Francis R. Nicosia
Professor of History Emeritus
College of Arts and Sciences

Francis R. Nicosia, you arrived in Vermont in 1979 after completing your PhD at McGill University in History in 1978. You began teaching at the University of Vermont in 2008 after teaching at Saint Michael's College for almost 30 years. Your colleagues in the UVM History Department and at many other institutions in North America, in Europe, and in Israel attest to your passion and dedication to the field of modern German history and the history of the Holocaust. Moreover, your many peer-reviewed publications in the field, including 15 authored and edited books, as well as your many other professional scholarly activities in your discipline, also reflect this passion and commitment.

As a Professor of History at Saint Michael's, you joined your colleagues at UVM in 1993 in establishing and developing the UVM Center for Holocaust Studies. You have served as a member of the Center’s Advisory Board since 1993 and as Interim Director of the Center for three years, beginning in 2007. As part of your efforts since 1993, you actively participated in planning for the Center’s many academic and educational events for UVM faculty, students, and the larger Vermont community. You gave generously of your time to advance the educational mission of the Center for Holocaust Studies at UVM, and to preserve and promote the legacy of the late Professor Raul Hilberg and his pioneering work on the history of the Holocaust during his many years at UVM. In recognition of your untiring work over the years in Holocaust Studies, and for your long career as a leading scholar, nationally and internationally, in the history of the Holocaust, the University of Vermont appointed you the inaugural Raul Hilberg Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies in 2008.

In November 2014, the Holocaust Educational Foundation at Northwestern University awarded you its Distinguished Achievement Award for outstanding contributions in scholarship and teaching in the field of Holocaust Studies. This award reflects your commitment to the field of Holocaust Studies as a scholar and to our students as a teacher who has been exemplary over the years. It is a commitment that has reinforced the teacher-scholar model to which UVM has always aspired.