

## 11TH BIENNIAL SHAFRAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

*Sponsored by the David & Lil Shafran Endowment Fund of the VHEC*

### Holocaust Education: Current Challenges – New Strategies

- *Multiple Perspectives in Teaching the Holocaust as the Cornerstone of the New B.C. Genocide Studies Curriculum*
- *Hate is on the Rise: Social Media, Fake News, and Combating Intolerance*
- *Designing Research on the Holocaust through Authentic Assessment*

**FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2019**

**8:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

DAYSON BOARDROOM  
2ND FLOOR, JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE  
950 WEST 41ST AVENUE, VANCOUVER

#### **REGISTRATION:**

*Includes lunch, refreshments, and conference materials*

**\$75 TEACHER**

**Early Bird** registration by **January 4, 2019**

**\$100 TEACHER**

Registration after January 4, 2019

**\$25 STUDENT TEACHER / RETIRED TEACHER**

*Limited opportunity for subsidized fees available by request.*

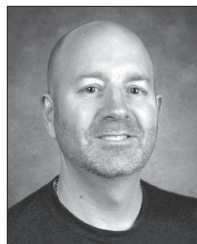
**Space is limited, registration closes on February 1, 2019**

#### **THE CONFERENCE:**

- ✓ Offers best practices for educators in teaching the Holocaust when facing current challenges including **growing antisemitism and fake news**, as well as how to teach the Holocaust within the **new B.C. Genocide Studies** curriculum.
- ✓ Recommended **for teachers of grades 6 to 12**.
- ✓ Recommended **for teachers in various disciplines** including Social Justice, World History, Political Studies, Human Geography, Comparative Cultures, English Language Arts, and Arts Education.
- ✓ Provides opportunities for teachers to **share** their best practices and **experiences** in Holocaust education through **break-out sessions** and **Q&A panel**.

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## PRESENTERS



**GRAEME STACEY** is a secondary school teacher at Kelowna Secondary School. In 2003, having taught History and Social Studies for nine years, he felt that the B.C. Social Studies curriculum did not provide enough of a specific Holocaust focus for students, so he took the initiative to propose a stand-alone course: *Holocaust 12: A Blueprint for Modern Societal Tragedies*. *Genocide 12* is a natural extension and incorporation of his Board Authorized and Approved (BAA) Holocaust course. Graeme expanded his learning and pedagogical experiences at the VHEC, Yad Vashem Israel and Toronto, the USC Shoah Foundation, and the Montreal Holocaust Museum. In addition, he is a Seattle Holocaust Centre for Humanity Powell Fellow (2016), and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellow (2016-17). Graeme was granted the VHEC Kron Sigal Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education in 2005.



**JASON HUDSON** started teaching a locally developed course entitled *Holocaust 12: A Blueprint for Modern Societal Tragedies* at Mount Boucherie Secondary in West Kelowna in 2008. Since then, his passion for Human Rights and Holocaust education has led him to organize student symposia on Human Rights, attend study tours around the world on the Holocaust and other genocides, and present at Jewish Community Centres, public schools and professional development conferences throughout B.C. In addition, Jason assisted in editing the new B.C. Genocide Studies curriculum. Jason was also the recipient of the 2009 VHEC Kron Sigal Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education.



**JODI DERKSON** acquired her B.Ed. from UBC, and then her MEd. while working full-time as a secondary school educator in Vancouver. She has always created the kind of classroom where students could learn how to collaborate in respectful, inclusive ways. Her passion for teaching about issues of social and emotional importance led Jodi to *Fighting Antisemitism Together* (FAST) in 2012, where she informs educators about free, impactful human rights resources. Jodi is also one of the curriculum developers for FAST's website on topics of racism, discrimination, and heroism. In addition, she founded *Imperative Education* where she offers workshops on bullying, mindfulness, improvisation, and empowerment.



**DR. ANDREA WEBB** spent nearly a decade as a classroom teacher and department head in Social Studies and English before returning to higher education as a teacher educator. She received her Ph.D. in Curriculum Studies from the University of British Columbia (UBC) and her research interests lie in *Threshold Concepts in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*. Currently, Andrea is an Instructor 1 in Social Studies Education at UBC, and has been a member of the VHEC Teacher Advisory since 2000.

## PROGRAM

### 8:30 REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

### 9:00 WELCOME

**DR. ILONA SHULMAN SPAAR**  
VHEC EDUCATION DIRECTOR

### 9:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**GRAEME STACEY**

KELOWNA SECONDARY SCHOOL

**JASON HUDSON**

MOUNT BOUCHERIE SECONDARY WEST KELOWNA

***Multiple Perspectives in Teaching the Holocaust as the Cornerstone of the New Genocide Studies Curriculum***

The keynote speakers will examine the development of the new Genocide Studies 12 curriculum, discuss the importance and value of teaching the Holocaust, as well as provide two models for implementation. With a combined 25 years of Holocaust education experience, the speakers will share best practices in starting a Genocide Studies course or simply in enhancing lessons related to the Holocaust and other genocides.

### 10:15 BREAK

### 10:30 WORKSHOP

**GRAEME STACEY • JASON HUDSON**

***Building Connections: Lessons and Resources for Genocide Studies 12***

This workshop provides practical lessons that can be implemented immediately in a Genocide Studies class. Participants will examine several lessons covering a wide spectrum of topics and at the end will receive digital copies of the lessons for their use. Participants will also be able to network and build up a professional sharing community to aid in lesson development for years to come.

### 11:30 LUNCH

### 12:15 WORKSHOP

**JODI DERKSON**

FAST (FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM TOGETHER)

***Hate is on the Rise: Social Media, Fake News, and Combating Intolerance***

In this workshop, participants will investigate the current trend towards hate and divisiveness, and will use content from the online humanities resource *Voices into Action* which is offered free of cost by non-profit FAST, *Fighting Antisemitism Together*. In this multi-media presentation, participants investigate online trends, social media influences, fake news, and develop fact seeking research competencies.

### 1:45 BREAK

### 2:00 WORKSHOP

**DR. ANDREA WEBB**

FACULTY OF EDUCATION,  
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

***Designing Research on the Holocaust through Authentic Assessment***

Drawing on authentic assessment, this workshop will help participants bring together many aspects of the day's program. Participants will have time to discuss teaching the Holocaust in their context, the design of (inquiry-based) research projects, and then brainstorm ways that they could apply the conference program to their work.

### 3:00 Q&A WITH PRESENTERS

### 3:25 CLOSING REMARKS

**DR. ILONA SHULMAN SPAAR**

### 3:30 END OF CONFERENCE