

HOLOCAUST — MEMORIAL — WEEK APRIL 29-MAY 2

Reflections on the Holocaust

Public Talk: Stephen Nasser

Monday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

OSU, LaSells Stewart Center, Austin Auditorium

Book sales following talk

In 1944, 13-year-old Stephen (“Pista”) Nasser was deported to Auschwitz. Of the 21 members in his family of Hungarian Jews, he was to be the only survivor. Among those who died was his older brother, Andris, who in his last moments begged Stephen to let the world know what the Nazis had done to his family. While in the camps (after Auschwitz, he was sent to Muhldorf, a subcamp of Dachau), Stephen kept a diary, and this would serve as the basis for a memoir, *My Brother’s Voice*, and a play, *Not Yet, Pista*.

Event is free, but tickets are required and available at <http://bit.ly/2FTKhzG>.

From Persecution to Annihilation: Hitler’s Decision to Proceed with the Final Solution

Public Talk: Christopher R. Browning

Tuesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.

OSU, Milam Auditorium

Book sales following talk

Christopher Browning ranks among the most honored and respected of all Holocaust historians. He has authored more than a dozen books on the Holocaust, and several are classics. One of the topics with which he is particularly associated is the evolution of the Nazi plan to exterminate the Jews of Europe, the subject of his talk at OSU. His book, *The Origins of the Final Solution*, is perhaps the best known and most cited study of this crucial issue.

The Nazi Genocide of Roma (Gypsies)

Public Talk: Carol Silverman

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.

OSU, Memorial Union, Multipurpose Room 13

The Holocaust was not the only genocidal campaign engineered by the Nazis and their allies outside Germany. There was also the “Porrajmos” (“the devouring”), an assault on the Romani peoples of Europe (often called “Gypsies”) that resulted in the death of more than half their number.

Carol Silverman, a professor at the University of Oregon, is a scholar of Romani society and culture. Her talk at OSU will focus on the Porrajmos, but she will also discuss the general history of persecution of, and violence toward, the Roma, including present-day discrimination in Europe.

Weaponizing Hatred: What, if Anything, can be done to Reduce the Flow of Hate Speech?

Panel Discussion

Thursday, May 2, 7:30 p.m.

OSU, Memorial Union, Room 109

Three members of faculty at OSU will give perspectives on the use of mass media to spread hatred. First, Katherine Hubler will discuss a Nazi-era German tabloid that regularly used “fake news” to demonize Jews. The balance of the panel discussion will focus on the current issue of how the Internet is being used to spread hatred that can in turn incite violence directed against the groups and individuals that it demonizes. William E. Loges will explain why hate speech so often finds a home in social media. The final panelist, Daniel Faltesek, will discuss a project that he and several of his students undertook during the midterm elections to track and categorize tens of thousands of Anti-Semitic tweets.

