

**UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies**

2009 Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty

The Holocaust and Other Genocides: Historical Contexts, Legal Issues, and Ethical Dilemmas

January 5–9, 2009

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) announces the *2009 Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty*, which is designed for professors of all disciplines who are teaching or preparing to teach Holocaust or genocide-related courses and wish to further their understanding of this critical topic. This year's Seminar analyzes the Holocaust within the broader historical context of genocides of the modern era by focusing on the ethical dilemmas and legal issues surrounding these events.

The Seminar is scheduled for January 5–9, 2009, and will be co-led by John K. Roth, Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Claremont McKenna College, and Donald Bloxham, Professor of Modern History at the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom. Professor Roth was Founding Director of the Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, at Claremont McKenna, and taught there from 1966 through 2006. He has published hundreds of articles and reviews, and authored, co-authored, or edited more than 40 books, including *Genocide and Human Rights: A Philosophical Guide* (2005); *Gray Zones: Ambiguity and Compromise in the Holocaust and Its Aftermath* (2005); and *Ethics During and After the Holocaust: In the Shadow of Birkenau* (2005). In 1988 he was named U.S. National Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He serves on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council's Committee on Church Relations and the Holocaust, and was the 2004–05 Ina Levine Invitational Scholar at the USHMM.

Professor Bloxham's teaching includes courses on the Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, and Post–1945 Germany. Professor Bloxham received the Chancellor's *Rising Star* Award in 2007 at the University of Edinburgh. He has authored nearly 50 articles and book chapters, and his monographs include *Genocide, the World Wars, and the Unweaving of Europe* (2008); *The Great Game of Genocide: Imperialism, Nationalism and the Destruction of the Ottoman Armenians* (2005); and *Genocide on Trial: War Crimes Trials and the Formation of Holocaust History and Memory* (2001). He is co-editor of the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Genocide* and serves on the editorial board of the journals *Holocaust Studies*, *Patterns of Prejudice*, *Zeitschrift für Genozidforschung*, and the *Journal of Genocide Research*. He was the 2007–08 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Senior Scholar-in-Residence at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, where he completed his forthcoming book *The Final Solution: A*

Genocide and Its Contexts. Professor Bloxham is the recipient of the 2007 Raphael Lemkin Award for genocide scholarship.

The Seminar will consist of presentations and discussions about the Holocaust and other genocides. In particular, the Seminar will attempt to define the concept of genocide; study the Holocaust and other genocides through comparative perspective by assessing the roles of perpetrators, victims, and bystanders; and address questions of genocide prevention and intervention. Pedagogical sessions will include participant-facilitated discussions on classroom teaching methods and roundtable discussions on teaching strategies across multiple disciplines. Participants will also receive orientation regarding the Museum's significant library, archival, film, and photograph holdings.

Candidates must be faculty members of accredited, degree-awarding institutions (baccalaureate, the equivalent, or higher) in North America. Applications must include a curriculum vitae, a short statement of the candidate's specific interest in and need to attend the Seminar, and a supporting letter from a departmental chair or dean detailing the Holocaust-related courses that the candidate is teaching or planning and the support that the university is providing for Holocaust studies at the institution. If the applicant has already taught an applicable course, a syllabus should be included.

Admission will be decided without regard to the age, gender, race, creed, or national origin of the candidate. A maximum of 20 applicants will be accepted. For *non-local* participants, the Center will defray the cost of (1) direct travel to and from the participant's home institution and Washington, DC, and (2) lodging for the duration of the Seminar. Incidental, meal, and book expenses must be defrayed by the candidates or their respective institutions. All participants must attend the entire Seminar.

Applications must be postmarked or received in electronic form no later than Friday, November 7, 2008, and sent to:

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For questions, contact Dr. Dieter Kuntz at 202-314-1779 or dkuntz@ushmm.org. Successful applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process by Friday, November 21, 2008.

This Seminar is endowed by Edward and David Hess in memory of their parents, Jack and Anita Hess, who believed passionately in the power of education to overcome racial and religious prejudice. Prior Hess Seminars include: *The Holocaust: Perpetrators, Victims, and Bystanders* (2008); *Literature and the Holocaust* (2007); *Teaching the*

Holocaust at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (2006); *The Holocaust and Antisemitism in France* (2005); and *Teaching the Holocaust at Hispanic-Serving Institutions* (2004).