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Carlisle Barracks, Pa.— The month-long recognition here of the Holocaust held its final presentation on April 23. Students, faculty and staff listened as **Dwight Raymond**, Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute protection of civilians expert, talked about humanitarian intervention at a noon-time lecture in Wil Washcoe Auditorium.

It is important to define certain words regarding humanitarian intervention, said Raymond. "You can pretty much say that all genocides are mass atrocities but not necessarily the reverse," he said. These definitions can be important for criminal prosecution and intervention, Raymond continued.

The Remembrance Month began with a presentation by **Dr. Richard Breitman**, author of "FDR and the Jews," who offered commentary about President Franklin D. Roosevelt's leadership options during World War II. The American University professor shared information on how historians view FDR's actions. "Was Franklin Roosevelt a rescuer? Well, no," said Breitman. "Was he a bystander? As we argue in the book, at times he was a bystander."

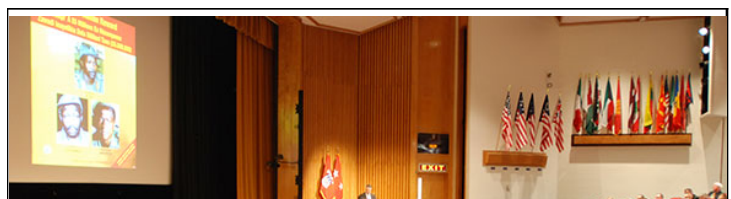


Dr. Richard Breitman, author and professor, discusses his book "FDR and the Jews" at the Army Heritage and Education Center April 4.

On April 8, the student body of the Army War College engaged with **Charlie Brown**, senior advisor in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense/Policy, about Genocide, Mass Killing and U.S. Foreign Policy.

We tend to think of holocaust in terms of graves, while we need to remember the people, said Brown. The students here will play a crucial role in the fight to prevent future genocide, he said.

Charlie Brown, senior advisor in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense/Policy, speaks to Army War College students about Genocide, Mass Killing and U.S. Foreign Policy April 8 in Bliss Hall.



On April 16, staff, students and faculty attended a noon-time lecture featuring **Julia Fromholz**, Department of State atrocity prevention team leader, in Wil Washcoe Auditorium.



Fromholz spoke about how the U.S. cannot prevent mass atrocities by itself. She also pointed out that atrocities do not happen spontaneously, they are organized efforts.

Fromholz and Brown had alternative perspectives, said **Col. Robert Balcavage**, Chief of Operations and Integration at the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute. "I thought her discussion on the need for some form of a direct intervention litmus test was thought-provoking," he said. "I think the key take away was understanding the role of the Atrocity Prevention Board, namely raising awareness of potential mass atrocity situations."

Holocaust Remembrance events underscore the role of the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, here. For example, PKSOI has published three documents featuring protection of civilians and mass atrocity prevention, one of which was a collaborative effort with Harvard Kennedy School's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. For more information about Holocaust Remembrance Month, visit <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/AHEC/awards/holocaust.cfm>.

The month long observance will help link the lessons of yesterday with the urgency of civilian protection in today's conflicts.

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