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The USF St. Petersburg Honors Program and the Florida Holocaust Museum present Christopher Browning, one of the most distinguished Holocaust scholars in the country, April 25 at USF St. Petersburg.

Browning will discuss his latest book, Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave-Labor Camp, at the University Student Center Ballroom, 200 6th Ave. S, at 6:30 p.m. The talk is free and open to the public.

Browning’s book, which focuses on a Nazi slave labor camp in Poland, was called by the Washington Post a “fine, harrowing” account that takes uncharted directions in Holocaust history. It won the Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research in 2012 for exceptional new research on a topic related to the Holocaust. The award committee called the book “a model of a sophisticated, methodologically aware, self-reflective use of testimonial evidence.”

Browning, the Frank Porter Graham Professor of history at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, is the author of seven Holocaust-related books.

“Dr. Browning’s research is shedding new light on a chapter of Holocaust history that has long been neglected,” said Thomas Smith, director of the USFSP Honors Program. “We thank him for sharing with our community his findings on this neglected chapter in Holocaust history.”
The Florida Holocaust Museum in St. Petersburg is proud to play a part in bringing Dr. Browning to the university, said Executive Director Elizabeth Gelman. “Professor Browning’s visit comes on the heels of recent news reports of research that found Nazi slave labor camps were more numerous than anyone realized,” Gelman said. “The findings are staggering, and the quality of Professor Browning’s work is extraordinary.”

The Honors Program at USF St. Petersburg offers academically gifted, highly motivated students an exceptional experience that broadens and deepens their undergraduate education. A distinguished faculty guides special seminars and lectures and provide Honors students with an array of research opportunities culminating in an original senior thesis.

For more information about Browning’s lecture or the Honors Program, please call Thomas Smith at (727) 873-4872.

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