# JAN KARSKI 2014 CONFERENCE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO MEMORY AND RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM – DRAFT 6

# DAY 1 – Friday, September 19, 2014

Piper Hall at Loyola Lakeshore Campus

08.30 – 09.00 REGISTRATION 09.00 – 09.15 WELCOME REMARKS

Bozena Nowicka McLees, Director of the Polish Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago

09.15 – 10.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY **Senator Dick Durbin** (D-IL)

10.00 – 11.30 PANEL 1: JAN KARSKI AND HIS

LEGACY. THE MAN AND HIS UNFINISHED MISSION.

Moderator: Wanda Urbanska, Jan Karski

Educational Foundation, Chicago

#### **Presenters:**

**E. Thomas Wood,** Author of *Karski: How One Man Tried to Stop the Holocaust,* Nashville "Jan Karski: Reflections on a Man"

Ewa Wierzyńska, Polish History Museum and Fundacja Edukacyjna Jana Karskiego, Warsaw

Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University, LA "Jan Karski and the Context of American Responses toward the Murder of European Jews"

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 1.30 PANEL 2: MEMORY OF OTHER 20TH CENTURY GENOCIDES

**Moderator: Robert Kostro,** Polish History Museum, Warsaw, Poland

#### **Presenters:**

John Kurowski, Kurowski Schultz LLC, IL "The Shadow of the World War II Experience: Twentieth Century European Atrocities Before, During and After the Holocaust"

Michal Balcerzak, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń "Forgotten Heroes – Western reactions to the Katyn Crime and its contemporary legal and political context"

**Timothy Williams Waters,** Indiana University Bloomington "Remembering Yugoslavia the Good: A War Crimes Tribunal's Narrative of Moral Transit through Violence"

# 2.30 – 4.00 PANEL 3: RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

Moderator: Gunes Murat Tezcur, Loyola University Chicago

#### **Presenters:**

**Gregory Stanton,** George Mason University, VA "R2P Dealing with Deficits of R2P: An Optional Protocol to Genocide Convention"

**Pierluigi Congedo\*,** Anglia Law School, Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge "From Responsibility to Protect and Intervene, to Responsibility to Prevent: The European Union's Perspective"

4.00 - 4.15 Break

4.15 – 6.00 **PANEL 4: PREVENTING** 

GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITIES IN PRACTICE TODAY: THE NONGOVERNMENTAL SECTOR SUPPORTING GOVERNMENTAL ACTION

**Moderator: Samantha Horn,** Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, NYC

#### **Presenters:**

**Tibi Galis,** Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, NYC "Building Governmental Capacities for Mass Atrocity Prevention in Latin America and Africa: The Example of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation"

**Sheri Rosenberg,** Cardozo Law School, NYC "Prevent, Protect and Rebuild: Engaging Governmental Actors in Genocide Prevention"

Jennifer Smyser, Stanley Foundation, Iowa "Civil Society Organizations Supporting Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention at the Multilateral Level"

## DAY 2 - Saturday, September 20, 2014

Quinlan Life Sciences Building (LSB) at Loyola Lakeshore Campus.

Panels in RED will be held at LSB 142

Panels in GREEN will be in LSB 312

Panels in BLUE will be in Damen Student Center Cinema

9.00 – 10.15

PANEL 5: JAN KARSKI'S
LEGACY IN
HISTORIOGRAPHY,
LITERATURE AND OTHER
MEDIA

**PANEL 5A: LITERATURE:** 

RETELL THE STORY

RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL AND

Moderator: Jacek Nowakowski, Holocaust Museum, Washington DC

### Presenters:

**Frank Jacob,** QCC, Cuny, NYC "And the world stood aside – The allied reaction on Jan Karski's 'report from hell"

**Wojtek Rappak,** University College London "Jan Karski, memory and historical evidence"

Luca Bernardini, Milan University "Jan Karski: a character between literature and historiography"

Moderator: Kinga Kosmala, University of Chicago

#### **Presenters:**

9.00 - 10.00

**Tomasz Lysak**, University of Warsaw "Slaughterhouse as a cognitive metaphor for the Holocaust"

**Bozena Karwowska,** The University of British Columbia, Vancouver "How literature deals with the 'event without a witness' and how in many cases literature becomes the only witness of what happened inside the German Nazi death camps"

10.15 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 PANEL 6: REMEMBERING THE JEWS AND CONFRONTING THE PAST

Moderator: Marek Suszko, Loyola University Chicago

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#### **Presenters:**

Adam Puchejda, Kultura Liberalna, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, PL "Jan Błoński and his role in Polish-Jewish relations in 1980s onwards, esp. on the influence his essay 'The Poor Pole Looks at the Ghetto" had on the Polish public debate after 1989"

Neal Pease, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee "Haunted by the Past: Poland Remembers Its Vanished Jews"

10.30 - 12.00 PANEL 6A: RISKING ALL FOR THE

OTHER: GENTILES HELPING JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST AND HOW THE STORIES HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED THROUGH FILM AND LITERATURE

