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WELCOME

Dear all,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University for the first Israel Academic Exchange workshop. The aim of the Exchange is to forge ties and build community among advanced doctoral students and postdocs who study the Holocaust and other cases of mass violence. Doing so, we hope to strengthen the field in Israel, as well as to enrich scholarly discourse at the Strassler Center.

Our inaugural workshop is held in partnership with the Strochlitz Institute for Holocaust Research, Haifa University.

We open with a dinner hosted by President David Angel at his home, Harrington House, to honor Al Tapper, a long-time friend of the Strassler Center and a key donor who has supported many of our initiatives, including this one.

A series of roundtables in the following days will offer younger scholars the opportunity to discuss how “agency” — however each defines that concept — functions in the histories they explore. Senior scholars from the Strassler Center, Hebrew University, Sapir College, and Tel Aviv University will serve as moderators.

We will broaden our horizons (literally and figuratively) as we set off to Plimoth Plantation on Saturday afternoon to tour and analyze this historic site. We will be joined by a historian and a geographer to explore the “agency” of American Indians vis-à-vis European settlers and whether and how interactions between these two groups can be considered genocide.

Each participant brings an important perspective to the conversation. We at the Strassler Center thank you.

With appreciation for your time and your dedication,

Melina Dwork

PROGRAM

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

6:30–9 p.m. **OPENING DINNER**
Harrington House

FRIDAY 4 APRIL

Session I **RESISTANCE AND COMPLIANCE — AGENCY IN ACTION**
9–10:45 a.m. *Higgins Lounge/Dana Commons*

PANELISTS:

- Khatchig Mouradian, “Humanitarian Resistance in Aleppo, 1915–1916”
- Ran Shauli, “Chinese Resistance to, Malayan Complicity with Japanese Persecution in Malaya, 1941–1960”
- Alexis Herr, “Compensated Compliance in Italy, 1943–1944”

MODERATOR:

- Debórah Dwork

10:45–11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

Session II **DYNAMICS OF GENOCIDE — AGENCY IN INTERACTION**
11:15 a.m.–
1 p.m. *Higgins Lounge/Dana Commons*

PANELISTS:

- Yehonatan Alsheh and Raz Segal, “Narrating Multiple Agencies and the Emergence of Mass Violence, WWII”
- Natalya Lazar, “Anti-Jewish Violence and Interethnic Relations in Czernowitz”

MODERATOR:

- Julia Chaitin

1:15–2 p.m. **LUNCH**
Rose Library

FRIDAY 4 APRIL

Session III
2:15–4 p.m.

NARRATIVE AND TESTIMONY — AGENCY IN RECOLLECTION

Higgins Lounge/Dana Commons

PANELISTS:

- Cristina Andriani, “Jewish Israelis’ Reflections on Collective Memory”
- Hannah Pollin-Galay, “Victim-Perpetrator Interactions in Lithuanian Jewish Testimony”
- Yaakov Kabalek, “Motion and Agency in Holocaust Testimonies”

MODERATOR:

- Amos Goldberg
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4–4:30 p.m.

BREAK

Session IV
4:30–6:15 p.m.

MEMORY AND PLACE — AGENCY OF OBJECTS AND LANDSCAPES

Higgins Lounge/Dana Commons

PANELISTS:

- Jody Russell Manning, “Solahütte/Międzybrodzie: 1941-2011”
- Yechiel Weizman, “The Agency of Absence of Polish Jews — A Material History”

MODERATOR:

- Thomas Kühne
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6:30–7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL HOUR

Kent Seminar Room

7:30–9 p.m.

DINNER

Rose Library

SATURDAY 5 APRIL

Session V INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION — AGENCY IN DEFINITION

9:30-11:15 a.m. *Higgins Lounge/Dana Commons*

PANELISTS:

- Michael Geheran, "Jewish Frontkämpfer under Hitler"
- Elizabeth Anthony, "The Return of Jewish Concentration Camp Survivors to Vienna in the Immediate Postwar Period"
- Rivka Brot, "Trying Jewish Collaborators in Displaced Persons Camps"

MODERATOR:

- Shulamit Volkov
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11:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m.

