

USC Shoah | **CENTER FOR ADVANCED**
Foundation | **GENOCIDE RESEARCH**

A group of people are seated in a room with bookshelves in the background. In the foreground, a woman with a colorful headband and a traditional Mayan-style blouse with intricate patterns is smiling and clapping. She is holding a small purple book and a pair of headphones. To her left, a man with glasses and a beard is also clapping. Other people in the background are also smiling and clapping. The overall atmosphere is one of celebration or appreciation.

**RESEARCH OF
CONSEQUENCE**



AN INTERNATIONAL HUB FOR HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES

Founded in April 2014 at the University of Southern California, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research:

- Advances innovative interdisciplinary research on genocide and mass violence
- Promotes use of the Visual History Archive® testimonies in academic research and teaching
- Transforms the way we understand the origins, dynamics and consequences of mass violence, as well as the conditions and dimensions of resistance.

Cover Photo: Guatemalan survivor Rosalina Tuyuc at the Center's 2016 international conference "A Conflict? Genocide and Resistance in Guatemala"

Above Photo: Members of the Holocaust Geographies Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Research Week, 2014-2016

“OUR FIVE-DAY WORK SESSION AT USC SHOAH FOUNDATION’S CENTER FOR ADVANCED GENOCIDE RESEARCH CATAPULTED OUR PROJECT FORWARD AND DEEPENED OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TESTIMONIES PRESERVED IN THE VISUAL HISTORY ARCHIVE. IT WAS INVALUABLE TO BE ABLE TO CONSULT WITH STAFF MEMBERS WHO KNOW THE ARCHIVE INSIDE AND OUT.”

Holocaust Geographies Collaborative
2014-2016 Interdisciplinary Research Week

A UNIQUE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Center organizes a rich academic program consisting of international fellowships and annual conferences, a lecture series and unique research opportunities such as the Interdisciplinary Research Week and the graduate student research workshop with Yad Vashem.

The Center advances interdisciplinary research by supporting the most innovative fellows, conference presenters, guest speakers, workshop and Research Week participants, as well as visiting scholars.

Five Years At A Glance

205 Scholars at the Center **61** Events

49 Academic Disciplines **23** Countries

4 International Conferences

UNIQUE LOCATION AND RESOURCES DRIVE GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

THE CENTER'S LOCATION AT A LEADING RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN LOS ANGELES – A CITY WITH A
MULTITUDE OF SURVIVOR COMMUNITIES – ENRICHES ENGAGEMENT AND DEEPENS RESEARCH

Internationally unmatched research resources at USC include:

- **USC SHOAH FOUNDATION VISUAL HISTORY ARCHIVE®**

More than 55,000 video and audio testimonies in the Visual History Archive encompass 100+ years of global history and multiple genocides and conflicts around the world, including the Holocaust; the Armenian, Cambodian, Guatemalan, and Rwandan genocides; the Nanjing Massacre in China; anti-Rohingya mass violence; and current antisemitic violence.

- **HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE STUDIES COLLECTION AT USC LIBRARIES**

Tens of thousands of books and rare documents including publications from Nazi Germany and the original transcripts of the Nuremberg trials.

- **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT USC LIBRARIES**

Primary source materials including private papers and photographs of German and Austrian Jewish emigrés from the Third Reich and materials from a class action lawsuit about the Armenian genocide.

Survivors of five genocides whose testimonies are in the Visual History Archive sat for this historic photo in April 2015. Clockwise from left: Edith Umugiraneza (Rwandan Genocide), Dario Gabbai (Holocaust), Sara Pol-Lim (Cambodian Genocide), Aracely Garrido (Guatemalan Genocide), Yevnigue Salibian (Armenian Genocide).



INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Nisha Kale, 2016 USC Undergraduate Summer Research Fellow

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCHERS AT THE CENTER

The Center's growing competitive fellowship program attracts the brightest scholars from all over the world. The residential fellowships, ranging in length from month-long to yearlong, enable scholars at all academic levels, including undergraduate students, PhD candidates, postdoctoral scholars and senior scholars, to work with the rich resources at USC.

In the Center's first five years, five endowed fellowships have been established:

Sara and Asa Shapiro Scholar in Residence

The Center's most esteemed fellowship, offered by invitation only to the most eminent scholars in the field.

Margee and Douglas Greenberg Research Fellowship
Robert J. Katz Research Fellowship in Genocide Studies
Breslauer, Rutman, and Anderson Research Fellowship
Enabling research by PhD candidates.

Beth and Arthur Lev Student Research Fellowship
Fostering research by USC undergraduate and graduate students.

*Endowment opportunities are available for named Center fellowships.
Contact us to learn more at cagr@usc.edu.*



THE CENTER'S UNIQUE APPROACH

Mural in San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala

LEADERSHIP AND STAFF EXEMPLIFY THE CENTER'S INTERDISCIPLINARY FOCUS

Wolf Gruner, the Center's founding director, is Professor of History and Shapell-Guerin Chair in Jewish Studies at USC. An internationally recognized expert, he has published 13 books and numerous articles on the Holocaust in Europe, the Armenian genocide and mass violence against indigenous peoples in Latin America.

The Center's scholars on staff represent a variety of disciplines, such as anthropology and ethnomusicology. They are experts on different genocides. This diversity of expertise and skills is the foundation for the Center's internationally recognized innovative approach.

“MY TIME WITH THE CENTER HAS ALTERED MY
LIFE AND MY ACADEMIC AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS.
THE CENTER IS A TRULY UNIQUE, EXCITING, AND
INSPIRING PLACE TO WORK AND LEARN.”

Virginia Bullington
2018 Beth and Arthur Lev Student Research Fellow

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