



A seminar
***Memory in Transition: A Transatlantic Perspective on
Holocaust Education***

accompanying the exhibition
Between Life and Death. Stories of Rescue during the Holocaust

Saint Eliabeth University, New Jersey, USA
May 18th 2026

European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS) and Saint Eliabeth University, NJ, have the honor to present a seminar *Memory in Transition: A Transatlantic Perspective on Holocaust Education* along with the exhibition *Between Life and Death. Stories of Rescue during the Holocaust* at the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, Saint Elizabeth University, New Jersey. The seminar will take place on May 18th 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at Dolan Performance Hall, Annunciation Center. The exhibition will be at display till May 31st, 2026. Admission is free of charge.

About the Exhibition

Risking one's own life to save another person is one of the most extraordinary acts of courage. The exhibition ***Between Life and Death. Stories of Rescue during the Holocaust*** pays tribute to those who, during the Second World War – despite the threat of imprisonment, deportation, or death – chose to help persecuted Jews. By combining the stories of rescuers and survivors, the exhibition shows the complexity of human relations under the extreme and varied circumstances of the war, placing each story within a broader historical context. This approach allows visitors to better understand the local conditions that shaped the possibilities for survival and assistance. One of the aims is to demonstrate that decisions to help, taken for example in Warsaw and in Paris, were fundamentally different in nature.

The exhibition presents stories of rescuing Jews from fifteen European countries (Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine and the United Kingdom), highlighting the experiences of both rescuers and survivors. One of the panels is dedicated to diplomats from Poland, Japan, the United Kingdom, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, and Denmark, who were active in Germany, France, Hungary, Lithuania, and Switzerland.

About the seminar

The seminar accompanying the exhibition is designed as a transatlantic dialogue on the changing landscape of Holocaust memory and the challenges faced by educators on both sides of the Atlantic. The speakers, Prof. Piotr Trojański (Poland), Prof. Stephan Lehnstaedt (Germany), Prof. Rune Christiansen (Denmark), Prof. Daniel Blatman (Israel) and Dr. Richard Quinlan (USA) will present an international selection of perspectives and experiences, creating an opportunity for a meaningful exchange between European and American educational practices. The discussion aims to present Holocaust remembrance as a dynamic and evolving process shaped by historical experience and changing political and social international context, public debates and educational priorities in different countries.

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The exhibition “Between Life and Death. Stories of Rescue during the Holocaust” was prepared by the **European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS)** in cooperation with the **POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw** and the **Silent Heroes Memorial Centre in Berlin**. The exhibition was first presented at the headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels in January 2018. Since then, it has been displayed in numerous locations across Europe and Japan, including Amsterdam, Bratislava, Vilnius, Budapest, Bucharest, Bern, Dresden, Osaka, Yokohama, Tsuruga, Gifu, Szczecin, Gdańsk, Strasbourg, Bad Ischl, Dublin and New York.

More information about the exhibition: enrs.eu/between-life-and-death

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