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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire will host a symposium, "Totalitarianism and the Human Spirit" March 27-28, 2009, on its Durham campus, and honor a retiring German professor.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the East German (GDR) regime; the 65th anniversary of the July 20, 1944, plot against Hitler; and the 100th birthday of Adam von Trott, a major thinker among those involved in that effort.

In two days of film, lecture and discussion, UNH will commemorate these events and celebrate the retirement of Nancy Lukens, professor of German and women's studies, whose work focuses in these areas. The symposium is free and open to the public. For details, go to [www.unh.edu/languages/german/symposium](http://www.unh.edu/languages/german/symposium). Please register by Friday, March 20, 2009.

Lukens will retire this May after 24 years at UNH. She holds a Ph.D. in German from the University of Chicago. Her fields of teaching and research include German literature and culture; use of drama in language teaching; literary translation, German resistance to Hitler, Holocaust Studies; GDR studies; and traditions and practices of nonviolent direct action, German women writers and children's literature.

The symposium events are as follows:

### **Friday, March 27**

*1925 Room, UNH Alumni Center*

1 p.m.: Registration

1:30-5 p.m.: Screening of "The Restless Conscience", Oscar-nominated documentary on the resistance to Hitler. Commentary by Director Hava Kohav Beller. Discussion to follow.

5:30 p.m.: Buffet supper and Nancy Lukens retirement celebration (\$15 adults; \$ 10 students/seniors)

7:30 p.m.: Adam von Trott Centenary Lecture, Nancy Lukens. "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: Adam von Trott as *Grenzgänger*"

### **Saturday, March 28**

*UNH Memorial Union Building, Theater 1*

10 a.m.: Lecture, Heino Falcke, retired Lutheran provost of Erfurt, GDR, "Legacies of the GDR Nonviolent Opposition 1949-89: What Have We Learned?" In German with English supertitles. Discussion to follow.

The symposium is sponsored by the German Consulate General of Boston, UNH Center for the Humanities, Endowed Fund for Holocaust Education, Center for International Education, and the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures.


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Nancy Lukens, professor of German and women's studies

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