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Holocaust scholar delves into a society's repressed memories at Holocaust Remembrance 2013 at Palm Beach State College on Feb. 12 - 13

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – Jan. 17, 2013) Renowned Holocaust scholar Dr. Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs will be the featured speaker at Holocaust Remembrance 2013 -- "Visions of the Past: Recovering Holocaust Memories" at the Eissey Campus Theatre Feb. 12 on the Palm Beach Gardens campus and Feb. 13 at the Harold C. Manor Library on the Lake Worth campus.

Ambrosewicz-Jacobs is the director of the Center for Holocaust Studies at Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland, where she received a Ph.D. in Humanities. She was a fellow at several institutions, including a Pew Fellow at the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University, a visiting fellow at Oxford University and at Cambridge University, and a fellow at the Memorial and Educational Site House of the Wannsee Conference. She is a member of the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Council of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief (Organization for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights), a member of the Advisory Council on Education about the Holocaust to the Minister of Education of Poland, and a member of the Polish delegation to the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research.



Ambrosewicz-Jacobs is the author of "Me – Us – Them: Ethnic Prejudices and Alternative Methods of Education, The Case of Poland," "Tolerance: How to Teach Ourselves and Others," and is the co-author of "Toledo Guiding Principles on Teaching about Religions and Beliefs in Public Schools."

"Memory, Non-Memory, Post-Memory of the Holocaust in Post-Communist Poland" is the subject of Ambrosewicz-Jacobs' discussion beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 12 at the Eissey Campus Theatre. She will recount how memories of the Holocaust were repressed—often quite purposefully—by Poles following World War II until the 1980s.

"Non-memory, or the rejection of inconvenient facts, that prevailed in Poland for almost half a century," Ambrosewicz-Jacobs said, "created a difficult and painful period for those Jews who survived." She will discuss whether "historians, writers, educational institutions, memorial sites, museums, and civic organizations in post-Cold War Poland can create spaces where the repressed voice of Jewish victims can be heard and where communities of memory can integrate." Her lecture will be repeated at 9:30 a.m. on Feb.13 in the Lake Worth campus library.

The 2 p.m. session at the Eissey Campus Theatre on Feb. 12 will feature Ambrosewicz-Jacobs' discussion of "Anti-Semitism, Prejudices and Education about the Holocaust: Empirical Studies from Poland." In this talk she will discuss her research regarding what Polish citizens, especially the youth in Poland today, know about the Holocaust, about the history and culture of Polish Jews, and whether the "memory of the Holocaust in Poland [can] become a shared, collective legacy for ethnic Poles."

Holocaust Remembrance 2013 events are open to the public, with limited seating. For more information, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/Holocaust. Holocaust Remembrance Day 2013 is sponsored by the Eissey Campus Humanities Opportunity (ECHO) Fund and InSight Through Education, Inc.

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Editor's note: High resolution photo of Dr. Ambrosewicz-Jacob is available. Contact CRM specialist below for image.

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