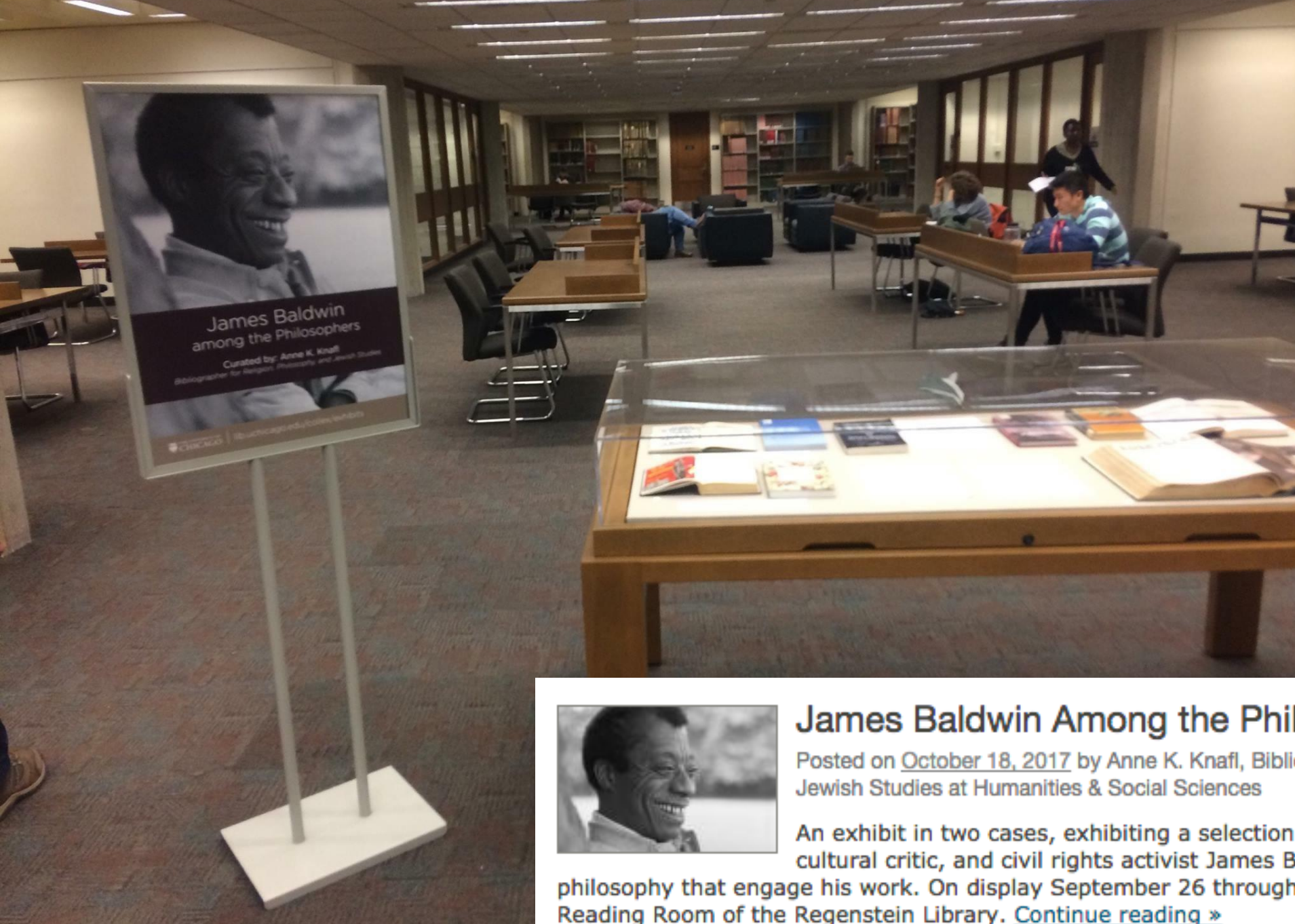


HOW I BECAME A “RENEGADE BIBLIOGRAPHER”

