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50th Anniversary of the 2007 B.K. Smith Lecture in History "Holocaust Denial: A New Form of Anti-Semitism?"

WHAT: The annual B.K. Smith Lecture in History, titled "Holocaust Denial: A New Form of Anti-Semitism?" co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas History Department and the Social Justice Committee.

WHO: Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, world-renowned expert on the Holocaust

WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Dr. Lipstadt is considered one of the major experts on the Holocaust, especially on Holocaust denial. She is the Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies and director of the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University.

Her book *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory* (Free Press/Macmillan, 1993), is the first full length study of those who attempt to deny the Holocaust. It was the subject of simultaneous front page reviews in the New York Times and the Washington Post. Dr. Lipstadt's latest book, *History On Trial: My Day in Court with David Irving* (Ecco/Harper Collins, 2005), is a personal account of her victory in the libel suit brought against her and Penguin Books, UK by David Irving for her depiction of him in *Denying the Holocaust*. Lipstadt served as an historical consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and helped design the section of the Museum dedicated to the American Response to the Holocaust. She was appointed by former President Bill Clinton to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council on which she served two terms.

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The family and friends of the late Benjamin Kopper Smith established the B.K. Smith Lecture in 1957. This is the 50th Anniversary of the lecture series. The series has brought a series of distinguished scholars to the UST campus to lecture and hold informal discussions with students and faculty.B.K. Smith, a welding superintendent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, came to Texas in 1920 and founded the Big ThreeWelding and Equipment Company, which opened a Houston office in 1925. His contributions to Houston were many and he remained active until his death in 1948, a year after UST was founded. Arrangements for Deborah Lipstadt made through theB'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau..

COST: Free and open to the public.

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