

“The Nuremberg Doctors’ Trial and the Nuremberg Code at 75”

Symposium Recordings

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

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Panel I – The Nuremberg Doctors’ Trial and the Nuremberg Code—Historical, Legal and Ethical Perspectives

Moderator: **Leon Fine**, MD, Director, Center for the Arts and Humanities in Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

Panelists:

Nicola Farron, MA, MPhil, Adjunct Instructor of History and Judaic Studies, Linfield University and Portland State University – “Sigmund Rascher and the Dachau Freezing and High-Altitude Experiments: The Corrosion of Healing”

Jonathan Bush, MLitt, JD, Lecturer, Columbia Law School – “Legal Aspects of the Nuremberg Medical Case(s): From Case Preparation to Post-Conviction Review”

George J. Annas, JD, MPH, William Fairfield Warren Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights, Boston University School of Public Health – “The ‘Nuremberg Code’ at Its Courtroom Birth: The Judges Confront Medical Crimes and Reflect on the Ethics of Human Experimentation”

Discussant: **Michael Bazylar**, JD, Professor of Law and the 1939 Society Scholar in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies, Fowler School of Law, Chapman University

Panel II – The Legacy of the Trial and Code in Material Claims and Medical Ethics

Moderator: **Rena Selya**, PhD, MLIS, Archivist, Historical Conservancy; Associate Director and Assistant Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

Panelists:

Ruth Jolanda Weinberger, PhD, Historian, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Fund for Victims on Medical Experiments and Other Injuries) – “The Negative Ramifications of the Nuremberg Medical Trial on Compensation Payments for Victims of Medical Experiments”

Etienne Lepicard, MD, PhD, Center for Medical Education, Hadassah and the Hebrew University Medical School; Israel Bioethics Council (2012–2020) – “Negotiating Ethics in the Shadow of the Nuremberg Medical Trial: The German Medical Association and the World Medical Association, 1947–1951”

Matthew Wynia, MD, MPH, Director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus – “The Nuremberg Medical Trial and Medical Ethics: Frequently Ignored yet Pervasively Influential”

Discussant: **Alexander Capron**, LLB, University Professor, Scott H. Bice Chair in Healthcare Law, Policy and Ethics (Gould School of Law), Professor of Medicine and Law (Keck School of Medicine), and Co-Director, Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics, University of Southern California

Keynote

Introduction: **Eric Esrailian**, MD, MPH, Chief, Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases; Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Speaker: **Michele Heisler**, MD, MPA, Medical Director, Physicians for Human Rights; Professor of Internal Medicine and Public Health, University of Michigan – “Beyond Perpetrators: Health Professionals as Defenders of Human Rights”

Panel III – Medical Professionals’ Participation in Torture and Non-Consensual Medical Experimentation: Current and Recent Cases

Moderator: **Kate Mackintosh**, LLM, Executive Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights, UCLA School of Law

Panelists:

Annsar Shahhoud, MA, Independent Scholar – “Assad’s Military Doctor on Trial: The Case of Alaa Mousa”

Brock Chisholm, DClinPsych, Consulting Clinical Psychologist and Founder, Trauma Treatment International; Clinical Psychologist and Director, Criterion A Psychology Services – “Everything Is Forced. Nothing Is by Consent’: Medical and Psychological Professionals’ Participation in Torture at the CIA ‘Darkness’ Prison”

Catherine Sweetser, JD, LLM (Standing in for **Hannah Robinson**, JD) – “The International Case Against the ‘Ethically Impossible’: Holding the U.S. Government Accountable for STD Research in Guatemala Before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights”

Discussant: **Catherine Sweetser**, JD, LLM, Deputy Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights, UCLA School of Law

Presentation and Discussion – Looking to the Future

Introduction: **Gideon Manning**, PhD, Director and Associate Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

Presenter and Discussion Leader: **Thorsten Wagner**, MA, Executive Director for Strategy and Academics, Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) – “Fostering Ethical Leadership in Young Medical Professionals: The FASPE Approach and the Role of Historical Learning”

Interdisciplinary Reflections

Moderator: **Sofia Gruskin**, JD, MIA, Professor, Keck School of Medicine of USC and Gould School of Law, Director, Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, University of Southern California

Participants:

Kirsten Moore-Sheeley, PhD – history of medicine (Cedars-Sinai Program in the History of Medicine)

Martha Stroud, PhD – anthropology and genocide studies (USC Dornsife Center for Advanced Genocide Research)

Leigh Dannhauser – law (UCLA School of Law)

Talia Kamran – law (UCLA School of Law)

Abraar Karan, MD, MPH, DTM&H – medicine and public health (Stanford School of Medicine)

Closing Remarks

Sari J. Siegel, PhD, Founding Director, Center for Medicine, Holocaust and Genocide Studies; Assistant Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai