Stuart Bergeson and Leonard Schmieding (Berghahn, 2017, pbk 2019).
- *Holocaust Scholarship and Politics in the Public Sphere: Re-examining the Causes, Consequences, and Controversy of the Historikerstreit and the Goldhagen Debate* Central European History (September 2017)
- *Sprawcy i sprawczynie Zagłady a podejście do sprawiedliwości w NRD w latach 1949–1963*, Zagłada Żydów. Studia i Materiały (December 2012): 237-269.
- *Pogroms, Mob Violence and Genocide in Western Ukraine, summer 1941: Varied Histories, Explanations and Comparisons* Journal of Genocide Research (Sept 2011): 1-30. Ukrainian translation published in 2019, in Tkuma Journal.

- *Male and Female Holocaust Perpetrators and the East German Approach to Justice, 1949-1963* Holocaust and Genocide Studies 24, no. 1 (Spring 2010): 56-84.
- *Lebensraum* The Oxford Handbook of Holocaust Studies, eds. John Roth and Peter Hayes (Oxford University Press, 2010): 310-325.
- *Axis Collaboration, Operation Barbarossa and the Holocaust in Ukraine* Nazi Policy on the Eastern Front, 1941 eds. Kay, Rutherford, Stahel (Rochester University Press, 2012): 186-220.
- *Distant Encounter: An Auschwitz Survivor in the College Classroom* Approaching an Auschwitz Survivor: Holocaust Testimony and its Transformations ed. Juergen Matthaeus (Oxford University Press, 2009): 95-118.
- w/ David Furber, *Nazi Colonialism and the Holocaust in Poland and Ukraine*, Empire, Colony, Genocide: Conquest, Occupation and Subaltern Resistance in World History. edited by Dirk Moses (Berghahn, 2008): 372-400.
- *The 'reibungslose' Holocaust? The German Military and Civilian Implementation of the 'Final Solution' in Ukraine, 1941-1944,*” in Networks of Nazi Persecution: Bureaucracy, Business and the Organization of the Holocaust, eds. Gerald Feldman and Wolfgang Seibel (Berghahn, 2004).
- *Facilitating Genocide: Nazi Ghettoization Practices in Occupied Ukraine, 1941-1944* Life in the Ghettos During the Holocaust, ed. E. Sterling (Syracuse University Press, 2005): 120-144.
- *Hitler's Garden of Eden" Genocide and Colonialism in Ukraine* Gray Zones: Ambiguity and Compromise in the Holocaust and its Aftermath eds. Roth and Petropoulos (Berghahn, 2005): 185-204.
- *A New Ordering of Space and Race: Nazi Volksdeutsche Experiments in Zhytomyr, Ukraine, 1941-1944* German Studies Review vol xxv (May 2002): 227-254.
- *'Anticipatory Obedience' and the Nazi Implementation of the Holocaust in the Ukraine A Case Study of Central and Peripheral Forces in Zhytomyr, 1941-1944,* Holocaust and Genocide Studies vol xvii (Spring 2002): 1-21.

Additional Academic Publications (Book Chapters, Web Articles, Invited Forums)

Yale University's Fortunoff Archive, Critical Editions Series, Introduction to Eric Hauser's testimony. <https://editions.fortunoff.library.yale.edu/essay/hvt-0574>

Preface to Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945, Volume 3, Camps and Ghettos in Regimes Aligned with Nazi Germany, General Editor, Geoffrey Megargee (Indiana University Press in Association with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2018).

“Decentring Berlin: Europeanization of Holocaust History,” Journal of Modern European History, volume 16/2018/1.

“Partners in Crime: Moving Beyond Women's History to the Gendered Dynamics of the Holocaust,” East Central Europe 44 (2017).

“Holocaust Scholarship and Politics in the Public Sphere: Re-examining the Causes, Consequences, and Controversy of the Historikerstreit and the Goldhagen Debate.,” Central European History, September 2017.

Introduction to Special Volume: Holocaust in Ukraine, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* (Oxford University Press) November 2014.

http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/holgen/ukraine.html

“The Holocaust and Colonialism in Ukraine: A Case Study of the Generalbezirk Zhytomyr,” The Holocaust in the Soviet Union: Symposium Proceedings. (Washington DC: USHMM , 2005): 1-21

“From Berlin to Babi Yar: The Nazi War Against the Jews,” Religion and Society Volume 9 (2007): 1-13.

«УГОДЛИВОЕ ПОДЧИНЕНИЕ» И ОСУЩЕСТВЛЕНИЕ НАЦИСТАМИ ХОЛОКОСТА НА УКРАИНЕ: ВЗАИМОДЕЙСТВИЕ ЦЕНТРАЛЬНЫХ И МЕСТНЫХ ВЛАСТЕЙ В ГЕНЕРАЛЬНОМ ОКРУГЕ ЖИТОМИР, 1941-1944, Ткума, Scholarly Journal of the All Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies, (Dnipropetrovsk, 2008): 1-19