



# Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

at Keene State College

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## 2010-11 CCHGS Professional Development Workshop Series: "The Face of the Perpetrator"

### 1. October 22, 2010: "Genocide: Perpetrators, Persistence, and Prevention"

**Presenter:** Dr. James Waller,  
Cohen Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies

9:00 am – 3:30 pm.  
\$85.00 registration fee - Lunch included.  
(Fee waived for current KSC students.)  
Centennial Hall, Alumni Center  
Keene State College, Keene, N.H.



Members of SS female auxiliaries arrive at an SS retreat near Auschwitz. July 22, 1944.



Auschwitz-Birkenau

**Description:** The morning of this workshop will focus on *perpetrators* of genocide and mass killing. Issues addressed will include the origins of extraordinary evil and a review of an explanatory model that considers the wide range of factors involved in the process of ordinary people committing extraordinary evil. Participants will engage in interactive exercises designed to address teaching strategies related to this material. In the afternoon, we will turn our attention to the *persistence* of genocide in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with a particular focus on early warning signs and current at-risk areas for genocidal violence. Finally, believing that, ultimately, our awareness of our own capacity for evil – and of ways to cultivate the moral sensibilities that curb that capacity – is the best safeguard we can have against future genocide and mass killing, the workshop will conclude with examining how we apply this awareness to genocide *prevention*. Participants will brainstorm concrete strategies for fostering a permanent anti-genocide constituency among students and our communities.

### 2. March 4, 2011: "The Power of Peers: Bully Prevention in Schools"

**Presenter:** Linda Burdick, M.Ed.

9:00 am – 3:30 pm.  
\$85.00 registration fee - Lunch included.  
Mountain View Room, Young Student Center  
Keene State College, Keene, N.H.



**Description:** This workshop will examine the roles of bullies, targets and bystanders. Researched based interventions will be discussed. Students and staff from a middle school in NH will describe an effective bystander empowerment project piloted in their school last year.

**Presenter:** Linda Burdick, M.Ed, has over 20 years teaching experience in public schools, grades K-12. She has taught at the college level and presented at state and regional conferences. She was on the board of NH Educators for Social Responsibility and was a trainer in the areas of conflict resolution and bully prevention. Her middle school Holocaust education program has received national attention. She received the NH EDIES award for excellence in teaching in 2007. Linda currently lives in Warner, NH with her husband.

