Schedule of Lessons for XH 405 – The Holocaust and Its Legacy – AY 20-02
Block I

Historical Overview – From Antisemitism to the Nazi Racial State to Destruction of the Jews and Other Racial “Threats”

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<td>The Collapse of Weimar and the Rise of Hitler</td>
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<td><strong>Proposal - Choice of research project/research paper due (Syllabus, Encl 1)</strong></td>
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<td><em>Kristallnacht</em> and the Radicalization of Nazi Racial Policy</td>
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9 6 FEB  Experimenting with Annihilation or Phase One? 1939-40

*Joint lesson with Dr. Geheran’s section – ROOM TH 444*

**First peer participation evaluation**

10 10 FEB  Systematizing Terror, 1940-41

*Joint lesson with Dr. Geheran’s section – ROOM TH 444*

**RECOMMENDED VIDEO:**  *Auschwitz. Inside the Nazi State (BBC, 2004)*, Episode 1

[*Note: Each episode is approximately 48 minutes.*]  *Video also available in library.*

11 14 FEB  The Peak Years of Killing

**REQ VIDEO:**  *Auschwitz. Inside the Nazi State (BBC, 2004)*, Episodes 2-4

12 19 FEB  Humanity’s Nadir. The High Point of Industrial Killing

**REQ VIDEO:**  *Auschwitz. Inside the Nazi State (BBC, 2004)*, Episode 5

**Introductory paragraph and annotated research bibliography due for research papers and projects.**

13 21 FEB  Disbelief, the Failure of Intelligence, and Other War Aims. The Karski Mission, the Auschwitz Protocol, Bias and Paralysis

*Joint lesson with Dr. Geheran’s section – ROOM TH 444*

**OPTIONAL:**  Frank Baron, “The ‘Myth’ And Reality of Rescue from The Holocaust: The Karski-Koestler and Vrba-Wetzler Reports,”  *Yearbook of the Research Centre for German & Austrian Exile Studies* 2 (2000), 171-208 [33].

**Possible Trip to US Coast Guard Academy for select cadets (Holocaust Ethics Program)**

14 25 FEB  WPR

*Joint lesson with Dr. Geheran's section – ROOM TH 444*

**Reading:**  All previous
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| 15  | 27 FEB | Categories of Cataclysm  
*Joint lesson with Dr. Geheran’s section – ROOM TH 444*  
| 16  | 3 MAR | The Psychology of Perpetration  
*Joint lesson with Dr. Geheran’s section – ROOM TH 444*  
George Browder, “Perpetrator Character and Motivation: An Emerging Consensus?”  
| 17  | 4-5 MAR | Two Day Trip Section to US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, with LW474. *Below readings are required*  
| 18  | 17 MAR | The Desk Killers. The Professionals Who Made the Holocaust Possible and the Systems They Devised  

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19 19 MAR Ordinary Men?
B. Mark Rigg, Hitler’s Jewish Soldiers (Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Press, 2002), 1-6 [5].


** Second peer participation evaluation

20 24 MAR Willing Perpetrators? The Unsettling Story of the Golden Harvest.
Golden Harvest response paper due. In addition, you will lead class discussion/debate.

21 26 MAR Gentile & Jewish Resistance to the Holocaust – This class may occur Dean’s Hour on 25 MAR
GUEST LECTURE – DR. MORDECHAI PALDIEL

OPT VIDEO: Defiance (Dir: Edward Zwick, 2009)
OPTIONAL: “Resistance during the Holocaust,” USHMM Miles Lerman Center for the Study of Jewish Resistance (n.d.), 3-44 [40].

22 30 MAR Ordinary Women?

½ of class will read Wendy Lower, Hitler’s Furies. German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2013), 120-166 [46].

½ of class will read Alison Owings, Frauen. German Women Recall the Third Reich, selections, 17-31, 172-184, 231-244 [35].

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3 APR  
**NO CLASS MEETING - PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL DISCUSSION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

**TOPIC:** The Lives of the Victims  
**READING:** Dwork & van Pelt, 202-258 [56] - all will read  
½ class will read Ida Fink, “Aryan Papers” A Scrap of Time. 63-68 [5].DB  

**FULL DRAFT OF RESEARCH PAPER DUE FOR PEER REVIEW – you will exchange with your assigned partner.**

7 APR  
**TOPIC:** The Lives of the Victims – Selections from the Literature of Auschwitz  

**PEER REVIEW DUE – RETURN TO PAPER/PROJECT AUTHOR.**

10 APR  
**TOPIC:** What They Saw. Testimony of Victim-Bystanders  
**READING:** Father Patrick Desbois, The Holocaust by Bullets (NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), 94-95 [read first], 61-86, 140-43, 193-197, 203-207 [29]

14 APR  
**TOPIC:** Post-War Justice. The Progeny of Auschwitz and the Nuremberg Trials  
**READING:** Keith Lowe, Savage Continent (New York: Picador/St. Martin’s Press, 2012), 88-93 [5].DB

**REQ VIDEO:** Auschwitz. Inside the Nazi State (BBC) – Episode 6  
The Nuremberg Trials (PBS, 2006)

**1600 15 APR - Deadline for instructor consultation of revised research paper.**

16 APR  
**TOPIC:** Those Who Aided Jews. The Righteous, Hidden Networks, & Liberators  
**READING:** Peggy O’Donnell & David Frey, “MSG Roddie Edmonds, Leadership Profile” [3]  

**REQ VIDEO:** You may watch this video instead of reading the Abzug reading. GI Jews. Jewish-Americans in World War II (PBS, 2018). Available in the Library or through Dr. Frey.
Block III
The Legacy of the Holocaust

LSN   DATE       SUBJECT
28    21 APR     Denial and Historical Truth
       READINGS: Desbois, *Holocaust by Bullets*, 153-56 [4];
                 Eric Haberer, “History and Justice: Paradigms of Prosecutions of Nazi Crimes,”
                 *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 19, 3 (Winter 2005), 487-519 [24].

**RECOMMENDED VIDEO:** *Taking Sides* (Dir: István Szabó, 2001)

**FINAL DRAFT OF RESEARCH PAPER/PROJECT DUE**

**TBD week of 21 APR – 1130-1300 (lunch provided, but you must sign up). Required Day of Remembrance Lecture.**

29    24 APR     The US and the Holocaust. Could We Have Done More? Should We Have Done Less?
       Self-Directed Learning Lesson – Drs. Frey & Geheran at JSAMAPS
       AUDIO: “Operation Paperclip: The Secret Operation to Bring Nazi Scientists to the US”

**24-25 APR** Joint Service Academies Mass Atrocity Prevention Symposium (JSAMAPS)
Select cadets will participate in this symposium, in Washington, DC, and present the research projects they have completed for this course.

**27 APR** GUEST LECTURE DR. MICHAEL BAZYLER – DEAN’S HOUR TH 144

**30 APR** Projects Day – Presentation of selected research papers

30    5 MAY      Memory & Americanizations. Making Meaning of the Holocaust in America

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