VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAMS
2011–2012 Fellowship Opportunities

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
CENTER FOR ADVANCED HOLOCAUST STUDIES
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies awards fellowships to support significant research and writing about the Holocaust. Awards are granted on a competitive basis. The Center welcomes proposals from scholars in all relevant academic disciplines, including history, political science, literature, Jewish studies, philosophy, religion, psychology, comparative genocide studies, law, and others.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum serves as this country's national institution for Holocaust education and remembrance. The Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies supports scholarship and publications in the field of Holocaust studies, promotes the growth of Holocaust studies at the university level, fosters strong relations among American and international scholars, collects Holocaust-related documents worldwide, and organizes programs to ensure the ongoing training of future generations of Holocaust scholars. In fulfilling its mission, the Center works with the Academic Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

MUSEUM RESOURCES

Fellows at the Center have access to more than 60 million pages of Holocaust-related archival documentation; the Museum's extensive library; oral history, film, photo, art, artifacts, and memoir collections; and the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center. Many of these sources have not been examined by scholars and offer unprecedented opportunities to deepen knowledge about the Holocaust and further advance the field of Holocaust studies.

In addition, fellows have access to the digitized holdings of the International Tracing Service (ITS) relating to the fates of more than 17 million people who were subject to incarceration, forced labor, and displacement as a result of World War II. Over the next several years, the Museum expects to receive more than 100 million digital images of archival material from the ITS. Proposals from applicants interested in the digitized records of the ITS are especially encouraged.

Fellows at the Center work side by side with other new and established Holocaust scholars from the United States and abroad, enabling them to test their ideas, share their research findings, debate methodological or interpretive approaches, and develop comparative frameworks for their projects. The Center's weekly fellows meetings and senior seminar programs provide a stimulating forum for debate and discussion. Fellows also participate in the Center's outreach activities at universities and other academic institutions, both locally and throughout the United States.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Fellowships are awarded to candidates working on their dissertations (ABD), postdoctoral researchers, and senior scholars. Applicants must be affiliated with an academic or research institution. Immediate postdocs and faculty between appointments will also be considered.

The specific fellowship and the length of the award are at the Center's discretion. Individual awards generally range up to nine months of residency; a minimum of three consecutive months is required. Fellowships of five months or longer have proven most effective. Stipends range up to $3,500 per month for the purpose of defraying local housing and other miscellaneous living expenses. Residents of the Washington, DC-metropolitan area receive a reduced stipend of $1,750 per month.

All awards include a stipend to offset the cost of direct travel to and from Washington, DC, and visa assistance if necessary. Fellows are responsible for securing their own housing and health insurance. The Center does not provide support allowances for accompanying family members.

The Center provides work space and access to a computer, telephone, fax, and photocopier. Cost-sharing by home institutions or other organizations is encouraged to extend the fellow's residency or to enable additional research at other institutions.
APPLICATION PROCESS

Fellowship applications and supporting materials must be received by November 30, 2010. Decisions will be announced in April 2011. Fellowships may start as early as June 2011 and must be completed no later than September 2012. All applications must be submitted in English via an online application process. For complete fellowship competition guidelines and/or to submit an application, please go to www.ushmm.org/research/center/fellowship. All applications must consist of the following:

- A completed application form
- A project proposal not to exceed five single-spaced pages
- A curriculum vitae
- Three signed letters of recommendation that speak to the significance of the proposed project and the applicant’s ability to carry it out.

For information on the Center, a general description of the Museum’s archival and other resources, and for the Archival Guide to the Collections, please refer to the Museum’s Web site at ushmm.org/research/center. For specific inquiries regarding archival and other new sources, consult ushmm.org/research/collections to obtain additional information.

Please direct fellowship inquiries to Visiting Scholar Programs, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2126; Tel 202.314.7802; Fax 202.479.9726; E-mail visitingscholars@ushmm.org.

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—Amy Simon, 2008–2009 Leon Milman Memorial Fellow
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