

## **Dachau Concentration Camp Exhibition at King's features stories of survivors, film screening & discussions over Remembrance Day time period**

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London, ON- Timed to coincide with the commemoration of Kristallnacht and Remembrance Day, King's University College will host from November 5 – 14, 2014, the international travelling exhibition *Names Instead of Numbers*, a collection of biographies of former prisoners from across Europe who were deported to Dachau concentration camp between 1933 and 1945. The exhibition features 20 biographies from the Dachau Remembrance Book project, which was compiled by students and researchers on the basis of interviews with camp survivors and their relatives. The display banners include original documents and pictures. Originally created in Germany, the exhibit has travelled throughout Europe and North America. The exhibition will be on display and open to the public in the Spriet Learning Commons of the Daryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave, London.

Two special events, both free and open to the public, are scheduled to mark the occasion.

**November 5: Opening: Film and Roundtable.** Screening of the film *The Ninth Day*, a 2004 German film inspired by the true story of the ethical dilemmas faced by a dissident priest during his temporary confinement in Dachau. Roundtable discussion featuring invited experts to follow. Speakers to include:

- Kevin Spicer, C.S.C., Stonehill College (<http://www.stonehill.edu/directory/kevin-p-spicer-csc/>) and co-editor of the journal *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*;
- Eli Nathans, Department of History, Western University (<http://history.uwo.ca/People/Faculty/nathans.html>)

Moderator: Dr. Robert Ventresca, Department of History, King's University College

Where: Kenny Auditorium, Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave, London

When: 6p.m.-9p.m.

### **November 11: Forum on Rights and Citizenship in War and Peace**

Featuring King's history students and invited guest: Kerstin Schwenke, Ph.D. Candidate in Modern and Contemporary History, *University of Munich (Germany)*, 2014 Institute for Contemporary History/Center for Holocaust Studies (Munich/Berlin) – Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Exchange Scholar, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Moderators: Dr. Stephanie Bangarth and Dr. Robert Ventresca, Department of History, King's University College

Where: Spriet Learning Commons, Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave, London

When: 5:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

“We are honoured to bring this exhibit to King’s, in keeping with our tradition of promoting serious study and open discussion of the historical experiences that have shaped our world,” says Dr. Ventresca. Dr. Ventresca recently co-taught a seminar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. “One of the distinctive features of this exhibit is its focus on *names instead of numbers*; on the real stories of individuals from diverse backgrounds who endured brutal repression and violence. This ultimate concern with the human condition – past, present and future – is at the heart of the ‘humane learning’ to which King’s aspires.”

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