

A COURSE ON THE HOLOCAUST

(HIS 430 at Arizona Christian University) Fall Semester 2016 [August 16th to November 29th]

Lecturer: Jan Boville **Phone:** 602-840-6139 **Email:** janbov@cox.net **Website** for Manual: profboville.com
Class will meet: Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 to 9:00 pm, in A.C.U.'s Student Activity Center, Upstairs, **Room 221**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our seminar intends to examine the *full* context for the German Third Reich and its unprecedented genocide. We outline: The history and nature of **antisemitism** and its key place in Nazi ideology; Hitler's rise to power; the implementation of the '*Final Solution of the Jewish Question*,' and the murder of five million non-Jews. We deal with the culpability and indifference of the world at large, and the **Christian Church** in particular. Emphasis is given to the many different types of Jewish Resistance. 'Righteous Gentiles' will also be honored. The challenge of Holocaust Denial cannot be ignored. Mutations of antisemitism, which are increasing around the world today, must be recognized and countered. (Pagan, Nationalistic, Islamic, *and* Anti-Zionist forms.) Finally, a Biblical understanding, moral response, and commitment to activism will be strongly encouraged.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Specific 'learning objectives' are outlined for *every single unit* of the **Course Manual**. (See each [Intro Page](#).)
Generally though – as a result of taking this course – the studious participant will:

1. Be able to outline the **chronology** and the **geography** of the major **events** of the Holocaust.
2. Begin to comprehend the **ideological and spiritual forces** at work and to analyze their interrelatedness.
3. Gain direction for **further research** by perusal of the extensive **bibliography, web and film archives**.
4. Acquire **understanding** and sensitivity regarding the 'Meaning of the Holocaust in Human History.'

TEXTBOOKS AND THE COURSE MANUAL – REQUIRED:

A Legacy of Hatred. David A. Rausch. Baker Book House, 1990. **ISBN:** 0-8010-7758-3
Legacy is 'out-of-print' but there is a scan of it on the instructor's website: profboville.com

Never to Forget. Milton Meltzer. HarperCollins, 1976. **ISBN:** 0-06-446118-1

The Holocaust. Frank McDonough. Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. **ISBN:** 978-0-230-20387-7

Night. Eli Wiesel. Hill and Wang, 2006. **ISBN:** 978-0-374-50001-6



Your Course Organizer is Your Student Manual:

Found at profboville.com, this printable manual is in **Two Parts**. It is a high-content compendium of: Unit Intro Pages; Lecture Outlines; Charts; Special Chronologies; Film Summaries; Pictures; and Articles to supplement our textbooks. Please add your own findings to your manual.



Your Student Manual is essential to the course and all its learning objectives.

Print it out, keep it in a good binder, and **bring it to class** with you each week. (The scheduled UNIT.)

Assigned manual materials **should be read**, along with the textbook chapters, **before each session**.

During many of our sessions, **you will need the outlines found in the manual so Be Prepared!**

ASSIGNMENTS: (Exams do not apply for visitors and those auditing the class.)

1. In all but a couple sessions, one or more **Documentaries** will be shown. Some are rare and hard-to-find. **Lectures** are *in-depth*, and group **Discussion** is *vital* for comprehension, ATTENDANCE IS IMPERATIVE! See the **strict policy below** regarding grade penalties. Also notice that you must attend **PREPARED** by having already read **all** of the required material for each session. Follow the **SCHEDULE** assiduously.
2. Midterm **Exam + Essay**. Exam *includes* the **In Class Memorization Test** on the: “Three Stages.”
3. Final **Exam**. (*Except* for the Memorization Test, both Exams are ‘Take-Home/Open-Book’.)
4. Approved **Project or Research Report**. Guidelines and ample suggestions will be given in class. Pre-approved ideas can be found in the **Manual Unit Intros**.



ATTENDANCE POLICY IS STRICT WITH NO EXCEPTIONS:

***IF* athletic ‘priorities’ cause you to miss any more than two class sessions, do NOT take this course.**

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

[Simple Point System: 1000 Points Possible for Course. 900 to 1000 = A, 800 to 899 = B, etc.] **30 points off per absence!**

Midterm Exam 400 points (100 of which is the “Three Stages Memorization Test” — Taken **IN** class.)

Final Exam 400 points

Project / Report 200 points You must have your topic pre-approved by the instructor!

EXPECTATIONS FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS and VISITORS:

This **Advanced Interdisciplinary Seminar** requires the **utmost preparation and serious attentiveness**.

These sessions will be long, intense, and unavoidably gruesome. Due to the subject, this course *demand*s respect and maturity in your academic effort, your classroom demeanor, and even your personal reflection.

