



## 2012 Sam Gross Summer Institute

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*“The Institute has been one of the most profound weeks of my life. It has changed me as an individual and an educator. I can’t wait to get back to my students to share and teach the lessons and stories that have been imparted here. Thank you for this amazing opportunity.”*

Summer Institute participant

*“I am so happy to have been able to have this experience. It was an amazing, educational and emotional journey for me. The speakers, historians, and professors were terrific and very informative and inspirational. I wish everyone could have this opportunity and I appreciate every minute of it. I will carry this experience with me forever. Thank you!”*

Summer Institute participant

Through the Institute, teachers begin an investigation of the history of the Holocaust, the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany from 1933-1945. Participants will also broaden their depth of knowledge about current genocides and continued episodes of man’s inhumanity to man during the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. This Institute includes a wide range of age-appropriate resources and strategies being modeled through exploration of the best practices in an integrated teaching model. Educators will be equipped to return to their classrooms with the knowledge and pedagogical resources to teach in a manner that leads to an investigation of the ramifications of prejudice, racism and stereotyping. Educators will examine what it means to be a responsible and respectful person for the purpose of encouraging diversity in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting democratic values and institutions.

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History of the Holocaust,  
Human Rights and  
Genocide Studies

June 11-15, 2012

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Application Deadline  
June 1, 2012

## The Sam Gross Summer Institute

The Florida Holocaust Museum's annual Summer Institute on the Holocaust began in 1994 after the State of Florida mandate on Holocaust education was passed in Senate Bill 660 as Florida Statute 233.061. Teaching about the Holocaust in grades K-12 is a part of required instruction. But how do teachers, who have a wealth of materials but little background, embrace teaching this subject matter in a sensitive and accurate way? Attendance at this Institute will enable you to answer this question. You will become familiar with techniques, strategies and resources that include multimedia presentations, guest speakers, Internet research and interdisciplinary connections that align with state and national standards.

In the past, the Museum offered a second summer program on Human Rights and Genocide Studies. Starting in 2009, we combined the two programs together in order to make sure that each participant receives an in-depth knowledge of the history of the Holocaust and has an opportunity to investigate other genocides (e.g. in Armenia, Rwanda, and other), including the most recent one in Darfur. Under the guidance of superb facilitators, Dr. Mary Johnson, Dr. Edward Kissi and guest speakers, participants analyze factors that led to the Holocaust as well as other genocides and human rights' violations. They meet with Holocaust survivors and with survivors of other genocides. Throughout the week, participants have the opportunity to network and develop appropriate plans to take back to their teaching environments. It is an intense five-day workshop with evening sessions. The University of South Florida St. Petersburg, College of Education, partners with the Florida Holocaust Museum on this program.

"Outstanding program. Relevant and important! A great service to the community and the world! Thank you for all you do!"

Summer Institute participant

"Thank you so much. My perspective has been widely expanded and I have so much to bring back to the class! I will be back for more education opportunities."

Summer Institute participant

"This was a wonderful experience. While I thought I knew a lot about the Holocaust and genocide before I participated, I learned a ton more and feel so much more prepared to teach these topics in the future. We touched on the factual and the emotional, and it made for a very special experience. Anyone who teaches (particularly history) should benefit from the Institute. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this truly unique experience."

Summer Institute participant

### Who can Apply?

Any educator may apply. Spaces are limited. Applicants are chosen by a selection committee.

Please apply early!

### What is the Participant's Cost?

The full tuition for the Institute is covered by the Museum through school funding, private donations and other sponsorships. During the Institute you will receive reading materials, light breakfast and lunch daily. You will also receive 3 hours of USF \*4000 level credit.

\* Graduate credit may be available but graduate fees will apply.



Judith Szentivanyi,  
Holocaust survivor,  
shares her story with  
educators.

# Florida Holocaust Museum Sam Gross Summer Institute 2012 Admission Form

Please describe why you would like to participate in the Florida Holocaust Museum Sam Gross Summer Institute (add a page if necessary):

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Other Holocaust/Genocide Studies Institutes attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other questions or comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Certified Area(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ School Web-site \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects Taught \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Levels \_\_\_\_\_ Years Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees Held \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this form to:**

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## Facilitators

### Other Academic Scholars to be Announced



**Dr. Mary Johnson**  
Senior Historian and Consultant,  
Facing History and Ourselves



**Dr. Edward Kissi**  
Professor of Africana Studies,  
University of South Florida



*I FEEL AN OBLIGATION AS A SURVIVOR TO TELL  
YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT HAPPENED AND HOW TO  
LIVE WITH IT.  
Sam Gross 1996*

## Tribute to Sam Gross

We are very pleased to announce that Summer Institute has been named after Sam Gross, a Holocaust survivor who showed tremendous commitment to education programs at the Florida Holocaust Museum. We feel that this is a very appropriate way to pay tribute to Sam Gross.

Sam was born in Palanok, Czechoslovakia. He was one of seven siblings raised in a middle class Orthodox family in Germany. His father, a tailor, owned a men's clothing store.

Sam was arrested at age 13 and, wearing a yellow star, sent to military barracks. He was sent by train to Auschwitz with three brothers and sister and later on a death march to Gleiwitz in January 1945. From Gleiwitz he was sent to Buchenwald in open coal cars. Buchenwald was liberated by the Americans in spring 1945 and Sam returned to his hometown to find that all six brothers and his sister had survived.

Sam eventually moved to the United States in 1954 and married in 1962. He and his wife, Alyce, had three children. Sam was very involved with our museum. He was an active speaker, talking to hundreds of students and participating in numerous programs. Additionally, he raised money that he donated specifically toward our teaching trunks. He was a source of inspiration for all of us.

Sam passed away in 2004, leaving behind a beautiful legacy of a life dedicated to educating children about the Holocaust. In his memory, the family has created the Sam Gross Summer Institute Fund which will provide scholarships for teachers in order to enable them to attend Summer Institute training.



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For additional information on the Institute, call 727.820.0100 x 241.  
Application available online at: [www.fholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.fholocaustmuseum.org)

On front, speakers sharing with Summer Institute participants, from left to right: Eileen Jennings, daughter of survivors of the Armenian Genocide; Brendon Rennert, Tuvia Bielski's grandson; and Carl Wilkens, the only American to stay in Rwanda during the genocide.