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Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Mark Swaim-Fox, from Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission for a term beginning June 30, 2021 and ending at the close of business June 29, 2024.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 30th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

Mike DeWine

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Governor



Mark Swaim-Fox is the Executive Director of Facing History and Ourselves' Cleveland office. A former classroom teacher, Mark has worked with Facing History for almost 20 years. Facing History is an international education and professional development organization that uses lessons of history to challenge teachers and their students to stand up to bigotry and hate. Facing History provides best-in-class curricula and teacher professional development that integrates civic education, social-emotional learning, academic rigor, and attention to equity.

Under Mark's leadership, the Cleveland office has grown significantly, from a staff of two to seven. Facing History Cleveland now works with more than 5,000 teachers in over 500 schools from across Northeast Ohio. In 2012, in collaboration with Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Mark played a leadership role in creating and launching Facing History New Tech High School. In 2016, Mark established the Northeast Ohio Schools Network, a group of 13 diverse middle and high schools, including public, parochial, charter and independent that includes more than 4,600 students from a wide variety of backgrounds. The Network is part of the Facing History Partner School Network (PSN), a national network of schools that was established in 2017 to support schools in integrating Facing History units across disciplines and grade levels.

Under Mark's leadership, Facing History Cleveland continues to support teachers in implementing Facing History's seminal curriculum *Holocaust and Human Behavior*, which leads students through an examination of the history of the Holocaust, while fostering their skills in ethical reasoning, critical thinking, empathy, and civic engagement -- and more recently, in implementing resources to address incidents related to hate and antisemitism with their students in real-time.

Mark has a deep understanding of the importance of Holocaust education and a strong commitment to teaching it. For many years, he facilitated Facing History's *Holocaust and Human Behavior* course for graduate students. In 2009, he participated in a two-week intensive Holocaust study trip at Yad Vashem, which was jointly sponsored by Facing History and Yad Vashem; and in 2019, Mark participated in the Tom and Joann Adler Civic Leaders Mission trip to Israel sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Cleveland with civic leaders from across the region. Prior to working for Facing History, Mark was a middle and high school teacher for ten years where he taught a semester long Holocaust Elective course in each of the schools he worked.

Mark has also managed large scale projects in the city of Cleveland bringing the learning of the Holocaust to thousands of students. Specifically in 2015 he helped write curriculum for the international exhibition of *Violins of Hope*. In partnership with other stakeholders in the city, Mark led Facing History's efforts as the primary education partner to have over 7,000 students learn about and visit the exhibit at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Mark also partnered with the Cleveland Playhouse in 2015 to educate teachers, students and community members for the month long production of *The Pianist* of Willesden Lane which tells the story of a young woman who survives the Holocaust as part of the Kindertransport. Under Mark's leadership Facing History helped bring over 5,000 students from Northeast Ohio to see its production.

Mark was selected as a member of the 2021 Leadership Cleveland class, a year-long program that convenes civic leaders across Cleveland in an ongoing learning community to further build their collective capacity to nurture civic engagement across the city. He is also a member of the United Way of Greater Cleveland's "Taskforce on Race and Equity."

**GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS
TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Appointment Date: 6/30/2021

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Name of Commission:

Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission
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Term Begins:

6/30/2021

Term Ends:

6/29/2024

Party Affiliation:

Democrat

Senate Confirmation:

Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure:

No disclosure required

Vice: