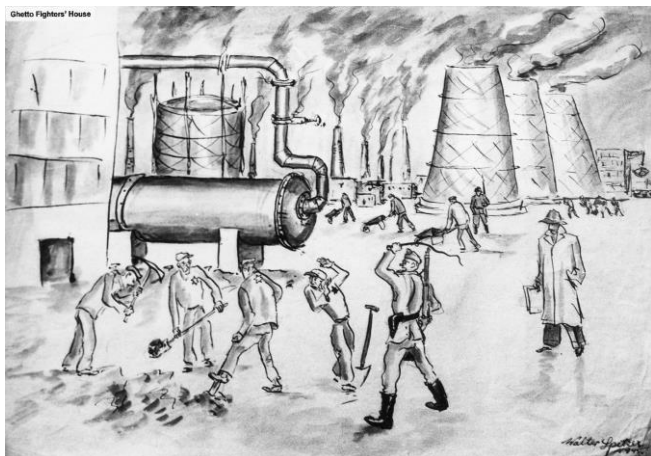


Call for Applications

In the Footsteps of Survivors: Study Tour of Holocaust Memorial Sites in Poland and Germany For Arizona Educators – June 6-22, 2022

Application deadline: November 12, 2021

- Subsidized, 17-day study tour for twenty Arizona educators
- Teacher training at select Holocaust sites in Poland and Germany
- Connecting survivor memoirs to actual locations and contemporary voices
- Depart June 6, 2022 from Phoenix to Krakow, return June 22 from Berlin
- Valued at \$7,000 per person, the cost for each successful applicant is \$1,000



Blechhammer Jewish labor camp



Kamionka: Jewish ghetto in Bedzin

In the Footsteps of Survivors is a 17-day study tour in Poland and Germany for 20 Arizona educators to Holocaust sites related to the memoirs of Holocaust survivors Doris Martin (*Kiss Every Step*) and Edward Gastfriend (*My Father's Testament*). By connecting their lives to the locations we visit, this educational study tour offers an intimate portrait of the calamities that befell Jewish people in Nazi occupied Europe. We will see, listen, and explore each location through the eyes of two survivors, and reflect on the value and importance of integrating the Holocaust and its lessons into our school curricula. We will also meet and talk to European guides, curators, memory activists, and educators while visiting diverse sites.

PROGAM DETAILS

This educational study tour is organized by NAU's Martin-Springer Institute, founded 20 years ago by Holocaust survivor Doris (Szpringer) and her husband Ralph Martin.

EF Educational Tours is responsible for all travel logistics. The program content is developed and facilitated by Dr. Björn Krondorfer, director of the Martin-Springer Institute and Regents' Professor at Northern Arizona University.

The program will start with our departure from Phoenix to Krakow, Poland on June 6 and ends on June 22 with our return from Berlin, Germany. The travel itinerary will take us from Krakow to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Sosnowiec and Bedzin, the Blechhammer and Gross-Rosen camps, Weimar and the Buchenwald camp memorial, the (former) East German city of Halberstadt and the camp of Langenstein-Zwieberge. It concludes in Berlin.

It is supported by the Jewish Material Claims Conference, the Molly Blank Fund, the family of G Shanahan and Marc Dubowy, and the Martin-Springer Institute.

Valued at about \$7,000 a person, successful applicants pay only \$1,000 toward the program (plus incidentals).

- Acceptance into the program includes flight, regional and local travel, accommodations (double occupancy), museum fees, guides and speakers, some meals, reading materials, and group travel insurance.
- Individuals who wish single occupancy rooms and/or make changes to their return flight itinerary are responsible for the extra expense.
- Participants will be responsible for about half of all lunches and dinners themselves.
- Participants will be responsible for occasional gratuities.

Please note that this is a travel-intensive program, including daily walking tours in cities and often on uneven terrain.

Pre- and post-travel meetings are mandatory. Pre-departure meetings will be held via Zoom in April /May; a one-day post-departure meeting at NAU will take place in the fall of 2022.

Continuing Education credit is available; academic credit can be arranged with NAU's Center of International Education at an additional cost.

Accepted applicants must have a **valid passport**. **Please check expiration date immediately.** If you do not have a U.S. passport yet, **please get a passport immediately** (even before the application due date). It currently takes 6-9 months to receive a new U.S. passport.

All **COVID regulations** must be followed. We expect that U.S. travelers are allowed entry into Europe only when **fully vaccinated**.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

The program is open to educators from all schools and school districts in Arizona. It is limited to twenty active educators. Because we expect more applications than we can accommodate, please give your application the attention it needs.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be active teachers/educators in Arizona.
- Priority will be given to middle and high school teachers in the humanities and social sciences. Applications from educators in other disciplines and administrators who demonstrate interest in Holocaust education will also be considered.
- Arizona Teachers throughout the state and especially from districts/schools that serve diverse and underrepresented populations are greatly desired.
- Teachers who serve in predominately Native American and rural student populations are highly encouraged to apply.

