[small changes in this schedule may be made]

Children’s Voices
The Holocaust and Beyond

Wednesday, March 4

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Facing History 101: A Workshop for Educators (preregistration required)
Designed and led by Fran Sterling, Senior Research and Development Associate for Facing History and Ourselves, this session will explain and engage selected key issues related to effective education about the Holocaust.

Xavier Hall, Room 201

7:00 p.m.  Screening of 50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus
This Emmy-nominated film chronicles the courageous and intricate work of Eleanor and Gilbert Kraus, an American couple whose commitment to saving Jewish children led them to make a dangerous trip to the heart of Nazi Germany in 1939.

Convener: Kirsten Christensen, Associate Professor of German Language & Literature

Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

8:15 p.m.  Post-film discussion with Steven Pressman, director/producer/writer of 50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus
Thursday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Registration and coffee

Anderson University Center (AUC) Lobby

10:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. **Rescuing Refugee Children: 50 Children and Beyond**
Hindsight makes the U.S. immigration policies of the 1930s and 1940s look particularly cruel, as so many European Jewish refugees were denied visas. This panel will address the role of humanitarianism in times of violent global crises by exploring the range of prejudices, laws, and economic factors that made it so hard to rescue refugee children 70-80 years ago.

Panelists:
- **Steven Pressman**, director/producer/writer of *50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus*
- **Liz Perle**, writer and granddaughter of Eleanor & Gilbert Kraus
- **Loren Steinbrecher**, son of Kurt Steinbrecher, one of the children rescued by Eleanor & Gilbert Kraus
- **Maria Chávez**, Associate Professor of Political Science, PLU (author of *Living the Dream: New Immigration Policies and the Lives of Undocumented Latino Youth*)

Convener: **Beth Kraig**, Professor of History and Director of the Holocaust & Genocide Studies Minor, PLU

The Regency Room (Anderson University Center)

11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. **Box Lunches may be pre-purchased online**
Pick up lunches and dining area in AUC 133

12:30 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. **Documenting Rescue: Children and Their Rescuers in Nazi-occupied Poland and Czechoslovakia**
Scholars present and discuss research addressing complex and distinctive questions regarding opportunities and efforts made to rescue Jewish children in eastern European nations.

- **Laura Brade**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, “Retracing the Kinderaktion: How 669 Children Escaped Nazi-occupied Prague”

Convener: **Christopher Browning**, Emeritus Frank Graham Porter Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Scandinavian Cultural Center, AUC
1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  **The Cat in Terezin's Brundibar: Ela Weissberger's Story**

Fifteen thousand children passed through Terezin, a Nazi concentration camp, but only a hundred survived. Among that small group was Ela Stein Weissberger, 11 years old when she was imprisoned in Terezin. She will describe her experiences, including her 55 performances in *Brundibar*, a children's opera staged in the camp and exploited by Nazi propagandists.

**Ela Stein Weissberger**, child survivor of Terezin and performer in *Brundibar*

Convener: **Mina Miller**, Artistic Director of Music of Remembrance

**The Regency Room (Anderson University Center)**

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  **The Current Crisis: The Dehumanization of Refugee Children in the U.S.**

In 2014, thousands of children made the dangerous trek from Central America to the U.S., traveling without adult family members and facing violence, exploitation, and sexual assault. How was their plight described in various U.S. commentaries and why were these children not welcomed as refugees? This panel discussion will explore that question and others through historical, legal, and personal perspectives.

Panelists:
**Norma Linda Urena**, immigration attorney
**Robin Jacobson**, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Puget Sound
**Angie Jimenez**, PLU ’14
**Wendy Martinez**, PLU ’14

Convener: **Maria Chávez** Associate Professor of Political Science, PLU (author of *Living the Dream: New Immigration Policies and the Lives of Undocumented Latino Youth*)

**The Regency Room (Anderson University Center)**
7:00 p.m. **Lemkin Lecture:**
*In Their Own Words: The World of the Child during the Holocaust*

Using sources created by children during the Holocaust, the 2015 Lemkin Lecturer will discuss the ways in which they coped and contended with the challenges, fears, violence, and losses that pervaded their world during the years of Nazi oppression and murder.

**Patricia Heberer-Rice**, Mandel Institute, U.S Holocaust Memorial Museum
Author of *Children During the Holocaust*

Convener: **Robert Ericksen**, Emeritus Kurt Mayer Chair of Holocaust Studies, PLU

The **Regency Room (Anderson University Center)**

**Friday, March 6**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **I'm Still Here:** Young People Who Lived During the Holocaust

Using selections from the documentary *I'm Still Here*, based on Alexandra Zapruder's book *Salvaged Pages: Young Writers' Diaries from the Holocaust*, this session will introduce the stories of selected children and youth who recorded their thoughts and observations during the Holocaust.

**Fran Sterling**, Senior Research and Development Associate for Facing History and Ourselves

**Olson Gymnasium**

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Remembrance & Reflection**

"Schlaf Mein Kind" by Allan E. Naplan, performed by **PLU Women’s Choir**, directed by **Lauren Whitham**

Comments from **Rabbi Bruce Kadden**, Temple Beth El (Tacoma)

**Olson Gymnasium**

11:15 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. **Literature of Witness:** Young Writers from the Holocaust

**Fran Sterling** and PLU student discussion hosts will lead a series of text-centered dialogues about children’s writings from the Holocaust; what questions arise as we read these stories and think about the fate of children facing oppression, violence, and death? Open to audience members of all ages and backgrounds.

**Olson Gymnasium**
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Lessons and Commitments:**

**What Can Your Generation Do?**

Selected speakers, including current high school and college students, explain their reasons for studying the Holocaust and listening to the voices of children who lived during the Holocaust.

*Box lunches may be pre-purchased online*

Olson Gymnasium

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **On Losing Your Children Twice: Survivor Parents and Their Refugee Children**

Tens of thousands of Jewish parents sent their children abroad in an attempt to save them from Nazi persecution. Only a minority of the parents survived to see their children again. What happened in the lucky families that were reunited? Drawing on her own family correspondence, Professor Heineman will discuss the difficult path to reestablishing family ties.

Elizabeth Heineman, Professor and Chair
Department of History, University of Iowa

Convener: Lisa Marcus, Associate Professor of English

Location TBA