**Moderator: Arthur Feinsod,** Indiana State University, *Coming to see Aunt Sophie,* Jan Karski in Poland

#### **Presenters:**

Chris Berchild, Indiana State University, Raoul Wallenburg in Hungary

**Mary Skinner**, Director/Producer, LA, *Irena Sendler: In The Name of The Mothers*, Irena Sendler in Poland

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1.00 – 2.45 PANEL 7: INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE MEMORY IN MEMOIRS

**Moderator: John Merchant,** Loyola University Chicago

#### **Presenters:**

**Beth Holmgren,** Duke University, NC "A Master Performer Bears Witness: On Jerzy Jurandot's Holocaust memoir (City of the doomed: Two years in the Warsaw Ghetto)"

**Rachel Brenner,** University of Wisconsin-Madison "The Ethics of Witnessing the Holocaust: Polish Diaries from Occupied Warsaw, 1939-1945"

Ulle Holt, John Felice Rome Center "Witnessing, Remembering, Writing: Women in World War II"

Susana Cavallo, John Felice Rome Center "Translating Trauma: The Real, the Unspeakable, and the Construction of Narrative"

1.00 - 2.45

PANEL 7A: KARSKI, THE POLISH
UNDERGROUND AND OTHER
RESCUE EFFORTS

Moderator: Keely Stauter-Halsted, University of Illinois at Chicago

#### **Presenters:**

**Sue Vice,** University of Sheffield, UK 'Debating the Literary and Filmic Memory of Jan Karski'

**Neal Pease,** University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee "Karski's Testimony on the Holocaust: Story of a Secret State, Shoah, and the Karski Report"

Mary Skinner, Director/Producer, LA "Women and Children: The Unknown Heroes of WWII"

2.45 - 3.00 Coffee break

3.00 – 4.45 **PANEL 8: MEMO** 

PANEL 8: MEMORY AND RESPONSIBILITY: EVOLVING MEMORY IN PUBLIC PERCEPTION, SPACES AND VISUAL ARTS

# Moderator:

#### **Presenters:**

**Kerry Whigham,** New York University "Building Memory: Practices of Memorialization in Post-Holocaust Berlin"

Malgorzata Bakalarz-Duverger, New School, NYC "Spaces that Remember, (Mis)remembered Places. Restitution of Jewish Religious Property and Local Strategies Vis-a-vis Spaces in Southeast Poland."

Karen Underhill, University of Illinois at Chicago "Whose Memory? Whose Responsibility? Non-Jewish Caretakers of Jewish Heritage in Contemporary Poland"

**Noreen Brand,** Illinois Holocaust Museum & Educational Center, Chicago

3.00 – 5.00 PANEL 8A: HOLLYWOOD PORTRAYALS OF JEWS AND POLES IN WWII

Moderator: Jeff Harder, Loyola University Chicago

# **Presenters:**

**David Chack,** DePaul University, Chicago "Facing the Hiddenness: Crossfire the First Hollywood Film on Anti-Semitism"

**Michael Berenbaum,** American Jewish University, LA Film: *Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust.* 

**Joseph Zurawski,** Author of *Poland: The Captive Satellite: A Study in National Psychology* "A Delicate Balance: Polish Portraits in U.S. Film during World War II"

**Heidi Schlipphacke,** University of Illinois at Chicago, "Post-Holocaust Revenge Fantasies: Quentin Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds*"

		Damen Student Center Cinema, Lake Shore Campus		
5.00 – 7.00	PANEL 9: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: EDUCATIONAL	3.30 – 4.30	Documentary Irena Sendler: In the Name of Their Mothers	
	MISSION OF JAN KARSKI'S LEGACY FOR TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS (IN POLISH)	5.15 – 7.00	Film Screening of <i>Kamienie na szaniec</i> (Stones for the Rampart) with English subtitles	
Moderator: Malgorzata Kot, Polish Museum of America				
Presenters:				
<b>Robert Kostro,</b> Director of the Polish History Museum, Warsaw				
Ewa Wierzyńska, Polish History Museum and Fundacja Edukacyjna Jana Karskiego, Warsaw				
<b>Jacek Nowakowski</b> , Holocaust Museum in Washington DC				
<b>Bozena Karwowska</b> , Professor at The University of British Columbia				
<b>Karen Underhill,</b> Professor at University of Illinois at Chicago				
Marek Suszko, Professor at Loyola University Chicago				
Ewa Koch, Polish Teachers Association				
Lidia Filus, Polish American Educators				
8.00 - 10.00 CONCERT				
Mundelein Auditorium at Loyola Lakeshore Campus 1020 W. Sheridan				
Part I: Delia Surratt (Soprano) Diana Schmuck (Piano)				
Fryderyk Chopin songs (6 Chopin-Viardot Mazurkas)		)		
Henryk Gorecki Symphony Number 3 Sorrowful Songs				
Four Polish Dances (1926) Karol Szymanowski				
Mazurka (Animato)				
Krakowiak (Allegretto grazioso)				
Oberek (Vivace e agitato)				
Polonaise (Moderato. Festivo, pomposo)				
Short Intermission				

Part II: Lira Ensemble: Popular Songs of the 1930's and 1940's

# **Chicago Premiere**

Arthur Feinsod's drama *Coming to See Aunt Sophie* at the Chopin Theatre 1543 W. Division St, Chicago, IL 60642
Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm
Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm
Discussion with the playwright Sunday: 4pm-6pm

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!