



Seminar

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Holocaust Denial in the Courtroom: The Historian as Expert Witness

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ABOUT CHRISTOPHER R. BROWNING

Christopher R. Browning is the Frank Porter Graham Professor of History Emeritus at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the author of eight books, including *Ordinary Men* (1992), *The Origins of the Final Solution* (2004), and *Remembering Survival* (2010), all three of which received the National Jewish Book Award—Holocaust Category. He has served as an expert witness in war crimes trials in Australia, Canada, and Great Britain as well as in two “Holocaust denial” cases: the second Zündel trial in Toronto in 1988 and in David Irving’s libel suit against Deborah Lipstadt in London in 2000.

ABSTRACT

The movie *Denial* focused first of all on the personal experiences and perspective of the defendant, Deborah Lipstadt and secondly on the lawyers who prepared and waged the legal battle on her behalf. In contrast, this presentation will focus on Professor Browning’s own role as historical expert witness in two Holocaust denial trials: the second trial of Ernst Zündel in Toronto in 1988 as well as the case portrayed in *Denial*, namely David Irving’s libel suit against Deborah Lipstadt in London in 2000. What evidentiary and epistemological challenges does the historical expert witness face when confronting Holocaust denial in the courtroom setting? What role do historical expert witnesses play in such trials?