



WATERLOO CENTRE *for*

German studies

FALL 2019 EVENTS

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ALL EVENTS ARE

— **FREE** —

AND OPEN
TO EVERYONE.

TUESDAY 17. SEPTEMBER 2019

“What makes me a Christian to you, makes you a Jew to me”: A Conversation with Birgit Schreyer Duarte, Theatre Director

Originally from Germany, Dr. Schreyer Duarte has made a name for herself as a dramaturg in Toronto while also transitioning into directing in the past ten years. Her current production, a contemporary interpretation of Lessing's *Nathan the Wise*, is part of the 2019 Stratford Festival. Dr. Schreyer Duarte will discuss how she and her team approached the “staging of the other” in this 18th-century play from Germany, performed in today's Canada, that reflects on the common humanity that unites us all.

Presented in cooperation with the Department of Communication Arts

3:00pm | **Theatre of the Arts** (Modern Languages Building, University of Waterloo)

TUESDAY 8. OCTOBER 2019

Corpora of Spoken German: Hidden Gems

Dr. Silke Reineke will lead the audience on a small virtual tour of the Institute for German Language's archive to shed light on some of its 'hidden treasures' and their potential uses for cultural history and for teaching and learning German.

Presented in cooperation with the Department of Germanic and Slavic Studies

4:00pm | **HH 373** (Hagey Hall, University of Waterloo)

TUESDAY 5. NOVEMBER 2019

The Buried Raging Sermons of the Warsaw Ghetto Rabbi

During World War II, poets, artists, and historians of the Warsaw Ghetto buried thousands of documents attesting to their suffering and resistance as Jews under Nazi rule. Professor James Diamond, Chair of Jewish Studies at the University of Waterloo, will give a talk on a recovered manuscript of weekly sermons delivered in the Ghetto by a Hasidic rabbi desperately trying to preserve his faith in the face of unimaginable loss and pain. It is a rare testament to one human being's struggle with the incomprehensible evil of the Holocaust.

Presented in cooperation with the Department of Religious Studies and the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Chair of Jewish Studies

7:00pm | **Balsillie School of International Affairs** (67 Erb St W, Waterloo, ON)

WEDNESDAY 20. NOVEMBER 2019

In the Children's Best Interests

University of Waterloo history professor Lynne Taylor will discuss her new book, *In the Children's Best Interests*. After the dust settled at the end of WWII, 700,000 displaced persons remained in the American occupation zone in Germany. Among them were 40,000 unaccompanied children. For the agencies responsible for their care, they were a complex problem which took years to sort out. Their story still resonates today.

7:00pm | **Knox Presbyterian Church** (50 Erb St W, Waterloo, ON)