his conference hopes to explore the idea, frequently expressed but now increasingly called into question, that before the early 1960s (with the publication of Raul Hilberg’s *Destruction of the European Jews* and the trial of Adolf Eichmann) there was a general “silence” in American circles about the events coming to be known as the Holocaust. The conference will probe this assumption and test the evidence for and against it. What kinds of inquiry and discussion—in survivor testimony, in historiography, in literature and the arts, or elsewhere—were taking place before the 1960s? What role was played by scholarship and commentary in Yiddish?

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Images:

1. (top) Nazi leader Hermann Göring stands in the prisoner’s box during his trial for war crimes in Nuremberg, Germany (1946).
3. (bottom right) American military police admit a father and daughter, both displaced persons, to the refugee shelter at Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, after August 4, 1944. (National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Md.)

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1. Nazi Physician and head of the Nazi euthanasia program, Karl Brandt, during his trial for war crimes in Nuremberg, Germany.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Michele Mikhailoff, artists from Russia and Jewish refugees rescued from wartime Nazi-occupied Europe at Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY. (Photo by Alfred Eisenstaedt, 1944. LIFE Photo Archive)

Photos of Nuremberg Trials credit: USHMM, courtesy of National Archives and Records Administration, College Park.
**Sunday, October 25, 2009**
**Faculty Center**

10 AM • Opening Remarks
Carol Bakhos (UCLA)
Eric Sundquist (UCLA)

10:15 AM • "Early Testimony by Displaced Persons"
Chair: Monica Osborne (UCLA)
Presenters:
- Alan Rosen (Foundation for the Memory of the Shoah)
- Rachel Deblinger (UCLA)
- David P. Boder: Holocaust Memory in Displaced Persons Camps
- Margarete Myers Feinstein (UCLA)

10:45 AM • "We know very little in America": David Boder and Un-Related Testimony
Rachel Deblinger (UCLA)

12 PM • Lunch Break

2 PM • "History, Theology, Film"
Chair: Justin Cammy (Smith College)
Presenters:
- Mark Smith (UCLA)
- John Roth (Claremont McKenna College)

4 PM • Reception

**Monday, October 26, 2009**
**314 Royce Hall**

10 AM • Opening Remarks
Eric Sundquist (UCLA)

10:15 AM • "Survivors, Perpetrators and American Culture"
Chair: Aaron Hass (California State University, Dominguez Hills)
Presenters:
- Hasia Diner (New York University)
- Alvin Rosenfeld (Indiana University)

12 PM • Lunch Break

2 PM • "Silence Past and Future"
Chair: Eric Sundquist (UCLA)
Presenters:
- David Cesarani (University of London)
- Hasia Diner (New York University)
- Alvin Rosenfeld (Indiana University)

4 PM • Reception

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**Images:**
3. Swiss Jew Eva Bass, formerly a nightclub singer in Paris, entering refugee camp at Fort Ontario, with her children Yolanda and Joachim, whom she carried on a sixty-kilometer trek through the fighting lines to reach American transport ship Henry Gibbins. (Photo by Alfred Eisenstaedt, 1944. LIFE Photo Archive).
5. Francis Biddle and John J. Parker discussing evidence in the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg before the trials. (1945).
6. Jewish refugee from Tripoli Victor Franco and his daughter waiting at gate for arrival of his pregnant wife, who was transported to Fort Ontario by hospital car. Oswego, New York, August 4, 1944. (National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD).
7. Otto Ohlendorf pleads "not guilty" at the Nuremberg Trials. (1945).
8. Jewish refugees from Europe arrive at the emergency refugee shelter at Fort Ontario. A father, holding his daughter, checks his tags. Oswego, New York, August 4, 1944. (National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD).
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