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# Women as Perpetrators: Female Physicians and the Killing of Children in Nazi Germany

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Female physicians were perpetrators of crimes known as “children’s euthanasia,” a state-organized activity carried out in “Special Children’s Wards” in Nazi Germany. Presenting a collective biography of a total of about thirty such physicians for the first time in existing research, Professor Kaelber will reveal how they participated in the systematic mass murder of thousands of minors, and why.

**Monday, February 23, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.**

**Memorial Lounge • 338 Waterman Building • 85 S. Prospect St.**



Lutz Kaelber is Associate Professor of History in the Department of Sociology at the University of Vermont. His research on the killing wards will be featured in Volume 5 of the *Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933–1945: Nazi Sites for Racial Persecution, Detention, Murder, and Resettlement of Non-Jews*, published by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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