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October 21, 2012
Linsly-Chittenden Hall, Room 102
63 High Street
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8:30 AM  Continental breakfast

9:00 AM  Welcome and introduction
Susan Gibbons
University Librarian, Yale University
Joanne Weiner Rudof
Archivist, Fortunoff Video Archive, Yale University

9:30 AM  “Holocaust History and Survivor Testimony: The Case of the Starachowice Factory Slave Labor Camps”
Christopher Browning
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

10:30 AM  AT YALE: TESTIMONIES IN THE CLASSROOM
“Visualizing Biography/Building Empathy”
Jessica Helfand, Yale University, Art
“Diary, Memoir, Testimony: The Holocaust and ‘Everyday Life’”
Katie Trumpener, Yale University, Literature
“Faces, Voices and the Shadow of War”
Jay Winter, Yale University, History

11:45 AM  “The Century of Violence and the Role of Testimonies”
Aleida Assmann, University of Konstanz (Germany)

12:45 PM  Lunch

2:00 PM  WHAT CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS DO WITH THEIR PARENTS’ EXPERIENCES
“It’s Not Over”
Melvin Bukiet, Sarah Lawrence College
“From a Closer Distance”
Romana Strochlitz Primus
3:00 PM  “Seeing the Holocaust: How Testimonies Fill the Vacant Spaces of Atrocity”
Lawrence Langer, Simmons College

4:00 PM  Coffee break

4:15 PM  USING THE ARCHIVES
“Archival Treasures: Rescuing the Evidence”
Ray Farr, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
“The Ringelblum Archive: Research Problems and Conclusions”
Samuel Kassow, Trinity University

5:15 PM  Dori Laub and Geoffrey Hartman in conversation

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

September 10–December 4
Exhibit, Sterling Memorial Library

September 27, 2012  1:30 PM
“Launching the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies”
Dori Laub and Geoffrey Hartman, Yale University
77 Prospect Street, Room B012 (Genocide Studies Program)

October 16, 2012  4:00 PM
“Primo Levi: Oral History, Film, Literature”
Millicent Marcus and Risa Sodi, Yale University
German Department Lounge, W.L. Harkness 309, 100 Wall Street

October 17, 2012  4:00 PM
“Media Witnessing and the Audiovisual Unconscious”
Amit Pinchevski, Hebrew University
Respondent: Katie Trumpener, Yale University
Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, 80 Wall Street

October 19, 2012  4:00 PM
“Antisemitism in France” (in French)
Annette Wieviorka, CNRS (Paris)
Romance Languages Lounge, 82–90 Wall Street

October 22, 2012  5:30 PM
“Facts and Fiction in Recent German Memory Literature”
Aleida Assmann
German Department Lounge, W.L. Harkness 309, 100 Wall Street
THE FORTUNOFF VIDEO ARCHIVE FOR HOLOCAUST TESTIMONIES, founded in 1981 and inaugurated in 1982, is dedicated to the recording, collection, and preservation of videotaped oral testimonies of survivors and witnesses. The Archive holds 4,500 testimonies comprising over 12,000 hours of videotape, recorded in cooperation with 37 affiliate projects in North America, South America, Europe, Israel, and the former Soviet Union. The Archive advises students, scholars, museums, and educational associations; catalogs its testimonies to make them intellectually accessible; and streams educational programs of testimony excerpts from its website (www.library.yale.edu/testimonies). The Archive is migrating the entire collection to digital formats for preservation and access purposes, and expects to complete this effort in 2014.

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