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Scholars Sarah Garibova, Glenn Dynner, and Gabor Toth will present their recent research with the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at the first Hartman Fellowship Symposium on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at Sterling Memorial Library.

Garibova is the inaugural recipient of the Hartman Fellowship, established in 2016 in honor of the late Geoffrey H. Hartman, Yale Sterling Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature and longtime faculty adviser to the archive. Garibova has been working on a new annotated critical edition series for testimonies together with Dynner, a professor of religious studies at Sarah Lawrence and the archive’s first visiting senior scholar. Garibova earned her PhD from the University of Michigan with a dissertation on the mourning and burial practices of Soviet Jews. A second post-doctoral fellow, Gabor Toth, who holds a PhD in history from Oxford University, will present his work with the Digital Humanities Lab to develop a sophisticated new tool for digital analysis of testimony transcripts.

Established at Yale University Library in 1981, the Fortunoff Archive holds more than 4,400 videotaped testimonies of Holocaust survivors and witnesses. The testimonies, comprising more than 10,000 recorded hours in over 12 languages, have been fully digitized for use by scholars, researchers and the general public. The archive is held in the Manuscripts and Archives division of Yale University Library.

The Hartman Fellowship Symposium is free and open to the public.