



# Examining Holocaust Studies in Our World Today

**The Fifteenth Biennial HOLOCAUST STUDIES  
CONFERENCE at Middle Tennessee State University  
March 6-7, 2025 Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

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*All events will be held in the Student Union Ballroom at Middle Tennessee State University unless noted otherwise*

## **Thursday, March 6**

### **8:00am-9:00am: Registration**

### **9:00am-9:30am: Conference Welcome**

- Ashley Valanzola
- Dean Leah Lyons

### **9:30am-11:00am: Investigating Sites of Holocaust Memory**

Chair: Ashley Valanzola

- Thomas Hudson
- Christina Stoica
- Armin Langer

### **11:00am-11:15am: Tennessee Holocaust Commission**

- Ken Gluck

### **1:00pm-2:30pm: Keynote Lecture: Examining Holocaust Studies in Our World Today**

Introduction: Ashley Valanzola

- Daniel H. Magilow

### **2:45pm-3:45pm: Women, Literature, and History**

Chair: Laura Cochrane

- Elyce Helford
- Ashley Valanzola

### **4:15pm-5:45pm: Preserving Memory: Perspectives on Collecting Holocaust Materials**

Location: James E. Walker Library, Special Collections, Library 444

Chair: Kelly Kolar

- Laura Cochrane
- Leona Fleischer
- Susan Martin

### **6:00pm-7:15pm: Reception**

Location: James E. Walker Library, Special Collections, Buchanan Room



## **Friday, March 7**

### **9:00am-10:30am: Beyond Europe: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

Chair: James Holton

- Paul Ribera
- Donnie McClendon
- Ellie Smith

### **10:45am-12:15pm: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities for Holocaust Education Initiatives in the South**

Chair: Ari Joskowicz

- Opal Lovitt
- Lane Springer
- Beth Ewing

### **12:15pm-1:30pm: Lunch**

### **1:30pm-2:30pm: Trends in Global Literary Studies**

Chair: Elyce Helford

- Arunav Das
- Olaf Berwald

### **2:45pm-4:15pm: Poland Across the Wartime Divide**

Chair: Ron Bombardi

- Alicja Podbielska
- Mark Mengerink
- Sheng Zhu

### **4:15pm: Closing Remarks**

- Elyce Helford