

The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

A Seminar for Educators

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Seminar from 5:00 – 6:45, Welpé Theatre

Play starts at 7:00 pm, Edward Nash Theatre

Three Continuing Education Credits Offered

The annual teacher workshop will be centered around a documentary play based on the inspiring stories of seven remarkable women who brought monumental changes to their countries, and will include a workshop designed to help teachers incorporate the art of storytelling into their classrooms.

Attendees will begin their evening by participating in a ninety minute professional development workshop led by a teaching artist. The workshop will introduce participants to the art of storytelling and its use in the classroom. The teaching artist will demonstrate how the use of storytelling can aid in the discussion of difficult conversations. The Holocaust and other genocides will be incorporated into the discussion. It will focus on the act of storytelling as an empowering exercise for students, particularly those who have been traditionally marginalized or underrepresented. Teachers will gain experience in leading storytelling exercises that they will be able to apply directly to their own classrooms.

Program participants will then attend a performance of *SEVEN* by L.A. Theatre Works. *SEVEN* is a documentary play written by seven female playwrights that tells the stories of seven female activists from around the globe who overcame life-threatening obstacles in order to effect real change and improve the lives of women. The performance will be followed by a post-performance talk back with members of the cast, giving audience members the opportunity to share their reactions to the production and ask any questions they may have.