

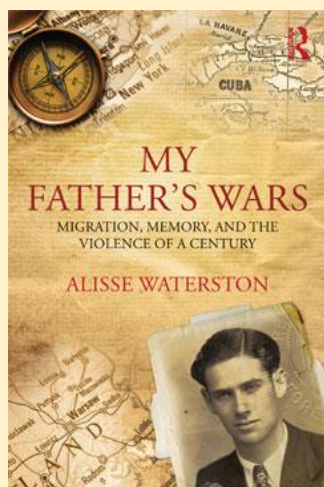
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PROF. ALISSE WATERSTON

**Journey into Poland:
Intimate Ethnography, Polish-Jewish Relations
and Contested Narratives of the Nation**

9 października 2017, godz. 12.00, sala im. Józefa Burszty
Collegium Historicum Novum, ul. Umultowska 89D



“My father was born into war,” begins Alisse Waterston’s intimate ethnography, a remarkable saga that is also social history. Born in Jedwabne on the eve of World War I, Waterston’s father traveled through the multiple violences of the 20th century. In this talk, Waterston invokes her award winning book, *My Father’s Wars: Migration, Memory and the Violence of a Century* to raise theoretical questions about multidimensionality in diasporic histories, memory and experience in shaping transnational identities, ethnic and religious conflict, and the relationship of these experiential phenomena to larger nation building projects, including the making and meanings of nationalist narratives. Waterston will also explore intimate ethnography as method that can open up new possibilities for facilitating important dialogue and for illuminating connections between violence, embodied subjectivity and self-historical identity, social memory, power and history.



Alisse Waterston is Presidential Scholar and Professor of Anthropology, City University of New York. She is an author of numerous books and articles on poverty, structural violence, displacement and dispossession, and writing anthropology. Professor Waterston is founding editor of *Open Anthropology*, and has been an International Scholar of the Open Society Institute affiliated with Tbilisi State University (2012-2015). She is currently President of the American Anthropological Association. Her



forthcoming book, *Gender in Georgia: Feminist Perspectives on Culture, Nation and History in the South Caucasus* will be published by Berghahn Books in October (2017).