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Historian Christopher Browning featured speaker for Holocaust Remembrance 2009 at PBCC

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – Feb. 25, 2009) Preeminent Holocaust scholar Dr. Christopher Browning will discuss survivor testimonies and his experience as an expert witness in a landmark court case at Palm Beach Community College for Holocaust Remembrance 2009 at the Eissey Campus Theatre on Thursday, March 26.

Browning will be the featured speaker for the day-long program titled “The Shoah: Understanding Holocaust Memories.” Browning is a history professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the author of seven books on Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, including *The Origins of the Final Solution: The Evolution of Nazi Jewish Policy, September 1939 – March 1942* (2004), *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland* (1992) and *The Path to Genocide* (1992).



“Memories of Loss and Survival: Survivor Testimonies and the Starachowice Factory Slave Labor Camps” is the subject of Browning’s discussion beginning at 9:30 a.m. Browning will talk about his current work, a case study of the Jewish factory slave labor camps in Starachowice in central Poland, based on nearly 265 survivor testimonies. He will discuss issues using survivor testimonies in writing Holocaust history and the perception of how other ethnic groups are remembered by those survivors during the Holocaust. A book signing session with Dr. Browning will follow at 11 a.m.

At 2 p.m. Browning will talk about his role in one of the most famous court cases dealing with Holocaust denial in “Holocaust Denial in Courtroom: The Historian as Expert Witness.”

In 1993 Dr. Deborah Lipstadt wrote *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, an expose on the distortions and political agendas of Holocaust deniers. One of the authors named in the book, David Irving, sued Lipstadt and her British publisher for libel in 1996, saying his reputation as a historian was defamed.

When the case went to trial in 2000, Browning was one of the leading witnesses in Lipstadt's defense, providing expert testimony that led to a verdict in favor of Lipstadt.

Holocaust Remembrance 2009 is free and open to the public. Tickets are required for admission into the event and are based on availability. Call the theater box office at (561) 207-5900 for more information.

Holocaust Remembrance 2009 is sponsored by the Eissey Campus Humanities (ECHO) Fund, the League for Educational Awareness of the Holocaust, Inc. (LEAH) and David's East Side Deli.

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Note to editors:

Christopher Browning is available for media interviews prior to this event. Please contact Mark Udry at College Relations and Marketing for more information.

A high resolution photo of Christopher Browning can be downloaded at :
www.pbcc.edu/Images/Marketing/Christopher_Browning.jpg.

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