

HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

presents

“IF THIS IS A MAN”

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PRIMO LEVI

Wednesday and Thursday
October 23 and 24, 2002

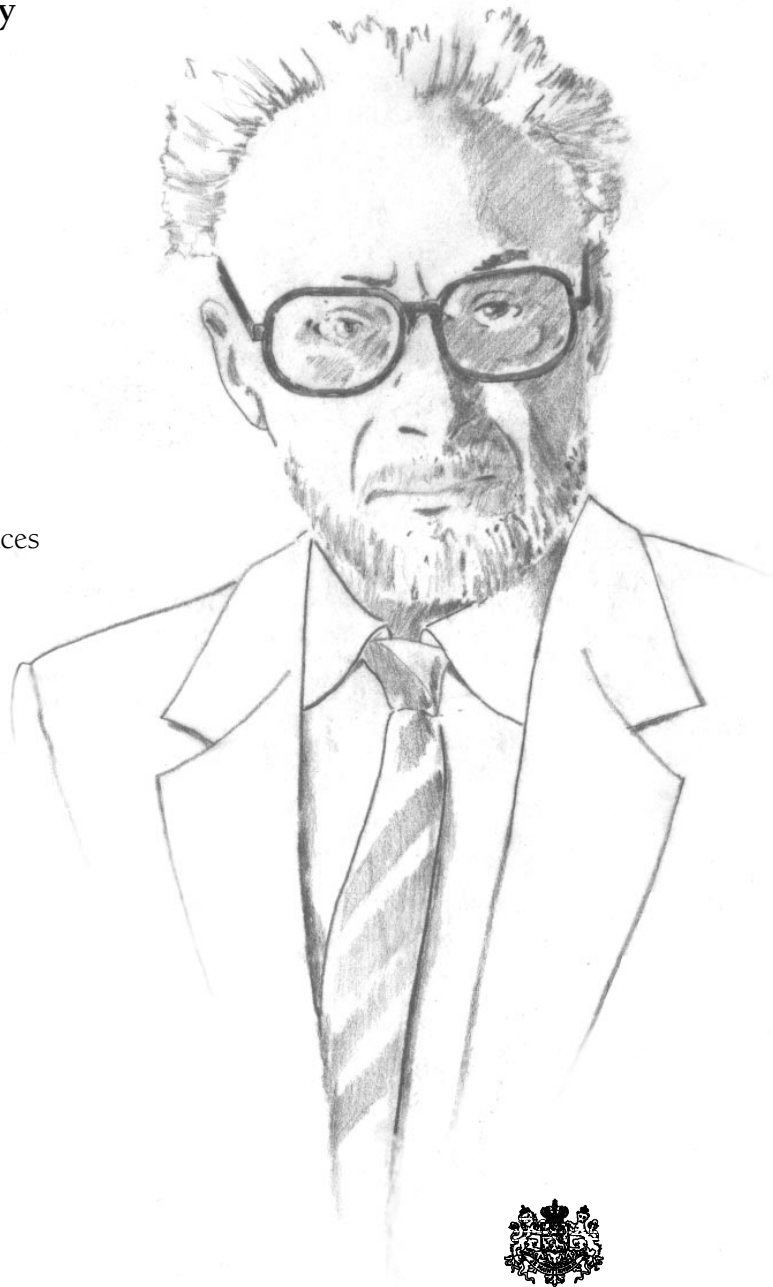
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Stanislao G. Pugliese
Associate Professor of History
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Hofstra Cultural Center

REGISTRATION PROGRAM



HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11549

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

8 p.m.

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

Hofstra Cultural Center
and
Hofstra USA Productions
present

POETRY, VIOLENCE AND PASSION: A PERFORMANCE INSPIRED BY THE LIFE AND WORKS OF PRIMO LEVI

conceived, directed and performed by Bob Spiotto
musical accompaniment and original compositions by Herb Bradensten

Comprised of literary excerpts, inspiring music and imagery, interviews and poetry, in both Italian and English, this powerful and unique theatrical collage pays tribute to a man who became the conscience of a nation and an icon of the international human rights movement, as well as the author of many books, essays and poems.

