

CHHRE Organizes a Teacher Information Exchange Program in Lithuania



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Florida Atlantic University's Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education in collaboration with the International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania will send three Outstanding Holocaust Educators to Lithuania from June 8-14 as part of a Teacher Information Exchange Program. These teachers are part of a curriculum writing team that is revising and updating the current grades 9-12 Holocaust Education Manual used in Florida schools. The visit will bring these curriculum writers and their Lithuanian counterparts together to learn about new Holocaust research in the Baltics, Belarus, and Ukraine. It will also allow U.S. teachers to exchange curriculum ideas and lesson plans, as well as learn how Lithuanian teachers teach the Holocaust.

Florida educators Toshimi Abe-Janiga, Bruce Klasner and Amiee Sarajian comprise the U.S. teachers' team. Toshimi is a Language Arts teacher at Rivera beach Academy of Excellence in West Palm Beach. Bruce Klasner teaches AP World history, U.S. History, and Holocaust History elective at Everglades High School in Miramar. Amiee Sarajian teaches Government, Economics, and Holocaust electives at Cypress Bay High School in Weston. The trip will include traveling to the Tolerance Center Museum, Green Museum, Sugihara Museum, Ponari Forest, Wooden Synagogue and other Holocaust-related historic sites in Vilna and Kovno, as well as sites of Jewish life and culture in Lithuania before the Holocaust. U.S. and Lithuanian teachers will exchange presentations of their lesson ideas and historical site visits.

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