

The MAHG program, as indicated in our mission statement, "is committed to innovative and challenging research and teaching on the Holocaust, other genocides, the prevention of mass atrocities, and the promotion of human rights."

This mission is incredibly urgent these days, as the current US government, based on what we all saw this past week, is committed to a racist political discourse, to the violation of human rights, and to an assault against groups in our society that we teach out students

The second Trump presidency began with Elon Musk's very clear two Nazi salutes. We condemn this brazen and violent gesture by Musk at an inaugural event, but we are equally disturbed and angry that the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) dismissed it as an "awkward hand gesture in a moment of enthusiasm, not a Nazi salute." This denial of what we all saw with our own eyes is unacceptable and dangerous. We teach our students about the "lessons of the Holocaust." One clear and simple lesson is that Nazis are as bad as it gets. Maybe the ADL missed that class, so we are screaming this lesson today!

Then came the avalanche of executive orders, the toxic attacks on LGBTQI+ people, the ICE raids on undocumented and forcibly displaced people, and the attempt to deprive Americans of their birthright citizenship, including the unashamed assault against the

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We are committed to developing further our collaboration with the Lenape people --- we are on their land, on their stolen land, on their homeland.

And we are committed to continue studying, writing, and teaching about mass violence in the past and in the present, including ---