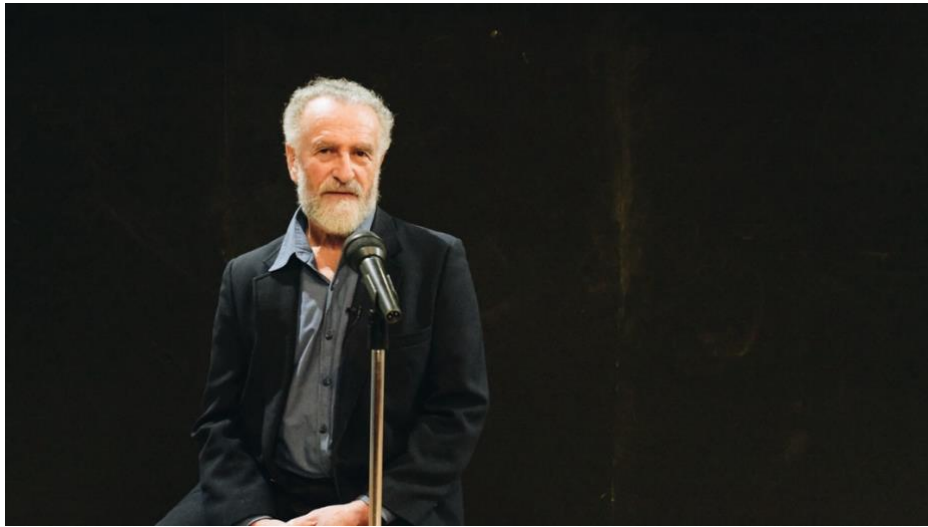


GMST 484/584: Holocaust Testimony and Archival Practice (1.5 units) Fall 2026 – University of Victoria



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Schedule

Mondays & Thursdays from 1:00pm until 2:20pm

Prerequisites

none

Description

Working with Holocaust testimony from the USC Shoah Foundation, students contemplate the ways in which oral testimonies compare to written memoirs; consider how access to oral testimonies are shaped by collection, interview, and indexing practices; reflect on the relationship between history and memory and how it shapes survivors' stories as well as researchers' interpretations of them; and analyze elements of the interview experience and their potential to change over time, language, and place. Students engage with different types of interactive storytelling and are tasked with designing plans for a museum exhibit using oral testimony as part of the overall exhibit content.

Textbooks

- Wieviorka, Annette. *The Era of the Witness*, translated by Jared Stark, Cornell UP, 2006.
- Course content includes reading a memoir; viewing oral testimonies, and reading articles on various topics covered in the course.

Instructor

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