

CFP: **Annihilation, Archive, Autobiography**

Deadline: 2010-10-01

### Call for Papers

**Workshop: Annihilation, Archive, Autobiography: Networks of Testimony in German-Occupied Europe**

**Date: March 10–12, 2011**

Keynote speaker: Prof. Samuel Kassow, Trinity College

**Location: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

The Initiative in Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies (HGMS) at the University of Illinois is pleased to announce its first annual workshop: Annihilation, Archive, Autobiography: Networks of Testimony in German-Occupied Europe.

This workshop, which will take place March 10–12, 2011, will investigate in comparative fashion the task of archiving Jewish life in eastern Europe. The sustained effort to retrieve the history of Jewish communities in eastern Europe marked the twentieth century, but the disaster of World War II at once imperiled, made more necessary, and led to the reconceptualization of archival and autobiographical endeavors. The workshop's ambit will include the wartime assembly of archives and the documentation of autobiography across Europe among Jews and non-Jews, but the focus will be on Jews in eastern Europe. The workshop is particularly interested in the investigation of how documentation was conceptualized and theorized and how the war transformed notions of the archive, autobiography, and testimony.

The workshop will bring together 12–15 scholars for an intensive, seminar-style discussion of their work in progress. Following a keynote lecture by Prof. Samuel Kassow, author of *Who will Write our History: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabes Archive*, each session will consist of discussion of pre-circulated papers led by a respondent. The HGMS initiative will cover costs for housing and meals in Illinois. Participants will be responsible for their own travel to Urbana-Champaign.

Interested faculty and graduate students are encouraged to submit a 300-word abstract and short cv by October 1, 2010. (Full papers of 6,000–8,000 words will be due on Feb. 1, 2011.)

Send abstracts and/or queries to Michael Rothberg ([mpr@illinois.edu](mailto:mpr@illinois.edu)). Workshop organizers: Peter Fritzsche (History), Harriet Murav (Slavic and Comparative Literature), Michael Rothberg (English).

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