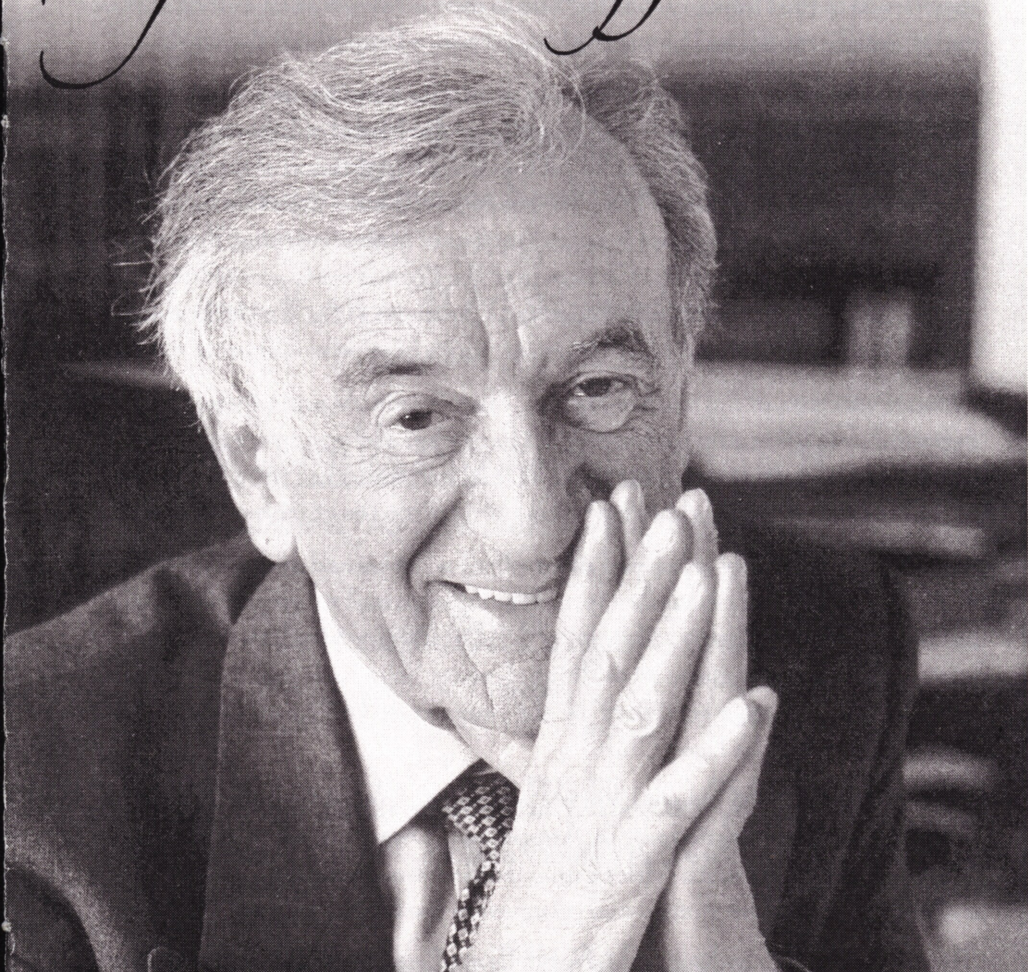


Elie Wiesel:
"Against Indifference"



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About Elie Wiesel

Nobel Peace Prize winner and Boston University Professor Elie Wiesel has worked on behalf of oppressed people for much of his adult life. His personal experience of the Holocaust has led him to use his talents as an author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world.

Wiesel's efforts have earned him many prestigious honors, including the United States Congressional Gold Medal and the Medal of Liberty Award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, an honorary Knighthood of the British Empire and the Nobel Peace Prize. He has received more than one hundred and twenty honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning. President Jimmy Carter appointed him Chairman of the President's Commission on the Holocaust, and he later became Founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. His fifty-seven books have won numerous awards.

Wiesel was born in the town of Sighet, Transylvania. At age fifteen, he was deported with his family to Auschwitz. His mother and younger sister perished there; two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were later transported to Buchenwald, where his father died before the camp was liberated.

After the war, Wiesel remained silent about what he had endured in the death camps. He was persuaded to end that silence and subsequently wrote the book "Night." Since its publication in 1956, "Night" has been translated into over thirty languages and millions of copies have been sold. In 2006, a new English-language edition of "Night" was named by Oprah Winfrey as a selection for "Oprah's Book Club."

A devoted supporter of Israel, Wiesel has also defended the cause of Soviet Jews, Nicaragua's Miskito Indians, Argentina's "Disappeared," Cambodian refugees, the Kurds, South African apartheid victims, famine victims in Africa, and more recently the victims and prisoners in the former Yugoslavia.

Three months after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Marion and Elie Wiesel established The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Its mission is to advance the cause of human rights and peace throughout the world by creating a new forum for the discussion of urgent ethical issues confronting humankind.

Wiesel has served on the faculties of the City University of New York and Yale University. Since 1976, he has been Boston University's Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities, also holding the title of University Professor.

Program Speakers

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Founding Chair, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies

Professor Elie Wiesel

Keynote Speaker

"Against Indifference"

“The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference.

The opposite of art is not ugliness, it’s indifference.

The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference.

And the opposite of life is not death, it’s indifference.”

—Elie Wiesel

Against Indifference is a campaign sponsored by UNC Hillel and student partners from across campus. Our mission is to use Elie Wiesel's lecture as a stepping stone to deeper dialogue and conversation to combat indifference at Carolina. Elie Wiesel's message can empower us to be reflective and honest about our own indifference in our daily lives as well as inspire us to create change. We invite you to be a part of this campus-wide conversation to put an end to indifference.

Big Question Series- Exploring Indifference

Part 1: Thursday Oct. 28, 7 p.m.

Campus Y Faculty Lounge

Learn more about the series and join the conversation
at www.uncagainstindifference.org

Join the Facebook group "UNC Against Indifference"
for more information

Questions? Email Sheila Katz at sheila@nchillel.org

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There are many ways you can be proactive to fight indifference. The Against Indifference campaign proudly supports the efforts of:

The LGBTQ Center for creating a safe and supportive environment for UNC community members with the Safe Zone training program.

The Safe Zone program is a symbol of this University's commitment to diversity and inclusiveness. The purpose of Safe Zone is to create a network of allies for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, and allied (LGBTQIA) students. The desired goal for the Safe Zone program is ultimately to make the University community a safer and more supportive place for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Safe Zone ally trainings are open to faculty, staff, and students and are held throughout the year. Allies receive a Safe Zone sign to display in their offices and living space.

If you are interested in registering for a Safe Zone training, please email Maggie Carlin at mcarlin@email.unc.edu.



The Dean of Students Office and the Carolina Women's Center for helping allies to create safe spaces for survivors of sexual assault with the HAVEN training program.

The HAVEN Program is a campus community-wide initiative between UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University to increase support for student survivors of sexual violence and to further the universities' efforts to prevent sexual violence. The idea is to create multiple "safe spaces" around the campus for students to go for information, discussion, and referral. Faculty and staff may attend a HAVEN training session and then receive a sign for their door which indicates that they are a safe space to go to discuss issues around sexual violence.



Upcoming trainings:

Faculty/Staff: Friday, November 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.;

Students: Tuesday, November 9, 5-9 p.m.; Register by emailing dos@unc.edu.

Counseling and Wellness Services for empowering students to end interpersonal violence through the One Act training program.

Learn how to make a difference in preventing interpersonal violence! Become trained in a new program at UNC called One Act. This training will teach students how to recognize the early warning signs of interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, stalking, and abusive relationships, along with the skills and confidence to act when seeing those warning signs. The premise is simple: If we all begin by taking ONE ACTION, we'll start to see a reduction in interpersonal violence on our campus.

Trainings will be four hours and include theory about bystander intervention as well as working through realistic campus scenarios of interpersonal violence.

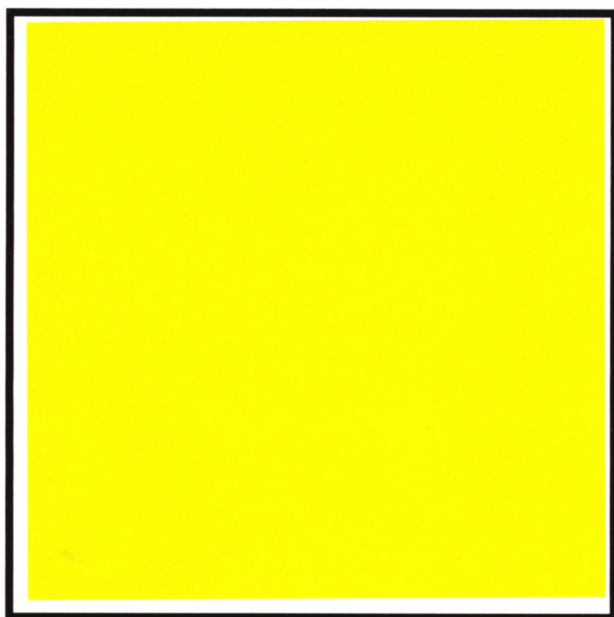
Please email one_act@unc.edu if you are interested in learning more information about future training dates or about becoming involved as a peer educator.



Post-It Note Challenge

How has Elie Wiesel's message inspired you to combat indifference?

Please use the post-it note below to answer the question. On your way out, post your note on the boards outside the venue.



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