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Major Units Goal
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- McDermott Library $500,000

All Other Gifts Goal
- Other Units and Unrestricted Gifts $6,500,000

Total Campaign Goal $200,000,000

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Nearly eight decades after it began, the study of the Shoah, its history and legacy, still touches the very core of human understanding. It challenges our notion of civilized society as it explores the way in which a highly cultured, modern industrial nation evolved into a state that made the murder of innocent men, women and children official government policy. Analyzing the crimes of the Nazi Regime and its collaborators, as well as the history of anti-Semitism, allows us to explore the nature of prejudice, the danger of complacency and the power of sympathy, solidarity and compassion.

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Our vision for the Holocaust Studies Program at UT Dallas is to continue to expand and refine our work as we develop the future researchers and educators who will ensure that these events are never forgotten. I invite you to share that vision and to take an active role in achieving it. With your generosity we can develop the tools, talents and resources required to continue bringing vitally important educational, intellectual and ethical insights to our students and the world.

Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, PhD
Director & Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies
The Ackerman Center is an energetic place of research and teaching where the lessons of history compellingly define our present and prepare us for the future. The study of Holocaust history is dynamic at the Center and encourages students to explore the varied facts as they pursue their research of this unique event.

Located in a new home within the Jonsson Academic Center and featuring a media room, computer lab and library, the Ackerman Center is a vital asset for the University and the state. We provide the opportunity to study, explore and analyze the Shoah and the society that produced both the murderers and the bystanders. The multifaceted curriculum, guest scholars and events have had a far-reaching effect on many UT Dallas students, some of whom have chosen in turn to become scholars and teachers of the Holocaust.

Ackerman faculty and staff, led by the internationally respected historian, scholar and author, Dr. Zsuzsanna Ozsváth, devote themselves to ongoing research and education in Holocaust Studies. Course offerings range from the history of the Holocaust to Jewish history and culture. The Center’s most recent endeavor includes a groundbreaking new elective with UT Southwestern Medical School on the frightening history and implication of Nazi medicine.

Over the past two decades, the Center has developed a significant international reputation. Our rich and diverse program, housed in the School of Arts and Humanities, is augmented and supported by visionary philanthropy, including the Ackerman Challenge Endowment, the Leah and Paul Lewis Chair in Holocaust Studies, the Hillel A. Feinberg Chair in Holocaust Studies, the Stan and Barbara Rabin Professorship, the Selwin Belofsky Graduate Fellowship, the Holocaust from the Prospectives of the American Experience, the Burton C. Einspruch Holocaust Lecture Series, and the Arnold A. Jaffe Holocaust Library Collection. Your gift will enable us to continue to expand our essential mission and to offer support to promising undergraduate and graduate students who will carry that mission into the future. This support will allow us to continue to teach the history of the Shoah, as well as the lessons of tolerance and respect for the rights of all people, to not only this, but future generations. With your help, we will be able to carry out our mission of Teaching the Past...Changing the Future.
For high-school teacher and UT Dallas graduate Cathleen Cadigan, it all began with a trip to Europe during college.

“I was traveling in southern Germany,” Cadigan remembers, “and I visited the site of the Dachau concentration camp. I realized I didn’t know anything about the Holocaust, so when I got back to UT Dallas I took the History of the Holocaust class from Dr. Ozsváth. That changed the course of my master’s degree.”

And changed the course of the curriculum in the inner-city Dallas high school where Cadigan has taught a six-week course in Holocaust history since 1998. Eventually, she went on to earn a master’s degree in history with an emphasis in Holocaust Studies, and spent time studying in Israel. The period of the Holocaust and its victims have captivated her since that first college class.

“While the major focus of the Ackerman Center is on in-depth academic study of the Holocaust, what also compels me are the individual stories of the people involved,” Cadigan says. “The big picture of that period in history must always be remembered and understood, and in addition to that we have an obligation to know and remember the stories of the individuals who were swept up in it. We can’t know all their stories, but we must keep alive the ones that we do know.”

The power of the Ackerman Center and the historical scholarship and education that take place there, as Cadigan sees it, lie first and foremost in the Center’s devotion to the truth. “I think the Ackerman Center is vital because the Holocaust is one of the periods in history that scholars and educators can get wrong very easily,” she says. “There is a great deal of false information out there. The Ackerman Center has a critical role to play today, when the last of the eyewitnesses passes away and the voices of those who deny and misstate this history are getting louder.”

As Cadigan continues to bring the history of the Holocaust into her classroom, the Ackerman Center will continue to keep that history alive for coming generations.

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As we continue our commitment to our community and our state, we have identified several interconnected priorities that will enable the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies to reach the peak of our central mission: developing the researchers and educators who will continue to draw important insights and lessons from this dark period of human history. As we continue our progress toward the top tier of research institutions, the following channels for your commitment and generosity will have a profound impact that will span generations:

Graduate Student Fellowships
The highest-caliber graduate students can only be recruited with the help of competitive fellowship offers. These vital funds provide financial support to students that allows them to concentrate on their research.

Undergraduate Scholarships
Scholarships often play a central role in where the best students choose to enroll. Offering awards to students for courses in Holocaust Studies will ensure that exceptional students can choose UT Dallas knowing they will have the assistance essential to graduating without the burden of crippling debt.

Funds to Strengthen Endowments
The Ackerman Center Endowments help to fund numerous meaningful endeavors and programs.
Strengthening these funds will ensure the Center’s success and longevity for the future.

**Travel Funds for Students**

Although many research materials are available digitally, there is still a great need for scholars of the Holocaust and Jewish history to research archive material as well as historic sites. Travel funds for undergraduate and graduate students working in these areas of study will provide access to additional resources and enhance their academic experience and the results of their study.

**Foundations of American Freedoms**

Support for the initiation of the Foundations of American Freedoms program will offer students the opportunity to explore the Holocaust through the lens of the American Experience. This academic enterprise will provide for an integrated approach to the study of the Shoah, combining a comparative analysis of the ideas that gave birth to the Nazi Regime and shaped the American response.

**Visiting Professorship**

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UT Dallas has made remarkable strides since this bold vision was set in motion a half-century ago. This comprehensive campaign—the first in UT Dallas history—will accelerate our progress toward becoming the world-class Tier One research university the founders envisioned for North Texas.
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