Expectations:

- Participants demonstrate an interest in integrating the history and lessons of the Holocaust into their curriculum.
- Participants engage in conversations across cultural, national, ethnic, religious, political, and gender differences.
- Participants share insights and knowledge gained in this program with their public and professional networks following the program.
- Participants must attend pre- and post-departure meetings.
- The memoirs of Edward Gastfriend and Doris Martin must be read in advance.

Application:

- Complete the attached form.
- Write a short persuasive essay.
- Provide email and phone number of a school administrator/principal (reference letters not needed).

Successful Applicants...

- convey succinctly their motivation for participating in this program
- state how the program relates to their teaching aspirations and experiences
- indicate how they would like to share their knowledge with their students, colleagues and other constituencies following the conclusion of the program

Process:

- Details about program itinerary, logistics, and flight options will be shared with applicants as they become available. Please note that departure and return dates might change by one or two days.
- Successful applicants will be informed before December 2021.
- Accepted applicants will secure their place in the program through payment of \$1,000 to the Martin-Springer Institute.
- Upon confirmed receipt of payment, applicants need to sign up with NAU's Center for International Education as well as EF Educational Tours.

TENTATIVE TRAVEL ITINERARY

Each day we will have group meetings for reflection on what we experienced
as well as conversations about teaching practices.

Below, see select highlights for each day.

<p>Day 1: Board your overnight flight to Krakow</p> <p>Day 2: Krakow Arrive at Krakow, former capital, dating back to 7th century. Overnight in Krakow</p> <p>Day 3: Krakow Guided tour of Jewish Krakow; explore Krakow on your own, the only major Polish city to escape devastation during WWII Overnight Krakow</p> <p>Day 4: Krakow Oswiecim Guided visit of Auschwitz and Birkenau extermination camp Overnight in Oswiecim</p> <p>Day 5: Oswiecim Return to Birkenau; memorial activities Overnight in Oswiecim</p> <p>Day 6: Sosnowiec In the footsteps of Edward Gastfriend: Full day exploration of Sosnowiec, including possible meeting with Polish teachers and city officials Overnight in Katowice area</p> <p>Day 7: Bedzin In the footsteps of Doris Martin: Full day exploration of Bedzin Overnight in Katowice area</p> <p>Day 8: Blechhammer Rogoznica Visit of museum in Gliwice and remains of labor camp Blechhammer; arrive near Gross-Rosen camp Overnight in Rogoznica</p>	<p>Day 9: Rogoznica Weimar Visit Gross-Rosen memorial; cross border to Germany Overnight in Weimar</p> <p>Day 10: Weimar Guided tour of Weimar, Germany's first post-WWI democracy (Weimar Republic), Bauhaus Movement, Goethe. Explore city on your own Overnight in Weimar</p> <p>Day 11: Weimar Guided tour of Buchenwald concentration camp Overnight in Weimar</p> <p>Day 12: Halberstadt Jewish museum and city's East German history Overnight in or near Halberstadt</p> <p>Day 13: Halberstadt Berlin Visit former concentration camp and memorial Langenstein-Zwieberge Overnight in Berlin</p> <p>Day 14: Berlin Walking tour of Jewish Berlin; Topography of Terror Overnight in Berlin</p> <p>Day 15: Berlin Wannsee Conference Education center Free time Overnight in Berlin</p> <p>Day 16: Berlin Jewish Museum Last night in Berlin</p> <p>Day 17: Depart from Berlin</p>
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APPLICATION FORM

First and Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

Contact Address (home): _____

Reference (name/phone/email): _____

Name of School: _____

Mark all that apply:

☐ public ☐ private ☐ charter ☐ high school ☐ middle school ☐ other.....

Tell us in a few words something about your school:

Main Teaching Responsibilities:

Mark all that apply:

- ☐ I have already integrated the history and legacy of the Holocaust in my classes
- ☐ I plan to integrate the history and legacy of the Holocaust in my classes in the future
- ☐ I like to deepen my knowledge about the Holocaust to become a better educator
- ☐ I like to share my knowledge about the Holocaust with other educators in my networks

Submission of Application due on November 12, 2021:

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or

Northern Arizona University, Martin-Springer Institute, POBox 5624, Flagstaff, AZ 86011

ESSAY

Please attach your essay (about 500 words) in which you convey your interest in and motivation for this program, how it applies to and enhances your areas of teaching expertise, and what you plan to do with the experience afterward.