

**Mass Atrocity Education Workshop: Teaching about the Holocaust and
Genocide Prevention
May 30 – June 1**

Joint 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 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 29

Arrival and check – in

Hotel Palomar
2121 P St. NW
Washington DC 20017
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(see last pages of agenda for maps/directions)

6:30 - Optional meet and greet (Urbana restaurant /bar– lower level Palomar hotel)

Gretchen Skidmore (cell) 919 – 949-1271 (for questions/problems)
David Frey (cell) 617-875-4969

Wednesday, May 30

Goal: To further understanding of the Holocaust and genocide with particular emphasis on the role of the military (1)

8:45 arrival at USHMM (15th St. entrance – back of the building) (see below for metro directions)

9:00 – 9:30 – orientation (Classroom D)

Gretchen Skidmore, USHMM

Jennifer Ciardelli, USHMM

Dr. David Frey, USMA, History Department

9:30 - 11:00 – 4th Floor of the Permanent Exhibition *The Holocaust*

11:00 – 11:30 – reflections and discussion/coffee – early warning signs as illustrated during the Holocaust (Classroom D)

11:30 – 11:40 -remarks by Sara Bloomfield, USHMM, Director

11:40 – 1:00 – 3rd and 2nd floor of the Permanent Exhibition *The Holocaust*

1:00 - - 2:00 – lunch / reflections / discussion

2:00 – 2:30 - tour of *From Memory to Action* (Jennifer Ciardelli)

2:30 – group photo

2:30 – 3:30 –self guided tour *State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda*

3:30 – 4:00 – break

4:00 – 5:00 - Dr. Anne Knowles (the Holocaust and geography)

5:00 – optional – Museum book store

5:00 – 6:30 – break – return to hotel

6:45 – group dinner – Mourayo (see below for directions)

Thursday, May 31

Goals:

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 USMA, USNA, USAFA (2)

To clarify the value of the Holocaust and genocide content in training future officers (3)

8:00 – meet in front of Museum – 14th St. entrance (front of the building)
Meet Museum staff - Walk 2 blocks to Portals III office building (2000 A Conference Room)

8:15 – 8:30 – introduction / review – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED

8:30 – 8:55 – Dr. Geoff Megargee (German military)

8:55 – 9:15 - Dr. Rezarta Bilali (psychological processes in genocide)

9:15 – 9:40 – Dr. Vicki Barnett (bystanders and human behavior)

9:40-10:05 –Dr. Paolo Tripodi (ethics and leadership)

10:05 – 10:15 – break

10:15-11:15 – lesson planning – whole group/small group

What do we want cadets and midshipmen to know about the Holocaust and genocide prevention?
What core concepts should students understand?
How can content related to the Holocaust and genocide prevention enhance their future training as officers?

11:15 – 12:15 – Dr. Waitman Beorn and COL (R) Jody Prescott – (lesson planning a year later – a case study on *The Holocaust and the Law of Armed Conflict*)

12:15 – 1:00 – lunch

1:00 – 1:30 – LTC Natalie Kolb (law and genocide prevention)

1:30 – 2:45 – small groups

What are key entry points in each discipline that further identified thematic goals?
How can understanding the Holocaust and genocide prevention further particular course goals?
What are the best methodologies to utilize?
How can we create collaborative opportunities, find resources – among academies?

2:45 – 3:00 – break

3:00 – 4:15 – whole group with USHMM panel

Judith Cohen, USHMM photo archives
Leslie Swift, USHMM film and video
Dr. Peter Black, USHMM, historian

How can we make this happen? Where are the resources?
What are accessible readings?
What are useful primary sources?

4:15 – 4:30 - break

4:30 - 5:30 – whole group – Rebecca Erbelding, USHMM (archival sources – the Hoecker album)

6:00 – whole group dinner – walk to Old Ebbitt Grill (675 15th St. NW)

Friday, June 1

Goal: To build awareness of genocide and mass atrocity and current efforts to enhance the world's ability to prevent and respond to genocide today

8:15- arrival at USHMM (15th St. entrance – back of the building) – CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED

8:30 – 9:00 – review – introduction (classroom D)

9:00 – 10:00 – Charlie Brown, Senior Director, Rule of Law and International Humanitarian Policy Office of the Under Secretary for Policy (Atrocities Prevention Board and DoD)

10:00 – 10:45 – Dwight Raymond, US Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI), (Mass Atrocity Response Operations and preparing doctrine to prevent genocide)

10:45 – 11:00 - break

11:00 – 12:00 – Jay Ulfelder, USHMM, Committee on Conscience (early warning systems and prevention of genocide)

12:00– 12:30 – lunch

12:30 – 1:00

What are next steps?

Plans for ongoing communication?

1:15 – 2:15 – Martin Weiss – Holocaust survivor

2:30 – departure / post workshop surveys



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