

ZERO HOUR

Rethinking 1945 From Jewish
Transnational Perspectives

An Interdisciplinary Workshop

April 8-10
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Monday, April 8

17:00: Welcome and Opening Remarks (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

- **Jennifer Geddes** (University of Virginia)
- **Asher Biemann** (University of Virginia) and **Yaniv Feller** (University of Florida)

17:30-19:00: Crossing Oceans (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

- **Kai Parker**, University of Virginia: “Du Bois and Baldwin on the Warsaw Ghetto and the African American Experience.”
- **Darcy Buerkle**, Smith College: “Rethinking Antifascism in the ‘Zero Hour’.”
- **Michael Weinman**, Indiana University: “Augustine and the Liberal Order: Arendt between Interwar Europe and the Civil Rights Era in America.”
- Chair: **Charles Mathewes** (UVA)

19:00: Public Reception (*NCH First Floor Foyer*)

Tuesday, April 9

9:00-10:30: Continuities and Continuation (*Wilson Hall 142*)

- **Polly Zavadviker**, University of Delaware: “A Seat at the Table: Vasily Grossman as a Holocaust Thinker.”
- **Martin Kudla**, Goethe University, Frankfurt: “Zero Latency. Hermann Levin Goldschmidt’s Epistemic Practice and Continuation of German-Jewish Tradition in the Immediate Wake of the Shoah”
- **Eugene Sheppard**, Brandeis University: “Valeriu Marcu and His Reception.”
- Chair: **Asher Biemann** (UVA)

10:30-11:00: Break

Tuesday, April 9 (continued)

11:00-12:30: The Politics of the New Order (*Wilson Hall 142*)

- **Karen Remmler**, Mount Holyoke College: “The Vociferous Din of War: The Pontigny Encounters at Mount Holyoke College, 1942-1944.”
- **Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins**, Wesleyan University: “Raymond Aron and the Gaullist Movement: Two Alternative Visions of France’s Place in a New World Order.”
- **Benjamin Schwarcz**, Bar-Ilan University, “Political Theory in Transnational Context: Leon Roth in British Palestine”
- Chair: **Jennifer Geddes** (UVA)

12:30-13:30: Lunch (Wilson 142, foyer)

13:30-15:00: Urgent Times (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

- **Ayala Gidron**, Bar Ilan University: “Man in Times of Crisis: Ernst Cassirer on the Role of Philosophy.”
- **Courtney Hodrick**, Stanford University: “The Atomic Bomb and ‘Process Thinking’ in Arendt’s Vision of Modernity.”
- **Elliot Ratzman**, Earlham College: “Standing in the Breach: American Jewish Pacifism in the Wake of the Holocaust.”
- Chair: **Manuela Achilles** (UVA)

15:30-16:30: Guided Tour of the University

17:00-18:00: Remaking Jewish Tradition (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

- **Itamar Ben Ami**, Utrecht University: “The Invention of Yeshivish Orthodoxy as Counter-Culture.”
- **Or Rose**, Hebrew College, Boston: “‘Difficulties in Mental Prayer’: Rabbi Zalman Schachter Shalomi’s Post-Shoah Explorations of Christian Spirituality.”
- Chair: **Elizabeth Alexander** (UVA)

Wednesday, April 10

9:30-10:30: Perspectives in Palestine (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

- **Ariel Horowitz**, Stanford University: “Jewishness and the 1948 War.”
- **Caroline Kahlenberg**, University of Virginia: “Revolt and Revisionist Voices in Post WWII Palestine.”
- Chair: **Jessica Andruss** (UVA)

10:30-11:00: Break

11:00-12:00: Translating Judaism (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

- **Gabriel Chazan**, University of Wisconsin-Madison: “Leo Steinberg, Yiddish Translator.”
- **Rachel Gordan**, University of Florida: “How the Genre of Introduction to Judaism was Influenced by the Postwar Context.”
- Chair: **Jeffrey Grossman** (UVA)

12:00-13:00: Lunch (*New Cabell Hall 236*)

13:00-14:30: Rupture and Reconstruction (*Gibson Hall 341*)

- **Willi Goetschel**, University of Toronto, “Responding with a Challenge: Margarete Susman's *The Book of Job and the Destiny of the Jewish People*”
- **Paula Calderon**, University of Chile: “Arendt, Jonas and Anders: The Jewish Condition in Times of Emergency.”
- **Philipp v. Wussow**, Goethe University, Frankfurt: “The Reconstruction of ‘Jewish Philosophy’ in Germany After WWII and the Legacy of Walter Benjamin.”
- Chair: **Yaniv Feller** (University of Florida)