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Program Agenda

How Healers Became Killers: Nazi Doctors and Modern Medical Ethics **Presentation and Discussion by Matt Wynia, MD, MPH**

- 12:00** Program Welcome, Meleah Hember, M.Ed, Outreach Coordinator, CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities
Opening Remarks by Invited Guests of Honor
- Regina D. Richards, PhD, MSW, Associate Vice Chancellor of Diversity and Inclusion, CU Anschutz
 - William S. Silvers, MD, Founder of Holocaust Genocide and Contemporary Bioethics Endowment

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12:50 Audience Q&A with Dr. Wynia

1:00 SHORT BREAK

Challenges and Opportunities in Teaching the Legacy of the Holocaust to Health Professions Students Panel Discussion

The panel discussion is co-sponsored by the AMA Journal of Ethics, the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics Haifa Asia Pacific Division, Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics, The Lancet, the Maimonides Institute for Medicine Ethics and the Holocaust (MIMEH), and the Indiana University Center for Bioethics

1:02: Program Welcome, Audiey C. Kao, MD, PhD, Editor, AMA Journal of Ethics, Vice President, Ethics Group at the American Medical Association

Introduction to Program Format by moderator, Matt Wynia, MD, MPH, Director of the CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities

Opening Remarks by Invited Guest of Honor: Dr. David Barbe, President, World Medical Association, Past President, American Medical Association, Vice President, Primary Care Mercy Springfield, MO.

Brief Introductions of Panelists, Matt Wynia, MD, MPH

Panel Discussion

Closing Remarks

Panelist Biosketches

Challenges and Opportunities in Teaching the Holocaust to Health Professions Students

Moderator



Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH

Dr. Wynia is the director of the [CU Center for Bioethics and Humanities](#) and a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Colorado School of Public Health. He is a past president of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH), and has chaired the Ethics Forum of the American Public Health Association (APHA) as well as the Ethics Committee of the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM). Dr. Wynia has worked with the Senior Historian at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum to develop teaching materials on the legacy of health professionals' involvement in the Holocaust. He has served on committees, expert panels and as a reviewer for the Institute of Medicine, The Joint Commission, the Hastings Center, the American Board of Medical Specialties, federal agencies, and other organizations and he is a contributing editor for the American Journal of Bioethics.

Panelists



Rebecca Weintraub Brendel, MD, JD

Dr. Brendel is the associate director of the Harvard Medical School Center for Bioethics and the director of the Master's Degree Program in Bioethics. She bases her clinical work in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) where she is the director of Law and Ethics at the Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior, provides medical oversight for the hospital's inpatient guardianship team, consults to the intensive care management program, and practices clinical and forensic psychiatry. She is Chair of the American Psychiatric Association Ethics and a member of the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.



Tessa Chelouche, MD

Dr. Chelouche is the Co-Director of the Maimonides Institute for Medicine, Ethics and the Holocaust (MIMEH), and the Co-Chair of the Department of Bioethics and the Holocaust of the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics (Haifa). She is the co-editor of the *Casebook on Bioethics and the Holocaust* and co-editor of the recently published AMA Journal of Ethics Special Issue *Legacies of the Holocaust in Healthcare*. For 15 years she has taught an undergraduate course on Medicine and the Holocaust at the Technion Faculty of Medicine.



Patrice Harris, MD, MA

Dr. Patrice Harris is the Immediate Past President of the American Medical Association. The first African American woman to hold the position of AMA president, Dr. Harris is a trailblazer and a widely respected national voice about issues pertaining to public health, health equity and mental health. Dr. Harris served on the AMA's Board of Trustees since 2011, including a term as chair. She has also served as chair of the AMA Opioid Task Force since its inception in 2014 and has held leadership positions with the American Psychiatric Association, the Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association and other organizations. She is an adjunct assistant professor in the Emory Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and an adjunct clinical assistant professor in psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Morehouse School of Medicine.