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Student Center Theater Lobby
Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

10-11:30 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome

Stanislao G. Pugliese
Associate Professor of History
Hofstra University
Conference Director

Greetings

Stuart Rabinowitz
President and
Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Claster
Distinguished Professor of Law
Hofstra University

Keynote Address

William Weaver
Professor of Literature and Bard Center Fellow
Bard College
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
Translator of Primo Levi's *If Not Now, When?* and *The Monkey's Wrench*
Joseph G. Astman Distinguished Conference Scholar

"Primo Levi's Partisans: Reconsidering *If Not Now, When?*"

11:30-11:45 a.m.

BREAK

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT PANELS

PANEL I-A: POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS I

Dan Lesham

Ph.D. Candidate in English
State University of New York at Buffalo
Buffalo, NY
“Levinas and Levi: An Ethics of Discourse”

Delia Fabbroni-Giannotti Nisbet

Associate Professor of German and Italian
Oxford College/Emory University
Atlanta, GA
“Shame and Guilt in Primo Levi and Franz Kafka”

William McClellan

Associate Professor of English
Baruch College, CUNY
New York, NY
“Primo Levi, Giorgio Agamben and the Ethics of Reading”

PANEL I-B: LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION I

Letizia Argenterì

Assistant Professor of History
San Diego Mesa College
San Diego, CA
“Problems of Translation and Interpretation Within the Levi Literary Domain”

Fred Misurella

Professor of English
East Stroudsburg University
East Stroudsburg, PA
“Casting a Cold Eye on Life”

Lina Insana

Visiting Professor of Italian Literature
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA
“Infinite Transaction: Primo Levi and the Economics of Narrative Exchange”

1:15-2:15 p.m.

LUNCH (on your own)

2:15-3:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT PANELS

PANEL II-A: JUDAISM

Joseph Sungolowsky

Professor Emeritus of French and Jewish Studies
Queens College, CUNY
Flushing, NY
“The Jewishness of Primo Levi”

David Mendel, M.D.

Eastling near Haversham
Kent, England
“Primo Levi and the Jews”

Sergio Parussa

Visiting Assistant Professor of Italian Studies
Wellesley College
Wellesley, MA
“Primo Levi’s Concept of Literature and Its Impact on Jewish Thought”

PANEL II-B: SCIENCE

Johan Åhr

Teaching Fellow of History
Hofstra University
“From Argon to Carbon: Primo Levi and the Paradigm of the Periodic Table”

Marcia Allentuck

Professor Emerita of English
The Graduate School, CUNY
New York, NY
“Physics and Survival”

Antoine Phillipe

Ph.D. Candidate in French and Italian
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, CA
“The Drowned as Saviors of Humanity: The Anthropological Value of *Survival in Auschwitz*”

3:45-4 p.m.

BREAK

4-5:30 p.m.

PANEL III: THE HOLOCAUST I

Sara Valentina Di Palma

Vigevano, Italy

“Children and Teenagers in the Holocaust”

Henry Huttenbach

Professor of History

City College of New York, CUNY

New York, NY

“Primo Levi or Eli Wiesel? Two Mutually Exclusive Renditions of the Holocaust?”

Nancy Harrowitz

Associate Professor of Italian

Boston University

Boston, MA

“Lunch at Auschwitz: Primo Levi and Holocaust Tourism”

6-8 p.m.

RECEPTION AND BANQUET

Greetings

Stuart Rabinowitz

President and

Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Cluster

Distinguished Professor of Law

Hofstra University

Banquet Speaker

Alexander Stille

Staff Writer

The New Yorker, *The New York Times*

Author of *Benevolence and Betrayal: Five Italian Jewish Families Under Fascism*

“Primo Levi: Life and Work”

Thursday, October 24, 2002

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Student Center Theater Lobby
Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

9-10:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT PANELS

PANEL IV-A: POETRY AND LINGUISTICS

George Jochowitz

Professor Emeritus of Linguistics
The College of Staten Island, CUNY
Staten Island, NY
"Primo Levi as Linguist"

Prithvi Karthikeyan

Philadelphia, PA
"The Power of Babel"

Jay Losey

Associate Professor of English
Baylor University
Waco, TX
"The Pain of Remembering: Primo Levi's Poetry and the Function of Memory"

