“There are 84 languages represented at Queensborough Community College. I want to add one more: the language of understanding.”

– Harriet Kupferberg
Queen'sborough Community College is one of six community colleges nationwide chosen in 2011 by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to receive a Challenge Grant for Two-Year Colleges to strengthen their humanities programs and resources. The College’s Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives (KHRCA) is at the heart of this grant and of our efforts to serve as a model of excellence in enriching students’ experiences and deepening their understanding of differences among cultures.

The Kupferberg Holocaust Center’s mission is to educate current and future generations about the ramifications of unbridled prejudice, racism, and stereotyping. Queensborough is leveraging NEH Challenge Grant funding to build an endowment to support that mission by expanding the Center’s programming in perpetuity. Programming now includes annual colloquia on global human rights issues, designed and led by College faculty to engage Queensborough’s diverse student population and the surrounding communities.

Queensborough Community College enrolls more than 16,000 students from more than 143 nations — many of whom are recent immigrants. This diversity ensures the exhibits and activities at the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center have the opportunity to influence a great many cultures.

The cornerstones of the Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center and Archives is its unique, customized exhibits carefully crafted by scholars. The exhibits add to the global discussion and the body of knowledge on the Holocaust and genocide. The combination of historical facts and the ability to develop new research topics allows the Center to use the lessons of the Holocaust to address contemporary social issues.

**Gender and the Future of Genocide Studies**

**2015-16 Colloquia**

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**Gender and the Future of Genocide Studies**

**Dr. Elisa von Joeden-Forgey**, Assistant Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Stockton University and Director of the Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12:10 – 1:40pm, KHRCA

**Human Rights and Genocidal Rape**

Professor Cynthia Soohoo, Director of the International Women’s Human Rights Clinic, CUNY Law School

Dr. Natalie Nenadic, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Kentucky

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:10 – 1:40pm, KHRCA

**Multiple Girlhoods: Growing up in Bosnia Before and During the Civil War**

Ms. Jasmina Dervisevic-Cesic, author of *The River Runs Salt, Runs Sweet*

Dr. Amy Traver, Associate Professor of Sociology, Queensborough Community College

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 12:10 – 1:40pm, Medical Arts 136

**Gendered Experiences in, and Memories of, the Nazi Holocaust**

Dr. Azadeh Aalai, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Queensborough Community College

Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel, founder and executive director of the Remember the Women Institute

Dr. Marianne Hirsch, William Peterfield Trent Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University and Director of the Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 12:10 – 1:40pm, KHRCA

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**Forgotten Witnesses: Gender-Based Violence in Asia During World War II**

Dr. Jimin Kim, Program Director of the Asian Social Justice Internship Program that is co-hosted by Korean American Civic Empowerment (KACE) and the KHRCA at Queensborough Community College

Artist Chang-Jin Lee, Korean-born visual artist and documentary filmmaker of *Comfort Women Wanted*

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 12:10 – 1:40pm, KHRCA

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**Gender, Genocide, and Justice in Rwanda**

Ms. Roxanne Krystalli, Program Manager of the Humanitarian Evidence Program, Feinstein International Center at Tufts University

Ms. Sara E. Brown, Stern Family Fellow and comparative genocide doctoral candidate, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University

Ms. Samantha Lakin, PhD Student, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Cummings Foundation Fellow

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 12:10 – 1:40pm, KHRCA

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