



Newly-Appointed Members of the Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission

- Adam Braun of Chicago is the deputy director for the Governor's Office of Legislative Affairs. A grandson of Holocaust survivors, he earned a bachelor's degree in Jewish History from the Jewish Theological Seminary and is a graduate of Columbia University and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.
- Daniel Cohen of Chicago earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University, where as part of his dissertation, he designed the education and training program of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. He currently teaches and researches the Holocaust and its aftermath, as well as how institutions educate others about the Holocaust and other genocides.
- Fritzie Fritzshall of Buffalo Grove is a Holocaust survivor and a longtime community leader who currently serves as president-elect of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. She is also involved with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Jewish United Fund.
- Gregory Bredian of Arlington Heights is the co-founder of the Genocide Education Network of Illinois, which organizes teaching seminars about genocide issues in the social sciences. He has spent over 30 years as an activist raising awareness of the Holocaust, and genocides in Armenia, Cambodia, Rwanda and Darfur.
- Leon Lim of Chicago is a survivor of the Killing Fields in Cambodia and an anti-genocide activist. He teaches mathematics in the Chicago Public Schools.
- Noreen Brand of Northfield is the director of education at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and has served on the Advisory Board of the Cambodian Association of Illinois, as well as many national education and social science organizations.
- Richard Hirschhaut of Deefield is the executive director of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and has previously worked as a senior staff member of the Anti-Defamation League.
- Sanja Drnovsek of Chicago is a middle school teacher who serves as president of the Bosnian-American Genocide Institute. She previously served as the Refugee Resettlement Program Director of Catholic Charities Chicago, which assisted victims of genocide from Bosnia and Rwanda.
- Sonia Edelman of Buffalo Grove is a former middle school teacher and the daughter of Holocaust survivors. She is an instructor at the Anshe Tikvah synagogue and is a supervisor at the Houghton Mifflin educational company.