

The Search for Humanity After Atrocity

A conference for and by engaged scholars and informed practitioners

October 16-17, 2022 | Kean University

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October 16, 2022

Breakfast Buffet: *8:30 to 9:30AM*

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Opening Remarks: *9:30 to 9:45AM*

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- Dennis Klein, Kean University and Conference Director
- Lamont Repollet, President, Kean University (Video Greeting)
- David Birdsell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kean University

Challenges

Session 1A: *10:00 to 11:30AM*

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Transitional Justice and its Discontents

Moderated by Clinton Nichols - Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois*

Atrocity of Silence?: How liberation war, reconciliation, and neoliberalism inform memoir and activism in Namibia

- Clinton Nichols - Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois*

Transitional Justice Education through the local: The Rescuers Project in Cambodia

- Sangeetha Yogendran - Human Rights Centre, Ghent University, Belgium

The Ghosts of Biafra: Collective Memory, Collective Trauma and Violence among the Igbo of Nigeria

- Collins Okonkwo - Igbinedion University, Okada, Nigeria

Justice, Memory and Reconciliation in Africa's Great Lakes

- Carla De Ycaza - New York University, New York

Luncheon Buffet: 11:45AM to 1:15PM

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Workshop: *Violence: An International Journal* (For contributors and others who want to observe)

- Moderated by guest editors: Jungah Kim and Myra Houser

Session 2A: 1:30 to 3:00PM

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The Question of Humanity: Continuities After Atrocity

Moderated by Gilbert Kahn - Interim Director, Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Kean University

Haunted Trials: Law and the Search for Post-Apartheid Consensus

- Myra Houser - Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

Paradigm Shifts: The Holocaust and Colonial Atrocity

- Brigitte Stepanov - Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia

Seeking Transformative Justice in Civil Court: Mending Post-Atrocity Relations through Victim Agency and Participation

- Niké Wentholt - University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, Netherlands

Session 2B: 1:30 to 3:00PM

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A Meditation on Indigenous Peoples as Protagonists: The Language of the Heart, Memory, and the Imagination, a conversation with invited speaker, Inés Hernández-Avila, UC Davis, Davis, California, introduced by Merose Hwang - Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio*

Coffee break: 3:00 to 3:45PM

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Session 3A: 3:45 to 5:15PM

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The State and Narrative Control (a hybrid session)

Moderated by Stephanie Reese - Conference manager and degree candidate, Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Kean University

Returning to Sayat Nova: Memory, History, and Peace in the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

- Nat Hill - Co-Director of Research at Genocide Watch

Atoning for Violent Pasts: Assessing the Promise and Perils of Political Apologies

- Kasturi Chatterjee - FLAME University, Lavale, Pune, India

Collective Remembrance, Victimhood, and Reparations in Post-Atrocity Timor-Leste

- Amy Rothschild - Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York

Session 3B: 3:45 to 5:15PM

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Roundtable Discussion – Gender-Based Violence: Challenges and Promises

Moderator: Ñusta Carranza Ko - University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland*

- Jungah Kim - City University of New York - Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, New York*
- Laura Barberán-Reinares - City University of New York - Bronx Community College, Bronx, New York
- Eunah Lee - St. Joseph's College New York, Brooklyn, New York

Dinner: 5:30 to 6:30PM

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Negotiating Atrocities' Aftermaths 7:00 – 8:15PM

Human Rights Institute Gallery

Inventing and Reinventing Truth Commissions

- Eduardo González - Think Peace Learning & Support Hub, Independent Consultant to 20 countries on reparations and truth processes, Peru, introduced by Laretta Farrell, Director, Human Rights Institute, Kean University

Aftermath Exhibit **Aftermath: War is only Half the Story**

- *Aftermath: War is Only Half the Story* tells the incredibly moving stories of the people left behind after the cameras have moved on from a war zone. Drawing on photographs from over fifty photographers, these personal and often poetic post-war views unveil not only another side to the devastating effects of war, but also tell the stories of people coming together to rebuild and heal.

