

German Genocide in Africa Foretold Holocaust, Is Topic of Free Public Lecture at Stockton Nov. 15

Ida E. King Visiting Scholar Elizabeth R. Baer to Give Presentation

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Galloway, N.J. - The Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center is sponsoring the Annual Ida E King Memorial Lecture on **Tuesday, Nov. 15** at 7 p.m., with a presentation by visiting professor Elizabeth R. Baer titled: "The Origins of the Holocaust in Africa? The German Genocide of 1904-1907."

Baer, the Ida E. King Visiting Professor of Holocaust Studies, said, "As we commemorate Kristallnacht, and consider the origins of the Holocaust, it is important to cast our eyes backward to the first genocide of the 20th century, committed by German imperialists in their African colony. Though this genocide is little known, historians have begun to make significant links between the ideology and methodology used in Africa and the Nazi Holocaust just 30 years later."

Kristallnacht, also referred to as the Night of Broken Glass, was a large-scale violent attack and massacre of Jews throughout Nazi Germany and Austria on November 9-10, 1938.

Baer's talk will be accompanied by images of the genocide of the Herero and Nama people as well as examples of texts about the African genocide from that era.

Baer, research professor at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota, is the Ida E King Distinguished Visiting Professor of Holocaust Studies for fall 2016 through spring 2017. The Ida E. King chair was announced by Stockton's third president, Dr. Vera King Farris, to honor her late mother, Ida E. King. Under Dr. Farris' leadership, Stockton's Holocaust Resource Center was created. The King visiting scholar program brings to Stockton scholars of international

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renown to teach about the Holocaust and other genocides and to pursue scholarly work in their field.

The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held in the Stockton University Campus Center Theatre on the Galloway campus, 101 Vera King Farris Drive.

Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For New Jersey educators, 2.0 PDH (professional development hours) are available. For more information, call: 609-652-4699.

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