

LICSS Description: Connecting Contemporary Antisemitism to History

Date: 4/12

Time: 4-5:30PM

Facilitators: Juan Castellanos and Katie Leo

Virtual Workshop Description:

Jews make up less than 1% of the global population. And yet, Jews and Jewish communities have been stereotyped and discriminated against, exiled, and violently attacked based on a wide range of false and dangerous accusations for millennia. This is, in part, why scholars have dubbed antisemitism an old and “convenient” hatred—and why questions remain about how it functions in society.

Join [Facing History and Ourselves](#) for a 90 minute virtual workshop to explore the history and evolution of antisemitism, and consider some of its contemporary manifestations. We will explore the questions: What is antisemitism, and how has it impacted Jews in the past and today? What are the consequences when a “single story” is used to exclude a group of people? These resources featured in this workshop will help you make connections between traditional and contemporary antisemitism, and examine the shifting representations of this hateful ideology.

Workshop Goals:

- Create space for an adult learner conversation about antisemitism
- Introduce the history of antisemitism 101
- Connect the history to the contemporary manifestations of antisemitism

Facilitator Bios:

Juan Castellanos is the Associate Program Director for the New York Region and is responsible for the delivery of program content through collaborative work with schools and educators via professional development workshops, on-site visits, presentations, and student projects. Prior to his work at Facing History and Ourselves, Juan worked as a Coordinator of International Relations under the Japan Teaching and Exchange Program. He also taught ESL for a number of years before becoming a history teacher in the Boston Public Schools, where he taught U.S. and

World History to grades 9-12 at TechBoston Academy, then a pilot school funded by the Gates Foundation to integrate laptop technology into the school curriculum.



Katie Leo is a program associate at Facing History and Ourselves, primarily working with schools in the five boroughs of NYC. In her current position, Katie supports educators as they create supportive academic environments where students learn to make ethical decisions with courage and conviction. Prior to joining the staff of FHAO, Katie served as a high school teacher for 11 years, where she taught classes on nonviolence, current events, and the Civil Rights Movement. Katie now lives in Brooklyn, NY with her family, but is a native Long Islander.

