

AHO Winter Conference 2023  
Research Holocaust Theater Catalog  
Miami, Florida, Thesis Hotel  
January 7-10, 2023

***Saturday, January 7, 2023***

**1:00-6:30 PM Registration**

**6:30-8:30 Reunion Schmooze**

***Sunday, January 8, 2023***

**7:00-8:00 AM Breakfast/Registration**

***Session 1:***

**8:00-9:00 Life in the Museum World (museum directors)**

Chair: Mary Pat Higgins, President and CEO, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum:

Panelists: Jack Klinger, President and CEO, The Museum of Jewish Heritage:  
Rabbi Eli Mayerfeld, CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus:  
Dee Simons, Baral Family CEO, Holocaust Center for Humanity

**9:00--9:15 Break**

***Session 2:***

**9:15-10:15 "During the Siege of Sarajevo"**

**Mark Gudgel College of Saint Mary**

Chair: Ursula Szczepinska, The Florida Holocaust Museum

**10:15-10:45-Lois Roman, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus  
Holocaust Center -AHO Young Leadership**

Chair: Eli Mayerfeld CEO, Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus

**10:45-11:00 Break**

**Session 3:**

**11:00-12:15 NJTF HTII Research: Holocaust Theater Catalog and Remembrance**

**Readings:**

**Panelists: Arnold Mittelman NJTF President and HTII Executive Director, Alvin Goldfarb, MJTE HTII Advisory Board/Holocaust Theater Scholar, Theater Scholars and other professionals via zoom.**

**Chair: Kelli Szany, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education center**

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**CHAIR: KELLI SZANY ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER**  
**12:15-1:15 lunch**

**Session 4:**

**1:15 -2:30 PM Combating Antisemitism Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt-United States Department of State**

**Chair: Mark Weitzman, The World Jewish Restitution Organization**

**2:30-2:45 break**

**Session 5:**

**2:45-3:45 PM Rare Artifacts of Jewish Athletes During the Holocaust: Neil Keller**

**Chair: Dr. Shay Pilnik, Yeshiva University**

**4:00 Buses to University of Miami**

**4:30-6:30 PM *Reception* Hosted and sponsored by the University of Miami's Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic studies and The College of Arts and Sciences George Feldenkreis Programs in Judaic Studies.**

**6:30 Buses to Gable Stage Theater**

*7:00-8:30 PM Performance - “We will not be Silent” followed by a discussion about the use of Holocaust theater as a tool for education and resistance featuring artists engaged in creation and production. Hosted by Arnold Mittelman*

8:30-9:15-Talk Back with production/cast

9:15 PM Buses back to hotel

## **Monday, January 9, 2023:**

**7:00-8:00 Breakfast**

### **Session 6:**

**8:00- 9:15 The Past, Present and Future of Holocaust Education**

**Panelists:** Dr. Haim Shaked, Director of the Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic studies, University of Miami; Dr. Alan Berger, Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair of Holocaust Studies, Florida Atlantic University; Dr. Oren Steir, Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs, Department of Religious Studies, Florida International University

**Chair:** Mark Weitzman, The World Jewish Restitution Organization

**9:15-9:30 break**

### **Session 7:**

**9:30- -10:45 The Sh’ma Project: Move Against Hate:** <https://www.theshmaproject.com/>

**Suki John, PhD** Professor, School for Classical & Contemporary Dance

**Chair:** Michael Berenbaum, Sigi Ziering Institute

10:45- 11:00 Break

# **THE ENEMY HAS GAINED HISTORY:**

## ***Session 8:***

**11:00-12:15 Enacting History: Using Verbatim Testimony, Scripted Text and Theater Techniques to Teach the Holocaust:** Mira Hirsch and Arnold Mittelman and other national and international practitioners to be confirmed shortly.  
Chair: Kori Street, Interim Finci-Viterbi Executive Director

**12:15-1:15:** Lunch/AHO Business Meeting.

## ***Session 9:***

**1:15-2:30- The Singer of Shanghai: Kevin Ostoyich**, Professor of History, Valparaiso University  
Fellow, Kate Hamburger Kolleg (global dis:connect) Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität at München.  
Chair: Danny Spungen, Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation

**2:30-2:45** Break

## ***Session 10:***

**2:45—4:00 Letters from Anne & Martin: A Theatrical Presentation, Anne Frank Center USA and the University of South Carolina**  
Chair: Troy Fears, CANDLES Holocaust Museum

**4:00-4:15** break

## ***Session 11:***

**4:15-5:30 America and the Holocaust, Comments on the Ken Burns Series and on The Much Larger Issues Michael Berenbaum**, Sigi Ziering Institute  
Chair: Marilyn Sinclair, All About Words/Liberation75

6:30 AHO Board of Directors Meeting

***Tuesday January 10, 2023:***

7:00- 8:00 AM Breakfast

***Session 12:***

8:00-9:15 Robert P. Watson **“The Nazi Titanic: The Incredible Untold Story of a Doomed Ship in World War II”**

Chari: Millie Jasper, Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center

**9:15-10:15-Open membership discuss with the Board of Directors Association of Holocaust Organizations.**