THE QUEENS COLLEGE WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM

presents

THE VIRGINIA FRESE PALMER CONFERENCE
WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2014

WOMEN and GENOCIDE

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 • 9 AM-2:30 PM
QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENT UNION, 4th FLOOR

9 AM–12:30 PM PANEL DISCUSSION

AUDRA SIMPSON “The Chief’s Two Bodies: Theresa Spence and the Gender of Settler Sovereignty.” Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University, Simpson is the author of numerous articles and of a forthcoming book, Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life across the Borders of Settler States.

DONNA-LEE FRIEZE “The Armenian Genocide, Women, and the Genocide Convention.” Prins Senior Fellow at the Center for Jewish History in NYC and Visiting Fellow at the Deakin Research Institute in Australia, Frieze has published widely on the Armenian and other genocides in relation to testimony, film, and philosophy.

MARION KAPLAN “The Holocaust: Women as Victims and Resisters.” Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History at New York University, Kaplan has authored and edited a number of books, from The Jewish Feminist Movement in Germany, 1904–1938 to her most recent, Dominican Havens: The Jewish Refugee Settlement in Sosua, 1940–1945.

WENDY LOWER “German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields of the Holocaust.” Lower is John K. Roth Chair of History at Claremont McKenna College and historical consultant for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Her latest book, Hitler’s Furies, was a finalist for the National Book Award.

VICTORIA SANFORD “Maya Women as Targets: Gender Violence and the Guatemalan Genocide.” Professor of Anthropology at Lehman College and the CUNY Graduate Center, Sanford is the recipient of numerous fellowships and the author of several books, the most recent of which is La Masacre de Panzós: Etnicidad, Tierra y Violencia en Guatemala. (Photo: Julien Charlon 2012)

JACQUELINE MUREKATETE “Gender-Based Violence during the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda.” Herself a survivor of the genocide, Murekatete is an internationally recognized human rights activist. She writes and speaks on the topic worldwide and organizes genocide-prevention forums and projects, for which she has received a number of awards.


CASSANDRA ATLAS “Women’s Experiences of Genocide: Healing and Historical Memory-Building.” Human Rights Advocacy Coordinator at MADRE, Atlas plays a key role in coordinating MADRE’s human rights advocacy programs, including a transitional justice initiative among Colombian and Guatemalan women and human rights training in Iraq.

12:30–2:30 PM COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH

For lunch, RSVP to joyce.warren@qc.cuny.edu or 718-997-3098

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, English, History, Political Science, and Urban Studies, and the Divisions of Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences.