

The Mark and Gail Appel Program in Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education at York University
is pleased to present an international conference open to the public

Mending a Broken World



LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST

The Mark and Gail Appel Program in Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education brings together future educators from Canada, Germany, and Poland to study the past in order to create a better future. The Program is a joint initiative of the Centre for Jewish Studies and the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies at York University. It is supported by Gail and Mark Appel, the Trans-Atlantic Program of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Baden-Württemberg State Office for Civic Education, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan), York University, and other generous donors.

Saturday, 11 February 2006 – 8:00 pm

Dr. Franz von Hammerstein

From Resistance to Reconciliation: A Personal Odyssey

A member of a prominent German resistance family and a former prisoner in Buchenwald and Dachau, Dr. von Hammerstein is a Protestant minister and a founder of the bridge-building organization, "Action Reconciliation – Service for Peace," that is active in Israel, Europe, and North America.

Film: *Silent Courage*

Silent Courage, by York University Professor Gottfried Paasche, documents the life of his mother, Marie-Therese Paasche, Dr. von Hammerstein's sister, who helped to rescue Jews from the Nazis. The film will be introduced by her granddaughter, Rabbi Sara Paasche-Orlow.

Sunday, 12 February 2006 – 2:00 pm

Dr. Stephen D. Smith, MBE

Learning and Teaching the Lessons of the Holocaust

Dr. Smith and his brother, Dr. James M. Smith, co-founded the Beth Shalom Centre in England for the study and commemoration of the Holocaust, which seeks to expose and counter antisemitism. In the new Aegis Trust, they endeavour to apply the lessons of the Holocaust to fighting genocide everywhere.

Sunday, 12 February 2006 – 3:45 pm

Panel Discussion:

***Fighting Against Hate and for Justice
in a Post-Holocaust Multicultural Society***

Dr. Karen Mock

Formerly the executive director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, Dr. Mock now chairs a new Ontario Government advisory committee charged with fighting hate crimes and strengthening community groups. As a teacher, expert witness, and community organizer, she has worked against all forms of bigotry.

Mr. Avrum Rosenzweig

The founder of Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee, which pursues *tikkun olam*, mending the broken world, through aiding the homeless in Toronto, collecting funds for disaster relief in Darfur and Pakistan, organizing volunteer programs in Africa, and other initiatives.

Mr. Justice Michael H. Tulloch

An alumnus of York University, a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, and a former Crown Attorney, Mr. Justice Tulloch has been president of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, a member of the Commission on Civilian Oversight of Policing, and a participant in the review of post-secondary education chaired by former Ontario Premier Bob Rae.

All sessions will take place in the Vanier College Lecture Hall, York University, Steeles Campus, and are open to the public free of charge.

Parking is available nearby.

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