

HELENE SINNREICH

CURRENT POSITIONS

Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Director

2016 – present

Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Associate Professor

2016 – present

Journal of Jewish Identities

Editor in Chief

2006 – present

Founded new journal in Jewish Studies including assembly of editorial board, solicitation of articles, sending articles out for review, editorial oversight and oversight of review editor. Communicated with editorial board, organized annual editorial board meeting and provided leadership in solicitation of special issues. Oversaw all aspects of post-production including advertising, subscription sales, distribution, oversight of copyediting, layout and publishing. Turned start up journal into revenue positive publication. Journal accepted for publication by Johns Hopkins University Press.

EDUCATION

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Ph.D. in Comparative European History 2004

Dissertation: The Supply and Distribution of Food to the Lodz Ghetto: A Case Study in Nazi Jewish Policy, 1939-1945

M.A. in Comparative European History 2003

Smith College, Northampton, MA

B.A. with honors in History 1997

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of History, Youngstown State University 2005 – 2016

Executive Director, Ohio Council on Holocaust Education 2008 – 2013

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Youngstown State University Distinguished Professor Award for Service 2014 – 2015

Marvin and Sarah Itts Award for Distinguished Community Service 2013 – 2014

Fellow, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Northwestern University Summer, 2011

Fellow, Yad Vashem: The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance

Authority, Jerusalem, Israel

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Award for Mentor Recognition 2008-2009

Mahoning Valley 40 under 40 2008

Charles H. Revson Foundation Fellow, Center for Advanced 2007

Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum

Fellow, Summer Workshop for Scholars, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	1999 and 2002
Civic Education Project Visiting Fellow at the University of Lodz, Civic Education Project	2001-2002

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Volumes

Founding Editor in Chief, *Journal of Jewish Identities* [vol. 1, issue 1 (January 2008) to vol. 11, issue 1 (January, 2016)] [Johns Hopkins University Press]
 A Story of Survival: The Lodz Ghetto Diary of Heinek Fogel (Yad Vashem Press, 2015)
 Who will Live and Who Will Die?: Rosh Hashanah at Auschwitz in 1944 (in progress)
 A History of the Krakow Ghetto (in progress)
 Weapons of Mass Destruction: Starvation, Sexual Abuse and Forced Migration (in progress)

Academic Articles and Book Chapters

“Hunger in the Ghettos” *The Ghetto in Global History, 1500 to the Present* ed. Wendy Z. Goldman and Joe W. Trotter (Routledge, forthcoming)
 “Introduction” Eddie Klein. *Inside the Walls* (Azrieli Foundation, 2016)
 “The Chairman” *The Highest Form of Wisdom: A Memorial Publication in Honor of Saul S. Friedman (1937-2013)* (Ktav Press, 2016)
 “Victim and perpetrator perspectives of World War II-era ghettos” *The Routledge History of the Holocaust* ed. Jonathan C. Friedman (New York: Routledge, 2011) pp. 115-124
 “The Rape of Jewish Women During the Holocaust” *Sexual Violence Against Jewish Women During the Holocaust*. eds. Sonja Hedgepeth and Rochelle Saidel. (Brandeis University Press, 2010) pp. 108-123
 - This book was a National Jewish Book Award Finalist and parts of my chapter were included in an article which was featured on front page of CNN.com. The research was also the inspiration for Gloria Steinem to start her website Women Under Siege which highlights women subjected to sexual abuse during genocide/war.
 “And it was Something we Didn’t Talk About...” *The Rape of Jewish Women During the Holocaust*” *Holocaust Studies* (December, 2008) p. 1-22
 - This article was reprinted in *The Holocaust: Origins, Implementation, Aftermath* ed. Omer Bartov (2015). This compilation of works was meant to highlight the most path breaking articles in Holocaust Studies over the past decade.
 “Women and the Holocaust” *Plight and Fate of Women During and Following Genocide* ed. Samuel Totten (Transaction Publishers, 2008) pp. 25-46
 “Polish and Jewish Historiography of Jewish-Polish Relations during World War II” in *Rethinking Poles and Jews: Troubled Past, Brighter Future* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007) pp. 99-109 [Polish edition, Biblioteka Więź, 2009]
 “Baluty Market: A Study of a Food Space” in *Food, Culture and Society: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research* (March, 2007) pp. 73-84
 “Using the past to confront the present: Teaching minority history in present-day Poland.” *Electronic Magazine of Multicultural Education*, 8(2) (Fall, 2006)
 “Reading the Writing on the Wall: A Textual Analysis of Lodz Graffiti” *Religion, State, and Society* 1, 2004 pp. 53-58