No half-hearted attitudes or immature conduct can *possibly* be acceptable in this particular class.

Most students say that it is the most difficult and disturbing course they have ever taken. **THEREFORE:**



Do NOT bring food, phones, i-Pads, laptops, or other inconsiderate distractions to class.

CONTENT GUIDE: THE COURSE IN TWELVE UNITS

Unit 1 Introduction to the Course: *A Psalm from the Ashes*

1 A “To **Approach** the Shoah: **Balance** between **Mystification** and **De-Mystification**”

1 B “The **Uniqueness** of the Holocaust in History + its **Universal** Lessons for Humanity”

Unit 2 “**Antisemitism: A Hatred Like No Other**”

An Overview of its History, Images, Libels and Mutations

Unit 3 “**Hitler’s Rise to Power**” From the *Second Reich* to the *Third Reich* (Pre-WWI to 1933/34)

The **NA**tionalso**ZI**alistische Deutsche ArbeiterPartei and “The **NAZIfication** of Germany”

Hitler’s “*Fuhrer Principle*” and his chaotic-bureaucratic dictatorship

Unit 4 The “**Three Stages of the Shoah**” And **Three Perspectives: Perpetrator, Victim, Bystander**

STAGE I: 1933-37 Forced Emigration – Will Expulsion “Solve” the Nazis’ “Jewish Problem”?

Unit 5 “**1938 - A Turning Point**”

Annexation of Austria; Failure at Evian; The Munich Betrayal; The Kristallnacht Pogroms

Unit 6 **STAGE II: 1939-41 Isolation in Ghettos** – The Heydrich Order; Ghetto Life

A Comparison of *WWII* and the *War on the Jews*

Which **war** was most important? – To Hitler? To the Allies? To Historians?

Unit 7 **STAGE III: 1941-45 Annihilation** – Planned Systematic Mass Extermination

When was the “**Final Solution**” decided upon and ordered?

Methods of killing and corpse disposal; Death Camps; Death Marches

Unit 8 “**Resistance and Rescue**”

8 A The Full Range of Jewish Resistance: Critiquing the ‘Sheep to the Slaughter’ Image

8 B The Radical Altruism of the ‘Righteous Gentiles’ – What can we learn from them?

Unit 9 “**Liberators and Survivors**” – Witness and Testimony

9 A Allied forces open the gates of hell – what the liberators found and cannot forget

9 B *Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation & Archive*

Unit 10 “**Out of the Ashes of Auschwitz?**”

The *Shoah* and the *Rebirth of the State of Israel: A Critique of the Connection*

The ‘**D.P.s**’; A Brief History of **Zionism**; Anti-Zionism = Antisemitism

Unit 11 “**Historiography and Honor**” **vs.** “**Denial and Desecration**”

Deniers: Tactics, Motives and Agenda

Unit 12 “**Where was God?**” Post-Holocaust **Theological** Responses

Conclusion to the Course: *A Psalm from the Ashes*

COURSE BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Bankier, David. *The Germans and the Final Solution: Public Opinion under Nazism*. Blackwell, 1996
- _____, ed. *Probing the Depths of German Antisemitism: German Society and the Persecution of Jews*. Berghahn, 2000
- Bard, Mitchell G. ed. *The Holocaust: Turning Points in World History*. Greenhaven, 2001
- Bauer, Yehuda. *A History of the Holocaust*. Franklin Watts, 1982 Dr. Bauer is considered 'dean' of Holocaust Studies.
- _____. *Rethinking the Holocaust*. Yale University Press, 2001
- _____. *They Chose Life: Jewish Resistance in the Holocaust*, New York, 1973
- Benz, Wolfgang. *A Concise History of the Third Reich*. Berkeley, 2007
- Bergen, Doris L. *War and Genocide: A Concise History of the Holocaust*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2003
- Browning, Christopher. *Ordinary Men*. New York, 1993 AND: *The Path to Genocide*, Cambridge, 1992
- Cohn-Sherbock, Dan. *The Crucified Jew: Twenty Centuries of Christian Anti-Semitism*. HarperCollins, 1992
- Conot, Robert E. *Justice at Nuremberg*. Harper & Row, 1983
- Crowe, David M. *The Holocaust: Roots, History and Aftermath*. Westview Press, 2008
- Dawidowicz, Lucy S. *The War Against the Jews, 1933-1945*. Rinehart & Winston, 1975
- Fest, Joachim. *The Face of the Third Reich: Portraits of Nazi Leadership*. Pantheon, 1970
- _____. *Hitler*. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1974
- Fleischner, Eva, ed. *Auschwitz: Beginning of a New Era?* Ktav, 1977
- Fleming, Gerald. *Hitler and the Final Solution*. Oxford, 1986
- Friedlander, Albert, ed. *Out of the Whirlwind: A Reader of Holocaust Literature*. Schocken, 1976
- Friedlander, Saul. *Nazi Germany and the Jews*. New York, 1997
- _____. *The Years of Extermination*. HarperCollins, 2007
- Gilbert, Martin. *The Holocaust*. Rinehart & Winston, 1985
- Goldhagen, Daniel J. *Hitler's Willing Executioners*. Vintage, 1997
- Hilberg, Raul. *The Destruction of the European Jews*. Holmes & Meier, 1985
- _____. *Perpetrators Victims Bystanders: The Jewish Catastrophe, 1933-1945*. HarperCollins, 1992
- Kershaw, Ian. *Hitler, the Germans, and the Final Solution*. Yad Vashem, 2008
- _____. *The Hitler Myth: Image and Reality in the Third Reich*. Oxford, 1987
- Koonz, Claudia. *The Nazi Conscience*. Cambridge, MA, 2005
- Landau, Ronnie S. *The Nazi Holocaust*. Ivan R. Dee, 1994
- Levin, Nora. *The Holocaust: The Destruction of European Jewry 1933-1945*. New York, 1968
- Lifton, Robert J. *The Nazi Doctors: Medical Killings and the Psychology of Genocide*. Basic Books, 1988
- Lipstadt, Deborah. *Denying the Holocaust*. Free Press, 1993
- Mankowitz, Zev. *Survivors of the Holocaust in Occupied Germany*. New York, 2002
- Marrus, Michael. *The Holocaust in History*. NAL/Dutton, 1989
- McKale, Donald M. *Hitler's Shadow War: The Holocaust and World War II*. Cooper Square Press, 2002
- Meltzer, Milton. *Rescue*. Harper Trophy, 1988
- Mitchell, Joseph and Helen. *The Holocaust: Readings and Interpretations*. McGraw-Hill, 2001
- Niewyk, Donald L. ed. *The Holocaust: Problems and Perspectives of Interpretation*. Houghton Mifflin, 1997
- Nyiszli, Miklos *Auschwitz: A Doctor's Eyewitness Account*. New York, 1993
- Rees, Laurence. *Auschwitz, the Nazis and the Final Solution*. BBC, 2005
- Schleunes, Karl. *The Twisted Road to Auschwitz*. Illinois, 1970
- Schwarzwallner, Wulf. *The Unknown Hitler: Behind the Image of History's Darkest Name*. National Press, 1989
- Spielvogel, Jackson J. *Hitler and Nazi Germany: A History*. Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005
- Tec, Nechama. *Dry Tears: The Story of a Lost Childhood*. Everest House, 1982
- _____. *When Light Pierced the Darkness: Christian Rescue of Jews in Nazi-Occupied Poland*. Oxford, 1987
- Weiss, John. *Ideology of Death: Why the Holocaust Happened In Germany*. Ivan R. Dee, 1996
- Wiesel, Elie. *The Night Trilogy*. Hill and Wang, 1987
- Wistrich, Robert. *Hitler and the Holocaust*. Modern Library, 2003
- _____. *A Lethal Obsession: Anti-Semitism from Antiquity to Global Jihad*. New York, 2010
- Wyman, David S. *The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust, 1941-1945*. Pantheon, 1986
- Yahil, Leni. *The Holocaust: The Fate of European Jewry, 1932-1945*. Oxford University Press, 1990
- Zuroff, Efraim. *Occupation: Nazi Hunter*. Los Angeles, Wiesenthal Center, 1994

REFERENCE WORKS AND ILLUSTRATED OVERVIEWS

Edelheit, Abraham J. *History of the Holocaust: A Handbook and Dictionary*. Westview, 1994

Gilbert, Martin. *Atlas of the Holocaust*. New York: Morrow, 1993

Gutman, Yitzak, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*. New York: Macmillan, 1995

Laqueur, Walter, ed. *The Holocaust Encyclopedia*. New York, 2001

Documents on the Holocaust: Selected Sources on the Destruction of the Jews. Yad Vashem, *Latest Edition*

The Holocaust Chronicle: A History in Words and Pictures. Publications International, Ltd., 2000

Berenbaum, Michael L. *The World Must Know*. New York: Little, Brown & Co., 1993 *****

Dwork, Deborah, ed. *Voices and Views: A History of the Holocaust*. Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, 2002

APPROVED ONLINE RESOURCES:

