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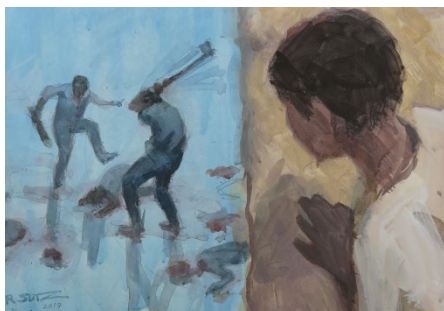
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Scottsdale Community College Hosts 9th Annual Genocide Awareness Week: Not On Our Watch

Scottsdale, Ariz., Feb. 10, 2021 – The 9th Annual Genocide Awareness Week, held April 12 - 17, 2021, at Scottsdale Community College, brings together a host of distinguished guests, including survivors, scholars, politicians, artists, activists,

humanitarians, and members of law enforcement. The week-long event, featuring lectures, workshops, and storytelling, seeks to address how we, as a global society, confront violent actions and current and ongoing threats of genocide throughout the world, while also looking to the past for guidance and to honor those affected by genocide.

Genocide Awareness Week allows us to explore, as a community, how we confront collective violent acts. Throughout the week, presenters will examine both past and current human rights violations. In addition to historical recounts and personal experiences, several sessions will focus on healing: working with groups in conflict, building trust in affected areas, and a discussion of U.S. policy and involvement.

Holocaust survivor Oskar Knoblach returns to open the event, sharing his inspiring story of survival and a hopeful message of respect and tolerance. Several scholars from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum are scheduled to present, along with scholars and humanitarians discussing genocide and human rights violations from the Assyrian Genocide to the U.S. - Mexico border.

Opening night features keynote speaker Kerry Kennedy, President of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, presenting “RFK Human Rights and the Rohingya Crisis.” Since 1981, Kennedy has worked on diverse human rights issues including child labor, disappearances, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, freedom of expression, ethnic violence, impunity, women’s rights, and the environment. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller “Being Catholic Now” (2008), “Speak Truth to Power” (2000), and “Robert F. Kennedy: Ripples of Hope” (2018). Kennedy completed her undergraduate education at Brown University and earned a law degree from Boston College. For over a decade, Kennedy served as Chair of the Amnesty International USA Leadership Council. She currently serves on the board of directors for numerous human rights organizations, and is on the Advisory Committee for the Association of American Indian Affairs, the Albert Schweitzer Institute, Sankofa, San Patrignano, and the Center for Victims of Torture.

Tuesday’s schedule includes a screening of Kevin Ekvall’s documentary, “I’m Not Leaving,” which tells the story of Carl Wilkens, the only American who refused to leave Rwanda when the 1994 genocide broke out. Tuesday evening, Wilkens will share his story firsthand during his presentation, Restorative Pathways: Building trust in Rwanda.

Ambassador Edward O'Donnell, ASU Professor of Practice Barrett & O'Connor Center, McCain Institute, concludes Wednesday's events with a presentation entitled, U.S. Policy and Government Programs and Involvement Regarding Genocide and Human Rights. Thursday evening's speaker, Dr. Wendy Lower, John K Roth Professor of History and Director of the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights at Claremont McKenna College, will present *The Ravine: A Family, A Photograph, A Holocaust Massacre Revealed*. In addition to the Law Enforcement Workshop, Friday features an ASU Graduate Student Panel. Genocide Awareness Week concludes on Saturday with Kim Klett's ADL Educators Workshop: Echoes and Reflections Teacher Training.

All presentations will be held virtually. Events are free and open to the public, with the exception of the Law Enforcement and Society Workshops, which are limited to sworn law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys only. Educators attending Saturday's ADL Educators Workshop are eligible for recertification.

Genocide Awareness Week is sponsored in part by local and national organizations. Scottsdale Community College extends a special thanks to the event's sponsors, including the Phoenix Holocaust Association, Andrew & Amy Cohn, Steve & Suzanne Hilton, and the Armenian Assembly of America.

For the complete schedule of events, to register, or to join a presentation, visit <https://www.scottsdalecc.edu/genocide-awareness-week-2021>.

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Scottsdale Community College (SCC) is student-centered with a focus on active, engaged, and intellectually rigorous learning. The College is known for high quality, accessible educational opportunities and innovative teaching, learning, and support services. SCC serves about 10,000 students a year, offering more than 100 degrees and 60 certificates of completion in diverse occupational areas. At only \$85 per credit hour, SCC is one of the most affordable colleges in Maricopa County, and the average class size is only 16 students. Through a partnership with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, SCC is honored to be the only two-year public higher education institution located on Native American land, which includes the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and the traditional lands of the O'odham and Piipaash peoples. For more information, phone 480-423-6700 or visit www.scottsdalecc.edu.

Scottsdale Community College (SCC) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). SCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District, one of the largest community college districts in the nation. SCC offers academic courses leading to associate degrees, university transfer, certificates and short-term job training.

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