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# Georgia Southern University Libraries receive “Americans and the Holocaust” grant from USHMM and ALA

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Zach S. Henderson Library (Georgia Southern University Libraries) was recently selected as one of 50 libraries to host ***Americans and the Holocaust***, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

Based on extensive new research of that period, *Americans and the Holocaust* addresses important themes in American history, exploring the many factors — including the Great Depression, isolationism, xenophobia, racism and antisemitism — that influenced decisions made by the U.S. government, the news media, organizations and individuals as they responded to Nazism. This exhibition will challenge the commonly held assumptions that Americans knew little and did nothing about the Nazi persecution and murder of Jews as the Holocaust unfolded.

The touring library exhibition — based on the special exhibition of the same name at the Museum in Washington, D.C. — will travel to U.S. libraries from 2020 to 2022. *Americans and the Holocaust* will be on display at Zach S. Henderson Library on the Statesboro campus, along with a series of related special programs on the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses, from January to March 2022.

In addition to the traveling exhibition, Georgia Southern University Libraries will receive a cash grant to support public programs, led by Autumn M. Johnson, Special Collections Librarian, and Nikki Cannon-Rech, Research Services Librarian. Johnson, as principal investigator, will travel to Washington, D.C. in January for an orientation workshop at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

To learn more about the exhibition, visit [ushmm.org/americans-ala](https://ushmm.org/americans-ala).

## **About the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**

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