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**JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS RECOGNIZES HOUSTON EDUCATOR**

NEW YORK – The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous (JFR) awarded its 2015 Eduard Sonder Scholarship to Kelly Webeck, an outreach and history literacy instructor for the Houston Center for Photography. The Holocaust Museum Houston nominated Webeck to attend the JFR’s 2015 Summer Institute for Teachers held annually at Columbia University, where the award will presented.

“Kelly’s work focuses on bridging the gap between the Holocaust and the understanding of its difficult concepts through photography workshops at the Holocaust Museum Houston,” said JFR Executive Vice President Stanlee Stahl. “By participating in the Summer Institute, we are confident that she will be able to enhance her program experience so that the next generation will be more responsive and moved by both the stories and visual artifacts of this period in world history.”

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous 2015 Summer Institute for Teachers, which will take place June 21 through June 25 at Columbia University, welcomed Webeck and 29 other teachers and Holocaust center staff members. The teachers and center staff members represented eight U.S. states as well as Poland, Hungary, and Croatia. Over the course of the week, participants will examine the Holocaust from its origins, the rise of the Nazi Party, the murder of European Jewry, through to the liberation of the camps, and the Nuremberg Trials.

 In tribute to Alfred Lerner's commitment to the work of the JFR and in particular his special interest in Holocaust education, all participants in the Summer Institute are known as Alfred Lerner Fellows.

Eduard Sonder, a Jewish German wine business owner, was killed during the Holocaust. Upon receiving payment from their grandfather’s life insurance policy, rather than keeping the funds, Kate Tarnofsky and Johanna Stark, sisters from West Orange, NJ, determined that it was best to continue Holocaust education teacher training by endowing a scholarship enabling a teacher to attend the JFR program at Columbia University.

Webeck is a resident of Houston, TX. Webeck earned her bachelor’s of fine arts degree in visual arts studies from the University of Texas at Austin in 2009.

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous was created in 1986 to provide financial assistance to non-Jews who risked their lives and often the lives of their families to shelter and rescue Jews during the Holocaust. Today, the JFR supports more than 500 aged and needy rescuers in 20 countries.  The Foundation also runs an internationally lauded Holocaust education program for middle and high school teachers and Holocaust center personnel who preserve the legacy of the rescuers by teaching the history of the Holocaust.

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