

## RICHARD DEAN WINCHELL LECTURE

Producing a 'Usable'
Past: Holocaust
Distortion and New
Threats to the Memory
of the Holocaust

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Reception 6:00 P.M Barbara Weitz CEC, Commons

Lecture 7:00 P.M. Barbara Weitz CEC, Room 201

Speaker Dr. Jan Grabowski, University of Ottawa, specializes in Jewish-Polish relations in German-occupied Poland during World War II. Unlike Holocaust deniers, people, institutions, and states engaging in Holocaust distortion do not deny the factuality of the Jewish catastrophe. They simply deny that their people, their ethnic group, or their nation, had anything to do with the event. Using the massive resources of the state, they falsify the historical narrative in order to make it compatible with various national myths. This talk will focus on Poland, a place where a great majority of the victims of the Holocaust were put to death and a place where Holocaust distortion has become a quasi-official policy of the state.