Patricia Heberer Rice, PhD

Dr. Heberer Rice is the Senior Historian and Director of the Office of the Senior Historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) in Washington. She has served as an historian with the Museum's Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies since 1994 where she is the museum specialist on medical crimes and eugenics policies in Nazi Germany and coordinated the USHMM special exhibit, [*Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race*](#). Dr. Heberer Rice is currently coediting *Nazi Sites for Racial Persecution, Detention, Murder, and Resettlement of Non-Jews*, a forthcoming volume of the Museum's *Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933–1945*. In addition, she has authored *Children during the Holocaust*, a volume in the Center's series, *Documenting Life and Destruction* and co-edited *Atrocities on Trial: The Politics of Prosecuting War Crimes in Historical Perspective* from the University of Nebraska Press.



Sabine Hildebrandt MD

Sabine Hildebrandt is an associate professor and anatomy educator at Boston Children's Hospital. She teaches anatomy and history of anatomy in Nazi Germany at Harvard Medical School and Harvard College. Her book, *The Anatomy of Murder: Ethical Transgressions and Anatomical Science during the Third Reich* (Berghahn Books 2016), is the first systematic study of anatomy during National Socialism. She is also co-editor of *Recognizing the Past in the Present: Medicine Before, During and After the Holocaust*, (Berghahn Books 2021). Her current research focuses on the history of the Anatomical Institute as a member of the Historical Commission on the Reichsuniversität Strassburg 1941-44. She serves as a co-chair for the newly formed [*Lancet Commission on Medicine and the Holocaust: Historical Evidence, Implications for Today, Teaching for Tomorrow*](#).



Richard Horton, FRCP, FMedSci

Dr. Horton is Editor-in-Chief of *The Lancet* and authored two recent Lancet editorials calling for the medical community to incorporate remembrance and education on the lessons of the Holocaust for the health professions. He was a key mover in *The Lancet's* recent decision to empanel the [Lancet Commission on Medicine and the Holocaust](#). He has served in numerous international health leadership positions, including as co-chair of the UN's independent Expert Review Group on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health from 2011 to 2015. In 2019, he was awarded the WHO Director-General's Health Leaders Award for outstanding leadership in global health and the Roux Prize in recognition of innovation in the application of global health evidence. He now works to develop the idea of planetary health – the health of human civilizations and the ecosystems on which they depend. In 2020, he published *The COVID-19 Catastrophe: What's Gone Wrong and How to Stop It Happening Again* with an updated, expanded second edition published in 2021.



Mark Levine, MD

Dr. Levine is a clinical professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a faculty associate at the university's Center for Bioethics and Humanities where he chairs the *Lessons Learned Working Group* of the [Holocaust Genocide and Contemporary Bioethics Program](#). Dr. Levine has served a 7-year term on the American Medical Association's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, the steward of the AMA's Code of Medical Ethics. Following many years in the practice of internal medicine, he served as the chief medical officer in the Denver regional office of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



Peter H. Schwartz, MD, PhD

Dr. Schwartz is the director of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics and an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He practices outpatient general medicine at Eskenazi Health in Indianapolis. Dr. Schwartz writes on ethical issues in many areas, including shared decision making, genetics, health information, and biobanks. He conducts research on patient decision-making and risk communication in preventive and precision healthcare and has received grants from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute and the American Cancer Society.

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To learn more about the *Witness to the Holocaust Sculpture Series* by Devorah Sperber on display at the Strauss Health Sciences at CU Anschutz, [click here](#).

Save the Date

Holocaust Genocide and Contemporary Bioethics Program



April 6, 2021

Noon-1:30 pm, Mountain Standard Time

[Then and Now: Genocide, Courage and Complicity](#)

This year's virtual program will explore examples of how the clergy and others in Nazi Germany were both complicit in allowing the Holocaust to happen as well as example of individuals who acted courageously to defy it and how acting and failure to act effect genocide and human rights violations in the world today.

Keynote Speakers:

Rebecca Carter-Chand, PhD, is Acting Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust in the Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She received her PhD in History and Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto in 2016. Her research focuses on Christian minority groups in Nazi Germany and their international networks during the 1930s and 40s.

Susannah Sirkin, M.Ed is the Director of Policy and a senior advisor at Physicians for Human Rights. She oversees PHR's policy engagement, including with the United Nations, domestic and international justice systems, and human rights coalitions. Sirkin has worked with physicians in the US and abroad to organize health and human rights investigations in dozens of countries, including the documentation of human genocide.

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