

The Florida State University
Free Public Lecture

“The Mystery of Goodness: Rescuers during the Shoah”

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Room 013 Williams Building, FSU Campus

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Guest Speaker: Dr. Alan L. Berger
Raddock Eminent Scholar Chair for Holocaust Studies
Florida Atlantic University

“To understand all those who stood by, you need to understand the few who didn’t.”
—Pierre Sauvage, maker of the award-winning film, *Weapons of the Spirit*

What motivates rescuers to act in extreme situations such as the Holocaust? What role does religion play? What causes altruism, and how can we foster it today? Explore these and many more questions as we discuss “The Mystery of Goodness: Rescuers during the Shoah.” In his talk Dr. Alan L. Berger will feature the award-winning film by Pierre Sauvage, *Weapons of the Spirit*, a tribute to the villagers of Le Cambon-sur-Lignon who saved 5,000 Jews including Sauvage and his parents. We will also discuss *As If It Were Yesterday*, a film made by Myriam Abramowicz and Esther Hoffenberg whose mothers were rescued in Belgium.



Dr. Alan L. Berger

Our speaker, Dr. Alan L. Berger, occupies the Raddock Eminent Scholar Chair for Holocaust Studies at Florida Atlantic University, the first Holocaust chair established in the state of Florida. He directs the Holocaust and Judaic Studies B.A. program, as well as the Center for the Study of Values and Violence after Auschwitz. An internationally recognized Holocaust scholar, Dr. Berger has lectured throughout America, Europe, Australia, South Africa, and Israel.



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