Exhibitions

Survivors of the Mahoning Valley: a digital exhibition (forthcoming)
The Life of Holocaust Survivor Henry Kinast Youngstown Area Jewish Community Relations Council (April 2016)
The Life of Holocaust Survivor William Vegh Youngstown Area Jewish Community Relations Council (Spring 2013) (peer reviewed)
In Her Father's Eyes: A Slovak Childhood in the Shadow of the Holocaust. (a joint project of Youngstown State University, University of Tennessee Knoxville, and Kennesaw State University) (peer reviewed)
Factories and Factories of Death (Peer Reviewed) Ohio Humanities Council Grant sponsored exhibition (Fall, 2006) (peer reviewed)

Documentary Film Scripts about Holocaust Survivors

The Life of Holocaust Survivor Henry Kinast (2015)
The Life of Holocaust Survivor Esther Shudmak (2014)
The Life of Holocaust Survivor William Vegh (2013)

Reference and Writings for popular audiences

Krakow, Encyclopedia of Ghettos and Concentration Camps (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2012)
Ghetto (Holocaust period) *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion, History, and Culture.* Cambridge University Press ed. Judith Baskin (Cambridge, 2011)
"And We Eat Like on Yom Kippur": Women, Food, and the Struggle for Survival in the Lodz Ghetto" *Lilith Magazine* (Fall, 2005)
Jewish Political Life in Eastern Europe Between the Two World Wars for the YIVO Institute of Jewish Research educational Web site (2004)

Review Essays

"Writers of the Chronicle of the Lodz Ghetto: A Review Essay of Three Recent Publications", *Polin: A Journal of Polish-Jewish Studies* 18, 2005

Book Reviews

Daniel Bar-Tal and Yona Teichman, *Stereotypes and Prejudice in Conflict: Representations of Arabs in Israeli Jewish Society* *Studies in Contemporary Islam* (2009)
Samuel D. Kassow. *Who will Write Our History? Emanuel Ringleblum, the Warsaw Ghetto and Oyneg Shabes Archive* *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* (Winter, 2009)
Amnon Raz-Krakotzkin. *The Censor, the Editor, and the Text: The Catholic Church and the Shaping of the Jewish Canon in the Sixteenth Century* *Textual Cultures: Texts, Contexts and Interpretation* 3, 1 (Spring 2008)
Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs and Leszek Hondo. Why Should We Teach about the Holocaust? *Polin: A Journal of Polish-Jewish Studies* 20, 2007.
Hanka Sawka and Hanna Maria Sawka, *At Hanka's Table. Food, Culture, and Society: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research* (Spring, 2006)

GRANTS

Thomases Family Endowment Grant for purchase of collection of Shoah Foundation testimonies (2015).

Thomas Family Endowment Grant for bringing in Holocaust Survivor Gerda Weissman Klein (2013)
Thomas Family Endowment Grant for bringing in Scholar in Residence Randa Abbas from Israel (2013)
DAAD Conference Grant for YSU Conference *Famine and Mass Violence* (2008)
Ohio Humanities Council Grant (2006-2007)
2002 Dorot Travel Award, Dorot Foundation (December, 2002)
Kosciuszko Foundation Grant Recipient, Kosciuszko Foundation (2001 – 2002)
Max Kade Travel Grant, Center for German and European Studies at Brandeis University (2001)
Center for German and European Scholars Research Grant, Center for German and European Studies at Brandeis University (2001)

MAJOR CONFERENCES ORGANIZED AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Jewish Music and Jewish Identity (2014)
The Jewish Woman and Her Body (2010)
-Appeared as special issue of *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues* (issue 23, 2012)
Famine and Mass Violence (2008)
Beyond Numbers, Beyond Names: The Experience of Holocaust Victims (2006)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

"Hunger in the Ghettos" Sawyer Seminar"; The Ghetto: concept, Conditions and Connections in Transnational Historical Perspective, from the 11th Century to the Present, Carnegie Mellon University (February 20, 2015)
"Too little to keep them alive and too much to let them die": hunger in the Ghettos of Nazi Occupied Europe." Columbus State University (2014)
"Holocaust Remembrance Day Talk: The Life of Heinek Fogel" West Chester University (2014)
"Lodz and Krakow: Opposite Ghettos?" Jewish Life in the Ghettos under Nazi Rule: A Reconsideration of Fundamental Issues Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel (2013)
"Holocaust Education without the Benefit of Witnesses" International Jewish Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Cleveland (2012)
Commentator, *New Perspectives on Jews in Postwar East Germany and Poland: Holocaust Memory, Communism, and Identity*. The American Historical Association Meeting. San Diego, CA. (2010)
"New Research on the Krakow Ghetto" Yad Vashem: The Holocaust Martyrs'and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, Jerusalem, Israel (2009)
"A Social History of the Krakow Ghetto" Yad Vashem: The Holocaust Martyrs'and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, Jerusalem, Israel (2009)
"We were brought up that certain things you don't talk about": The Rape of Jewish Women during the Holocaust, *Lessons and Legacies* (2008)
Krakow Ghetto: A Preliminary Discussion Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum., Washington, DC (2007)
Dictator or Savior?: A Reassessment of Mordechai Chaim Rumkowski.Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum., Washington, DC (2007)
From Moses to Radeagast Monument: The Evolution of Holocaust Memorials in Lodz, Poland Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (2006)
Violence and Sexualities: The History of Rape during the Holocaust American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Williamsburg, VA (2006)