Wednesday Lunch
January 31, 2018

Anne K. Knafl

Bibliographer for Religion, Philosophy, and Jewish Studies



James Baldwin Among the Philosophers

Posted on [October 18, 2017](#) by Anne K. Knafel, Bibliographer for Religion, Philosophy, and Jewish Studies at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit in two cases, exhibiting a selection of books and essays by author, cultural critic, and civil rights activist James Baldwin juxtaposed with works of philosophy that engage his work. On display September 26 through December 31, 2017, in the 4th floor Reading Room of the Regenstein Library. [Continue reading »](#)

Exhibits: 2012-2016



Girl Scouts of the United States of America Centennial, 1912-2012

Posted on [April 2, 2012](#) by Anne Knafl at Humanities & Social Sciences

This year marks the centennial anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. In celebration, visit the exhibit on the 2nd floor of Regenstein Library, which showcases materials about the Girl Scouts from the Library's collections together with Girl Scout memorabilia on loan from local Girl Scout alumnae.

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From Grounds to Gifts: The Divinity Students Association (DSA) and the Religion Collection

Posted on [February 8, 2013](#) by Anne K. Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy at Humanities & Social Sciences

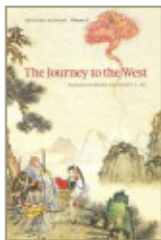
A mini-exhibit celebrating a gift from the Divinity Students Association (DSA) of the Divinity School to the University of Chicago Library for the purchase of new titles for the Religion Collection featuring books selected with gift funds and Divinity School Coffee Shop memorabilia. The exhibit is located on the Fourth Floor of Regenstein Library and will run until April 1st, 2013. [Continue reading »](#)



Kierkegaard at 200

Posted on [May 8, 2013](#) by Anne K. Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy at Humanities & Social Sciences

A mini exhibit commemorating the life and work of Søren Kierkegaard on the 200th anniversary of his birth displayed in the Fourth Floor Reading Room of the Joseph Regenstein Library. [Continue reading »](#)



Journeys to the West: An Exhibit in memory of Anthony C. Yu, 1934-2015

Posted on [August 14, 2015](#) by Anne K. Knaf, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy, Romulus D. Stefanut, Ph.D. candidate in Biblical Studies, and Jiaxun Wu, Librarian for Chinese Studies at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit in memory of Anthony C. Yu, Carl Darling Buck Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the Humanities and the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, centered on Yu's ground-breaking English translation of the Chinese epic, Hsi-yu chi (The Journey to the West). The exhibit is displayed in one case in the 4th floor Reading Room of the Regenstein Library, August 14 through September 30, 2015. [Continue reading »](#)



From Gnostics to U-Boats: The Work of Robert McQueen Grant (1917-2014)

Posted on [October 23, 2014](#) by Anne K. Knaf, Bibliography for Religion and Philosophy at Humanities & Social Sciences

Robert McQueen Grant's career spanned eight decades, during which time he became an internationally renowned scholar of both the New Testament and WWI U-Boats. See a selection of his works, displayed in an exhibit case in the fourth floor Reading Room of Regenstein Library from October 20 through December 12, 2014. [Continue reading »](#)



A Philosophy of Education: An Exhibit in Memory of Philip W. Jackson (1928-2015)

Posted on [November 15, 2015](#) by Anne K. Knaf, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy, and Christine D. Bailey at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit in memory of Philip W. Jackson, the David Lee Shillinglaw Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in Education, Psychology and the College, is now on display in one case in the 4th floor Reading Room of the Regenstein Library, November 13 through December

31, 2015. [Continue reading »](#)



Meaning Found in Comparison: An Exhibit in memory of Martin Riesebrodt (1948-2014)

Posted on [March 17, 2015](#) by Anne K. Knaf, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy with Christine Bailey at Humanities & Social Sciences

Martin Riesebrodt (1948-2014), professor emeritus at the Divinity School, defended both the possibility of a universal definition of religion and the ability and importance of critical comparisons across religions. See a selection of his works, displayed in an exhibit case in the 4th floor Reading Room of Regenstein Library from March 16 through May 31, 2015. [Continue reading »](#)



Exhibit in Memory of Jean Bethke Elshtain (1941-2013)

Posted on [September 10, 2013](#) by Anne K. Knaf, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit, in one case, celebrating the life and work of Jean Bethke Elshtain, religious ethicist, feminist and just-war theorist, who passed away on Aug 11, 2013 at the age of 72. The exhibit is displayed on the 4th floor of Regenstein Library and runs from September 9 through December 31, 2013. [Continue reading »](#)