LUNCH

Cohen-Lasry House

12:30-2 p.m.
2:30-5:30 p.m.
6-7 p.m.

BUS TO PLIMOTH PLANTATION

TOUR

DINNER

Special Session GENOCIDE? — EUROPEAN COLONIALISM AND AMERICAN INDIAN AGENCY

7-8:30 p.m.

PANELISTS:

- Richard Pickering, Deputy Director, Plimoth Plantation
- Jody Emel, Professor, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University

MODERATOR:

- Ken MacLean
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8:30 p.m.

RETURN BUS

10:00-Hotel; 10:15-Cohen-Lasry House

SUNDAY 6 APRIL

**Closing
Session**

9:30-11:30 a.m.

**AGENCY: OLD QUESTIONS & NEW DIRECTIONS — LINKS &
COMPARISONS**

Higgins Lounge/Dana Commons

PANELISTS:

- Raz Segal, Natalya Lazar, Hannah Pollin-Galay

MODERATOR:

- Taner Akçam

11:45 a.m.

LUNCH/END

Cohen-Lasry House

DIRECTORY



Taner Akçam holds the Robert Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian and Stephen and Marian Mugar Chair in Armenian Genocide Studies at Clark University. An internationally recognized human rights activist, he was one of the first Turkish intellectuals to recognize the Armenian Genocide. He is the author of several books including, most recently, *The Young Turks' Crime against Humanity: The Armenian Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the Ottoman Empire* (2012), which earned the Middle East Studies Association Albert Hourani Book Award (2013) and was named one of the year's (2012) best books on the Middle East by Foreign Affairs.



Yehonatan Alsheh is a postdoctoral fellow at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Ontario, Canada and a researcher in the History Department of the University of the Free State, South Africa. As a doctoral student, he was the recipient of the Raoul Wallenberg award scholarship (2012). He wrote his doctoral dissertation at Tel Aviv University on the drafting of the 1948 U.N. Genocide Convention. He currently researches genocidal anxieties among white farming communities in contemporary Zimbabwe and South Africa.



Cristina Andriani inaugurated the Psychology of Genocide doctoral track at the Strassler Center and completed her dissertation, *Swords or Plowshares? Holocaust Collective Memories and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*, in 2013. Prior to her doctoral studies, Andriani worked as a counselor with juvenile offenders and abuse survivors, specializing in trauma-based disorders. In her current research, she seeks to facilitate healing for trauma survivors. She is particularly interested in the impact of trauma on individuals and collectives and healing across differences.



Elizabeth Anthony is the Curt C. and Else Silberman International Tracing Service Staff Scholar at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She received a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland and is completing her dissertation, *Return Home: Holocaust Survivors' Reestablishing Lives in Postwar Vienna, 1945-1955*, at the Strassler Center. She has held a Fulbright, a Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Fellowship, a Rosenberg fellowship from the USHMM, and a Holocaust Educational Foundation Research Fellowship.



Sabri Atman holds the Assyrian Genocide Fellowship and is a second-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. He researches the role of Kurds in the Assyrian Genocide in Diyarbakir, Turkey and Urmia, Iran. As founding director of the Assyrian Genocide and Research Center (Seyfo), he advocates for worldwide awareness of that genocide. He studied economics at the University of Gothenburg, earned his master's in Human Rights and Genocide Studies from Kingston University (England), and has studied at Siena University (Italy) and Warsaw University (Poland). He has published two books about the Assyrian Genocide.



Rivka Brot is a doctoral student at the Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Studies at Tel Aviv University and a Posen Foundation Fellow (2013-2015). Having earned a Master of Law, she is writing a dissertation combining law and history, *Law in Transition: Trials of Jewish Collaborators at Displaced Person Camps in Germany and in the State of Israel*. Her many awards include the Haim Tzadok Grant (2008), the Yigal Arnon Grant for the Encouragement of Research in Law and History (2008), and the Raoul Wallenberg award scholarship (2011).



