

Using the Lens of the Holocaust to Examine Local Human Rights Issues

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Fargo, North Dakota



Who Should Attend

Middle and High School Teachers; College Faculty; Educators from all disciplines (especially Social Studies, History, and English/Language Arts); Those who seek to deepen their knowledge, confidence, and skills for teaching challenging content

Benefits of Participation

- Option to receive 2 continuing education credits through North Dakota State University
- Educators will use the lens of the Holocaust to explore local human rights issues
- Hear from Indigenous and Jewish leaders in the region
- Receive resources to integrate the study of the Holocaust, genocide, and the history of Native American tribes in North Dakota into their classrooms

Seminar Highlights

This seminar equips educators with strategies for impactful Holocaust and human rights education by highlighting pedagogical foundations for Holocaust instruction, emphasizing writing to learn, connect, and reflect, and exploring local ties to this history to engage today's learners.

Seminar Facilitators

Brita Bostad Kienzle is a North Dakota educator with over 12 years of experience teaching English to grades 8-12, including five years as an English Learner specialist. A National Board Certified teacher in English Language Arts, she integrates Holocaust education into her language arts curriculum each year. She has developed her expertise through participation in several selective professional development programs, including a 2017 teacher fellowship with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the 2019 Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights (TOLI) seminar in New York City, the 2024 TOLI Atlanta Leadership Seminar, and the 2023 Power of Place European Summer Institute for Educators, which took place across Germany, Poland, and Norway.

Jacob Kienzle is the Dean of Students at Discovery Middle School. Before becoming a Dean, he spent eight years in education, teaching Language Arts in grades 6-8. Jacob has integrated Holocaust education into his curriculum with students, aspiring teachers, and staff. His Holocaust knowledge has been supported by his participation in numerous programs, becoming a 2017 United States Holocaust Museum Teacher Fellow and attending both The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights 2019 New York City Seminar and the 2024 Atlanta Leadership Seminar. Additionally, Jacob has been a Restorative Practices and Circle facilitator for the past four years, working closely with both students and staff to promote healing, understanding, and positive conflict resolution.

About TOLI Seminars

Offered at no cost to participants, TOLI provides inquiry-based professional development seminars for educators to teach about the Holocaust, genocide, and human rights.

Participants become part of TOLI's national learning community and are provided with year-round mentoring, programs, and resources.

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