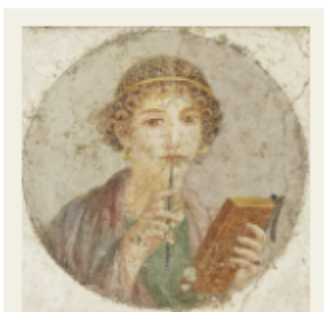
Women's Work: Scholarship by Women at UChicago

Posted on [February 24, 2014](#) by The University of Chicago Library

4th floor: Women and Philosophy at the University of Chicago

Why are there so few women philosophers? Why does it matter? This exhibit responds to the ongoing underrepresentation of women within the field of Philosophy by highlighting the work of three University of Chicago faculty members: Hannah Arendt, Marjorie Grene, and Martha Nussbaum. Selections from their work will be juxtaposed with materials that reflect the historical and contemporary influence of women and gender tensions on the study of Philosophy at the University.

Organized by Anne Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion; Julie Huh, Philosophy, Class of 2014; and Alaina Bompiedi, Philosophy, Class of 2015.



Jewish Liturgy through the Ages: Nusah Ashkenaz 1795-2015

Posted on [July 7, 2015](#) by David Frankel, Ph.D. student, History of Judaism, and Anne K. Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit of Jewish prayer books (siddurim) of the Eastern European rite (Nusah Ashkenaz) from the Library's collection. Dating from 1795-2015, in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, each one presents the daily prayers and festival recitations uniquely. An exhibit displayed in one case in the 4th floor Reading Room of the Regenstein Library, July 1 through September 30, 2015. [Continue reading »](#)



Benjamin Elijah Mays and the University of Chicago

Posted on [April 19, 2016](#) by Anne K. Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit in two cases, honoring Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who received his A.M. (1925) and Ph.D (1935) from the Divinity School. On display April 19 through July 31, 2016, in the 4th floor Reading Room of the Joseph Regenstein Library.

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Representations of the Holocaust in the Arts and the Legacy of Elie Wiesel (1928-2016)

Posted on [August 17, 2016](#) by Tzvi H. Schoenberg, A.M. Student, Divinity, and Anne K. Knafl, Bibliographer for Religion, Philosophy and Jewish Studies at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit in two cases that examines artistic representations of the Holocaust and the polemics they created as a reflection on the legacy of the work of Elie Wiesel. On display August 16 – October 31 in the Regenstein 4th Floor Reading Room. [Continue reading »](#)



Patron Concern

February 16, 2017 I met with a patron who asked:

- The Library owns copies of publications by Edred Thorsson, aka Stephen Flowers, whose writings reflect Nazi propaganda. How would non-specialists know that? Why would the Library purchase these materials?
- Purchased by Sem Sutter at request of Stephanie von Schnurbein, who was a Wigeland-funded faculty member working on Norse neo-paganism and connections to right wing politics



Books by Stephen Flowers in the Library

1



[Runes and magic : magical formulaic elements in the older runic tradition /](#)

by Flowers, Stephen E., 1953-

New York : P. Lang, c1986.

xv, 457 p. : maps ; 23 cm.

American university studies. Series I, Germanic languages and literature ; vol. 53

Regenstein, Bookstacks | **PD2013.F560 1986** | [Available](#)

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[The secret king : Karl Maria Wiligut : Himmler's lord of the runes /](#)

by Wiligut, Karl Maria, 1866-1946.

1st ed.

Waterbury Center, VT : Dominion Press ; Smithville, TX : Rûna-Raven Press, c2001.

155 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.

Regenstein, Bookstacks | **BF1434 .G5 W55 2001** | [Available](#)

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[The secret of the Runes /](#)

by List, Guido, 1848-1919.

Rochester, Vt. : Destiny Books : Distributed to the book trade in the U.S. by Harper and Row, c1988.

xii, 131 p. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Regenstein, Bookstacks | **BF1623.R89 L5713 1988** | [Available](#)

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The hoax of the twentieth century : the case against the presumed extermination of European Jewry / by Arthur R. Butz.