Ilona Klein

Professor of French and Italian
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT
"Meta-, Inter- and Intralinguistic Considerations in
Primo Levi's Poem 'Ladri' ('Thieves')"

PANEL IV-B: THE GRAY ZONE

Regula Christina Zürcher

University of Berne
Berne, Switzerland
"Primo Levi's Concept of the Gray Zone"

Joram Warmund

Professor of History
Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus
Brooklyn, NY
"The Gray Zone Expanded"

PANEL IV-B: THE GRAY ZONE (continued)

Timothy E. Pytell

Visiting Assistant Professor of History
Colorado College
Colorado Springs, CO

“A Typology of Gray Flowers: Levi and Frankl in Auschwitz”

Marie L. Baird

Associate Professor of Theology
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, PA

“‘The Gray Zone’ as a Complex of Tensions: Primo Levi on Holocaust Survival”

10:30-10:45 a.m.

BREAK

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT PANELS

PANEL V-A: LITERATURE AND TRANSLATION II

Raniero Speelman

Professor of Italian
University of Utrecht
The Netherlands

“Primo Levi’s Short Stories”

Marco Belpoliti

Milan, Italy
“Primo Levi scrittore”

Nicholas Patruno

Chair and Professor of Italian
Bryn Mawr College
Bryn Mawr, PA
“Levi, Dante and ‘The Canto of Ulysses’”

PANEL V-B: POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS II

Dustin Howes

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

“Knowing Violence and Politics”

Risa Sodi

Senior Lecturer of Italian Language and Literature and Language Program Director
Yale University
New Haven, CT

“‘Henri’ Responds: Paul Steinberg and Primo Levi”

Andrew Martino

Ph.D. Candidate in Comparative Literature
Binghamton University, SUNY
Binghamton, NY

“Shadow of the Man: Primo Levi and Homelessness”

12:15-1:15 p.m.

LUNCH (on your own)

1:15-2:45 p.m.

PANEL VI: THE HOLOCAUST II

Isabella Bertolotti

Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages
Fashion Institute of Technology
New York, NY

“Primo Levi’s Odyssey: *The Drowned and the Saved*”

Timothy Campbell

Assistant Professor of Italian Studies
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

“The Object(s) of Memory: Models of Remembering in Primo Levi’s *Survival in Auschwitz*”

Marla Stone

Chair and Associate Professor of History
Occidental College
Los Angeles, CA

“Primo Levi, *La Tregua* and the Politics of Holocaust Representation”

2:45-3 p.m.

BREAK

3-4:30 p.m.

PANEL VII: SUICIDE?

David Mendel, M.D.

Eastling near Haversham
Kent, England

“Levi’s Suicide: A Personal Reminiscence”

Mark L. Taff, M.D.

Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus
Brookville, NY
and

Lauren Boglioli, M.D.

North Shore University Hospital
Manhasset, NY

“Primo Levi’s Death: A Forensic Science Perspective”

Jonathan Drucker

Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages
Illinois State University
Normal, IL

“On the Danger of Reading Suicide Into the Works of Primo Levi”

5-6 p.m.

DINNER (on your own)

6-8 p.m.

FILM SCREENING

The Truce

Directed by Francesco Rosi, 1996

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

Mark Bernheim

Associate Professor of English

Miami University

Oxford, OH

Leonard Quart

Professor of Film Studies

College of Staten Island, CUNY

Staten Island, NY

Marla Stone

Chair and Associate Professor of History

Occidental College

Los Angeles, CA

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CLOSING RECEPTION



OFFICIAL CONFERENCE HOTELS:

The Long Island Marriott Hotel in Uniondale, Wingate Inn in Garden City, and Red Roof Inn in Westbury have been designated as the official Conference hotels. Following are the room rates and cutoff dates for room reservations.

LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Blvd.

Uniondale, NY 11553

Att: Reservations Manager

Tel: (516) 794-3800 or (800) 832-6255

Fax: (516) 794-5936

Room rate: \$155 per night, single/double occupancy

Cutoff date: September 23, 2002

WINGATE INN

821 Stewart Avenue

Garden City, NY 11530

Tel: (516) 705-9000

Fax: (516) 705-9100

Room rate: \$152 per night, single/double occupancy.

