



The Fifth Annual
Roger W. Smith Genocide & Human Rights Summer Institute
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Northern Illinois University and American University

Genocide and human rights are among the most pressing issues in our global society, and yet, they are among the least often examined topics in academic history courses and professional development training. For the fifth year in a row we are offering teachers (K-20) the opportunity to spend two weeks learning about genocide and human rights, develop teaching methods, produce lesson plans for the classroom, and learn how to apply service-learning and activism as teaching tools. Participants will meet with more than 10 scholars in the field of study, seven different NGO organizations, survivors, diplomats, and government officials.

The Roger W. Smith Summer Institute is named in honor of one of the nation's leading scholars on genocide and has seen its participants go on to institute significant curricular change in their classrooms, their schools, and in entire districts. Former participants have presented their teaching materials at national conferences and more local professional development seminars. Participants will also be granted access to more than fifty previous lesson plans and curricular units of study.

Participants will find themselves enrolled in an intense, residential, two-week experience that will change the way they teach, think, and act in the classroom. Daily sessions will include teaching demonstrations, content lectures, multi-media presentations, simulations, web site work, literature engagement, and visits to museums, an evening with survivors, a resource fair, and sessions with national and international leaders who are seeking to put an end to genocide and human rights violations. Participation is limited and the application deadline is March 20, 2009.

Some financial assistance is available. For an application and more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.niu.edu/clasep/conferences/institutes/genocide2/index.shtml>

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