

USC Shoah Foundation

The Institute for Visual History and Education



GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS

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LETTER FROM STEPHEN SMITH



This academic year, USC Shoah Foundation has catapulted to a new level of global activity – and into a new home in the top floor of Leavey Library – thanks to the support and commitment of people throughout our community.

In addition to doubling the space, our new state-of-the-art headquarters provides public access to the Institute for the first time.

The museum-quality exhibits invite audiences to connect with our work and explore interactive biographies, touchscreen displays, and art inspired by the stories of witnesses.

The flexible, open floor plan allows our team to host classrooms, all-staff meetings, and visitors from across the world, all while supporting staff collaboration and community.

Now in a sunlit, collaborative space by award-winning architect Hagy Belzberg, our new head-

quarters centralizes the Institute's programs into a single space—a center of living history that serves as a vital exchange for research, education, and communication to build human understanding.

The new space was made possible through visionary gifts from longtime supporters George and Irina Schaeffer, and Board of Councilors member Melinda Goldrich and her sister Andrea Cayton, who together head the Goldrich Family Foundation. All who come to work and learn at USC Shoah Foundation will experience the George and Irina Schaeffer Hall for Genocide Study and the Jona Goldrich Center for Digital Storytelling, named for a Holocaust survivor from Poland whose testimony is in the Visual History Archive.

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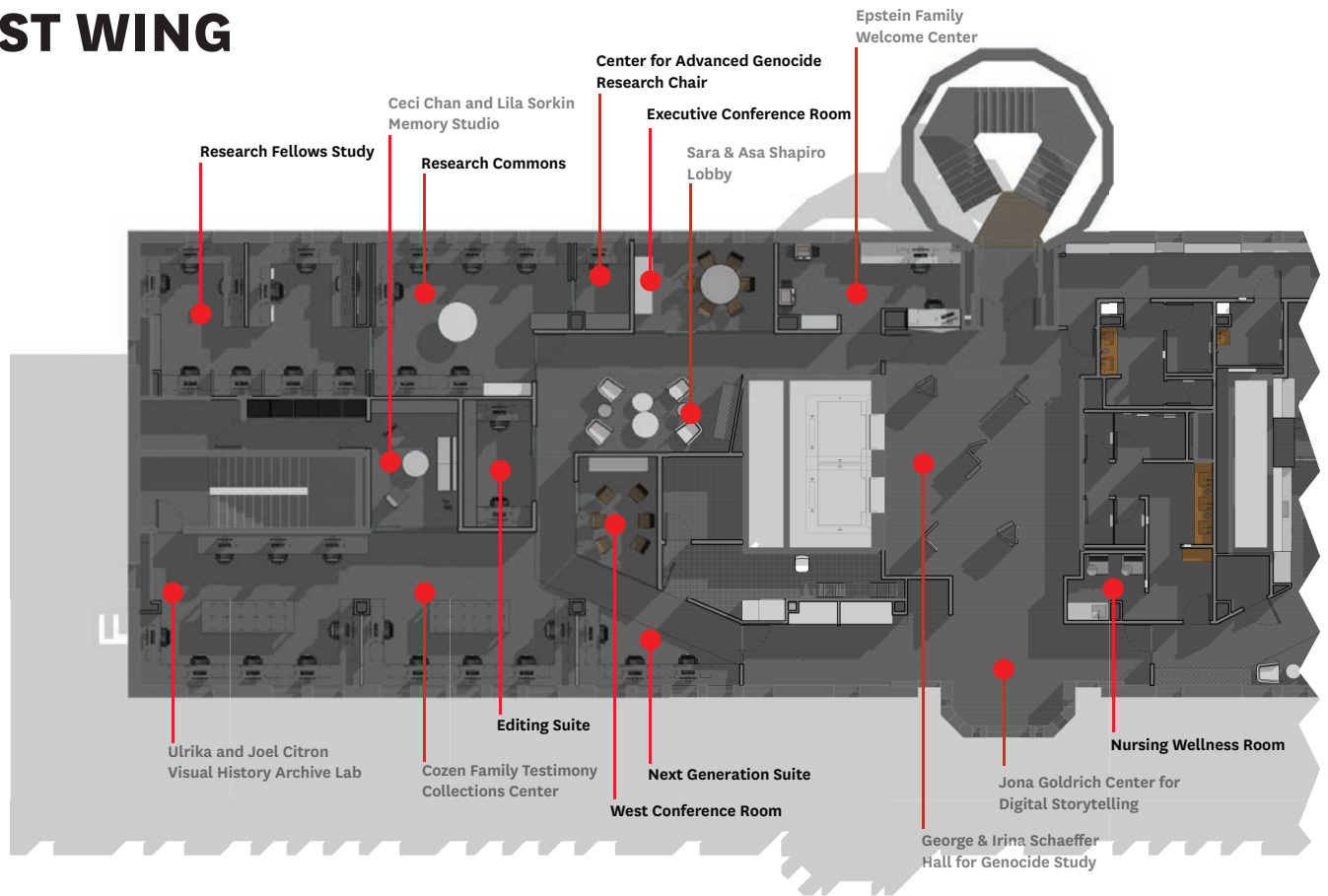
JONA GOLDRICH CENTER FOR DIGITAL STORYTELLING



GEORGE AND IRINA SCHAEFFER HALL FOR GENOCIDE STUDY



WEST WING



Epstein Family Welcome Center (funded)

Designed to invite curiosity, the Welcome Center will serve as the first stop of a visitor's journey into USC Shoah Foundation's global headquarters.

