



Meet the Panelists

The U.S. & The Holocaust: Screening and Community Discussion Event
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Victoria Aarons holds the position of O.R. and Eva Mitchell Distinguished Professor of Literature in the English Department at Trinity University in San Antonio, where she teaches courses on American Jewish and Holocaust literatures. In addition to numerous essays and book chapters in an array of scholarly venues, she is the author or editor of 11 books, including *A Measure of Memory: Storytelling and Identity in American Jewish Fiction* and *What*

Happened to Abraham: Reinventing the Covenant in American Jewish Fiction, both recipients of the Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Title; *The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction*; *Third-Generation Holocaust Representation: Trauma, History, and Memory*; *The Cambridge Companion to Saul Bellow*; *Third-Generation Holocaust Narratives: Memory in Memoir and Fiction*; *The New Jewish American Literary Studies*; *Holocaust Graphic Narratives: Generation, Trauma, and Memory*; and *The Palgrave Handbook on Holocaust Literature and Culture*. She serves as judge for the Edward Lewis Wallant Award, a literary prize given each year to a rising American Jewish writer of fiction. She is on the editorial board of *Philip Roth Studies*, *Studies in American Jewish Literature*, and *Women in Judaism*, and she is series editor for Lexington Studies in Jewish Literature. She serves on the Holocaust Education Committee and the Holocaust Memorial Museum Commission. She is also a judge for the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Awards Committee. Her most recent book, *Memory Spaces: Visualizing Identity in Jewish Women's Graphic Narratives*, is forthcoming in April 2023.



Dr. Edward B. Westermann

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Edward B. Westermann received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and is a Regents Professor of History at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. He has published extensively on the Holocaust and military history, and he is the author of *Hitler's Ostkrieg and the Indian Wars: Comparing Genocide and Conquest* (Oklahoma, 2016), *Hitler's Police Battalions: Enforcing Racial War in the East* (Kansas, 2005), *Flak: German Anti-aircraft Defenses, 1914-1945* (Kansas, 2001) and the co-editor of *Expeditionary Police Advising and Militarization: Building Security in a Fractured World* (Helion, 2018) and *Air Force Advising and Assistance: Developing Airpower in Client States* (Helion, 2018). He is a former Fulbright Fellow at the Free University of Berlin, a US Holocaust Memorial Museum Fellow, a three-time fellow of the German Academic Exchange Service, a Clements Center Fellow of the DeGolyer Library at SMU, and a Fellow of Keene State College's Genocide Studies and Prevention Program. He has won numerous teaching awards and was inducted into Texas A&M University-System Chancellor's Academy of Teacher Educators in 2018. Dr. Westermann's areas of expertise include modern European history, the Holocaust, and war and society. His newest book, *Drunk with Genocide: Alcohol and Mass Murder in Nazi Germany* is with Cornell University Press in association with the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and was published in March 2021. He was a J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Fellow at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum for AY 2018-2019. From January 2019 until September 2021, he served as a Commissioner on the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.