

Nazi Germany and Occupied France: Multi-Cultural Perspectives



Annual conference of the
William A. Douglass Center for Basque Studies
University of Nevada, Reno



Venue: Leonard Faculty/Graduate Room
4th floor of the MIKC
Open to the public
March 6-7, 2020



Program


Friday, March 6th:

- From 8:30 Transportation from the hotel to the UNR campus by car (for those who don't want to make the 25-minute walk uphill).
- 8:45-9:00 Coffee & Introductions
Leonard Faculty/Graduate Room
- 9:15-9:55 **"Dining at the Tour d'Argent in Occupied Paris:
Ernst Jünger, Power and the Othering of Paris"**
Bert Gordon, Mills College
- 10:00-10:20 **Commentary** by Julia Torrie, St. Thomas University
- 10:20-10:35 Discussion
- 10:35-10:45 Break


German POWs in the Polo-Beyris camp, Bayonne



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- 10:45-11:25 **“A Basque Double Agent and a Nazi Officer in Occupied France”**
Sandy Ott, Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno
- 11:25-11:45 **Commentary** by Ed Westermann, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 11:45-12:00 Discussion
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch break (lunch for speakers provided on site)
- 12:30-1:00 **Presentation on the bombing of Gernika**
Dr. Xabier Irujo, Director of the Center for Basque Studies, University of Nevada, Reno
- 1:00-1:15 Questions from the audience
- 1:15-1:55 **“A Woman’s Occupation? Female Wehrmacht Auxiliaries in France and Europe, 1940-1944”**
Julia Torrie, St. Thomas University
- 1:55-2:15 **Commentary** by Shannon Fogg, Missouri University of Science & Technology
- 2:15-2:30 Discussion
- 2:30-3:10 **“Julia Pirotte, Refugee Photography, and Jewish Experiences in Marseille Under Nazi Occupation”**
Abigail Lewis, University of Wisconsin-Madison & the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 3:10-3:30 **Commentary** by Bert Gordon, Mills College

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- 3:30-3:45 Discussion
- 3:45-4:15 **Presentation: “Collections Documenting Gurs at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum”**
Julie Schweitzer, archivist at the USHMM, Washington, D.C.
- 4:15-4:30 Discussion and questions
- 4:30-6:00 Free time
- 6:00 Assemble in the lobby at the Whitney Peak Hotel (taxis to the Bistro Beaujolais for dinner, reservations for 6:15pm)

Saturday, March 7th:

- From 8:45 Transportation by car from the hotel to campus.
- 9:00-9:40 **“The Effects of the German ‘Occupation’ on Relief Work in Unoccupied France”**
Shannon Fogg, Missouri University of Technology & Science
- 9:40-10:00 **Commentary** by Scott Soo, University of Southampton (UK)
- 10:00-10:15 Discussion
- 10:15-10:30 Break
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- 10:30-10:50 **“The Wild East’ and the ‘Soft West’: Alcohol, Masculinity, and Sexual Violence”**
Ed Westermann, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 10:50-11:10 **Commentary** by Sandy Ott, Center for Basque Studies,
University of Nevada, Reno
- 11:10-11:25 Discussion
- 11:30-12:10 **“Millions of men in Germany and elsewhere have more than one reason to be ashamed’: Franco-German Commemorative Scripts and the 1963 Inauguration of the Gurs Deportees’ Cemetery”**
Scott Soo, University of Southampton (UK)
- 12:10-12:30 **Commentary** by Abigail Lewis, University of Wisconsin-Madison & the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 12:30-12:45 Discussion
- 12:45-1:15 Lunch break (on site)
- 1:15-1:45 General discussion, including the audience, and closing remarks
- 1:45-2:30 Return to Whitney Peak Hotel for a brief break
- 2:30 Assemble in front of the Whitney Peak Hotel; collection by the van for a tour along Lake Tahoe (north shore to south shore)
- 5:45 **Drinks and dinner at JT’s Basque Restaurant, Minden-Gardnerville**
- 7:30 Return to the Whitney Peak Hotel by 8:00pm
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Notes on the Presenters


Shannon Fogg is Professor of History & Political Science and Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO. Her most recent book is *Stealing Home: Looting, Restitution, Reconstruction, and Jewish Lives in France 1942-1947* (Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).

Bertram M. (Bert) Gordon is Professor Emeritus of History at Mills College in Oakland, CA. His most recent book is *War, Tourism: Second World War France from Defeat and Occupation to the Creation of Heritage* (Cornell University Press, 2018). Professor Gordon's first tour de force was the classic work, *Collaborationism in France during the Second World War* (1980).

Abigail (Abby) Lewis is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In 2018-2019, she held the J. B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Fellowship at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She will defend her doctoral dissertation, "The Collaborationist Eye: The History and Memory of French Photography under the Nazis," this summer at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sandy Ott is a cultural anthropologist and Professor of Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno. Her most recent book is *Living with the Enemy: German Occupation, Collaboration and Justice in the Western Pyrenees 1940-1948* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017). She is now doing research on the spoliation and restitution of Jewish property in the French Basque Country and Béarn.






Julie Schweitzer is an archivist at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. She specializes in personal papers collections in accordance with institutional practices and procedures and is a resource for scholars interested in the internment camp at Gurs, located just outside the French Basque Country in Béarn.

Scott Soo is an Associate Professor in French History in the School of Humanities at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom. His most recent work focuses on transnational commemoration at Gurs. The paperback edition of his monograph, *The Routes to Exile: France and the Spanish Civil War Refugees* (Manchester University Press) appeared in 2017.

Julia Torrie is Professor of History at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, Canada. Her co-edited book (with Raffael Scheck & Fabien Théofilakis), *German-Occupied Europe in the Second World War* (Routledge, 2019) includes her chapter on “Women of the Reich: German Military Auxiliaries and the Occupation of Europe.” Her monograph, *German Soldiers and the Occupation of France, 1940-1944* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), was published in 2018.

Ed Westermann is Professor of History at Texas A&M-San Antonio. His book, *Hitler's Ostkrieg and the Indian Wars: Comparing Conquest and Genocide* (University of Oklahoma Press) was republished in 2019. His latest book, *Drunk on Genocide: Alcohol, Masculinity, and the Intoxication of Mass Murder in Nazi Germany* (Cornell University Press with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum) is forthcoming in 2021.



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Two French Basque soldiers, 1939