Julia Chaitin is Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Work at Sapir College in the Negev and teaches in the masters Conflict Management Program at Ben Gurion University. Trained in social psychology with an expertise in qualitative-narrative research and peace building, her research focuses on long-term psycho-social effects of the Holocaust and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Of particular interest are personal narratives and their role in peace building and peace obstruction, collective identity, political tourism, and intergroup dialogue. She is a grassroots activist for peace and social justice.



Sarah Cushman is Academic Program Liaison Officer at the Strassler Center and former Director of Youth Education at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. She earned a Ph.D. from Clark University for her dissertation, *The Women of Birkenau*. Her current work includes strengthening the bridge between the Strassler Center and local secondary school educators and students. As part of this education initiative, she is developing a secondary school Holocaust curriculum, "The Letters Project," based on correspondence between parents and the children they thought they sent to safety during the Holocaust.



Asya Darbinyan holds the T. McBane Fellowship and is a first-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center whose research focuses on the Armenian Genocide. Prior to her doctoral studies, she was deputy director at the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia in Yerevan. She previously served as a research fellow investigating American humanitarian aid for Armenian orphans during the Genocide. She earned a master's degree from Yerevan State University (2009), was a Carnegie research fellow at UCLA, and conducted research at the Mémorial de la Shoah (Paris).



Debórah Dwork is Rose Professor of Holocaust History at Clark University and founding Director of the Strassler Center. Dedicated to teaching, research, and public service, she is a leading authority on university education in this field. A member of the U.S. delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, Dwork also serves on advisory boards and works with nonprofit organizations concerned with Holocaust education. Dwork is the author of many books, including (most recently), *A Boy in Terezín* (2012) and *Flight from the Reich* (2009). Her current book project, *Saints and Liars*, explores the history of Americans who traveled to Europe to aid and rescue imperiled Jews.



Jody Emel is Professor of Geography at Clark University. She is a resource geographer with interests in water, mineral, and animal economies. Her research focuses on environmental and gender justice; she takes an animal rights approach to the development of these economies. She is deeply concerned with decolonial pedagogy and teaches courses on Native Americans and natural resource development. Her recent publications include articles on justice in the goldfields of Tanzania. Her forthcoming book deals with the political ecologies of meat.



Michael Geheran is a Ph.D. candidate at the Strassler Center. His dissertation, *Betrayed Comradeship: German-Jewish WWI Veterans under Hitler*, examines the experiences of Jewish former soldiers in Nazi Germany. He has published articles in *Psychology & Society* and ABC-Clio's *Modern Genocide: Understanding Causes and Consequences*, as well as several book reviews for H-Sozu-Kult. Geheran was a research fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2012 and the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship in 2011.



Amos Goldberg is Senior Lecturer in Holocaust Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, co-editor of *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust*, a Research Fellow at both the Van Leer Institute and the Strochlitz Institute for Holocaust Research, and a member of the editorial board of Heksherim publishing house. His book, *Trauma in First Person: Diary Writing during the Holocaust* (in Hebrew, 2012), analyzes subjectivity and its traumatic destabilizations in Jews' diary writing during the Holocaust. His current projects include a cultural history of Jews in the Warsaw ghetto and a comparison of racism and racialization in the experiences of Jews during the Holocaust and the subjects of colonial rule.



Dotan Greenvald holds the Simon and Eve Colin Fellowship and is a human rights activist and second-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. Following his service in the Israel Defense Forces during the Second Intifada, he co-founded Breaking the Silence, an Israeli NGO comprising former soldiers committed to ending the Israel/Palestine Conflict. Greenvald's dissertation, *Never Again: Israeli Responses to Mass Violence Atrocities in the Post-Holocaust Era*, explores how the collective memory of the Holocaust in Israel has shaped political developments in Israel and Palestine since the second Intifada.



