

From: Gerald Steinacher <gsteinacher2@unl.edu>
Date: March 27, 2022 at 4:19:05 PM CDT
To: Ari Kohen <akohen2@unl.edu>
Subject: Volume - Sommerhauser Conference

Dear Ari,

I looked at the list of your contacts (Twitter) and there are some very, very interesting people among them: Federico Finchelstein (History of Fascist Lies), Casey Kelly (Trump Racism), Daniel Ziblatt (How Democracy dies), Sarah Kendzior (Trump, USA), ALTEMEYER (Extremists scale), Zack Beauchamp (Right wind populism, West). They all look great for our project.

I would also like to invite Enzo Traverso again, and then we had the colleague in Vienna about education (maybe he can't come to the US, but contributes to volume), and then Mark Gudgel about teaching, and maybe Alvin H. Rosenfeld about antisemitism. I have not heard back from the 2 colleagues Blum and Wielens.

We could arrange these (9-10) people or others in three panels according to three areas:

Propaganda/Lies
Racism/Antisemitism
Populism

Just a few thoughts...

Gerald

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Exhibit B



SOMMERHAUSER SYMPOSIUM

FASCISM: THEN AND NOW

March 27, 2023

Swanson Auditorium

Nebraska Union

9:00 am to 5:00 pm



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9:00 am: Welcome

9:15 am – 11:00 am: PANEL 1

Zack Beauchamp, Journalist and senior correspondent at Vox
Talk Title: *Right wing populism and the rise of authoritarianism in Europe and the US*

Matt McManus, Political scientist at the University of Michigan
Talk Title: *"Neo" or "Post" fascism in the 21st century?*

Amanda Gailey, Associate professor of English, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Talk Title: *Political extremists in the United States and Brazil*

11:00 a.m. – 12:45 pm: PANEL 2

Rebekka Blum, Researcher, publicist and political educator and **Alia Wielens**, Sociologist and political educator
Talk Title: *Antifeminism as overlooked ideology: Perspectives from Europe*

Casey Kelly, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Talk Title: *Copy-and-Paste Fascism: Memes, Manifestos, and Mayhem on the Far-Right*

Philipp Mittnik, Professor for history and political didactics and head of the Center for civic education at the University of Pedagogy in Vienna
Talk Title: *How to teach about the Holocaust and Fascism?*

12:45 pm – 2:30 pm: Lunch break

2:30 pm– 4:15 pm: PANEL 3

Samuel Perry, Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma
Talk Title: *White Nationalism and Christian Churches*

Melissa Amateis, PhD Student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Talk Title: *Charles B. Hudson, the Nebraska Nazi: Native Fascism, Antisemitism, and Christian Nationalism in Interwar America*

Trent Spoolstra, ADL Associate Regional Director, Chicago
Talk Title: *Antisemitism Today*

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm ROUNDTABLE

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Yeah. The more I learn, the more I'm actually very scared to live here. This place very much seems to be run by Nazis and they're a hub for police, military, and paramilitary right-wingers. And everyone seems to be ok with pretending something different is going on.

7:28 AM · 10/12/20

8 Likes

Exhibit D



Ari Kohen
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You don't believe that people in Nebraska are Nazis and Nazi sympathizers? Literally the only thing I knew about Lincoln, Nebraska before I moved here was that pretty much ALL the Nazi literature in the world was printed here.

5:46 PM · Dec 28, 2020

6 Likes



Exhibit E

From: Mark Javitch <mark@javitchlawoffice.com>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 10:59 PM
To: Renee Hagerman <rhagerman1@unl.edu>
Subject: Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education

Non-NU Email

Dear UNL Custodian of Records,

On behalf of the Jewish Legal News, I am requesting copies of the presentations that were delivered at the Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education on March 27, 2023. Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

This link provides more information on the event:

<https://judaic.unl.edu/sommerhauser-symposium-holocaust-education>

Best regards,

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Exhibit F

On Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 2:03 PM Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu> wrote:

Mr. Javitch:

Good afternoon. I am the Director of University Records for the University of Nebraska. The University has received your below public records request but will decline to provide the requested materials. The Nebraska Public Records Act allows a public body to withhold records that constitute ongoing, unpublished research. See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3). As you may be aware, the presentations referenced in your request are institutional research that the University intends to compile and publish in due course. However, because that process is ongoing and the presentations remain unpublished, they are not subject to disclosure under the public records laws of Nebraska.

I am the public official responsible for the decision to withhold the above-described documents for the above-described reasons. You have a right to administrative or judicial review of my decision and I have included for your review a copy of the relevant statute.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the request or if you want like to discuss further,

Thanks,

Jaclyn

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Exhibit G

From: Mark Javitch <javitchm@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 4:01 PM

To: Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>

Cc: mark@javitchlawoffice.com

Subject: Re: NU Response - Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education

Non-NU Email

Dear Ms. Klintoe,

Thank you for your email and for that information. I did not realize there were plans to publish confidential research material. May I instead request any general materials and nonconfidential portions of materials that were part of the symposium, including the budget?

