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## **TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR INAUGURAL 2020 BERKOWITZ INSTITUTE**

**AUSTIN, TEXAS** – The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC) has opened its window for application submission to the inaugural Peter N. Berkowitz Institute. This seminar will provide advanced training in Holocaust and genocide education to a select group of Texas educators (teachers, curriculum specialists, and librarians) who serve grades 6-12 in any subject where the Holocaust and/or genocides are taught. Successful applicants will have demonstrated commitment, proficiency, and effectiveness in teaching about the Holocaust and/or genocides.

Participants in this interdisciplinary institute will have the opportunity to learn from top scholars in the field, survivors, and staff members of relevant organizations and museums. Sessions will employ multimedia resources and meaningful discussions, focusing on history, memory/representation, Texas connections, and best practices in the classroom. Practical applications for lessons will be prioritized.

Upon completion of the course, each participant will hold the title of Peter N. Berkowitz Teaching Fellow, will be called upon to serve as a THGC liaison to their campus and community, and will be part of an emerging network of Texas leaders in Holocaust and genocide education.

The 2020 Berkowitz Institute will be held in Austin from July 7-9, 2020. Attendance at the workshop is free and restricted to accepted participants, who will also receive teaching materials at no charge. Travel, meals, and lodging are also covered. The Berkowitz Institute also confers professional development hours in Social Studies and English Language Arts.

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All application materials must be received electronically by 4:00 P.M. C.D.T. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Visit <https://thgc.texas.gov/thgc-2020-berkowitz-institute> for attendee expectations and the online application.

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If you would like more information or have questions about the Berkowitz Institute, please contact Dr. J.E. Wolfson at [j.e.wolfson@thgc.texas.gov](mailto:j.e.wolfson@thgc.texas.gov) or Christian Acevedo at [christian.acevedo@thgc.texas.gov](mailto:christian.acevedo@thgc.texas.gov).