

Holocaust Education Week: Learning Through Testimony

March 22 – 26, 2021

<p>Testimony as Legacy: The Armenian Genocide</p> <p>Monday, March 22 1:30 – 2:30pm EST</p> <p>Zoom Registration</p>	<p>Richard Hovannisian is the preeminent historian of Armenia and the Armenian genocide having authored and edited many books, including the four-volume work, <i>The Republic of Armenia</i>, and is professor emeritus at UCLA. He oversaw the largest oral history project in the Armenian community, which amounted to 800 interviews; all of which were digitized just before the 90th anniversary of the mass killings. Professor Hovannisian will discuss his work surrounding the Armenian genocide and the power of survivor testimony - as historical record and legacy in a post-survivor world.</p> <p>Learn More: Professor Hovannisian on Resilience of the Armenian People</p>
<p>Testimony as Justice: The Rwandan Genocide</p> <p>Tuesday, March 23 12-1pm EST</p> <p>Zoom Registration</p>	<p>Natasha Uwimanzi from Aegis Trust Rwanda will provide a background on the 1994 genocide and discuss the unique way in which the country reconciled in an effort to promote communal healing and rebuilding. Based on a traditional method of community justice, <i>Gacaca</i>, survivors of the genocide directly confronted perpetrators, sharing personal experiences as evidence.</p> <p>Learn More: The Story of Rwanda</p>
<p>Teaching with Testimony: The Holocaust</p> <p>Wednesday, March 24 6-7pm EST</p> <p>Zoom Registration</p>	<p>Dr. Omer Bartov is a specialist of both the Holocaust and comparative genocide, and is a Professor of European History, History, and German Studies at Brown University. Bartov has become an influential advocate for the integration of first-person perspectives into historical narratives. In this talk, Professor Bartov will demonstrate that while times of crisis and conflict give rise to often rigid narratives, polarized between contending sides, personal accounts can foster complexity, nuance, and empathy.</p> <p>Learn More: See his research profile and access several writings here.</p>
<p>Testimony and Technology: USC Shoah Foundation</p> <p>Thursday, March 25 5:30-6:30pm EST</p> <p>Zoom Registration</p>	<p>Greg Irwin, Head of Content Management for the USC Shoah Foundation will discuss the history, methods, and archival practices of collecting and safeguarding testimony, as well as will explore questions about access to the archive and ethics of presentation and use.</p> <p>Learn More: USC Shoah Foundation Story- Video</p>
<p>Testimony and the Transfer of Trauma</p> <p>Friday, March 26 2-3pm EST</p> <p>Zoom Registration</p>	<p>As firsthand survivors of many of the twentieth century's most monumental events—the Holocaust, Hiroshima, the Killing Fields—pass away, <i>Survivor Café</i> addresses urgent questions: How do we carry those stories forward? How do we collectively ensure that the horrors of the past are not forgotten? Author Elizabeth Rosner will discuss her concept, research, and writing process, as well as reflect on the book.</p> <p>Learn More: Rosner is interviewed about the book in New York Times Q&A</p>