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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, LMU
- 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-Chair, and 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-
- 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-
- 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

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

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 of Hitler's Furies- German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Russian, Turkish, Swedish, Danish, Portuguese, Estonian, Hungarian, Czech, Finnish, Hebrew, Hungarian, Japanese, Greek, Croatian, Romanian, Slovakian, Ukrainian

In Preparation

The Ravine: A Family, a Photograph, a Holocaust Massacre Revealed (Houghton, 2021)

Edited/Annotated Collections

- 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.: аої і єіоада, 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 and Books

- Венді Лаєр, "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 'reibunglose' 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)

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