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## Holocaust Center Announces First Cohort of Powell Fellows



Members of the inaugural class of Powell Fellows with seminar staff.

**[Seattle, WA]:** On August 12, the Holocaust Center for Humanity announced the first cohort of Powell Fellows, teachers who completed the week-long Powell Holocaust Summer Institute at the Henry and Sandra Friedman Holocaust Center for Humanity.

Presented in partnership with the Memorial Library/Olga Lengyel Institute, the Holocaust Center offered an intensive 5-day summer institute for teachers of grades 7-12.

In a collaborative environment, teachers explored in-depth topics of the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights, while gaining practical tools to bring these lessons to their students. The institute featured presentations by local experts and national scholars: Hilary Bernstein (Anti-Defamation League), Dr. Beth Greich-Polelle (Pacific Lutheran University), Dr. Ellen Kennedy (World Without Genocide), Tom Ikeda (Densho), and Alexandra Zapruder (Author, *Salvaged Pages*).

Powell Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in advanced professional development opportunities throughout the year and will help mentor new teachers.

The Powell Fellows are: Nance Adler (Jewish Day School, Bellevue), Branda Anderson (Kamiak High School, Mukilteo), Lauren Bear (Holy Family Parish School, Kirkland), Toni Canady (Mount Si High School, Snoqualmie), Rosemary Conroy (St. Luke's School, Shoreline), Megan Corbin (Showalter Middle School, Tukwila), Holly Cotton (Seattle World School, Seattle), Carolyn Hall (Roosevelt High School, Seattle), Alan Kahn (Garfield High School, Seattle), Kristy Koch (Reardan Middle School), Pia Longinaotti (Freeman High School, Rockford), Wendy Muscat-Tyler (St. Andrew's High School, Victoria, BC), Heidi Pouley (Archdiocese of Seattle), Sarah Richard (Sherwood Charter School, Sherwood, OR), Deborah Robinson (Meridian Middle School, Kent), Jenai Sheffels (Tesia Stem High School, Redmond), Susan Sieg (Seattle Christian School), Graeme Stacey (Kelowna Secondary School, Kelowna, BC), Sarah Thomas (Rochester High School), Nickolie Travis (Nelsen Middle School, Renton), Karla Tripoli (Seattle Christian School), and Julie Wilson (Glacier View Jr. High, Puyallup).

The seminar was sponsored by the Powell Family and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc.

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ABOUT THE CENTER: Connecting lessons of the Holocaust to a broad range of relevant themes for our time, from bullying to social justice, the Holocaust Center for Humanity has been teaching students to become engaged citizens and to speak out against bigotry and prejudice since 1989. The Center works directly with teachers, students, and community groups across the Northwest to provide educational materials, curriculum, and interaction with local Holocaust survivors who tell their stories to 20,000 students of all ages each year. In 2015, the Center opened its museum to the public. 15,000 students of all ages have toured the Center's exhibits during the 2015-2016 school year.

*The Center's mission is to inspire teaching and learning for humanity in the schools and communities of this region through study of the Holocaust. Find out more at [HolocaustCenterSeattle.org](http://HolocaustCenterSeattle.org).*

## **OTHER PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS**

### **Teacher Workshop: Non-Jewish Victims of the Holocaust**

**September 22, 4:30-7:30PM**

**Henry and Sandra Friedman Holocaust Center for Humanity**

*Offered in conjunction with the traveling exhibit, "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945". Although Jews were the primary targets, the Nazis and their collaborators also persecuted other groups for racial or ideological reasons. Targeted groups included political opponents, Poles, homosexuals, Roma (Gypsies) and the handicapped. The Nazis and their collaborators murdered millions of individuals from these groups.*

This interactive workshop will help to prepare educators to teach the complex history of the Holocaust in a way that stimulates critical thinking and make connections between this history and

our world today. Registration online at <https://holocaustcenterseattle.org/teacher-workshop-registration-non-jewish-victims/view/form>.

**Powell-Heller Conference for Holocaust Education: Women and the Holocaust**  
**October 17-19**  
**Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma**

This year's conference will bring together scholars, students, and community members in an open dialogue on the latest research on Women and the Holocaust as victims, survivors, rescuers, and collaborators. Learn more at [www.plu.edu/holocaustconference](http://www.plu.edu/holocaustconference).

**Teacher Seminar: Echoes and Reflections**  
**November 4, 8:30AM-3:00PM**  
**East Valley Middle School, 4920 N Progress Rd, Spokane, WA**

Echoes and Reflections prepares teachers to teach the complex history of the Holocaust in a way that stimulates engagement, critical thinking, and personal understanding among students. This comprehensive program delivers professional development and a rich array of interactive resources for middle and high school teachers. All participants will receive a free multi-media curriculum. Registration online at <https://holocaustcenterseattle.org/november-4-teacher-training/view/form>.

**Holocaust Teaching Trunks**

Free to borrow for teachers in Washington State, Teaching Trunks include books, posters, maps, DVDs, curriculum aids, artifacts, activities, and more. Trunks are available to borrow for 4 weeks and are targeted to three levels: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade, Middle School, and High School. To reserve a Teaching Trunk, visit <https://holocaustcenterseattle.org/education/teaching-trunks>.

**Speakers Bureau**

The Speakers Bureau is comprised of 25 active speakers – Holocaust survivors, liberators, and descendants of survivors – who share their stories with students and community members throughout Washington State and the Pacific Northwest. To request a Speaker, go to <https://holocaustcenterseattle.org/speakers-bureau/about-the-speakers-bureau>.

**Field Trips**

Class visits to the Center include a docent-led tour, a short film, and the option of adding an interactive activity. Visits are 90 minutes and recommended for grades 6 and up. For more information and to request a visit, visit <https://holocaustcenterseattle.org/museum/plan-your-visit#fieldtrip>.