1. **Yad Vashem** in Jerusalem is the world center for researching, teaching, and commemorating the Shoah. The noble institution houses vast archives and has material *available in English* at their multi-faceted website:
www.yadvashem.org
2. The **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** in Washington DC is another vast resource trove:
www.ushmm.org
3. Survivor and famed Nazi-Hunter Simon Wiesenthal founded the **Museum of Tolerance** in Los Angeles, CA. The Museum's Multi-Media Learning Center is a helpful resource.
www.wiesenthal.com
4. The ADL (**Anti-Defamation League**) offers up-to-date information *and* archives of the journal *Dimensions*.
adl.org/education-outreach/holocaust-education/
5. Also very helpful for research (on the Shoah and related topics) is the **Jewish Virtual Library** found at:
www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org
6. David S. Wyman's **Institute for Holocaust Studies** provides trustworthy information. Go to:
www.wymaninstitute.org
7. For research on Denial, find expert Deborah Lipstadt's posts on Emory University's **Holocaust Denial On Trial**:
www.hdot.org
8. Another online resource is the Holocaust Education & Archive Research Team (**HEART**) found at:
www.holocaustresearchproject.org
9. Explore thoughtful commentaries, related materials, 'must-see' video links and more at:
www.holocaustmemories.blogspot.com

SURVIVOR TESTIMONY:

www.usc.edu/vhi *Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation* established by Steven Spielberg. (Now at USC.)

www.holocaustsurvivors.org "Here we present history with a human face..."

www.library.yale.edu/testimonies *Fortunoff Video Archive* - a collection of over 4,400 taped interviews with witnesses.

Warning: Conducting random searches with holocaust terms frequently turns up organizations containing hate harangues, conspiracy theories, Holocaust Denial and other obscenities. It is recommended that you stay with '**approved**' sites *unless* you are doing research on Neo-Nazis, Hate Speech and Holocaust Denial. If so, tragically you will find a profusion of such evil!

Tuesday Nights
6:30 to 9:30

FALL SEMESTER 2016



Session Date:	Lesson Topics:	Be Sure You've <i>Already</i> Read:
Aug 16	<i>Sacred Ground: Approaching the Shoah</i> The Uniqueness Question	Manual Unit One Rausch- ch. 1 McDonough – Read the INTRO
Aug 23	Antisemitism: Definition and Overview The Types and the Images	Manual Unit Two Rausch- ch. 2, 3 Meltzer- Preface & ch. 1
Aug 30	Hitler's Rise to Dictatorial Power The <i>Nazification</i> of Germany	Manual Unit Three Rausch- ch. 4, 5, & 6 up to p.74 Meltz.- ch. 2, 3 McDon. pp 149f
Sept 6	Begin The THREE STAGES of the HOLOCAUST Stage 1: Deprivation of Rights; Forced <u>Emigration</u> [1933-37]	Manual Unit Four Rausch- ch. 6, 9, pp 81-91 Meltzer- ch. 4, 5
Sept 13 <i>TEST IN CLASS ON:</i> The Three Stages	1938 - An Ominously "Fateful Year" <i>Kristallnacht</i>	Manual Unit Five Rausch- ch. 7 (all) Meltzer- ch. 6
Sept 20	Stage 2: <u>Isolation</u> (in ghettos) [1939-41] WWII and the 'War Against the Jews'	Manual Unit Six Rausch- ch. 8, 10 Meltzer- ch. 7 thru 10
Sept 27 MIDTERM DUE	Stage 3: Systematic <u>Annihilation</u> [1941-45] <i>The "Final Solution"</i>	Manual Unit Seven Rausch- ch. 11, 12 Meltz.- ch. 11-13 McDon. ch. 3, 4
Oct 4 [Fall Break Oct. 11 th]	<i>The Full Range of Jewish Resistance</i> The Righteous Gentiles	Manual Unit Eight – A and B Rausch- ch. 13, 14, 15 Meltzer- ch. 14 thru 17
Oct 18	LIBERATION OF THE CAMPS	Manual Unit Nine – A Review all 3 Textbooks
Oct 25	<i>Survivor Testimony</i>	Manual Unit Nine – B Have Finished NIGHT
Nov 1	The Rebirth of Israel 🏠	Manual Unit Ten Rausch- ch. 16, 17
Nov 8 PROJECTS DUE	<i>"Out of the Ashes of Auschwitz?"</i>	Have Read All Manual Extras for Unit Ten
Nov 15	Writing History (Historiography) <i>Destroying History</i> (Holocaust Denial)	Manual Unit Eleven <i>Finish Rausch and Meltzer</i> McDonough – ch. 6, Conclusion
Nov. 22 & 29 FINAL DUE on 22 th	<i>"Where was God?"</i> <i>Conclusion: Memorial Service</i> 🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️	Manual Unit Twelve