Author / Creator	Butz, A. R. (Arthur R.)
Imprint	Torrance, CA. : Institute for Historical Review, 1985, c1976.
Description	369 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
Language	English
Subject	Holocaust denial
Format	Print, Book
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Anne Frank's diary--a hoax / by Ditlieb Felderer.

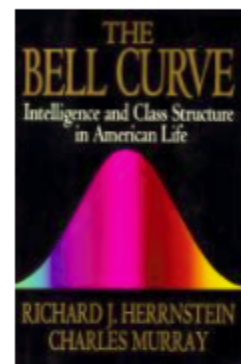
Author / Creator	Felderer, Ditlieb.
Imprint	Torrance, CA : Institute for Historical Review, c1979.
Description	vi, 92 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Language	English
Subject	Frank, Anne, 1929-1945. Achterhuis. Holocaust denial literature.
Format	Print, Book
URL for this record	http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/cat/bib/4838791

Counterfeit-sex; homosexuality, impotence, frigidity.

Author / Creator	Bergler, Edmund, 1899-1962
Edition	2d, enl. ed.
Imprint	New York, Grune & Stratton, 1958.
Description	380 p. 23 cm.
Language	English
Subject	Neuroses Sex (Psychology) Psychiatry Hide subjects ⌵ Neurotic Disorders Psychiatry Sex Differentiation Disorders -- psychology

The bell curve : intelligence and class structure in American life / Richard J. Herrnstein, Charles Murray.

Author / Creator	Herrnstein, Richard J.
Imprint	New York : Free Press, c1994.
Description	xxvi, 845 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Language	English
Subject	Intellect Nature and nurture Intelligence levels -- Social aspects. More subjects ⌵
Format	Print, Book





Incidents on Campus since 11/2016

(From presentation to colleagues on 3/20/17)

- 12/5/16 “disturbing Nazi imagery were found and immediately removed from multiple buildings on our campus” (email from Provost Diermeier)
- 2/10/17 “Over the course of the past week, a number of postcards promoting Identity Evropa--which has been described in the media as a white nationalist group--have been found throughout Regenstein Library.” (email from Brenda Johnson)
 - Found at 7 locations on or near campus and group is known for distributing at campuses nationally
- 2/20/17 Hyde Park JCC evacuated in response to a bomb threat, 1 of 11 made nationwide that same day.
- 3/9/17 “there was an incident on campus involving the placement of posters with disturbing and intimidating messages, which caused damage to University property.” (email from Provost Diermeier)



Incidents on Campuses Nationwide (as of 3/13/16)

- The Anti-Defamation League reports that “white supremacists are engaged in unprecedented outreach efforts on American college campuses.” 107 reported white supremacist flierings on campuses since the start of the academic year, 65 since January.
 - Racist fliers and posters have been reported on campuses in 25 states. Schools in California and Texas have seen the most activity.

https://www.adl.org/blog/white-supremacists-on-campus-unprecedented-recruitment-efforts-underway?_ga=1.222407320.2081650680.1487797401

- “Identity Evropa is responsible for at least eight of the flier distributions at campuses, although it claims to have placed its fliers at almost 30 universities around the country.” On its website, Identity Evropa calls its targeting of college campuses “Project Siege,” and wants to reach students by co-opting mainstream issues such as gun control, free speech, and small government and telling students that these issues “are all parts of white American culture not shared by the rest of the world.”

https://www.adl.org/blog/alt-right-groups-target-campuses-with-fliers?_ga=1.152232506.2081650680.1487797401

- 100 bomb threats to 80 JCCs nationwide.
 - One suspect charged in connection to 8 threats



Concerns

- “Fliers allow them to not only recruit but get public attention,” Mr. Greenblatt [the chief executive of the Anti-Defamation League] said, adding, “it’s not only part of the way they can identify sympathizers but terrorize marginalized communities.”
 - (Tamara Best. “White Supremacists Step Up Recruiting on Campus, Report Says.” *The New York Times* 6 March, 2017. Web 6 March 2017.)
- Faculty, students, and staff among my communities have voiced concerns for both the presence of sympathizers and the impact of such events on their emotional, mental and physical well-being
 - Richard Spencer (MAPH '03) “one of the country’s most successful young white nationalist leaders” SPLC Report



