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The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre strives to eradicate racism and social injustice by promoting human rights and genocide awareness through education and remembrance of the Holocaust. The Centre was founded by survivors of the Holocaust as a legacy of anti-racism education for the citizens of British Columbia.

The VHEC reaches over 25,000 students and teachers annually with its innovative exhibits, interactive school programs and outreach speakers. Our public programs and commemorative events attract members of diverse ethnic and cultural communities.

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6th Biennial Shafran

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Teaching the Holocaust: New Perspectives

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9:00 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:30 WELCOME
NINA KRIEGER, VHEC EDUCATION DIRECTOR

9:45 *Thick Language, or On the Virtues of a Literary Approach to the Holocaust*
DR. ALAN ROSEN

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 *Applying the Holocaust: Lessons from Comparative Genocide Studies*
DR. ADAM JONES

12:00 DISCUSSION GROUPS

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 - 3:00 CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

a) *Teaching Comparative Genocide*

ADAM JONES

VHEC Exhibition Space

b) *Ways of Literary Coping: Three Elie Wiesel Narratives*

ALAN ROSEN

JCC Dayson Boardroom (second floor)

c) *More than Just Games: Canada & the 1936 Berlin Olympics*

JONATHAN FRIEDRICHS & SHANNON MOORE

VHEC Education Room

3:00 CLOSING REMARKS

DR. ALAN ROSEN



Dr. Alan Rosen is a 2008-2009 research fellow of the Fondation pour la Mémoire de la Shoah, completing a book entitled *That Great Mournful Past: David Boder and the History of Holocaust Testimony*. He is most recently the author of *Sounds of Defiance: The Holocaust, Multilingualism and the Problem of English*; the collaborator on a French edition of *I Did Not Interview the Dead*, by David Boder; and the editor of *Approaches to Teaching Wiesel's Night*. He has also held fellowships at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem; and the Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania. He has taught at universities and colleges in Israel and the United States, and lectures regularly on Holocaust Literature at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies. Born and raised in Los Angeles, educated in Boston under the direction of Elie Wiesel, he currently lives in Jerusalem with his wife and four children.

DR. ADAM JONES



Dr. Adam Jones is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of British Columbia Okanagan. Prior to that, he was Research Fellow for 2005-07 in the Genocide Studies Program at Yale University, and taught for five years at the CIDE research institute in Mexico City. He is author of *Genocide: A Comprehensive Introduction* (Routledge, 2006) and *Crimes Against Humanity: A Beginner's Guide* (OneWorld, 2008). He has edited three additional books on genocide, and published two on the mass media and political transition. His scholarly articles have appeared in *Review of International Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Genocide Research*, *Journal of Human Rights*, and other publications. He is executive director of Gendercide Watch, a web-based educational initiative that confronts gender-selective atrocities against men and women worldwide. Personal website: adamjones.freesevers.com.

JONATHAN FRIEDRICHS



Jonathan Friedrichs was a Research Assistant at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre from 2003-2005. He participated in the Educators' Seminar at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies in Jerusalem in the summer of 2006. He is currently a Special Education and English teacher at Killarney Secondary in Vancouver.

SHANNON MOORE



Shannon Moore currently teaches Humanities and Social Studies at Killarney Secondary. She is a PhD student in the Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy at the University of British Columbia. In the summer of 2008, Shannon attended the Educators' Seminar at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies.