

“HENRY FORD'S WAR ON JEWS AND THE LEGAL BATTLE AGAINST HATE SPEECH”



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Victoria Saker Woeste received her Ph.D. from Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Berkeley Law, and is a Research Professor at the American Bar Association. She specializes in the study of twentieth-century American legal history, and is the author of the upcoming book, *Henry Ford's War on Jews and the Legal Battle Against Hate Speech*.

Since joining the American Bar Foundation in 1994, she has established herself as a leading scholar in the field of U.S. legal history. Her first book, *The Farmer's Benevolent Trust*, won the Law and Society Association's J. Willard Hurst Prize in 2000; in dissertation form, it was awarded the 1993 Herman Krooss Prize of the Business History Conference.

Henry Ford's War on Jews, forthcoming in 2012 from Stanford University Press, tells the explosive story of Henry Ford's libelous newspaper, the *Dearborn Independent*; the campaign it waged against Jews during the 1920s; and the courageous efforts by leading American Jews to use the nascent law of group libel to stop Ford's war in the courts.