Possible responses

- Highlighting presence of hate speech materials in collection in workshops and tours
 - Function of Research library, distinguishing between primary/secondary, ethical dilemma selections
- Exhibits, e.g., highlighting work by historically marginalized or oppressed groups; censored Jewish books
- Collaborating with faculty and students to offer workshops, talks, panel discussions on relevant topics (e.g. Anti-Semitism 101; Teaching Fascism; Mechanics of fake news)
- Purchasing materials to support marginalized, diverse groups
 - Balancing scope of materials
- Flagging publishers and authors known for disseminating hate speech to insure that we know what we're buying
- Libguides, “pop-up” exhibits (e.g., hate speech)
- Subject headings
- Public doc on inclusion, safe space (harassment free); Library mission statement of vision and values, fostering scholarly environment
- Locate in Mansueto
- How to direct students when they have questions about nature of materials

Spicer: Hitler ‘didn’t even sink to using chemical weapons,’ although he sent Jews to ‘the Holocaust center’

By Jenna Johnson and Ashley Parker April 11, 2017 [Email the author](#)

In criticizing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s alleged use of chemical weapons, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Tuesday that even Adolf Hitler did not sink to that level of warfare, despite Hitler’s use of gas chambers to kill millions of Jews.

When given the chance to clarify his comment — uttered during Passover, the most celebrated Jewish holiday in the United States — Spicer then said Hitler took Jews “into the Holocaust center” but that Hitler “was not using the gas on his own people in the same way that Assad is doing.”

Spicer brought up Hitler unprompted during Tuesday’s White House briefing while emphasizing how seriously the United States takes Assad’s use of chemical weapons.

“We didn’t use chemical weapons in World War II. You know, you had a, you know, someone as despicable as Hitler who didn’t even sink to using chemical weapons,” Spicer said. “So you have to if you’re Russia, ask yourself: Is this a country that you, and a regime, that you want to align yourself with? You have previously signed onto international agreements, rightfully acknowledging that the use of chemical weapons should be out of bounds by every country.”

Resources for the study of the use of gas by the Nazis to murder

Posted on [April 12, 2017](#) by Anne K. Knafel, Bibliographer for Religion, Philosophy, and Jewish Studies at Humanities & Social Sciences

Exhibit Location: The Joseph Regenstein Library, Fourth Floor

Exhibit Dates: April 12 – April 30, 2017

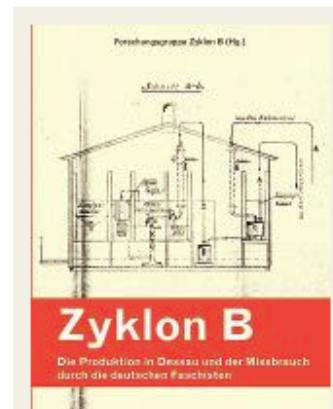


Dachau, Germany, 1945, Entrance to a gas chamber and pile of clothes. (Yad Vashem archive, item 13526).

Hitler’s use of gas to murder millions, including German citizens, is well-documented. During World War II, the Nazi regime systematically murdered 6 million Jews, men, women, and children. The first death camp was established on December 8, 1941, at Chelmno in Poland, where gas vans were used to murder 300,000 Polish Jews and 5,000 Sinti and Roma. Starting in March 1942, the Germans built permanent gas chambers at concentration camps in Belzec, Sobibor, and Treblinka. Approximately 1.7 million Polish Jews were murdered at these camps. The Germans established a fifth death camp in Majdanek in late 1941 where approximately 78,000 Jews, Slovaks, Czechs, Germans, and Poles were murdered by the Nazis. Auschwitz-Birkenau was the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp. The Germans began exterminations at Birkenau in October of 1941, using Zyklon B gas in four, permanent gas chambers.

There, the Nazis murdered over 1,100,000 Jews, 70,000 Poles, 25,000 Sinti and Roma, and 15,000 prisoners of war.

This exhibit highlights some of the resources available at the University of Chicago Library for the study of Nazi atrocities during World War II. A list of more resources owned by the library can be found [here](#). In addition, the Library subscribes to online databases, including [Testaments of the Holocaust](#). Finally, there are many resources available, including vast documentation of Nazi atrocities, through the websites of [Yad Vashem: The World Holocaust Museum](#) and the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#).



