

UCSD public lectures on "Racism Genocide, and the Holocaust" to run through June 5

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Fifty years ago, millions of Jews were brutally murdered in the Holocaust of World War II. To commemorate the lives touched by this tragic fate, the University of California, San Diego is hosting a free, public lecture series through June 5 on "Racism, Genocide, and the Holocaust."

The first seven lectures in the series, which began on April 3, focused on the psychological dynamics of the Holocaust and the causes and preventions of genocide. The remaining three lectures will provide historical, philosophical, and religious perspectives on racism and anti-semitism in the world. All lectures will begin at 7 p.m. in Room 2250 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on UCSD's Muir Campus.

On Wednesday, May 22, Professor John Roth from Claremont-McKenna College will address some of the philosophical and religious issues of anti-semitism in a lecture titled, "Holocaust Questions: Philosophical and Religious Inquiries After Auschwitz."

Roth, an award-winning professor of philosophy and religion, has authored, coauthored, and edited several books, including "Approaches to Auschwitz: The Holocaust and Its Legacy," and "The Questions of Philosophy," and is currently working on two new books: "Memory Offended" and "Ethics." Roth also serves on the editorial boards of several philosophical journals, including "The International Journal for Philosophy and Religion," "Holocaust and Genocide Studies," and "The American Journal of Theology and Philosophy."

On Wednesday, May 29, Professor Michael Marrus from Toronto University will provide a unique historical perspective on the Nazi era in his lecture titled, "Re-entering History: The Study of the Holocaust." Marrus has completed extensive research on the history of European fascism, the Holocaust, and World War II, and has authored and co-authored several books, including "Vichy France and the Jews" and "The Unwanted: European Refugees in the Twentieth Century." His most recent book, "The Holocaust in History," received the Wallace K. Ferguson Prize of the Canadian Historical Association. Marrus' lecture is being co-sponsored by the Judaic Studies Program at UCSD.

On Wednesday, June 5, Professor Leonard Dinnerstein from the University of Arizona will focus on "Racism and Anti-Semitism in American History." In his lecture, Dinnerstein will share some of his vast experiences in studying ethnic Americans and the American Jewish experience.

Dinnerstein has written and contributed to numerous books, including "Uneasy at Home: Anti-semitism and the American Jewish Experience," "Anti-semitism in the United States," and "America and the Survivors of the Holocaust." He is also a council member for the American Jewish Historical Society, the Immigration History Society, among other affiliations.

The lecture series is being held in conjunction with an internationally acclaimed exhibit from the Anne Frank Center in Amsterdam, "Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945," which will open at UCSD on May 7. The lecture series is sponsored by the UCSD Division of Social Sciences and the UCSD Division of Humanities. Series coordinator is UCSD Sociology Professor Gershon Shafir, whose father was a friend of Anne Frank's father Otto. The exhibition is being sponsored by the Anne Frank Foundation of the Netherlands and the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center.

School teachers can earn two units of credit through UCSD Extension by attending all 10 lectures in the series, paying a \$25 fee, and writing a paper about how they would use what they learned from the lectures and the exhibition in their classes.

Parking permits are required for events at UCSD. They can be purchased for \$1 at the Gilman and Northview Drive entrances to the campus. For further information, contact Gail Phillips at 534-0706.

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