

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

FALL 2025 SEMESTER

Nazi Youth Camps in America

More than 20 youth Nazi camps across the United States operated in the 1930s. These camps waved flags of the Nazi swastika alongside the U.S. Stars and Stripes. In this talk, Barbara Krasner, Ph.D. discusses the camps, the role of the German-American Bund in establishing them, camp routines and celebrations, public reaction, and what led to camp closures.

During her appearance, Dr. Krasner will speak extensively on Camp Nordland, a Nazi youth camp located in Andover, New Jersey that is now a public park. Dr. Krasner will also read from her novel, *Facing the Enemy: How a Nazi Youth Camp in America Tested a Friendship* (Calkins Creek, 2023).



Barbara Krasner, Ph.D.

- Holds a Ph.D. in Holocaust & Genocide Studies from Gratz College; teaches in Gratz graduate programs.
- Served as United States Holocaust Memorial Museum faculty fellow and fellow at Northwestern University's Holocaust Educational Foundation.
- Lectures on Holocaust literature and history at University of Antwerp, Memory Studies Association, Jewish American & Holocaust Literature Symposium, Northeast Modern Language Association, Association for Jewish Studies, and elsewhere.
- Award-winning author of more than 40 books for young readers, three poetry chapbooks, many poems, short stories, and essays.
- Director, Mercer County Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Education Center; Mercer County Community College (MCCC) History and English department instructor; co-editor of MCCC's *Kelsey Review*.

Recommended by: Dr. Craig Coenen, Professor of History

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