Cover image of Zyklon B: die Produktion in Dessau und der Missbrauch durch die deutschen Faschisten (Norderstedt: Books on Demand, 2007).

Anne Knafl vs. Sean Spicer

Kara Brown
4/14/17 3:00pm

The Case: Sean Spicer is, astonishingly perhaps a bigger dumbass than his dumbass boss. This week he did something particularly stupid by suggesting Hitler was somehow better than Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad because he “was not using the gas on his own people the same way that Ashad is doing,” which is obviously ahistorical nonsense.

Sane people everywhere took notice and I received this delightful story dispatched from the University of Chicago:

The day after that incredible doofus Sean Spicer coined the term “Holocaust centers” and said some ignorant shit about how Hitler didn’t use chemical warfare on his own people, one of the University of Chicago’s librarians emailed pretty much everybody affiliated with the University to announce a new exhibit on Nazi chemical warfare. Here’s her message:

“Hi All,

I’ve put up a small exhibit on the 4th floor “Resources for the study of the use of gas by the Nazis to murder.”

Here is the news story on the Library website.

<http://news.lib.uchicago.edu/blog/2017/04/12/resources-for-the-study-of-the-use-of-gas-by-the-nazis-to-murder/>

Hope you are well,

Anne

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The Argument: I can understand the hesitation one might have in labeling this shade. The format is somewhat different in that there’s almost no way Sean Spicer will ever see this.

Ordinarily, as I’ve argued about Trump, I’d say unless someone understands on some level that they’re being shaded, it’s hard for the shade to truly land. However, I’m going to make a bit of an exception because we all need a chuckle, don’t we?

Could this has been a simple coincidence? Maybe Anne K. Knafl, renegade bibliographer, was working on this project for weeks and happened to finish an exhibit about the horrors of Holocaust gas chambers the day after Sean Spicer attempted to erase them. Sure! Anything’s possible.

Another belief I have is that some higher power abandoned us on November 8, 2016 and she’s now trying to correct the course after falling asleep at the wheel by granting us these simple but satisfying joys. There are no coincidences in Shade Court, my friends.

The Conclusion: Shade



Witness: Holocaust Memorial Books

Posted on [April 21, 2017](#) by Anne K. Knafel, Bibliographer for Religion, Philosophy, and Jewish Studies at Humanities & Social Sciences

An exhibit in one case that highlights the Library's collection of yizkor books, Holocaust memorial volumes, of European Jewish communities destroyed by the Nazi regime in commemoration of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day), which begins at sundown on April 23, 2017. On display April 21 through April 30, 2017, in the Fourth Floor Reading Room of the Regenstein Library. [Continue reading »](#)



“Organized Labor in Chicago and Beyond,” May 1-June 1, 2017



A Brief History of Protest at the University of Chicago: 1915-1992

Posted on [May 26, 2017](#) by Humanities & Social Sciences

A one-case exhibit documenting select instances of protest that have occurred at the University of Chicago. On display May 26 through June 30, 2017, in the 4th floor Reading Room of the Regenstein Library. [Continue reading »](#)

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The Alt-Right On Campus: What Students Need To Know

August 10, 2017



James Baldwin among the Philosophers

Exhibition on view from Sept. 25, 2017 – Regenstein 4th Floor Reading Room



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James Baldwin Among The Philosophers

Go Tell it on the Mountain

My Dungeon Shook

Blues for Mister Charlie

Bibliography

James Baldwin's work is widely recognized for its religious overtones and influences as well as for its critiques of racism and heterosexual norms. This exhibit displays books and essays by James Baldwin, alongside philosophical works that engage his work. As a teenager he questioned the role of the church in the African-American community and by 1944 was living in the artist community of Greenwich Village, with his roommate and lifelong friend Marlon Brando.

Baldwin rose to prominence after the publication of his first novel in 1953, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, a semi-autobiographical account of his childhood. By the 1960s, Baldwin had become the most recognizable African-American writer in the U.S. and the de facto spokesperson for the Civil Right Movement, a title he opposed.



Thank you!

Questions?