

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

**2009 CURT C. AND ELSE SILBERMAN SEMINAR
FOR UNIVERSITY FACULTY**

*Teaching the Holocaust:
Causes, Course, Consequences*

June 1-12, 2009

The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum announces the 2009 Silberman Seminar for college/university faculty from all disciplines who are teaching or preparing to teach Holocaust or Holocaust-related courses. This year's seminar will deepen participants' understanding of why and how the Holocaust occurred; introduce them to contemporary reflections on its aftermath and aftereffects; and equip them with the knowledgebase and pedagogical techniques required to address the most frequently asked questions (and misconceptions) raised by students as well as the fundamental issues that should concern students most.

The seminar will consist of presentations, participant-facilitated discussions on classroom teaching methods, and roundtable discussions on teaching strategies across multiple disciplines. Presentations and discussions will cover topics such as the concept of genocide and ethnic cleansing; 19th century conceptual origins; perpetrators, collaborators, and Nazism's "logic of murder;" Jewish and other responses; the economics of exploitation; punishment and restitution; memorialization and representation; and post-Holocaust human rights law. Participants will be introduced to research resources that may be used in the classroom, including the Museum's library, document archives, memoir collection, photo archives, oral testimony collection, film and video archive, and Holocaust survivor database. Participants will also have the opportunity to consult and interact with Museum staff and visiting fellows. Information about Museum and Center resources can be found at www.ushmm.org/research/collections and www.ushmm.org/research/center.

The 2009 Silberman Seminar will be led by Peter Hayes, Theodore Z. Weiss Professor of Holocaust Studies and Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Department of History, Northwestern University. Professor Hayes is a specialist in the history of 20th century Germany, especially the Nazi period. He is the author of over forty articles and seven books, including *Industry and Ideology: IG Farben in the Nazi Era* (1987; 2001), which won the 1988 Biennial Book Prize of the Conference Group for Central European History, and *From Cooperation to Complicity: Degussa in the Third Reich* (2004). Professor Hayes is currently working on two new books: *Profits and Persecution: German Big Business and the Holocaust* and *The Failure of a Generation: German Elites and National Socialism*; and co-editing (with John K. Roth) *The Oxford Handbook of Holocaust Studies*. The consummate educator, Professor Hayes has been teaching at Northwestern University since 1980. He received Northwestern's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1998 and the Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2003. Professor Hayes serves on the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Seminar applicants must be faculty members at accredited, baccalaureate-awarding institutions in North America. Applications must include: (1) a curriculum vitae; (2) a

statement of the candidate's specific interest and needs in strengthening his/her background in Holocaust history for the purpose of improving teaching; and (3) a supporting letter from a departmental chair or dean addressing the candidate's qualifications and the institution's commitment to Holocaust-related education. Syllabi of any Holocaust-related courses that the candidate has taught should also be included. Syllabi will be distributed at the seminar to facilitate discussion of successful teaching strategies.

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 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 from June 1 to 12, 2009.

Applications must be postmarked or received in electronic form no later than Monday, February 23, 2009 and sent to: University Programs, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2150 (Fax: 202-479-9726; email: university_programs@ushmm.org). For questions, contact Dr. Dieter Kuntz at: 202-314-1779. Successful applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process by Friday, March 13, 2009.

The Curt C. and Else Silberman Foundation endowed the Silberman Seminar for University Faculty in memory of Curt C. and Else Silberman. The Foundation supports programs in higher education that promote, protect, and strengthen Jewish values in democracy, human rights, ethical leadership, and cultural pluralism.