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**Information Sciences**

**Bernadette Callery Archives Lecture Series:**

**Holocaust Reparation and  
Restitution Files in German State  
Archives: Institutional Approaches to  
Managing Ethical and Technical  
Challenges for Providing Access**

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**3 p.m.**

**Connolly Ballroom, Alumni Hall  
4227 5th Avenue**

**Kosher catered reception to follow**



**Abstract:** Following the Second World War, hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors filed reparation, restitution and pension claims with West German state agencies. In recent decades, archivists have noticed an increased research interest in the case files documenting these claims. Providing access to these records, and enabling their discovery, has posed significant technical and ethical challenges for archives and archivists. This is due to the large volume of files, to privacy laws protecting the private and confidential information that survivors had to provide, and to preservation issues. In this lecture, Hering will discuss how different German state archives have managed these challenges, and how archivists reflect about their roles as custodians of public records, who are committed to respecting the informational self-determination of Holocaust survivors. A special focus will be on the approaches of the Bavarian State Archives.

**Bio:** Katharina Hering is the Project Archivist for the National Equal Justice Library at Georgetown Law Library in Washington, D.C., and active on the steering committee of the SAA's International Archival Affairs Roundtable. She holds a PhD in history from George Mason University and an MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh. While pursuing her MLIS, she worked for the Rauh Jewish History Program & Archives at the Senator John Heinz History Center as part of the Pitt Partners Program.

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