

Envisioning a Collaborative Future through the Lens of Intertwining Histories: Teaching Holocaust and Black History in KY

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Berea, Kentucky



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

Participants will:

- Collaborate with colleagues dedicated to resisting antisemitism and racism in our classrooms within today's landscape
- Gain experience, content, and materials to teach about the Holocaust and Black History in Kentucky with confidence.
- Explore interconnections between Jewish and Black history
- Strengthen the teaching of Jewish and Black histories in KY
- Plan for a culturally inclusive and trauma-informed classroom culture
- Visit a local Jewish synagogue for Shabbat dinner and services
- Experience reflective writing as a way to process complex information

Seminar Highlights

Envisioning a Collaborative Future offers an inquiry and writing-based seminar inviting educators to draw connections among histories that continue to impact the present to envision a collaborative future. Led by local, experienced educators, participants will work together to strengthen the teaching of these histories in KY through an interdisciplinary lens.

Seminar Facilitators

Lauren Hill (NBCT) serves as Associate Director of the University of Kentucky - Jewish Heritage Fund Holocaust Initiative, which supports Kentucky teachers in meeting the mandate for effective Holocaust education. A retired middle and high school teacher, she has taught in a correctional setting, served as an instructional coach, and worked as the Teacher Leadership Coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Education. Lauren directs Classroom Teachers Enacting Positive Solutions (CTEPS), which provides coaching and action research-based learning to emerging teacher leaders. Lauren graduated from Barnard College with a BA in History, Vanderbilt University with an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Supervision, and The University of Kentucky with a Rank 1 in English Education. Lauren focuses on elevating teachers as experts and leaders who facilitate deeper learning for their students.

Wendy Zagray Warren directs the Forestry Outreach Center at Berea College and has been an interdisciplinary educator for over thirty years, working with kindergartners through graduate students. Through her association with TOLI, Wendy has been a Holocaust educator for over a decade. As a writer and educator for social and environmental justice, Wendy's work has been published in journals and anthologies including *Becoming a Holocaust Educator* and *What Does it Mean to be White in America?* Her book, *An Illusion of Equity: The Legacy of Eugenics in Today's Education* was released in 2023.

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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