

**Black**

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FTCC was a fitting place for his speech. The school houses the Blynn Holocaust Collection, an archive of books and audio/visual materials devoted to the Holocaust.

Guy Blynn, the Collection's principal funder, introduced Black by reading a passage from one of his books. The passage is about a young Jewish girl, Ediya, who at the urging of her parents and with the help of fellow captured Jews, made a daring escape from a train bound for a Nazi concentration camp in Poland.

"Ediya survived her jump from the speeding train going to Treblinka," read Blynn. "Her parents died."

Ediya would meet her future husband while hiding in the forest after her escape. Together, they spent two years fighting the Nazis. The girl, Ediya Black, was Edwin Black's mother.

Black, who has studied many genocides throughout history, said that even today exterminations and the threat of genocide continue.

"When you study the history of mankind as I have, going back to the beginning of human time, you know it's only a few moments between exterminations," said Black.

But the Holocaust differentiated itself from past genocides because it was conducted so publicly, he said.

"This was not a secret deal where people were riding in the night and burning crosses on your front lawn; this was all done with newsreels running," said Black.

Black said that the United States influenced the Holocaust before it even began. According to Black, Adolf Hitler was inspired by anti-semitic conspiracy theories that said Jews controlled the world and caused all its ills. These theories were proliferated by Henry Ford, founder of Ford



N.C. Rep. Larry Womble, the state's eugenics champion, talks with Edwin Black about North Carolina's eugenics program during the post-lecture question and answer session.

Automotive and who revolutionized automobiles using mass production. But cars aren't the only thing Ford mass produced, said Black.

"He applied his skills of mass production to hate literature; he invented that," said Black.

Black said this began political anti-semitism on a global level, which Hitler would use to mount a worldwide extermination of Jews. Black said Hitler repeatedly and publicly stated his admiration for Ford, who eventually apologized for publishing the hate-filled "The International Jew" pamphlets.

Black also traced Hitler's belief in a genetically superior master race to the philanthropic Carnegy Institution, which proliferated eugenics, a theory that humanity would be stronger if those with "inferior" genetics were eliminated or sterilized.

Eugenics led to the forced sterilization of more than 60,000 people in the United States, including 7,600 in North Carolina. The poor and ethnic minorities were the main victims. Nazi Germany also practiced sterilization.

Ford is not the only American business icon with ties to Nazis, Black found. Oil Tycoon John D. Rockefeller funded the Nazis through his Rockefeller Foundation.

"It was Rockefeller who

was pushing with his millions this horrible raceology and it was Rockefeller, who during the Hitler regime, was funding the worst Nazi doctors," said Black, referring to the horrific experiments that the Nazis did on Jews and other minorities.

General Motors manufactured vehicles, landmines, torpedo heads and engines for tanks and bombers for Nazi Germany - enabling its infamous blitzkrieg attacks, said Black.

IBM, which at the time made tabulating machines, would give the Nazis the technology to cross-tabulate and organize population information that gave them the ability to quickly identify Jews for persecution.

Black said he doesn't believe that these companies should be negatively judged today by their actions decades ago. Most of the businesses have not only gone on to do good things, he said, but have also apologized for their role in the Holocaust. Only IBM, Black said, has not apologized. The company denies aiding Nazi Germany.

Black said he hopes knowledge of past atrocities will encourage future generations to never let such ugliness occur again. He also hopes that this country never again supports genocide in any way shape or form.

# JoAnn Davis wins End of Life Care Leadership Award

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JoAnn Davis, president & CEO of Hospice & Palliative CareCenter in Winston-Salem, has won the End of Life Care Leadership Award from the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care.

Leadership Award is presented to individuals, end of life coalitions, projects or agencies that have made great contributions to high-quality end of life care.

The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care is the two-state association representing over 96 hospice providers in North and South Carolina. The organization provides support in both states through technical assistance, educational services and advocacy in the state legislatures, state regulatory bodies and Congress.



Davis

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