Rape and the Holocaust International Association of Genocide Scholars Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (2005)

An Old Debate Reconsidered: An Argument for Moderate Intentionalism Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2004)

"Too little to keep them alive and too much to let them die": The Poor of the Lodz Ghetto Annual Meeting of the Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, MA (2003)

As We Eat on Yom Kippur: Food Fantasy in the Lodz Ghetto Association of Genocide Scholars, Galway, Ireland (2003)

Polish-Jewish Relations: A View from Within Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (2002)

Food Distribution Policy in the Lodz Ghetto Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. (2002)

Testimony Disregarded: Holocaust Victims and Historians The Association of Genocide Scholars Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (2001)

A Comparative Study of World War II Ghettos in the geographical region of present day Ukraine Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (1999)

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

"Food Studies at the Crossroads: Faculty and Pedagogy for a New Field" (Roundtable Discussion) Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), New Orleans, LA (June 4-8, 2008)

WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

"Ghettos" Ohio Council on Holocaust Education Seminar for Teachers, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (June 10, 2013)

"Voices From the Lodz Ghetto" Belfer Next Step: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Midwest Regional Conference for Teachers, Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies Chicago, IL (June 15-17, 2008)

Nazi Ghettos: New Research on Lodz and Krakow United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellowship Summer Institute, Washington, DC (July 16, 2007)

CENTER FOR JUDAIC AND HOLOCAUST STUDIES PROGRAMS AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 8, 2015)

Ariel Ahrum on the Yazidi people and Isis (November 2, 2015)

Oded Zahavi Popular Music's Role in Music Education (October 30, 2015)

Helene Sinnreich on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in Auschwitz: An encounter with Dr. Mengele (October 26, 2015)

Glenn Dynner on early Hasidism and early Modern Poland (October 19, 2015)

Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival (September 30, 2015 – October 15, 2015)

Series on Jewish Cooking (Spring, 2015)

Irving Roth (January 20, 2015)

Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2014)

Jewish Music and Jewish Identity conference, Youngstown, OH (October 19-21, 2014)

Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival (September 29, 2014 - October 20, 2014)

Professor Hasia Diner on Jewish Women and Foodways (April 1, 2014)

Professor Lawrence Douglas on the Demjanjuk Trial in Munich (November 20, 2013)

Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (November 12, 2013)

Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2013)
Holocaust Survivor and Presidential Medal of Freedom winner Gerda Weissman Klein (October 29, 2013)
Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival (October 6, 2013 - October 29, 2013)
Helene Sinnreich lecture on Hannah Arendt (October 22, 2013)
Hanna Rosin co-sponsor with Women's Studies (September 23, 2013)
Dr. Aldolphe Roitman, the Curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls (September 16, 2013)
Exhibition opening *The Life of Holocaust Survivor William Vegh* Youngstown Area Jewish Community Relations Council (Spring 2013)
Marge Piercy, co-sponsor with Women's Studies (March 21, 2013)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2012)
Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival (September 6 – 23, 2012)
Holocaust Expert Alexandra Zapruder (April 23, 2012)
Dr. Monika Flashka: lecture in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27, 2012)
Zvi Bielski spoke about his family's role in the events depicted in the film *Defiance* (October 11, 2011)
Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival (October 11 – 23, 2011)
Aomar Baum Of Judaism, Morocco, and Israel: The Jewish Question in Contemporary Moroccan Politics. (September 26, 2011)
Professor Monique Balbuena (April 11, 2011)
Rami Hochman, General Director of the Ghetto Fighter's House (March 24, 2011)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (March 24, 2011)
Professor Galia Sabar, African Diaspora in Israel (February 2, 2011)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (February 1, 2011)
The Jewish Woman and Her Body conference (March 7-9, 2010)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: Women; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (November 30, 2010)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 7, 2010)
Youngstown State Area Jewish Film Festival (October 6-17, 2010)
Panel discussion by YSU Students who went to Israel on their experience (September 13, 2010)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: Free Will and Determinism; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (April 14, 2010)
Opening of Kitty Weicherz Exhibition with Lecture by Daniel Magilow (November 9, 2009)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2009)
Youngstown State University Jewish Film Festival (October 18 - 28, 2009)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: Justice; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (September 30, 2009)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2008)
Lecture by Dr. Thomas Leary "Slaves for the Wehrmacht: Forced Labor during the Holocaust" (October 16, 2008)
Workshop for Teachers on Teaching the Holocaust (September 20, 2008)
Famine and Mass Violence conference (September 7-9, 2008)
Scholar in Residence: Holocaust Survivor (saved by Oskar Schindler): Cantor Moishe Taube (September 18, 2008)
Lecture by Raphael El Maleh Can a Jew live in a Muslim land?: The remarkable 2,200 year story of Moroccan Jewry. (September 16, 2008)

Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival (September 9 – 25, 2008)
“Schindler” exhibition at Youngstown Historical Society of Industry and Labor (September 10 – October 22, 2008)
Jerusalem of Gold: a talk by Rachel S. Harris (April 22, 2008)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: Evil; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (April 10, 2008)
Scholar in Residence: David Albahari, Serbian Jewish Writer (March 25-27, 2008)
Scholar in Residence: Holocaust Survivor Inge Auerbacher (November 11-14, 2007)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2007)
Youngstown State University Jewish Film Festival (October 2007)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2006)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: Self Purification; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (October 30, 2006)
Scholar in Residence, Justine Mbabazi, Rwandan genocide survivor and human rights lawyer (October 18-26, 2006)
Lecture, Dr. Natalia Aleksion spoke on Polish Jewish history between the two World Wars (September 19, 2006)
Youngstown Area Community wide Jewish Cultural Week (September 10-17, 2006)
Youngstown Area Jewish Film Competition (September 2006)
“Factories and Factories of Death: A Century of Labor History in Poland,” exhibition (Sept. 10 – 30, 2006)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: the Exodus Story; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (April 5, 2006)
Beyond Numbers, Beyond Names: The Experience of Holocaust Victims Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (April 2-4, 2006)
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions: the Joseph Story; co-sponsor with Center for Islamic Studies (February 15, 2006)
Bus trip to United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (November 2005)
Joshua Zeitz lecture (November 3, 2005)
Ethnic History 101 panel (November 1, 2005)

CONFERENCES AND PROGRAMS COORDINATED AT THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

America’s Encounter with the Holocaust: Cultural Perspectives (Nov. 8-9,1995)
Hippocrates Betrayed: Medicine in the Third Reich (January 24, 1996)
The Winter Seminar for Holocaust Organization Professionals (Feb. 6-8, 1996)
Hitler’s Willing Executioners (April 8, 1996)
The Holocaust in Hungary: Confrontation with the Past (November 9, 1999)

PEER REVIEW

Holocaust and Genocide Studies
Kent State University Press
University of Alabama Press
Rowman and Littlefield
Bloomsbury
City University of New York summer grants (2009)

MEMBERSHIPS (PROFESSIONAL)

Association of Jewish Studies

Association of Slavic, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies
American Historical Association
Phi Alpha Theta
Organization of the Directors of Jewish Studies Programs

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP (RECENT PAST AND PRESENT)

Jewish Community Relations Council of Youngstown (Board Member and Second Vice President)
Polish Youngstown (Board Member)
Timebank of the Mahoning Valley Watershed (Board member)
Junior League of Youngstown (Board Member)
Memberships (Jewish Community)
Member, Jewish Action Committee (2006 – 2011)
Member, Jewish Community Relations Council of Youngstown Committee on Holocaust Education (2005 – 2006; 2011 - present)
Member, Hadassah (2004 – present)
Member, Sisterhood of El Emeth Synagogue (2005 – present)

COURSES TAUGHT IN JEWISH STUDIES

Introduction to Jewish History and Culture
Jewish History
Introduction to Jewish Studies
Introduction to Judaism
Introduction to American Jewish History and Culture
Polish-Jewish Relations
The Catastrophe: The Final Solution and the Jews of Europe
The Holocaust
Jewish Women in the Rabbinic Tradition
Arab-Israeli Conflict
Studying the Jewish and Islamic Traditions
Jewish Labor History
Lessons from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Representation of the Holocaust in the United States
Graduate Readings: Early Modern Jewish History
Graduate Readings: Modern Jewish History
Graduate Readings: The Holocaust
Beginning Hebrew
Intermediate Hebrew
Graduate Readings: Hebrew
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

OTHER COURSES TAUGHT

Thesis Writing for Masters Degrees in the Humanities
Graduate Research Methods
Graduate Readings in German History
Graduate Readings on Sexual Abuse and Genocide
Graduate Readings on Genocide
Genocide and Mass Murder
Capstone (thesis writing course for undergraduates)

Eastern European History
Modern German History
United States History from 1860
Western Civilization before 1700
Western Civilization after 1700
World History before 1500
World History after 1500