Best

Mark Javitch

Exhibit H

Jaclyn Klintoe <jkintoe@nebraska.edu>

Attachments

Fri, Apr 14, 9:48 AM

to Mark, me

Mr. Javitch:

I hope you are well. Based on your modified request (below), the University has compiled the additional, attached materials. Please note that the attached Word document is a compilation of public information related to the Symposium. It contains a screen capture of the information for your reference and a link to each posting's web location.

The University will maintain its position that the presentation materials themselves may be withheld under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3) as they are unpublished academic research materials.

Finally, we have not identified any public records responsive to the request for a program budget.

I am happy to discuss further if you have additional questions.

Jaclyn Klintoe

Director of University Records

Exhibit I

From: Mark Javitch <javitchm@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 6:30 PM

To: Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>

Cc: mark@javitchlawoffice.com

Subject: Re: NU Response - Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education

Non-NU Email

Hi Ms. Klintoe,

Thanks for your email. I would again request the presentations but ask that you redact any confidential portions. Since the budget is not available, I also request the expense report, or if the expense report is not available, all payments made related to the event.

Best,
Mark

Exhibit J

On Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 8:37 AM Jaclyn Klintoe <jkclintoe@nebraska.edu> wrote:

Mr. Javitch:

Good afternoon. I hope you are well. I have communicated with the relevant University personnel regarding your below public records request. As to your request below for information regarding the payments made in relation to the 2023 Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education, please see the following:

Airfare: \$1344.90

Hotel: \$804

Food: \$416.51

Printing: \$1.10

The above represents all payments the University has identified as responsive. The University will maintain its position that the presentation materials themselves may be withheld under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3), in their entirety, as they are unpublished academic research materials. As work on publication is ongoing, the University cannot identify which portions will and will not be included in the ultimate work. You have a right to challenge my decision to withhold those materials, as outlined in my previous email and in Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-712.03 (copy previously provided).

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Jaclyn Klintoe
Director of University Records

Exhibit K

From: Mark Javitch <mark@javitchlawoffice.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:49 PM
To: Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>
Cc: Mark Javitch <javitchm@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: NU Response - Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education

Non-NU Email

Ms. Klintoe,

Thanks a lot for your email. If this year's presentations are unpublished research, JLN will now request the presentations for the most recent previous year's Sommerhauser Symposium for which the materials are old enough such that they do not constitute unpublished research.

Thanks,

Mark Javitch

Exhibit L

On Fri, May 5, 2023 at 6:25 AM Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu> wrote:

Mr. Javitch:

The most recent Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education occurred in 2019 and the research and presentations from that event were previously published. You can purchase the resultant book here: [Antisemitism on the Rise : Nebraska Press \(unl.edu\)](#).

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Exhibit M

From: Mark Javitch <mark@javitchlawoffice.com>

Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 1:16 PM

To: Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>

Subject: Re: NU Response - Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education

Non-NU Email

Ms. Klintoe,

Thanks for your email. However, JLN is requesting the presentations from the symposium, which are not unpublished research, now that the book has been published, not the ultimate book that was produced based off of the presentations. If UNL will not produce those, JLN will request the presentations from the next most recent symposium before 2019.

Best,

Mark Javitch

Exhibit N

On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 7:39 AM Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu> wrote:

Mr. Javitch:

The University has received your below request. It is my understanding from internal discussions that the 2019 Symposium was not recorded and that the University is not in possession of copies of the individual presentations.

Jaclyn Klintoe

Director of University Records

Exhibit O

From: Mark Javitch <mark@javitchlawoffice.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 5:17 PM
To: Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>
Subject: Re: NU Response - Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education

Non-NU Email

Hi Ms. Klintoe,

Thanks for your last email. JLN will now request any documents related to planning the most recent symposium, including how it was determined which speakers should be invited, the communications related to invitations to speak, whether a call for papers was issued, or whether any other requests for proposals for the event were issued.

Best,

Mark Javitch

Exhibit P

Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>

Mon, May 22, 11:57 AM

to me

Mr. Javitch:

I've been in touch with the relevant University personnel and we are in the process of searching for and reviewing potentially responsive messages. We anticipate it will take an additional week to complete that process and to provide our response.

I will be in touch no later than next Monday (or, given the holiday, possibly Tuesday) with the University's response to your request.

Thanks,

Jaclyn

Exhibit Q

From: Jaclyn Klintoe <jklintoe@nebraska.edu>
Date: Tue, May 30, 2023 at 2:52 PM
Subject: RE: NU Response - Public Request Request - Sommerhauser Symposium on Holocaust Education
To: Mark Javitch <mark@javitchlawoffice.com>

Mr. Javitch:

Pursuant to your below request, the University has identified the attached messages as responsive. Our review efforts are ongoing and I will supplement this production in the event we identify any additional responsive records.

Thank you. Please contact me with any questions.

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