

Holocaust Denial on Trial

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It is important to understand the close connection between Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism. The former is grounded in the latter. Therefore my work also became a fight against this awful form of prejudice. But in fact, it was more than just that, for when one fights and exposes one form of prejudice it is the equivalent of fighting them all.

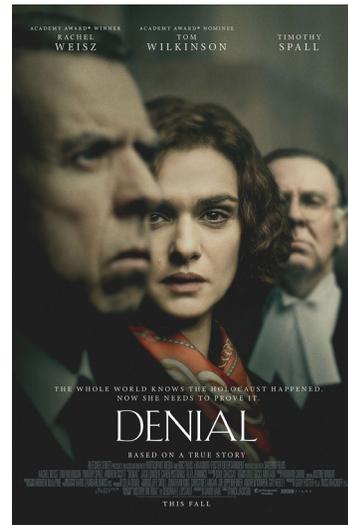
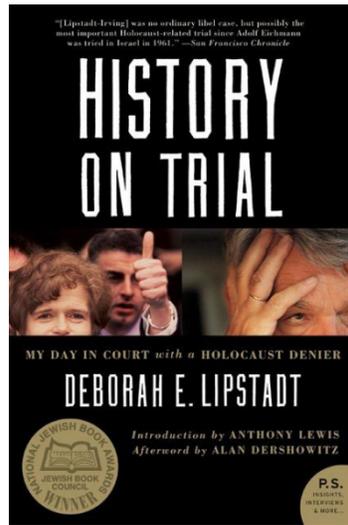
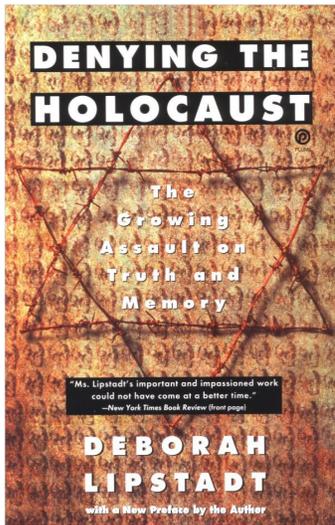
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Irving v. Penguin Books Limited, Deborah E. Lipstadt

Deborah E. Lipstadt, the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, is an acclaimed author and historian recognized worldwide for her commitment to the truth.

Through her scholarship, advocacy, and, most notably, her victory in British court against Holocaust denier David Irving, Lipstadt has drawn international attention to the ongoing struggle against anti-Semitism, the dangers of revisionist history, and the importance of confronting distortions with facts.

When David Irving filed defamation charges against Lipstadt and her publisher in 1996, he initiated a highly publicized court case that would prove certain Holocaust events were undeniable and that Irving had willfully misrepresented them.

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Lipstadt's *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory* (far left) led to the libel suit recounted by her in *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier* (center), the inspiration for feature film *Denial* (far right), with Rachel Weisz portraying Lipstadt.

“Even 16 years after Professor Lipstadt’s unequivocal legal victory, our work to combat Holocaust revisionism and denial is not over. . . . As her story demonstrates, everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but—as we say—not their own facts. History had its day in court and the clear winner was not just one courageous professor, it was the truth.”

AMBASSADOR SAMANTHA POWER
U.S. Permanent Representative
to the United Nations
Remarks at a Screening
of the film *Denial*
U.S. Mission to the United Nations
New York City
September 6, 2016

Lipstadt’s legal battle led her to write *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*, which became the inspiration for the 2016 feature film *Denial*, starring Rachel Weisz as Lipstadt. The film provides a powerful account of Lipstadt’s refusal to be silenced and her determination to use history as her defense against one of its most dangerous abusers.

The trial’s widespread coverage moved the reality and persistence of Holocaust denial into mainstream consciousness. Lipstadt has endeavored to keep it there through the establishment of HDOT.org—Holocaust Denial on Trial—an online resource created with colleagues at Emory University and funded through support from alumni, friends, and the greater community.

HDOT.org provides concise, scholarly responses to many common claims by Holocaust deniers, and it houses trial transcripts, witness reports, and other sources used to exonerate Lipstadt.

Emory is immensely proud to count Lipstadt among its distinguished faculty. The university looks to expand support for HDOT.org to preserve and honor Lipstadt’s work and ensure that educational tools to combat Holocaust denial remain accessible to students, teachers, journalists, politicians, and the public.

Lipstadt has laid the groundwork for future scholars and activists to find their own voice against prejudice and untruth. Her work embodies Emory’s mission to create, preserve, teach, and apply knowledge in the service of humanity.

HDOT.org

For more information about how you can join Lipstadt and support HDOT.org in this essential work, email artsandsciences@emory.edu or visit HDOT.org.

