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Professor of Psychology To Discuss Genocide, Ethnic Wars and Terrorism at Cal Poly Feb. 7

A professor of psychology and survivor of the Nazi invasion of Hungary will present "Responding to Evil: Genocide, Ethnic Wars and Terrorism" from 11:10 a.m.-noon Feb. 7 in the Cal Poly Theatre.

Ervin Staub, who teaches at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, has researched and written extensively on the roots of violence, including the book "The Roots of Evil: The Origins of Genocide and Other Group Violence."

Staub was six years old when the Nazis swept through his childhood home of Budapest, Hungary. He and members of his family were issued false identification papers by Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who helped tens of thousands of Jews escape the Nazis.

"That experience inspired me to dedicate my life to figuring out how to get people to respond to those who need help," Staub said.

He has applied his work to public issues and such concerns as raising caring and nonviolent children, the prevention of genocide and other collective violence, healing and reconciliation, racism, police violence, the passivity of bystanders and ways to mobilize bystanders.

Currently he is working with leaders in Rwanda on projects to prevent renewed violence. Staub served as president of both the International Society of Political Science and the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence, a division of the American Psychological Association.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is presented as part of the Cal Poly Psychology and Child Development Speaker Series in association with the College of Liberal Arts Lyceum lecture series and the Foundation's Doyle International Fund, which helps bring speakers
to the campus who focus on international issues

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