Dessert reception, sponsored by the Kean University Human Rights Institute

NEH Seminar Participants' Reunion 8:30PM - Whenever
Meet up at Human Rights Institute Gallery

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Breakfast buffet: 7:45 to 8:30AM
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Paths Forward

Session 4A: 8:45 to 10:15AM
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Memory Work and Reconciliation After Mass Violence in Korea (a virtual session)

Moderator: Brendan Wright - University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Bereaved Families, Leftism, and Ruptured Solidarities in 1960-1961 South Korea

- Brendan Wright - University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Murmurings from Women on the "Red Island": Reckoning with the Memories of Sexual Violence in the Jeju 4.3 Massacres, 1947-1954

- Hyesong Lim - UC San Diego, San Diego, California

Transnational Memory Solidarity of Korea's Cheju April 3 Incident: Ritual Mediation of Kinship and Community

- Seong Nae Kim - Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea

Agonistic Memory after Mass Violence

- Hyukmin Kang - Kangwon National University, Chuncheon, South Korea

Session 4B: 8:45 to 10:15AM
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L'Dor v'Dor: Claiming the Holocaust Narrative from the Third Generation

- Dave Reckess – Executive Director of 3GNY
- Elyse Wolff – Co-Founder, 3GNJ and sitting member of New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education
- Rebekah Slodounik – Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

Session 5A: 10:30 to 12:00PM

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Early-Stage Publishing and Dissemination Ops Symposium

Moderated by Ñusta Carranza Ko – University of Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland*

The Memory of the Jedwabne Massacre: A Distorted Reality

- Kyra Dezjot – Kean University, Union, New Jersey

Rwanda and Transitional Justice: The Lack of Reconciliation for Genocidal Rape and Sexual Violence Survivors and Victims

- Megan Olsen – Kean University, Union, New Jersey

The Community of Genocide: Bodies That Create Meaning & Serve as Sites of Healing and Inquiry

- Briana Taylor – George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia

Session 5B: 10:30 to 12:00PM

Solidarity Without Consensus: Re-imagining Humanity after Atrocities in East Asian

(a hybrid session featuring members of the 2021 NEH Seminar)

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Moderator: Myra Houser – Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas*

Post-Massacre Rituals as Archive in a Colonially Haunted South Korea

- Merose Hwang – Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio*

Hibakusha – Atomic Bombs Survivors in Japan: Survivors' Human Rights, Government Recognition and Social Segregation

- Kimiko Ichikawa – Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel*

The Ghost of Manzanar: Challenges of Understanding and Storytelling

- Jungah Kim – City University of New York – Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, New York*

Luncheon Buffet: 12:15 to 1:15PM

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Publication café: Soliciting contributors for TBD journal or anthology publication

- Dennis Klein

Book signing and media:

- Loung Ung – Khmer Rouge genocide survivor, activist, and author of *First They Killed my Father* and *Lulu in the Sky*, introduced by Stephanie Reese, conference manager

Keynote: 1:30 to 2:45PM

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War & Civic Engagements: How the Khmer Rouge Genocide Shaped One Survivor's Activism

- Loung Ung – Khmer Rouge genocide survivor, activist and author, introduced by TBD

Session 6A: 10:00 to 11:30AM

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Forgetting Partition Atrocities Through Shared Memories of Harmony

- Anjali Gera Roy – Indian Institute of Technology, moderated by Nira Gupta-Casale, Kean University

Session 6B: 3:00 to 4:30PM

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The Promise of Restorative Justice (a George Mason University Carter Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution hybrid session)

Moderator: Douglas Irvin-Erickson

What is it that we are Restoring? And, why?

- Douglas Irvin-Erickson

The Search for Humanity after the Atrocities of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Racial Injustice

- Susan Hirsch

Restorative Practices with Incarcerated Youth: A Search for Humanity in Aftermaths of the Mass Atrocities of Mass Incarceration in the U.S.

- Brandon Brown

Women's Stories: Finding the Humanity in Stories of Survivors of the Yezidi Genocide

- Mariam Rizkella

The Role of Constructive Journalism in Building Peace in the Aftermath of Mass Atrocities

- Matthew McGrath

Closing reception - really a beginning: *4:45 to the future*
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Networking facilitated by Dennis Klein and others

*Conference program committee member



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Social Justice Institute, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, October 16

(All events at North Avenue Academic Building, pending)

Plenaries and Panels

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening Remarks <i>Lamont Repollet, President, Kean University (pending)</i> <i>Dennis Klein, Kean University</i>
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Panel 1: The Search for Humanity After Atrocity – Voices of Survivors
11:00 am - 11:15 pm	Coffee Break
11:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Panel 2
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Panel 3
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Coffee Break
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Keynote Address
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Conference dinner
7:30pm - 9:30pm	Hybrid session 1

Monday, October 17

Potential Breakout Sessions

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Working Group Breakouts: <i>Blueprints for Action</i> <i>Publications/Digital Media</i> <i>Next Conference</i>
	Workshop/Training: Preventing Cycles of Violence in the Aftermath of Genocide
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Coffee Break
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Panel 4 or Workshop/Training
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch / Digital panel option
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Hybrid session 2 or Working Group Breakouts:
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Working Group Reports
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Coffee Break
4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Closing Remarks

