

Summer Workshop on Holocaust and Rwanda Testimonies

July 13-17, 2015

Frances Willson Thompson Library

University of Michigan-Flint

Monday, July 13: Welcome

Introductory Content

Audience: Secondary Educators and Academic Researchers

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 11:00am-1:00pm | Workshop Registration; Thompson Library Atrium. Boxed lunch provided. |
| 1:00pm-2:15pm | Kenneth Waltzer, Teddy Robertson, Dauda Abubakar: Introduction to the topic of working with survivor testimonies. |
| 2:15pm-3:00pm | Participant discussion and goals; topics to pursue using testimony for teaching and/or research. |
| 3:00pm-3:15pm | Break |
| 3:15pm-4:45pm | Ken Waltzer: Workshop focus; testimony in teaching and research |
| 6:00pm-? | Opening Dinner at 501 Grill: Informal conversation on workshop design |

Tuesday, July 14

Learning to use testimony in education/research

Audience: Secondary Educators and Academic Researchers

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8:30am-9:30am | Douglas Ballman: Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive (VHA) and iWitness informational discussion |
| 9:30am-10:30am | Ken Waltzer: Keys to using testimony: developing specific topics and key sets of questions |
| 10:30am-10:45am | Break |
| 10:45am-12:00pm | Academic Researchers- Hands on tutorial1: Exploring VHA
Secondary Educators- Hands on tutorial 1: Exploring iWitness |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Lunch with Douglas Ballman and Claudia Wiedeman |
| 1:00pm-2:00pm | Academic Researchers- Ken Waltzer: Hanks on tutorial 2: Evidence and insight from testimonies for research; testimonies individually and in conversation
Secondary Educators- Claudia Wiedeman: iWitness in the classroom |

- 2:00pm-4:45pm **Academic Researchers**- Hands on tutorial 2: (cont.)
Secondary Educators- **Douglas Ballman**: Hands on tutorial 2:
 Discussion of use of testimony in the classroom and examining
 testimonies critically for use with 7th to 12th grade students
- 6:00pm-8:00pm Film Kinderbloc 66, dinner and discussion

Wednesday, July 15

Introduction to the topic of genocide in Rwanda
 Audience: Secondary Educators and Academic Researchers

- 8:30am-10:30am **Dauda Abubakar**- Presentation on African genocides and uses of
 testimony
- 10:30am-10:45am Break
- 10:45am-12:00pm Participants work on projects with assistance from mentors (Ken
 Waltzer, Teddy Robertson, Douglas Ballman, Claudia Wiedeman,
 Dauda Abubakar)
- 12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm-3:00pm **Academic Researchers**-Continue VHA research with mentors
Secondary Educators- Continue iWitness work with Claudia
 Wiedeman
- 3:00pm-3:15pm Break
- 3:15pm-4:30pm **Laura Apol**, Professor of Teacher Education, Michigan State
 University: "Writing Narratives to Tell the Story, Writing Narratives for
 Healing"
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 4:30pm-5:30pm Reception
- 5:30pm-7:00pm **Laura Apol**, Professor of Teacher Education, Michigan State
 University:
 Dr. Apol will recount her years working on a writing workshop with
 child survivors in Rwanda and read from her newly published book
 of poetry, *Requiem, Rwanda*
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- 7:00pm Dinner on your own

Thursday, July 16

Working with and listening to Survivors
 Audience: Primarily Academic Researchers

8:30am-10:30am Individual work on testimony projects with mentors
10:30am-10:45am Break
10:45am-12:00pm **Irene Butter**: Holocaust survivor guest speaker
12:00pm-1:15pm Lunch with Irene Butter
1:15pm-2:30pm **Henry Greenspan**, UM Residential College: "On Listening to Survivors: The Nature of Testimony"
2:30pm-2:45pm Break
2:45pm-4:00pm **Marie-Jolie Rwigema & Solange Umwali**: On Listening to Rwanda Survivors
4:15pm-5:00pm **Henry Greenspan, Marie-Jolie Rwigema, & Solange Umwali**: Round table discussion
5:00pm-7:00pm Dinner on your own
7:00pm-9:00pm Film: "The Rwandan Genocide as Told by it's Historian Survivors"
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday, July 17

Conclusion

Audience: Primarily Academic Researchers

8:30am-10:30am Developing and saving testimony projects
10:30am-10:45am Break
10:45am-12:00pm Sharing of projects and observations of research
12:00pm-1:00pm Closing lunch
1:00pm-2:00pm Reflection together: what have we learned? Completion of evaluation
Departure