ANN: Meyerhoff Lecture “The Citizen Other: Citizenship Stripping in Nazi Germany and the United States”

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The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is running its Annual Meyerhoff Lecture in collaboration with the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center’s Regional Campus Outreach Program on March 31 at 4PT/7ET, and would like to inquire about your interest in attending this year’s Annual Meyerhoff Lecture, as well as sharing how your organization runs announcements from outside institutions to potentially promote materials and events such as this one from the Museum.

This year’s lecture, “The Citizen Other: Citizenship Stripping in Nazi Germany and the United States” will focus on how, when, and why Nazi Germany and the US targeted groups of its citizens and denied them their rights as citizens. It will also look at the thousands of cases where a particular group’s citizenship was debated by the highest echelons of the government and cases when these governments stripped citizens of their citizenship. While many of us are familiar with Hitler’s government’s efforts to violently redesign German society upon assuming power in 1933 by defining who belonged and who was excluded, most Americans do not realize that the same thing had started in the US in the late 19th century and continued during the same period. In both Nazi Germany and the United States, leaders were determined to limit national belonging by denying civil rights and at times even stripping citizenship from those they sought to exclude. The lecture speakers will discuss the similarities, differences, and gray zones between the two countries' views of race, rights, and belonging.

This year’s speakers are:

Dr. Amanda Frost, Ann Loeb Bronfman Distinguished Professor of Law and Government, American University.

Dr. Wolf Gruner, Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies and Professor of History, University of Southern California, Founding Director, USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research, Member, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Academic Committee.

Interested in more information? Want to learn more about USHMM’s efforts to engage the Holocaust in interdisciplinary histories of persecution in North America? Visit the following links below or contact Kierra Crago-Schneider at regional_campus_outreach@ushmm.org or Emily Avalos at eavalos@ushmm.org

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The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center’s Regional Campus Outreach Program advances the field of Holocaust Studies by cultivating interdisciplinary approaches to the Holocaust that are relevant to unique geographical regions of North America in the 1920s through the 1940s. The program focuses on the range of racial persecution in the United States and Europe during this period and places the history of the Holocaust into conversation with local North American persecution histories while utilizing a collaborative approach in order to explore emerging research on common themes across disciplines, fields, and geographic regions.