

[CFA: USHMM Virtual Faculty Seminar: Teaching Mass Atrocity: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Justice, June 1-11, 2021](#)

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The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** announces the call for applications for the **2021 Virtual Curt C. and Else Silberman Faculty Seminar** on the topic of *Teaching Mass Atrocity: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Justice*. This seminar will introduce pedagogical tools for teaching the history of the development of the concept of genocide with a close look at Raphael Lemkin's coining of the term, the proceedings of the Nuremberg Trials, as well as the approval of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in 1948. Building on this framework, the seminar leaders will facilitate discussions across disciplinary boundaries on how to address common themes relating to Holocaust and Genocide Studies—such as “othering,” violence, atrocity, justice, and restitution.

Applications are welcome from instructors across academic disciplines including but not limited to: language studies, film studies, war studies, displaced people and refugee studies, human rights, genocide studies, anthropology, sociology, psychology, history, literature, and international law. We also particularly welcome scholars who teach courses with a global, comparative, or transnational approach. Seminar applicants must be teaching or anticipate teaching relevant courses at accredited institutions in North America.

This Seminar will occur entirely online through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous sessions from June 1 to 11, 2021. **Applications must be received in electronic form no later than March 15, 2021.** The full CfA and the application form are available on the USHMM website: <https://www.ushmm.org/research/opportunities-for-academics/faculty-seminars/silberman/2021-curt-c.-and-else-silberman-faculty-seminar>. Please contact Dr. Katharine White (kwhite@ushmm.org) with any questions.

Seminar Leaders

Dr. Douglas Irvin-Erickson, Assistant Professor and Director, Lemkin Genocide Prevention Program, George Mason University

Dr. Thomas Pegelow Kaplan, Leon Levine Distinguished Professor of Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies, and Director, Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies, Appalachian State University

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