Kathrin Haurand holds a Claims Conference Fellowship and is a third-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. Prior to her doctoral studies, she earned a master's in Cultural Studies and History from the Viadrina European University in Germany. At the Free University in Berlin, she helped to create an oral history archive along with educational materials on the history of the Holocaust. Her dissertation, *Jewish Refugees in Teheran during WWII*, sheds light on the transnationality of the Jewish diaspora experience, and elucidates the crossroads of European and Middle East history in the context of the Shoah.



Alexis Herr is a Ph.D. candidate at the Strassler Center. Her dissertation, *Fossoli di Carpi, 1942-1952*, is a study of the largest deportation camp in Italy. Drawing upon archival documents, trial proceedings, memoirs, and testimonies, she traces the victimization, internment, and deportation of Italian Jewry, illuminates the textured history of Italian local level participation in the Holocaust, and analyzes post-war conditions that until now have obscured the narrative of Italian participation in Judeocide. She holds the Saul Kagan Fellowship for Advanced Shoah Studies from the Claims Conference.



Mari Hovhannisyan is a Carnegie Research Fellow at the Strassler Center. She received a master's in Political Science from Central European University, and was a researcher at the Armenian National Academy of Sciences. She also studied journalism at Yerevan State University and worked as a journalist, including at Armenian Public Radio. Interested in genocide, conflict resolution, democracy building, and transitional justice, she authored *Collision of Past and Present: The Collective Memory of the Armenian Genocide and the Turkish Denial* (2012).



Yaakov Kabalek is a lecturer at Ben Gurion University and the Weiss-Livnat International M.A. Program in Holocaust Studies at Haifa University. He serves as associate editor of *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust*. He earned his Ph.D. in 2013 from the University of Virginia for his dissertation, *The Rescue of Jews and the Memory of Nazism in Germany from the Third Reich to the Present*. His current research focuses on cultural history, oral history, and memory in Germany and Israel. He participated in the Mauthausen Survivors Documentation Project, an oral history project organized by the University of Vienna.



Thomas Kühne is Strassler Professor of Holocaust History at Clark University. His research explores the relation of war, genocide, and society, long-term traditions of political culture and political emotions in Europe, and the problem of locating the Holocaust and Nazi Germany in the continuities and discontinuities of the 20th century. In 2010, he published *Belonging and Genocide: Hitler's Community, 1918-1945*. As a Guggenheim Fellow, he spent 2010-11 at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton where he worked on the volume *Globalizing Beauty: Body Aesthetics in the 20th Century* co-edited with Hartmut Berghoff (2013).



Natalya Lazar is a Ph.D. candidate at the Strassler Center. Her dissertation, *Czernowitz Jews and the Holocaust: Identity, Interethnic Relations, Violence, and Survival in a Borderland city, 1941-44*, explores Jewish life and the dynamics of interethnic and neighborly relations in that borderland city, placing the Holocaust in a larger frame of mass violence. In 2012, she was awarded a Black Sea Link Fellowship by New Europe College for Advanced Studies in Bucharest. She currently holds a Saul Kagan Fellowship for Advanced Shoah Studies from the Claims Conference.



Ken Maclean is Associate Professor of International Development and Social Change at Clark University. He conducts research in Southeast Asia and has worked extensively with human rights NGOs in the region. His first book, *The Government of Mistrust: Illegibility and Bureaucratic Power in Socialist Vietnam* is forthcoming from the University of Wisconsin Press. He is currently working on two book-length projects, on the production of “fact” regarding mass atrocities in eastern Burma/Myanmar and the forces that shape freedom of expression and censorship in the Vietnamese “blogosphere.”



Jody Russell Manning is a Ph.D candidate at the Strassler Center. Having worked at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, he is writing his dissertation on Holocaust memory: *Living in the Shadow of Auschwitz and Dachau: Memorial, Community, Symbolism, and the Palimpsest of Memory*. He received a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct doctoral research in Poland and was affiliated with Jagiellonian University. His articles about the continuing ramifications of genocide for contemporary society appear in *Psychology and Society* and *Holocaust Studies: A Journal of Culture and History*.



