

Press release

The Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, and the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies (VWI), are delighted to announce the establishment of a joint postdoctoral fellowship position.

The VWI is an academic institution dedicated to the study and documentation of antisemitism, racism, nationalism, and the Holocaust. Conceived and established during Simon Wiesenthal's lifetime, the VWI receives funding from the Austrian Ministry of Science, Research and Economy as well as the City of Vienna, where it is located. Research at the institute focuses on the Holocaust in its European context, including its antecedents and its aftermath. The VWI is one of the Fortunoff Video Archive's 32 partner sites worldwide.

"Testimony has inspired many new theoretical and methodological approaches in the field of Holocaust studies," says Eva Kovacs, VWI's research program director. "Testimonies play an essential role in current history writing about the Shoah, and VWI wants to build a Central-European center of oral history research based on cooperation with the Fortunoff Video Archive."

The VWI/Fortunoff Fellow will conduct research on a topic of their choice in the field of Holocaust studies using the digital collection of the Fortunoff Archive as a foundation. Among other responsibilities, the fellow will choose a testimony from the Fortunoff collection and produce an annotated critical edition. These critical editions include a transcript and notes that help illuminate terms, places and provide additional context to make often complex testimonies understandable to a broader readership. This annotated critical edition will also include a short introductory essay. This critical edition will be made available online with other critical editions currently being produced by the Fortunoff Archive's Hartman Fellow and Senior Research Scholar.

"We're excited to expand the Fortunoff Archive's Hartman fellowship program with a joint fellowship opportunity at VWI," says Stephen Naron, director of the Fortunoff Video Archive. "This is an opportunity for the Archive to actively support scholarship based upon our testimonies in Europe."

An invitation for applications is located here: <https://www.vwi.ac.at/>