

**The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous
2020 Summer Institute for Teachers
June 20 – 25, 2020
Alfred Lerner Fellowship Program Overview**

Background

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) held its first Summer Institute for Teachers at Clark University in June 2000. Since June 2001, the program has been held at Columbia University in New York City. The Summer Institute is an intensive academic seminar in which participants learn from Holocaust survivors such as Roman Kent and from renowned Holocaust scholars including Doris Bergen, Volker Berghahn, Lawrence Douglas, Robert Jan van Pelt, Samuel Kassow, Steven Field, Michael Marrus, Jeffrey Burds, Alexandra Zapruder, and Ed Westermann. Following each lecture, participants meet in small groups to discuss pedagogy and to share teaching concepts related to the subject of the lecture.

Teachers selected to participate in the JFR Summer Institute for Teachers are known as Alfred Lerner Fellows. Alfred Lerner, the founding chairman and chief executive officer of MBNA Corporation, who passed away in October 2002, was a valued advisor and supporter of the JFR from its early years.

The Summer Institute brings together approximately twenty-five to thirty participants each year. Participants include teachers nominated by each of the participating centers in the JFR Holocaust Centers of Excellence Program, newly hired center education staff, teachers from the New York – New Jersey metropolitan area, and selected guest educators. Since 2001, the JFR has extended full scholarships to teachers from Eastern European countries through a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department. In 2020, the JFR will again host teachers from Poland and Croatia.

This program is made possible by members of The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Board of Trustees and individual donors.

Dates

The dates for the 2020 Summer Institute for Teachers are Saturday, June 20 through Thursday, June 25, 2020.

This year we are lengthening the program by a day. The Summer Institute for Teachers will start on Saturday morning, June 20, 2020 and will end on Thursday, June 25, 2020. This will permit us to add additional lectures to the program.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the program, participants must teach language arts, English, social studies, or history at the middle or high school level. We will also accept theology/religion teachers from parochial schools. We consider middle school to start at 6th grade. Generally, we do not accept math, science, or foreign language teachers into the program. **Teachers must have taught at least five years, be at least five years from retirement, and currently teach the Holocaust in their classrooms. Candidates should have attended at least one Holocaust teacher training workshop/seminar and must be teaching the Holocaust in academic year 2020-2021.**

Cost

The participant fee is \$850 for each educator who attends the program. The JFR will cover lodging, all breakfasts, lunches, breaks, and two dinners (Saturday and Wednesday nights), beginning with breakfast on Saturday, June 20th. For those individuals arriving on Friday, June 19, 2020, the JFR will cover the cost of lodging for Friday night. However, the JFR will not provide or cover the cost of meals for Friday, or dinner on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening. The dorm we will be housed in has private rooms. The bathrooms are shared. We hope to have women on one floor and men on another. However, it may be necessary to have women and men on the same floor.

If a participant has to cancel out of the program after May 29, 2020, there will not be any refund of the participant fee as our rooming and food lists are submitted to Columbia University the end of May and we are billed based on these lists.

Responsibility

Each teacher selected to participate in the program must agree to serve as a teacher-trainer and resource person for his or her nominating center as well as for the JFR. You will be asked by your nominating center to sign an agreement with your center.

Content Outline

Prior to Attending the Summer Institute for Teachers – to be included with your application.

Each participant in the Summer Institute for Teachers is required to submit a content outline of his or her entire unit on the Holocaust. Please indicate the length of the unit, the grade level, the course(s) in which this unit is taught, and when during the school year you teach your unit on the Holocaust. Also, include your objectives for the unit and your expected student outcomes. If you teach at a public school, please indicate each state standards/Common Core Standards the lesson addresses. Please submit the content outline with your completed application.

Following the Summer Institute for Teachers – to be submitted by Friday, August 28, 2020.

The JFR is very interested to know how the Summer Institute positively impacts the ability of teachers and Holocaust Center staff to teach the Holocaust. To answer this question, the JFR is requesting that each participant in the Summer Institute for Teachers provide the JFR with a short 1-2 page paper on how you intend to change your unit on the Holocaust with respect to content – what are you adding, modifying, and/or not including as a result of your attending the Summer Institute for Teachers. We also want to know if you plan on changing how you present the material to your students.

Additionally, we are requesting that each participant provide the JFR with one revised lesson plan from your unit of study on the Holocaust. We would like the original lesson plan that you used with your students prior to the Summer Institute and the revised lesson plan.

We are requesting that your revised unit on the Holocaust and revised lesson plan be submitted to the JFR by Friday, August 28, 2020.

Logistics

Participants will be housed in a dormitory on the Columbia campus that is converted into conference housing during the summer. The non-smoking rooms are private. Bathrooms are located in the hall and are private.

The program begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020, with breakfast, and runs through 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2020. If you live outside the New York City metropolitan area, you should plan to arrive at Columbia by the evening of Friday, June 19, 2020. The JFR will cover the cost of lodging for Friday night; however, the JFR will not provide or cover the cost of meals for Friday. For those of you arriving at Columbia on Friday, June 19th, please be aware that the Conference Service check-in desk in the dorm where we will be staying closes at 9:00 p.m. If possible, please schedule your travel so that you will arrive at Columbia by 9:00 p.m. If you will be arriving after 9:00 p.m., we will arrange with Columbia Conference Housing so that you can check in once you arrive. Several weeks before the program, we will send a packet of information about the Columbia campus with a map, registration details, and other information about the program. All participants are expected to stay in the dorm at Columbia. **There are no facilities for family members, partners, friends, or pets in the dormitories or in the seminar room.**

If you live in the New York City metropolitan area, please arrive at Columbia on Saturday morning, June 20, 2020, by 8:00 a.m. All participants should plan their travel to permit them to arrive at Columbia by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

This year we have added a visit to the Museum of Jewish Heritage at the end of the Summer Institute for Teachers on Thursday morning, June 25, 2020. We will tour the Auschwitz Exhibition – “Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away.” Professor Robert Jan van Pelt, who curated the Exhibition, will lead the group through the Exhibition along with Paul Salmons, who assisted with the educational component.

Please do not book your travel until you have been notified by the JFR that you have been accepted into the program. For those who are considering driving, the only parking available is in private lots (they tend to be expensive). It is the responsibility of participants to cover all parking costs. **We strongly recommend that you leave your car at home.** There is no street parking. Columbia is easily accessible by subway from Penn Station for those who travel on Amtrak or New Jersey Transit. The campus is also a short taxi ride from LaGuardia Airport – a bit farther from Kennedy.

Program materials will be mailed as soon as a participant has been admitted into the program. **It is expected that all participants will complete the assigned reading before arriving at Columbia.**