

**UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM  
CENTER FOR ADVANCED HOLOCAUST STUDIES**

and the

**INTERNATIONAL TRACING SERVICE**

are pleased to announce an

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER RESEARCH WORKSHOP**

**Exploring the Newly Opened ITS Archive**

**International Call for Applications**

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (CAHS) of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and the International Tracing Service (ITS) at Bad Arolsen are pleased to invite applications to participate in the first of two planned international research workshops for scholars designed to explore research possibilities in the recently opened archival holdings of the ITS. The workshop will be held at ITS in Bad Arolsen, Germany, from June 16 to 26, 2008.

The research workshops will focus on use of ITS's archival materials, which include multi-million page collections of (1) concentration camp, deportation, transport, ghetto, and arrest records; (2) forced and slave labor records; and (3) postwar displaced persons (DP) and resettlement records. Collections relating to the early use of the records to respond to inquiries from Holocaust and forced labor survivors will also be accessible to workshop participants. The objectives of the workshop are to utilize the workshop-group setting to explore the various major sections of the documentation and to identify key portions of the material that offer particularly rich opportunities for new research.

Summer research workshops facilitate collaborative research among participants and lay the groundwork for future joint publication projects. To this end, the workshop will begin with a survey of the materials, to be followed by individual or small-group in-depth investigations of particular topics suited to each researcher's area of interest. At the conclusion of the workshop each scholar or scholar group will present a brief summary (in English) of initial findings and future research goals stemming from the ITS materials. Participants may be invited at a later stage to present research resulting from the workshops at a public symposium co-sponsored by ITS and CAHS.

A maximum of 16 scholars from North America, Europe, and Israel will be selected for the workshop. Applications are welcome from scholars in the multiple disciplines that may be useful in understanding the significance of the ITS collections, including, but not limited to, history, sociology, law, economics, geography, etc. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program or faculty or staff at a degree-granting institution of higher learning or at an advanced research

institution. Applicants in transition between appointments must provide a detailed explanation. Ability to present in English is required.

Applications must be submitted in English and include: (1) a 750-word description of the relevance of ITS archival materials to the applicant's research interests; (2) a curriculum vitae; and (3) a supporting letter from a departmental chair, dean, or director of research that addresses the candidate's qualifications and purpose for attending the workshop.

The USHMM and ITS have posted on their web sites a searchable inventory of the more than 21,000 collections of historical archival material that constitute the holdings of the ITS archives. [Note: The inventory does not include the collections to which reference is made above relating to the early use of the records to respond to inquiries from Holocaust and forced labor survivors.] Potential applicants are encouraged to consult the inventory before submitting their applications.

The organizers will defray the cost of (1) direct travel to and from each participant's home institution and the workshop location; (2) lodging for the duration of the workshop; and (3) \$500 toward the cost of incidental expenses, which will be distributed within 2-4 weeks of the workshop's conclusion. All participants must attend both weeks of the workshop. Participants will be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas to attend the workshop.

Applications may be submitted via mail or fax, and must be received no later than February 23, 2008. Selections will be announced in writing by March 7, 2008.

Applications and questions regarding this program should be addressed to: Dr. Suzanne Brown-Fleming, Senior Program Officer, University Programs, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126 (Tel: 202-318-7802; Fax: 202-479-9726; E-mail: [sbrown-fleming@ushmm.org](mailto:sbrown-fleming@ushmm.org)).

To learn more about past summer research workshops, visit the USHMM website at <http://www.ushmm.org/research/center/workshops/>.

A second co-sponsored workshop, planned for the summer of 2009, will take place at the USHMM in Washington, DC, utilizing digital copies of the massive ITS collections that are being transferred to the Museum. A separate announcement will be made regarding the Washington workshop.

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