

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

2010 Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty

*The Holocaust in the Soviet Union:
New Sources, New Perspective for Use in Teaching*

January 4–8, 2010

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is pleased to announce the *2010 Jack and Anita Hess Seminar for Faculty*, which is designed for professors of all disciplines who are teaching or preparing to teach courses about the Holocaust or related topics and who wish to further their understanding of this critical event. This year's seminar examines the Holocaust through case-studies from Nazi-occupied areas of the Soviet Union and explores the actions, motivations, and responses of perpetrators, collaborators, bystanders, and victims to aspects of the genocide that have previously received less scholarly attention.

The Seminar is scheduled for January 4–8, 2010 and will be co-led by Zvi Gitelman (Professor of Political Science and Preston R. Tisch Professor of Judaic Studies, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Michigan, and Member, Academic Committee, United States Holocaust Memorial Council); Oleg Budnitskii (Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Russian History, Russian Academy of Sciences, and 2009-2010 Ina Levine Invitational Scholar, USHMM); and Father Patrick Desbois (President, Yahad-In-Unum, and Director, French Conference of Bishops for Relations with Judaism).

The Seminar will consist of presentations and discussions about the Holocaust in the Soviet Union. Specifically, the Seminar will explore the use of archival documentation and eyewitness accounts in research and teaching about perpetrators, collaborators, bystanders, and victims in the USSR during World War II. Pedagogical sessions will include participant-facilitated discussions on classroom teaching methods and roundtable discussions on teaching strategies across multiple disciplines. Participants will also receive orientations regarding the Museum's significant library, archival, film, and photograph holdings.

Zvi Gitelman is former Director of the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and the Center for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Michigan. His published works include *A Century of Ambivalence: The Jews of Russia and the Soviet Union, 1881 to the Present*, and *Bitter Legacy: Confronting the Holocaust in the Soviet Union*. He is also editor of the volume *Revolution, Repression and Revival: The Soviet Jewish Experience* and was the 2005-2006 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Senior Scholar-in-Residence at the USHMM. Oleg Budnitskii is Academic Director of the International Center for Russian and Eastern European Jewish Studies in Moscow and Professor of History in the Department of Jewish Studies at the Institute of Asian and African Studies

at Moscow State University. He is the author of numerous publications on 19th and 20th century Russia and Russian Jewry, including *Russian Jews between the Reds and the Whites, 1917-1920*. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the annual *Arkhiv Evreiskoi Istorii (The Archive of Jewish History)* and is on the editorial board of several scholarly journals, including *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*. Since 2002, Father Desbois has conducted over a thousand interviews with eyewitnesses of mass murders in Ukraine during the Nazi occupation, as detailed in his recent autobiography, *The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews*, which was published with support by the USHMM and won the 2008 National Jewish Book Award. Copies of the Yahad-In Unum interviews will be deposited at the USHMM.

Candidates must be faculty members of accredited, baccalaureate-awarding institutions 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. Incidentals, meals, 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 Monday, November 9, 2009 and sent to:

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For questions, contact Dr. Dieter Kuntz at 202-314-1779 or dkuntz@ushmm.org. Accepted applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process by Friday, November 20, 2009.

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.