Faculty among 20 chosen as Holocaust Center fellows

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Dr. Lisa A. Costello, an assistant professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics, has been selected as one of 20 international teaching fellows to participate in The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies’ 2012 Curt C. and Else Silberman Seminar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. on June 4-15. The seminar is designed for college and university faculty from all relevant disciplines who are teaching or preparing to teach the Holocaust or Holocaust-related courses.

This year’s seminar aims to deepen participants’ understanding of the Holocaust through the perspective of gender. The seminar will explore and compare the points of convergence and divergence between male and female experiences in a variety of circumstances, including early persecution, refugee life, concentration camp life, life in hiding, separation and reunion of families and survival in the postwar era. Through an interdisciplinary lens that combines historical, literary, archival and visual sources, participants will also analyze the experiences of gays and lesbians; how gendered perspective is reflected in Holocaust diaries, memoirs and art; the gendered experiences of perpetrators and their postwar representation; and other topics.

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

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