



AUSCHWITZ JEWISH CENTER
AMERICAN SERVICE ACADEMIES PROGRAM - 2016
Syllabus
May 29- June 13

Sunday, May 29 – Washington, D.C.

Arrive, check in to hotel – Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C St. SW, Washington, D.C.

- 5:00 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby
- 6:00 p.m. Depart for dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome dinner at Gordon Biersch

Monday, May 30 – USHMM

- 8:20 a.m. Departure from hotel
- 8:45 a.m. Arrival and Orientation to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum – *Amanda Rooney Stierli, Levine Institute for Holocaust Education*
-Guiding Question: How will the two days at the Museum be organized and framed?
- 9:30 a.m. Early Entry to the Permanent Exhibition (4th floor self-guided tour)
-Guiding Question: What were the early warning indicators in Germany in the 1920s and 1930s?
- 11 a.m. Nazi ideology and reflections on the fourth floor – *Dr. Will Meinecke, Levine Institute for Holocaust Education*
-Guiding Question: What did the Nazis believe? How do they put their ideology into practice?
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Intro to & Self-guided tour of the Permanent Exhibition (3rd floor)
-Guiding Question: What is the Holocaust?
- 2 p.m. Reflections on the 3rd floor – *Amanda Rooney Stierli*
- 2:30 p.m. Break

In appreciation to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) for supporting this educational program. Through recovering the assets of the victims of the Holocaust, the Claims Conference enables organizations around the world to provide education about the Shoah and to preserve the memory of those who perished.

- 2:40 p.m. Intro to 2nd floor & Self-guided tour of the Permanent Exhibition (2nd floor, Hall of Remembrance)
- Guiding Question: Where was choice possible (by nations, institutions, individuals)?
- 3:30 p.m. Reflections on the 2nd Floor and Exhibition– *Amanda Rooney Stierli*
- 4 p.m. Survivor Presentation with Henry Greenbaum
- 5 p.m. Wrap Up
- 6:10 p.m. Depart hotel for dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner & Discussion at Asian Spice

<p>Tuesday, May 31– USHMM</p>

- 8:40 a.m. Depart from hotel
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Check-in & Website
- 9:15 a.m. Introduction to and Self-guided tours of *Some Were Neighbors: Collaboration and Complicity in the Holocaust*- Amanda Rooney Stierli
-Guiding Question: What did the Holocaust look like at the local level? What was the range of behaviors? What can we understand about the influence of motivations and pressures depending on context?
- 10:30 a.m. Discussion of *Some Were Neighbors*
- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Case Study: The German Army 691st Infantry Regiment- *Amanda Rooney Stierli*
-Guiding Question: How did the role of the German military change? What choices could military officers make in this context? What insights can this provide about leadership and ethics?
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Cultures of Complicity: Wehrmacht Choices and the Holocaust – *Dr. Waitman Beorn, Virginia Holocaust Museum*
-Guiding Question: How did the role of the German military change?
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:40 p.m. The Complicated Nature of American Response to the Holocaust-*Dr. Rebecca Erbelding, Archives*
-Guiding Question: After the United States began relief and rescue operations, how did the War Refugee Board utilize the resources of various governmental (and private) agencies?

- 3:40 p.m. The Early Warning Project– *Alessandra Necamp, Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide*
-Guiding Question: What tools can we use to prevent genocide today?
- 4:40 p.m. Legacies & Next Steps – *Amanda Rooney Stierli*
-Guiding Question: What do you want to take away from this experience and the Museum as you continue on your journey to New York and Poland?
- 5:00 p.m. Depart for dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Oyamel

Wednesday, June 1 – D.C. to New York

- 7:45 a.m. Depart hotel
- 8:40 a.m. Train #164 for New York
- 12:00 p.m. Train arrives in New York
- 12:30 p.m. Check in at Doubletree Hotel, 8 Stone St.
- 1:30 p.m. Tour of MJH Core Exhibition
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for hotel
- 5:00 p.m. Return to MJH in uniform
- 5:30 p.m. AJC Dinner

Thursday, June 2 – Museum of Jewish Heritage - Board Room

- 9:20 a.m. Welcome at MJH
- 9:30 a.m. *Q&A on Jewish Heritage and Culture* – Dr. Paul Radensky, Manager of Education Programs
- 10:15 a.m. Free time in the Core exhibition
- 11: 30 a.m. *Thou Shalt Not Stand Idly By* - Yael Friedman
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. *Mass Atrocity Prevention and the Military Today* – Dr. David Frey, United States Military Academy
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. *Survivor Testimony* – Sally Frishberg

4:00 p.m. Reflection

5:00 p.m. Depart for dinner at Inatesso

Friday, June 3 –Museum of Jewish Heritage – Board Room

8:45 a.m. Arrive at MJH with suitcases

9:00 a.m. Reading discussion

10:00 a.m. *Survivor Testimony* – Consolee Nishimwe

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Self-guided tour of *Seeking Justice*

12:30 p.m. Final reflection

1:15 p.m. Pack up, grab lunch boxes

1:30 p.m. Departure for JFK

6:15 p.m. LOT Flight 007 to Warsaw

Saturday, June 4 - Warsaw

8:40 a.m. Land in Warsaw, check into Warsaw Novotel Centrum

2:00 p.m. Lunch at Shipudei Berek

Tour of Warsaw

7:00 p.m. Welcome dinner at Sphinx

Sunday, June 5 – Warsaw

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Tour of Jewish Warsaw (4 h) incl. the synagogues, the old Jewish cemetery and the area of the former ghetto

2:00 p.m. Lunch at Państwo Miasto

3:00 p.m. Polin Museum

6:00 p.m. Dinner at Charlotte Menora

Monday, June 6 – Warsaw

TBD Warsaw Rising Museum and meeting with a veteran

 Lunch at Tapas GastroBar

 Free time

Tuesday, June 7 – Warsaw to Krakow

7:00 a.m. Departure from hotel

10:14 a.m. Arrival to Kraków, check into Wyspianski Hotel

11:00 a.m. Tour of Kraków's Old City

1:00 p.m. Lunch at Musical School

2:30 p.m. Meeting with a Righteous Gentile

6:30 p.m. Departure to US Consul General's reception

Evening Reception at the home of the US Consul General

Wednesday, June 8 – Krakow

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Tour of Jewish Krakow

2:00 p.m. Lunch at Gruzinskie Smaki (Georgian Spices)

Free time

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Thursday, June 9 – Krakow to Oświęcim

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and departure, check into Second Home Hostel (Drugi Dom)

11:00 a.m. Tour of the Auschwitz Jewish Center and its exhibits: *Oshpitzin* and *Land of Os*, the synagogue and the town of Oświęcim

2:00 p.m. Lunch at MDSM

3:00 p.m. Guided study visit of the former camp Auschwitz I

7:00 p.m. Dinner at MDSM

8:00 p.m. Review session

Friday, June 10 – Oświęcim

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 Guided study visit of the former camp Auschwitz II-Birkenau
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch at MDSM
- Free time
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:00 p.m. Review session

Saturday, June 11 – Oświęcim

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Maintenance works at the Oświęcim Jewish Cemetery
- Lunch
- Maintenance work continues

Sunday, June 12 – Oświęcim

Trip to Pszczyna (19c palace) and hiking in the Beskidy Mountains

Monday, June 13

- 7:00 a.m. Departure for airport
- 10:20 a.m. LOT Flight 3920 to Warsaw
- 11:10 a.m. Land in Warsaw
- 12:25 p.m. LOT Flight 006
- 3:30 p.m. Land at JFK