



## 2017 HOLOCAUST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENT BARBARA J. FALK

Barbara J. Falk is a professor in the Department of Defence Studies at the Canadian Forces College (CFC). She holds a BA in political science from the University of Victoria, an MA and PhD from York University, and a Master of Studies in Law from the University of Toronto. Her research interests focus on theories of violence, armed conflicts, comparative security and terrorism. At the CFC, Professor Falk teaches a course on the Holocaust that she has designed for mid-career Canadian and international officers. The course includes a talk with a Holocaust survivor, allowing officers to experience a first-hand account of the Shoah.

### YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION IN REVIEW

The CSYV Holocaust Scholarship Program has been extremely helpful to Barbara in her teaching and curriculum development. Specifically, it has allowed her to broaden her knowledge about the Holocaust, Shoah historiography and major trends in the field of Holocaust studies. During the in-class seminar at Yad Vashem, Barbara was exposed to valuable resources in Holocaust education. This allowed her to enrich the bibliography on genocides that she provides to her students at the Canadian Forces College. In addition, her participation in the program enabled her to deepen the Holocaust segment of the course: Genocide, Conflict and Justice, to include materials and ideas gained from the summer seminar.

The course is tailored to the students' interests: this year they presented and wrote on many Holocaust-related subjects such as: Nazi women perpetrators; technology and the Holocaust; Hitler's appreciation of the American opening up the "West" and the killing of indigenous peoples; the role of monuments and museums in preserving/narrating Holocaust memory and political positions; questions of transitional justice involving post-genocide societies, and many other topics. As well, Holocaust survivor Max Eisen shared with students his experience during the Shoah. This year, Mr. Eisen received an honorary doctorate from Trent University, and Barbara assisted him in preparing his remarks. Moreover, on June 20, 2018, he spoke to the entire Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College and was chosen by this year's cohort to be the honorary graduate of the programme.

In November 2017, Barbara was an invited panelist at a half-day symposium at the University of British Columbia Okanagan, entitled "The Politics of Memory: Trials and Memorials." She then built upon that presentation, elaborating further upon her research for a presentation at a half day Genocide on Human Rights symposium, held April 21, 2018, entitled "Genocide and the Politics of Memorialization and Commemoration." Her plan is to further revise and submit this as an article to a peer-reviewed academic journal.



ILLUSTRATIONS THAT BARBARA USED IN HER PRESENTATION: GENOCIDE AND THE POLITICS OF MEMORIALIZATION AND COMMEMORATION