



The Shanghai Jewish Refugees: History and commemoration symposium

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Scheduled Events

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome remarks by:

- Dr. Mark Schwehn, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Dr. Jon Kilpinen, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Guest speakers and moderator introduced by Dr. Yun Xia, Assistant Professor of History, Valparaiso University

9:45 – 12: 30 Panel Discussion Doris Fogel: former refugee

- Chaya Small: former refugee

10:30 – 10:45: Coffee break

- Edie Shafer: former refugee
- Kevin Ostoyich: Associate Professor of History, Valparaiso University
- Dr. Steve Hochstadt, Professor of History, Illinois College

The panel discussion is followed by a Q & A session.

Dr. Hochstadt and Ms. Shafer will be available to sign the books they have authored, which can be purchased at the symposium.

12:30 – 1: 30 Lunch and Screening of Documentary: *Shanghai Ghetto* (2005).

1:30 – 3:30 Student Paper Presentations:

- Jonathan Mack, "Guardians or Traitors? A Study of the Jewish Pao Chia in Shanghai."
- Peter Keim, "Starting from Scratch: A Case Study of Jewish Refugee Businesses in Shanghai, and the establishment of the Modern Shanghai Jewish Community."
- Trace Ostergren, "Shanghai Tycoons."
- Kaley Buck: "The Representation of the Jewish Refugees Experience in Shanghai: A Museum Window"

3:00-3:15: Coffee break

- Aura Lee Harper-Smith, "Black and White: A Marriage of Jewish and Chinese Cultures and the Ensuing Problems of Inheritance—the Story of Silas and Liza Hardoon."

3:30- 4:00 Comments on student papers

by Dr. Kevin Ostoyich, Dr. Yun Xia, and Dr. Hochstadt, followed by a Q & A session.

4: 00 Closing remarks by:

- Mr. Danny Spungen, President of Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation.
- Dr. Charles Schaefer, Chair of International Studies Department, Valparaiso University

4:30 -5:00 Brief Tour of Valparaiso University

escorted by Dr. Xia and Dr. Schaefer, accompanied by students.

5:00 Dinner

attended by the invited guests, representatives of Valpo administration, and student presenters.

Biographies of Panelists

- Doris (Warschawski) Fogel, at the age of four, and her mother left Berlin in 1939. They arrived as "stateless refugees" in Shanghai, China. Doris spent the next eight years in the Hongkew Ghetto living in internment camps among the starving Chinese citizenry, in a city without benefit of running water and modern sanitation facilities. For five decades Doris has been active in Ft. Wayne in various Jewish and Philanthropic organizations, serving as president of the Ft. Wayne Jewish Federation for six years and speaking about her wartime experiences with thousands of children annually. Two weeks before her retirement, Doris was honored by the Governor of the State of Indiana by becoming a Sagamore of the Wabash.
- Edie Shafer was born in 1941 in the Shanghai ghetto, her father and grandfather having been miraculously released from Sachsenhausen concentration camp two years earlier. Her family lived in a partitioned area of a small cigarette shop with no bathroom, only a cold water faucet, and poor cooking and laundry facilities. After the American bombing of the ghetto in 1945, she and her family were able to find a sponsor in Milwaukee. They arrived in 1948. Active in her community as a board member and frequent speaker, Edie now has a family of her own and a book telling her story in its entirety.
- Steve Hochstadt, Professor of History at Illinois College, was educated at Brown University. A prize-winning author, he has published extensively on migration and the Holocaust and his books are often used in courses on the Holocaust. Professor Hochstadt's grandparents escaped from Vienna in 1939 and went to Shanghai. Exodus to Shanghai: Stories of Escape from the Third Reich, based on a dozen interviews in English with former refugees, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2012. This book forms the collective biography of these refugees, ordinary Jews whose extraordinary experiences, told with wonder and sadness, transformed them into survivors and later into storytellers.
- Danny Spungen serves as trustee of the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation, a philanthropic enterprise which focuses its grantmaking on health related issues, especially cancer research, care and treatment, and Jewish causes. In 2007, Danny Spungen, a collector and philatelist, on behalf of the foundation, acquired arguably one of the best known collections of Holocaust materials related to stamps, covers, postcards, letters, bank note forgeries, and manuscripts from concentration camps and Jewish ghettos. Formally known as "The NAZI Scourge: Postal Evidence of the Holocaust and the Devastation of Europe," the award winning exhibit is being made available to the public on the Foundation's website. Danny works closely with the community to promote Holocaust education throughout the Midwest.

Faculty Mentors of the Research Trip

- Kevin Ostoyich, Associate Professor of History at Valparaiso University, received his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his A.M. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He has served as Resident Director of the Valparaiso University Study Abroad Program in Hangzhou, China and is currently Resident Director of the Valparaiso University Study Abroad Program in Reutlingen, Germany. He is the author of *The German Society of Pennsylvania: A Guide to Its Book and Manuscript Collections* (German Historical Institute: 2006) and various articles pertaining to German history.
- Yun Xia, Assistant Professor of History at Valparaiso University, received her B.A. from Beijing University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. She serves as the Acting Chair of Chinese and Japanese Studies program in the year of 2013-2014. Dr. Xia offers a range of survey and topical courses on East Asia. Currently she is working on a book based on her dissertation, which examines the political, cultural and social campaigns against collaborators in China during and in the aftermath of Sino-Japanese War of 1937-1945.

Student Participants of the Research Trip

- Aura Lee Harper Smith: Civil Engineering and Chinese and Japanese Studies (CJS) Double Major
- Jonathan Mack: International Business and CJS Double Major
- Kaley Buck: English and CJS Double Major
- Trace Ostergren: International Business and CJS Double Major
- Peter Keim: Business and CJS Double Major, graduated from Valparaiso University in Fall, 2013.
- Angela Elliot, who graduated in Fall, 2013 and cannot be here today, was a International Economics and Cultural Affairs and CJS Double Major.