

Our Events

We partner with units on- and off-campus in offering scholarly and educational programming on the Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity. Past events include presentations by local Holocaust survivor and educator Noémi Ban, the former President of the National Congress of American Indians Brian Cladoosby, and historians Michael Berenbaum, Deborah Lipstadt, and Benjamin Madley.



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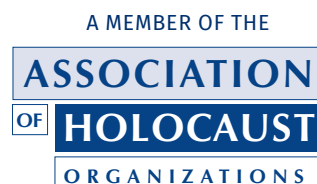
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Our Goals

- Provide students with a global education rooted in the liberal arts that investigates the Holocaust, genocide, and crimes against humanity from various perspectives and academic disciplines
- Support and enhance curriculum development across disciplines and colleges, including an undergraduate minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies and international study abroad opportunities
- Address the state's recommendation to teach the Holocaust in schools by giving future teachers a background in Holocaust Studies
- Broaden public awareness and knowledge of the Holocaust, genocide, and crimes against humanity by creating scholarly and educational programming
- Engage the greater Bellingham community and national/international partners



"Receiving this award means a great deal to me as a student activist, and I am inspired by this award to continue taking action for human rights and endangered lives."

Our Minor

The new minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the first such minor at a public university in Washington state, provides a solid foundation for further study of mass atrocities present and past, including the Holocaust. It prepares students to be knowledgeable, successful and engaged members of society, and will enable them to work in and across disciplines to identify and creatively solve key societal problems, both local and global.

Our Students

HOKU RIVERA

2018-2019 Kohlmeier Mikulencak Scholarship Recipient in Honor of Holocaust survivor Arthur Poznanski (1927-2009)

We are grateful for support from the Kohlmeier Mikulencak family, whose generosity allows the RWI to honor outstanding students and to assist them with their multi-faceted educational pursuits.