

Commemorating Alon Confino



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**Institute for Holocaust, Genocide and Memory Studies
University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Alon Confino was an extraordinary scholar whose work influenced many in fields ranging from German and European history, to the Holocaust, Zionism, Anti-Semitism, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He was also a visionary director of the Institute for Holocaust, Genocide and Memory Studies who ran a wide array of innovative and timely programs. His passing was a huge loss to family, friends, and colleagues, as well as to the IHGMS and the University of Massachusetts. We remember him today as a scholar, collaborator, colleague, mentor, friend, and as a husband and father.

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Welcome

Jon Olsen, Department of History, and Acting Co-Director of the
IHGMS, UMass Amherst

Words, Reading, Music

Kumble Subbaswamy, Former Chancellor, UMass Amherst

Darcy Buerkle, Department of History, Smith College

Amos Goldberg, Department of Jewish History and Contemporary
Jewry, Hebrew University

Raef Zreik, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Alon Confino in Words: A Reading

Monica Black, Department of History, University of Tennessee-
Knoxville

Brian Klug, Fellow in Philosophy (Emeritus), Oxford University

Michael Malone, Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement,
UMass Amherst

Julie Hayes, Former Dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts,
UMass Amherst

Musical Interlude

David Mednicoff, Department of JNE, and Acting Co-Director of
the IHGMS, UMass Amherst

Sigrid Schmalzer, Department of History, UMass Amherst

Stephen Clingman, Department of English (Emeritus), UMass
Amherst

Additional remarks

Participants online and in person

Reception