

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
Committee on Churches and the Holocaust
Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies

2010 Seminar for Seminary Faculty and Professors of Religious Studies
Rescuers and Bystanders during the Holocaust:
The Historical Significance of Morality and Complicity

June 21-25, 2010

The Committee on Church Relations and the Holocaust (CRC) of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum announces a seminar for professors of theology, ethics, and religion at theological schools and other institutions of advanced education. Applications from interested professors from other disciplines will be considered. The seminar is scheduled for June 21-25, 2010. The seminar will offer an overview of the history of Catholic and Protestant responses to Nazism and the Holocaust, with a particular focus on the role of rescuers and bystanders. How historically significant was such behavior? What factors shaped the behavior of these groups? What moral and ethical insights can be drawn from this aspect of Holocaust history? Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about Museum resources for their teaching and to consult and interact with Museum staff and visiting scholars. More information about the Museum's programs on religion can be found at www.ushmm.org/research/center/church/.

The seminar will be co-taught by Victoria Barnett, Staff Director, CRC, and Dr. David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University. Ms. Barnett has helped create academic and public programs, panels, and symposia on Christianity and the Holocaust with institutions around the country. Her publications include *Bystanders: Conscience and Complicity during the Holocaust* (1999) and *For the Soul of the People: Protestant Protest against Hitler* (1992). She is also a prominent Bonhoeffer scholar and one of the general editors of the *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works English Edition*, the complete English translation of Bonhoeffer's works. Dr. Gushee has written extensively about the intersection between Christian faith, ethics, and public policy, and has provided leadership in the American evangelical world on human rights issues. He is the author of numerous books, including *Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust* and *Only Human: Christian Reflections on the Journey toward Wholeness*.

Candidates must be faculty members at accredited, degree-awarding institutions in North America. Applications must include: (1) a curriculum vitae; (2) a statement of the candidate's specific interest and purpose for attending the seminar; and (3) a supporting letter from a departmental chair or dean addressing the candidate's qualifications and the institution's potential interest in having Holocaust-related courses taught.

Admission will be decided without regard to age, gender, race, creed, or national origin. A maximum of twenty applicants will be accepted. For non-local participants, the Center will (1) reimburse the cost of direct travel to and from the participant's home institution and Washington, DC, up to but not exceeding the amount of \$500.; and (2) defray the cost of lodging for the duration of the course. 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, emailed, or faxed no later than Monday, March 15, 2010 and sent to: Victoria Barnett, University Programs, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2150 (Email: ybarnett@ushmm.org; Fax: 202-479-9726). For questions, contact Victoria Barnett at 202-488-0469 or vbarnett@ushmm.org. All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process by Monday, April 5, 2010.

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