Conference
Learning at the Margins: The Creation and Dissemination of Knowledge among African Americans and Jews since the 1880s

September 7–9, 2017

Conveners:
Elisabeth Engel (GHI), Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (University of Augsburg), Kierra Crago-Schneider (USHMM), Yvonne Poser (Howard University)
THURSDAY, September 7

Location: Howard University
The West Screening Room
5th Floor
Cathy Hughes School of Communication
Department of Media, Journalism and Film
C. P. Powell Building
525 Bryant St. NW
Washington, DC 20059

6:00 – 8:00 PM Film Screening “Rosenwald”

Introduction and Panel Discussion with Aviva Kempner (Ciesla Foundation)

Moderator: Yanick Rice Lamb (Howard University, Chair of the Department of Media, Journalism and Film, Cathy Hughes School of Communication)

FRIDAY, September 8

Location: Howard University
Auditorium, School of Social Work
601 Howard Pl NW
Washington, DC 20059
9:00 – 9:30 AM  Welcome Remarks

Bernard Mair (Howard University, Dean College of Arts and Sciences)
Simone Lässig (Director of the German Historical Institute)
Robert M. Ehrenreich (Director of University Programs in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)
The Conveners

9:30 – 11:15 AM  PANEL 1: EXPERIENCE AS A LENS ON OPPRESSION

Chair: Frederick Ware (Howard University School of Divinity)

Charles L. Chavis, Jr. (Morgan State University)
"A Strange and Bitter Crop": Black and Jewish Responses to Race Lynching on Maryland’s Eastern Shore

Thomas Pegelow Kaplan (Appalachian State University)

Dan J. Puckett (Troy University)
Jews, Jim Crow, and the Holocaust

11:15 – 11:30 AM Coffee Break
11:30 – 1:00 PM  PANEL 2: SUBALTERN HISTORIES ON THE SILVER SCREEN

Chair: Aaron Bryant (National Museum of African American History and Culture)

Danielle Christmas (University of North Carolina)
*Camping Up Atrocity: Jew Hunters, Circus Plantations, & American Horror Stories*

Jonathan Skolnik (University of Massachusetts)
*Two must have got hanged together...German Exiles, Hollywood, and Race in America*

1:00- 2:00 PM  Lunch Break

2:00- 4:00 PM  PANEL 3: RACE AND GENDER IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM AND EMANCIPATION

Chair: Atiba Pertilla (German Historical Institute)

Marlen Eckl (Laboratory for Ethnicity, Racism and Discrimination Studies (LEER), University of São Paulo)
"Race was the crucial issue in America": Gerda Lerner and the Promotion of African American Women’s History

Cedric Essi (Bremen University)
*Cross-Racial Mothering as a ‘Conversion’ Experience in the Interracial Family Memoir*
Jan Neubauer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
*Bayard Rustin, Human Rights, and the Holocaust*

**6:00 PM:** Conference Dinner
Café Dupont
1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel.: 202 797 0169

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**SUNDAY, September 9**

**Location:** German Historical Institute
1607 New Hampshire Ave, NW
Washington DC 20009


**Chair:** Beverly Mitchell (Wesley Theological Seminary)

Douglas Irvin-Erickson (George Mason University)
Keith Singleton (George Mason University)
*The Black Experience: A Historical Analysis of Genocide & Ethnic Control in the U.S.*

Richard Rubenstein (George Mason University)
*Moving Beyond the Nuremberg Laws and Jim Crow: Reimagining Black and Jewish Struggles to Overcome Structural Disadvantages and Social Inequalities in American Society*

11:15-11:30 AM  Coffee Break

11:30-1:15 PM  PANEL 5: MOVING BEYOND ACADEMIA: TEACHERS AS ACTIVISTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

**Chair:** Marcia Chatelain (Georgetown University)

David Weinfeld (VCU)
*Black-Jewish Relations in Academia: Alain Locke, Horace Kallen and the Howard University “Minority Groups” Conference of 1935*

Kenvi Phillips (Harvard University)
*Time and Money: African Americans, Jews and the Colored YMCA Campaign*

Lonneke Geerlings (Free University, Amsterdam)
*"That piece of yellow cotton became my black skin." Rosey E. Pool’s Lecture Tour along HBCUs in the Deep South, 1959-1960*
1:15 - 2:00 PM  Lunch Break

2:00 - 3:30 PM  PANEL 6: PERSPECTIVES OF CONTEMPORARY WITNESSES OF BLACK AND JEWISH RELATIONS IN THE POSTWAR AMERICAN SOUTH

Chair: Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson (Universität Augsburg)

Short Video of Interviews with Wilma (Professor Emerita, Canisius College, Buffalo) and Georg Iggers (Professor Emeritus, State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo)

Panel Participants: Jim Loewen (Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Vermont and Independent Historian)
Jürgen Kocka (Professor Emeritus, Humboldt Universität Berlin)
and Joyce Ladner (Professor Emerita, Howard University)