Cutoff date: September 23, 2002

RED ROOF INN

699 Dibblee Drive

Westbury, NY 11590

Tel: (516) 794-2555 or (800) RED-ROOF

Room rate: \$89.99 per night, single/double occupancy.

When making your reservation, please refer to CP518984 to receive the Hofstra University discounted rate.

Cutoff date: Based on availability

NOTE: Please make your reservations early, as the number of rooms is limited. All reservations will be held until 6 p.m. on day of arrival unless accompanied by the first night's room deposit or secured by a major credit card. When making your reservations, please identify yourself as a participant in **Hofstra University's Primo Levi Conference**. Scheduled complimentary van transportation will be arranged between the Hofstra University campus and contracted hotels. Schedules will be available at the Conference Registration Desk as well as at each of the participating hotels.

DINING FACILITIES ON CAMPUS

There are several dining facilities on the Hofstra University campus. Only one dining facility, the Hofstra University Club, requires reservations. You may make reservations for lunch/dinner by calling (516) 463-6648. Reservations are limited.

LOCATION OF HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, about 25 miles east of New York City, less than an hour away by train or automobile.

The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has frequent trains to the Hempstead Station from Pennsylvania Station, located at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, as well as from the Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, New York. Use local taxi service to the Hofstra campus.

Hofstra University continues its commitment to extending equal opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, national or ethnic origin, or physical or mental disability in the conduct and operation of its educational programs and activities, including admission and employment. This statement of nondiscrimination is in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and other federal, state and local laws. The Director of Environmental Safety in the Plant Department (516) 463-6622 is the individual designated by the University to coordinate its efforts to comply with Section 504. The Equal Rights and Opportunity Officer is the University's official responsible for coordinating its adherence to Title IX and other equal opportunity regulations and laws. Questions or concerns regarding Title IX or other aspects of this policy (other than Section 504) should be directed to the Equal Rights and Opportunity Officer (516) 463-6976.

LOCAL TAXI SERVICE:

All Island Taxi Service: (516) 481-1111

Pub Taxi Service: (516) 483-4433

Hempstead Taxi: (516) 489-4460

BY CAR:

Travel on the Long Island Expressway, Northern State Parkway or Southern State Parkway to Meadowbrook State Parkway to Exit M4 (Hempstead Turnpike). Proceed west on Hempstead Turnpike to the Hofstra campus (approximately one mile).

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS:

The campus is located approximately 30 minutes by car from either John F. Kennedy International Airport or LaGuardia Airport.

Call in advance for reservations:

Horizon Transportation Service

Personalized Transportation Service: (516) 538-4891

Hempstead Limousine Service Corporation

Personalized Transportation Service: (516) 485-4399

Long Island Airport Limousine Service (LIALS)

LIALS can be called upon arrival at either JFK or LaGuardia Airport, at a public telephone: 656-7000 (no area code required). The phones are monitored from 4 a.m. through midnight, seven days a week.

NOTE: Please be advised that there are no set fares charged by New York City yellow cabs between the airports and the Hofstra campus. Please confirm fee with the driver before starting your trip.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE LISTED IN THE FINAL PROGRAM, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK DURING THE CONFERENCE.

FOR INFORMATION:

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***Please add a \$3 handling fee for credit card orders.**

Full conference registration includes one ticket to the pre-conference event, coffee breaks and closing reception. **All events (with the exception of meals) are free to Hofstra students, faculty and staff upon presentation of a current HofstraCard.** Hofstra University is 100-percent program accessible to persons with disabilities.

Cancellations: A \$10 handling fee will be deducted from registration refunds; however, written notice must be received by October 13, 2002.

Returned Checks: A \$20 handling fee will be charged for returned checks.

CONFERENCE FEES



	REGISTRATION FEE		NO. OF PERSONS	AMOUNT
Regular	\$60		_____	_____
Senior Citizens (over 65 with ID)	\$45		_____	_____
Matriculated Non-Hofstra Students (with ID)	\$25		_____	_____
Reception and Banquet (Wednesday, October 23)	\$35		_____	_____
Registration fee includes one ticket to the October 22 performance of " Poetry, Violence and Passion. " Additional tickets	\$10		_____	_____
TOTAL			_____	_____