Abigail Miller holds the Tapper Fellowship and is a first-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. Previously, she participated in a trans-Atlantic master’s program at the University of Tartu (Estonia), Collegium Civitas (Warsaw, Poland), and West Virginia University. She received a master’s degree in Central and East European History and a second in International Relations. In 2012, she served as a summer research assistant at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She plans to write her dissertation on the reception in Argentina of Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe, and how the memory of both the assault and the asylum shaped the Jewish community’s response to the Dirty Wars thirty years later.



Khatchig Mouradian holds the Rosalie and Sidney Rose Fellowship and is a fifth-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center completing his dissertation, *The “Ground Zero” of the Armenian Genocide: Destruction and Agency in the Concentration Sites of Syria (1915-1918)*. He is also editor of *Armenian Weekly* and coordinator of the Armenian Genocide Program at the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights at Rutgers University. He is an adjunct professor in history and political science at Rutgers and Worcester State University. He lectures and presents at conferences around the globe including in Armenia, Turkey, Cyprus, Lebanon, and Syria.



Richard Pickering is deputy director at Plymouth Plantation, the living history museum of the 17th-century Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Homeland. In more than 25 years at the museum, he has served as a research associate, director of education, and director of special projects. He is also a doctoral candidate in English at the University of Connecticut. His many speaking engagements include the United Nations, Smithsonian National Museum, the History Channel, ABC, NBC News, NECN, and PBS. He is contributing to the Ric Burns documentary, *The Pilgrims* for American Experience.



Alicja Podbielska holds the Shirley and Ralph Rose Fellowship and is a first-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. She received her master's in literary studies from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland. Focusing on gender and the Holocaust, she wrote her thesis on memoirs about concentration camps; the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw awarded her thesis a finalist in the Majer Bałaban competition. Prior to her doctoral studies, she worked at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. Her research interests focus on the memory of the Holocaust in Poland, particularly the discourse on rescuers.



Mike Poliec holds a Claims Conference Fellowship and is a third-year student at the Strassler Center. In his doctoral dissertation, *Civilian Collaboration during the Holocaust in Romania*, he examines the complicity of civilians in anti-Jewish violence in Bessarabia and Bukovina after July 1941. Poliec earned a master's in Jewish Culture and Civilization from the University of Bucharest and he has studied Judaism and the Holocaust in Israel, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and in Sweden, at Paideia: The European Institute for Jewish Studies.



Hannah Pollin-Galay is a doctoral candidate in history at Tel Aviv University, where she earned a master's in Jewish History. Her doctoral project explores how language, place, and culture shape the narration of the Holocaust in oral and audio-visual testimonies. Pollin-Galay lectures in the Holocaust Studies program at Haifa University. Her broader fields of interest include Holocaust testimony and memory, Yiddish and Eastern European Jewish culture, the Holocaust in Lithuania, Jewish refugees in the unoccupied Soviet Union, oral history and life story analysis, and theories of history.



Colin Polsky is an associate professor of geography at Clark University. He specializes in the human dimensions of global environmental change and has a sustained interest in advancing both methodological and substantive dimensions of U.S. climate vulnerabilities. He was a co-convening lead author for a chapter in the 2013 National Climate Assessment, served on committees of the National Research Council and U.S. Global Change Research Program, and prepared reviews for reports published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.



Mary Jane Rein is executive director of the Strassler Center. Trained as a classical archaeologist, she conducted archaeological fieldwork in Greece, Israel, and Turkey and received a Ph.D. from Harvard University for her dissertation, *The Cult and Iconography of Lydian Kybele*. As executive director, she serves as editor-in-chief of the *Year-End Report*; oversees center fundraising, grant writing, admissions, and communications; and advises Center doctoral students on fellowship and employment opportunities. She has authored opinion pieces in the local press about the work of the Strassler Center.



