Deadline Approaching: USHMM Silberman Faculty Seminar on “Teaching Holocaust Photographs” [Due March 15, 2022]

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Teaching Holocaust Photographs

May 31–June 10, 2022

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 2022 Curt C. and Else Silberman Virtual Faculty Seminar on the topic of “Teaching Holocaust Photographs.” Drawing on multidisciplinary methods and new work in the field of Holocaust studies as well as classic texts on photography, the Seminar will explore methods for identifying, interpreting, and contextualizing Holocaust photos by victims, perpetrators, and witnesses. Particular emphasis will be placed on the ethical considerations surrounding whether “to show” or “not to show” Holocaust photographs in and beyond the college classroom, especially when so many of them were taken by perpetrators. The facilitators will also open a dialogue about post-Holocaust personal photos of remembrance, historical photos that have been appropriated/altered, and artistic representations that engage with photographs of the Holocaust.

Seminar Facilitators:

Valerie Hébert, Associate Professor of History and Interdisciplinary Studies at Lakehead University
Orillia, Ontario

Daniel H. Magilow, Professor of German, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

The Seminar will occur entirely online through a combination of synchronous and asynchronous sessions between May 31 and June 10, 2022. Applicants can be at any career stage but must be teaching or anticipate teaching relevant courses at accredited institutions in North America, including colleges, universities, and community colleges. Applications are welcome from instructors across academic disciplines including but not limited to: Anthropology and Sociology; Ethnic Studies; Gender Studies and Women’s Studies; German Studies; Holocaust and Genocide Studies; Jewish Studies; Photography; Political Science; Psychology; Visual and Material Culture Studies; and Religious Studies.

Applications must be received in electronic form no later than March 15, 2022. The full CfA and the application form are available on the USHMM website: https://www.ushmm.org/research/opportunities-for-academics/faculty-seminars/silberman/2022-silberman-faculty-seminar. Letters of support may be uploaded electronically or emailed directly to Madi Howard, mhoward@ushmm.org.

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 higher-education programs that promote, protect, and strengthen Jewish values in democracy, human rights, ethical leadership, and cultural pluralism.

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