



## NH Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month Video Contest | April 2015



April is New Hampshire Genocide Awareness Month. Cities and towns throughout the state are urged by the governor and the NH Legislature to observe this month in an appropriate manner educating the public about the evils of genocide and commemorating victims of genocide. The Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State announce the first annual student video contest.

### Theme: Raphael Lemkin – A New Conscience for Humanity

2015 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia. It is fitting, therefore, to focus this year's theme on Raphael Lemkin whose obsessive pursuit to name, and criminalize, and prevent what Churchill called a "crime without a name" has given the world the concept of "genocide." His concept was a "framework...a rallying point for thinking and acting. A starting point for a new conscience!"<sup>1</sup> **By exploring Lemkin's life, or motives, or experiences, create an original 1 to 2 1/2 minute video for NH Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month that explores how Lemkin acts as "a new conscience for humanity."**

Scholarship Prizes Two grade categories – Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Gold Key \$375. Silver Key \$200. Bronze Key \$125. Teachers of Gold Key winners in each category will receive \$100 for class supplies. Entrants must attend a New Hampshire school.

#### OFFICIAL RULES AND DETAILS

- The videos can be no longer than 2 1/2 minutes in length and must be in wmv, avi, mov, or mpg format.
- They can be submitted electronically by email or on DVD or CD to the mailing address given below.
- Submissions must be original in concept, design, and execution, must be historically accurate, and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
- Students are encouraged to work in small groups on their entries, though individual submissions will also be accepted.
- All submissions must include a document (paper or digital) that contains the entrant's name, school, grade, and home address. The teacher's name, email, school address, and school phone number should also be included.

**Submissions must be received by Monday, April 27, 2015, electronically or by mail at the addresses below:**

Email Address: [twhite@keene.edu](mailto:twhite@keene.edu)

Mailing Address:

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For more information about the contest, please contact Thomas White at 603-358-2746. Submissions will be judged on relevance to this year's theme, originality, creativity, technical achievement, and emergence of an upstanding message or vision. Results will be announced in April, and the winners and their teachers will be invited to receive their prizes at the NH State House.

<sup>1</sup> Richard Rubenstein's *The Cunning of History: The Holocaust and the American Future* (New York: Harper & Row, 1978)