Raz Segal teaches in the Weiss-Livnat International M.A. Program at Haifa University and serves as Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow at Hebrew University. He completed his Strassler Center Ph.D. in 2013 as a Harry Frank Guggenheim Fellow. While a student, he proposed the Strassler Center's first International Graduate Students' Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies (2009) and helped coordinate the International Research Symposium on the Holocaust and Genocide (Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2012). Yad Vashem published his first book, *Days of Ruin: The Jews of Munkács during the Holocaust* (Hebrew, 2011 and English, 2012). He is currently writing a wartime history of Hungary.



Ran Shauli is a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at Hebrew University and teaches about collective memory, the Chinese diaspora, and Southeast Asia at Bar-Ilan University. He trained at Hebrew University, the University of Haifa, Cornell University (Fullbright), and the Institut für Asienkunde, Hamburg (DAAD). His book, *Why Do Chinese Forget?*, based on his doctoral dissertation (2009) which explored mass murders of Chinese in Southeast Asia, is under revision for publication. His current research project is a comparative history of inter-ethnic conflicts in two former British territories: British Malaya and Palestine.



Jason Tingler holds a Claims Conference Fellowships and is a second-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. He earned an M.A. from Drew University in Modern European Intellectual and Cultural History, for which he wrote his thesis on the Ernst Zündel trials in Toronto during the 1980s. For his dissertation, Tingler plans to write a social and cultural history of the Holocaust in the Lublin district of occupied Poland, tentatively titled *Communities of Annihilation: Explaining Mass Atrocities in the District of Lublin*. Tingler explores the different dynamics of violence and socialization at work among perpetrator groups in the region.



Shulamit Volkov is emerita professor of modern history at Tel Aviv University, where she directed the Institute for German History and the Graduate School of History. She is a member of the Israel Academy of Science and the Humanities and the recipient of many prestigious fellowships and appointments in Berlin, Munich, New York, Oxford, Paris, and Vienna. The author of numerous books and essays on German social history, German Jewish history and antisemitism, history of the Enlightenment, and the historiography of National Socialism, her most recent books include *Germans, Jews, and Antisemites: Trials in Emancipation* (2006) and *Walther Rathenau: Weimar's Fallen Statesman* (2012).



Johanna Ray Vollhardt is an assistant professor of psychology at Clark and head of the social psychology doctoral program. She examines the impact of collective victimization on relations with other groups and the psychology of genocide. She serves on the governing council of the International Society of Political Psychology and as founding co-editor of the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology*. She co-edited a special issue of the *Journal of Social Issues* on “The aftermath of genocide: psychological perspectives” (2013) and organized a 2012 conference, “Advancing the Psychology of Genocide and Ethnic Conflict: Integrating Social Psychological Theories and Historical Data.”



Yechiel Weizman is a first-year doctoral student in the department of Jewish History at Haifa University. He intends to analyze the aftermath of the Holocaust in Poland as reflected in the material traces and remnants of Jewish culture. Using an interdisciplinary approach that combines archival research, fieldwork, material history, and ethnography, he aims to understand how the memory of the Holocaust in Poland was constructed, developed, and repressed through the story of Jewish sites. He earned a master’s in culture studies at Hebrew University and has worked in the education department at Yad Vashem.



Wolf-Gero Westhoff holds a Starhill Fellowship and is a second-year doctoral student at the Strassler Center. His work focuses on the activities of German diplomats and officers stationed in Turkey during WWI. He earned a master’s in contemporary history and religious studies from the Université Fribourg, Switzerland with a thesis on *German diplomacy in Turkey during the Armenian Genocide*. Later, he analyzed political photographs in the city archives of Bonn, Germany, where he further developed ideas about his current dissertation project investigating German responsibility for the Armenian Genocide.



Michael D. Young earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and is founder of JAMS, the world’s largest private dispute resolution firm. Young has conducted more than 1,500 complex or multiparty mediations and arbitrations in the U.S. and globally. A shareholder of the Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in Israel, Young also handles mediations and arbitrations with Israeli and other Middle East-based companies. He is a board member of the Israel Policy Forum, which supports diplomacy to achieve a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. He also serves as vice-chair of the Board of Directors of Legal Services NYC, the largest U.S. organization providing free legal services to low income clients.

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