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Tennessee Holocaust Commission announces the winners of the 2012 Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award

The Tennessee Holocaust Commission (THC) announced today the winners of the 2012 Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award. The winners are:

- Shari Scott, Tennessee School for the Blind, Clarksville, TN
- Trevor Fuller, Soddy Daisy High School, Soddy Daisy, TN
- Tom Hopkins, Hancock County High School, Sneedville, TN
- Dave Barrett, Millington High School, Millington, TN

(See separate page for brief biography of the winners)

These educators will receive a \$1500 scholarship which can be used to develop new curriculum, purchase resources and attend trainings that will help further engage their students in the study of the Holocaust. The award ceremony will take place on April 2, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Legislative Plaza in room LP12, as part of The Tennessee Holocaust Commission's Annual Day of Remembrance Holocaust Commemoration. The commemoration is free and open to the public.

Since 1995 the Tennessee Holocaust Commission (THC) has sponsored the Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award. Established by Memphis entrepreneurs and philanthropists Jack A. Belz and Ira Lipman, the award recognizes outstanding educators who excel in the teaching of the Holocaust. Each year educators from East, West and Middle Tennessee are honored. Past recipients of the award have gone on to attend international conferences, been appointed as teacher fellows to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and served as educational liaisons for the THC.

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Shari Scott teaches adaptive technology, personal finance, economics, government and world history at Tennessee School for the Blind. She has been teaching history for the past six years and has incorporated Holocaust studies into all of her classes since experiencing the Echoes and Reflections Curriculum at an educational program conducted by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission. “In a global culture of war and hatred, it is important to learn the lessons of the Holocaust so that similar atrocities are not committed as we comfortably sit by; more concerned with our own economy than with the hate mongers that are ripping countries apart.

Trevor Fuller teaches English 9 / Honors English 9 at Soddy Daisy High School. Mr. Fuller received his B.S. in Secondary English at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and has been teaching for twelve years. He has been married for twenty-five years to his wife, Emma, and they have two sons, Ryan and Mikey. Mr. Fuller teaches a unit on genocide and the Holocaust every semester and frequently brings survivors into his class room for his students’ benefit. His pet project is a symposium centered on Simon Wiesenthal’s *The Sunflower*, where he brings a diverse panel of community members together with his students to examine the possibility and limits of forgiveness.



Tom Hopkins was born and raised in Hancock County, Tennessee. He graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1994 with a degree in History. He later earned an M.Ed. from Milligan College and an Ed.S from Lincoln Memorial University. Tom has been teaching for sixteen years, and is currently teaching U.S. History and World History at Hancock County High School in Sneedville, TN. He also serves as a Master Sgt. in the TN Air National Guard with over 20 years of service. Military service has enabled him to visit concentration camps and many other World War II sites in Europe and the Pacific. Tom has always tried to incorporate the Holocaust studies into his courses to ensure that the stories are not forgotten.

Dave Barrett has taught in Tennessee for seventeen years. He began his teaching career at Humes Junior High School in Memphis teaching seventh grade Social Studies and has taught History, World Geography and World History I at Millington High School for the past fifteen years. Each year he has taught his students about the atrocities committed during the Holocaust and the years leading up to World War II. He feels that this information is a vital part of understanding history and radically affects the human geography of Europe and other parts of the world. Mr. Barrett always takes time to explain to his students that there are people who try to trivialize the events, lessen the severity of the actions, make improper comparisons to other events or even deny that the Holocaust ever took place. For these reasons he ensures that the Holocaust is integrated into all of his History and Geography classes.

