

**UNIVERSITY OF TENN. AT MARTIN, UNION UNIVERSITY,
RHODES COLLEGE AND MERCER UNIVERSITY
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**HOLOCAUST TRAVEL/STUDY PROGRAM
SPRING 2008**

University of Tennessee at Martin professor **Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls** in history, program leader, and Union University's **Dr. Stephen Carls** in history, program co-leader, will be joined by Mercer University's **Dr. David P. Gushee**, in ethics and theology, and Rhodes College's **Dr. Stephen R. Haynes** in religious studies in offering an interdisciplinary Holocaust travel/study experience. The course includes some class instruction during the spring semester, followed by a trip to Europe beginning right after Union University's May 2008 graduation and ending in early June 2008. Participants will make major stops in Berlin in Germany, Prague in the Czech Republic, and Cracow, Auschwitz, and Warsaw in Poland. Tour plans include visits to such places as the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin, the concentration camp of Theresienstadt near Prague, the Jewish ghetto from *Schindler's List* in Cracow, the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camps, the Jewish Ghetto Heroes' Memorial in Warsaw, and the Treblinka Death Camp Memorial outside Warsaw. Since the general culture of the countries visited will be an integral part of understanding the meaning of what occurred in the 1930s and 1940s, there will be opportunities to go to national landmarks, museums, churches, and other sites in each of the countries visited, and to experience local traditions and customs.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HIS 468 / HIS 342 (3 credits), The Holocaust in Historical and Literary Perspective, or HIS 342, War to War. A seminar-type course designed to explore the inception and implementation of the Holocaust through lectures, group discussions based on readings, written reports, and journaling/scrapbooking. Topics include Jewish interwar life in Europe, the multi-ethnic nature of persecution and camp and ghetto life, Jewish-Christian relations, and the repercussions of the Holocaust today. Issues such as the search for and suppression of evidence, denial, remembrance, memorialization, and the boundaries between fictional and non-fictional accounts of the Holocaust will be examined. This course includes interdisciplinary approaches, especially during the travel portion of the course to Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland. *Offered by Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls at the University of Tennessee at Martin.*

HIS 380 (3 credits), History of the Holocaust. A seminar-type course that focuses on the Holocaust as an example of man's inhumanity to man and that involves lectures, group discussions based on readings, written reports, and journaling/scrapbooking. Topics include the role of Jews in interwar Europe, the rise of the Nazi party in Germany, the Nazi party's racial policies, the emergence of concentration camps and ghettos, the Final Solution after 1941, the relationship between the Holocaust and World War II in Europe, and the Holocaust's long-term consequences in world history. This course includes interdisciplinary approaches, especially during the travel portion of the course to Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland. *Offered by Dr. Stephen D. Carls at Union University.*

Theology and Ethics After the Holocaust (3 credits, M.A. level). This team-taught Holocaust travel course will focus on some of the most important theological and ethical issues raised by the Holocaust,

with special attention on the particular challenges of the Holocaust to Christians and Christian faith. Students will undertake readings prior to the trip to Europe, participate in all discussions and visits during the European tour, and write a lengthy term paper to conclude their work. The course includes interdisciplinary approaches, especially during the travel portion of the course to Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland. Offered by Dr. David Gushee at the McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University.

RS 234/F11 (2 credits), Holocaust Travel Seminar. Rhodes students, in order to become “engaged citizens, participating...in the world community” are to engage in “experiences that deliberately make connections between course work and the world.” Making these connections is the goal of the Holocaust Travel Seminar. Students will visit sites associated with this history, read texts designed to bring it to life, and participate in on-site lecture and discussion sessions that will help them permanently associate a knowledge of history with a sense of place. The course includes interdisciplinary approaches, especially during the travel portion of the course to Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland. *Taught by Dr. Stephen R. Haynes at Rhodes College.*

THE FACULTY

Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls accarls@utm.edu

Dr. Alice-Catherine Carls has 21 years of teaching experience, a European background, is an internationally published author, and is fluent in French, Polish, and German. She has lived in France, Poland, and Germany, and has led two travel study courses at UT Martin. She specializes in 20th century European history, the history of international relations, and Polish history and culture.

Dr. Stephen D. Carls scarls@uu.edu

Dr. Carls has 36 years of teaching experience. He specializes in 20th century European and French history and is an internationally published author on the subject of World War I. He is fluent in French, has lived in France, traveled extensively throughout Europe, and led 6 European trips for students.

Dr. David P. Gushee GUSHEE_DP@Mercer.edu

Dr. Gushee has 17 years of teaching experience. He is currently Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University’s McAfee School of Theology. He is an internationally known expert on Christian ethics and regularly teaches courses on the Holocaust. His publications include *Kingdom Ethics* and *Righteous Gentiles of the Holocaust*. He is also widely traveled to Europe, including lectures in Germany on the Righteous Gentiles.

Dr. Stephen R. Haynes HAYNES@rhodes.edu

Dr. Haynes is Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, where he has taught since 1989. He is also Theologian in Residence at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis. Prof. Haynes serves on the regional advisory board for Facing History and Ourselves and is a member of the Church Relations Committee of the US Holocaust Memorial Council. His books include *Reluctant Witnesses: Jews and the Christian Imagination* (Westminster/John Knox, 1995), *Noah's Curse: The Biblical Justification for American Slavery* (Oxford, 2002) and *The Bonhoeffer Phenomenon: Portraits of a Protestant Saint* (Fortress, 2004).