

**Mass Atrocity Education Workshop: Teaching about the Holocaust and
Genocide Prevention
May 29 – 31, 2013**

A cooperative project of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at West Point.

Goals:

- 1) To further understanding of the Holocaust and genocide with particular emphasis on the role of the military;
- 2) To empower participants with the competencies (knowledge and skills) to develop accurate and meaningful lessons on the Holocaust and /or genocide to be incorporated into existing curricula at the United States service academies;
- 3) To clarify the value of the Holocaust and genocide content in training future military officers;
- 4) To build awareness of genocide and mass atrocity and current efforts to enhance the world's ability to prevent and respond to genocide today;
- 5) To enhance the relationships among faculty from the USMA, the USNA, the USAFA, the USCGA and other scholars as well as Museum staff;
- 6) To contribute to the development of the Department of Defense's readiness to develop further training and doctrine related to atrocity prevention.

Tuesday May 28, 2013

For questions/problems, contact:

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Arrival and Check-in

6:45

Optional dinner for those interested

Meet in the lobby of Hotel Palomar* at 6:45

Dinner at 7:00 at Odeon Café (1714 Connecticut Ave.NW)

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2121 P St. NW
Washington DC 20017
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Wednesday May 29, 2013

- 8:30 Arrival at USHMM using the 15th Street Entrance
(metro stop Smithsonian)
- 8:30 – 9:00 Welcome/introductions, including coffee and breakfast

The Case Study of the Holocaust

- 9:00 – 11:15 Division into two groups
- (New attendees) *Permanent Exhibition (PE)*
- (Previous attendees) Discuss insights of previous year – potential areas of focus (1 hour)
- Return to PE – particular segments (1 hour)
- 11:15 – 12:00 Discussion / working lunch

The Relevance and Value of Holocaust and Genocide Studies for Future Officers

- 12:00 – 1:00 Overview of work / origins of genocide / discussion
- Dr. Ervin Staub**, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at University of Massachusetts at Amherst
- 1:00 – 1:20 The *Wehrmacht* and the Holocaust; camps/ghettos
- Dr. Geoffrey Megargee**, Senior Applied Research Scholar, USHMM
- 1:20 – 1:40 Ethics/leadership
- Dr. Edward Westermann**, Associate Professor of History at Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 1:40 – 2:10 Ethics/leadership
- Captain (R) James Campbell**, Class of 1972 Distinguished Military Professor for Character Education, USNA
- 2:10- 2:30 Discussion/ break

Resources

- 2:30 – 3:00 Archival Materials at the USHMM
Gretchen Skidmore, Director of Civic and Defense Initiates, USHMM
- 3:00 – 3:45 Lessons on the Law and the Holocaust
Dr. William Meinecke, Historian, Leadership Programs, USHMM
- 3:45 – 4:30 Museum artifacts and resistance
Ramee Gentry, Coordinator, Permanent Exhibition, USHMM
- 4:30 – 5:30 Survivor speaker
- 7:15 - Optional group dinner in Dupont Circle at James Hoban’s (1 Dupont Circle)

Thursday May 30, 2013

8:30 Arrival at USHMM 15th Street Entrance

8:45 – 9:15 Review Day One and discuss Day Two’s agenda with coffee and breakfast

The Range of Human Behavior during the Holocaust

9:15 – 11:15 *Some Were Neighbors – Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust*

11:15 – 12:15 Group discussion of the exhibit

Dr. Victoria Barnett, Director on Ethics, Religion and the Holocaust,
USHMM

Tim Kaiser, Director of Education Initiatives, USHMM

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch and open time for the book store/*From Memory to Action* exhibition/
break/ informal discussion

Creating Discipline Specific/Cross Discipline Lessons

1:00 – 1:20 *Ordinary Soldiers*-background and teaching legal theory through Holocaust
subject matter

Dr. David Frey, Associate Professor of History, USMA

Major Shane Reeves, Academy Professor of Law, USMA

1:20 – 1:40 Origins of genocide law – a case study

Lieutenant Colonel Chad Austin, Associate Professor of Law at USAFA

Major Amer Mahmud, Assistant Professor of Law at USAFA

1:40 – 2:00 Psychology of the Holocaust - teaching ideas

Dr. George Mastroianni, Professor of Psychology, USAFA

2:00 – 2:30 Discussion/break

Integrating new curricular ideas into the service academy curricula

2:30 – 4:00 Small group discussion – generating ideas / what should students learn?
(Including **Dr. Peter Black**, Senior Historian, USHMM)

4:00- 5:00 Whole group discussion – sharing ideas/ approaches/ identify resource needs

6:00 Group Dinner – Old Ebbitt Grill (walk together from Museum to 675 15th St.)

Friday May 31, 2013

8:30 Arrival at USHMM 15th Street Entrance

8:45-9:00 Overview and coffee/breakfast

The Role of Future Officers in Genocide Prevention

9:00 – 10:00 Department of Defense and prevention context

Charles Brown, Senior Advisor for Atrocity Prevention and Response,
Department of Defense

10:00 – 10:45 Detecting Mass Atrocities with Satellite Imagery

Andrew J. Marx, U.S. Department of State, Complex Emergencies/ Civil
Military Analyst

10:45 – 11:30 Sudan/ Early Warning Project/ Responsibility to Protect

Cameron Hudson, Senior Advisor, Center for the Prevention of
Genocide, USHMM

11:30 – 1:00 Discussion of next steps for lesson development/ communication (lunch)

1:00 – 2:00 Perspectives on reconciliation/ role of the military today

Dr. Ervin Staub, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at University of
Massachusetts at Amherst

2:00 – 2:30 Next steps/ wrap up