

Born Renate Liselotte Margarethe Laqueur, in 1919, in Brieg, Germany (now Poland), Renata Laqueur discusses becoming a United States citizen in 1957 and her pride in America and its independent spirit; her parents and herself as being Jewish and, though not religious, sympathetic to Jews as “forever the underdog;” life in Holland from age three until being arrested and taken to Bergen-Belsen in 1943, where she kept a diary from 1944-1945; life in New York City in the 1950’s; a New York University professor’s discovery of her diary; her interest and successes in fashion illustrating and reporting; her 1971 Ph.D. dissertation which discusses thirteen other diaries written by concentration camp inmates; her connections to the Sloan-Kettering Institute in NYC, both as a patient and as a staff member; and the publication of her diary in 1965 (“Dagboek uit Bergen-Belsen Maart 1944 - April 1945”) in Holland and the 1983 German translation (“Bergen-Belsen-Tagebuch: 1944/1945”).