Next Generation Suite

Re-energized by a cohort of new interns from across the USC campus each semester, this suite engages the next generation of scholars to advance the work of the Institute.

Nursing Wellness Room

The Nursing Wellness Room will offer working mothers a private and comfortable space to accommodate their needs.

Cozen Family Testimony Collections Center (funded)

The New Collections Center will give survivors and other witnesses a voice as the Institute continues to collect and preserve testimonies from around the world.

Editing Suite

A state-of-the-art Editing Suite enables on-site storytelling inspired by testimony, from "Connections" videos for IWitness to full-length documentary films for broadcast.

Ceci Chan and Lila Sorkin Memory Studio (funded)

Outfitted with cutting-edge recording, display, and immersive technologies, the Ceci Chan and Lila Sorkin Memory Studio powers creative exploration of new storytelling and learning experiences.

Research Commons

The hub of the Center for Advanced Genocide Research, the Research Commons offers a home for scholars on campus and from around the world to pursue testimony-based academic study.

Ulrika and Joel Citron Visual History Archive Lab (funded)

Inside the Visual History Archive Lab, thought leaders examine potential new collections and explore new ways to use testimony for the benefit of humanity.

Research Fellows Study

Hosting world class scholars from around the globe, the Research Fellows Study will provide best-in-class resources for academic engagement with testimony.

Center for Advanced Genocide Research Chair

The Center for Advanced Genocide Research Chair provides dedicated space for the director of the Center to lead research on the circumstances and resistance to genocide.

Executive Conference Room

Equipped with cutting-edge technology, this multi-purpose space serves as both an executive meeting room and a Virtual Reality "play-space" to engage with new media.

West Conference Room

The high-technology West Conference Room will provide an intimate space for guests to confer and strategize.

Jona Goldrich Center for Digital Storytelling (funded)

Conveying our mission and methodology, this reception area will introduce visitors to interactive digital storytelling.

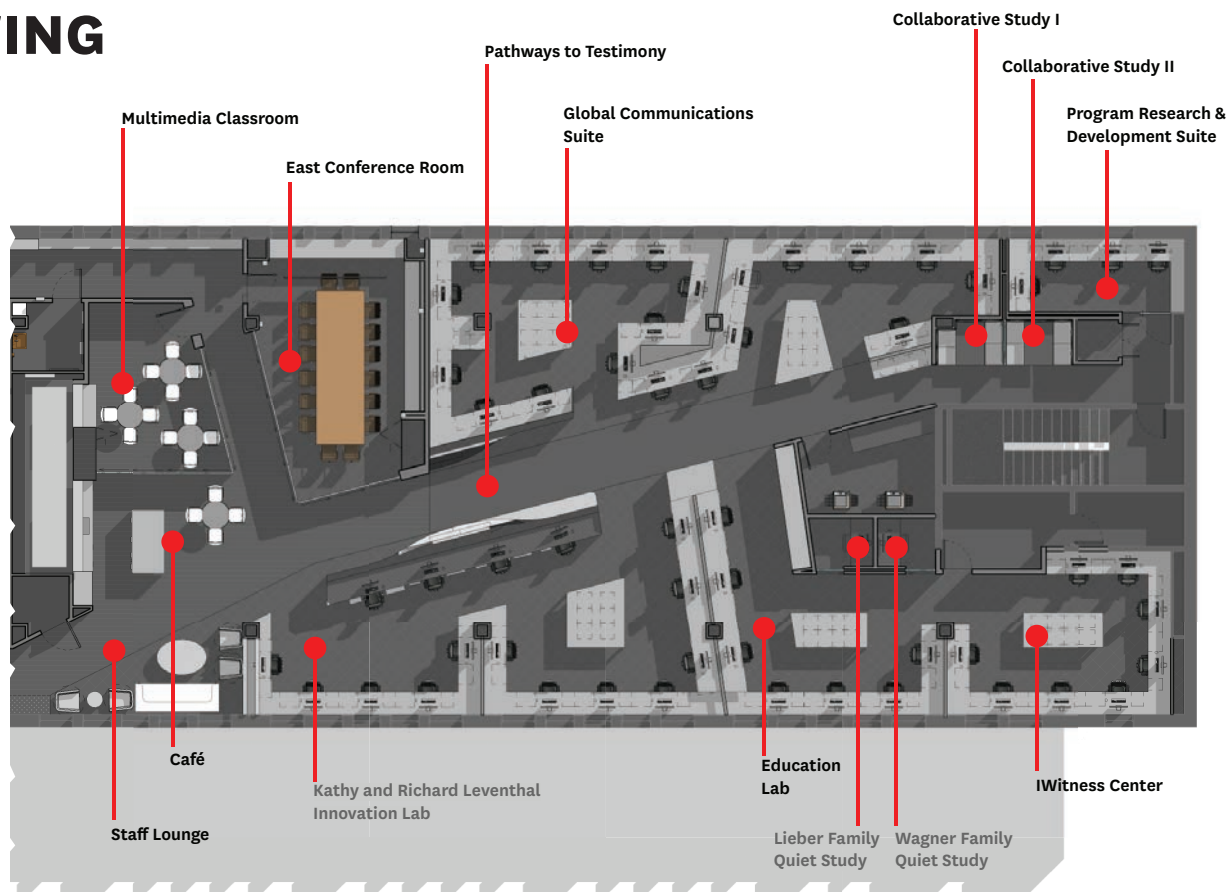
George and Irina Schaeffer Hall for Genocide Study (funded)

Connecting visitors to the power of testimony, this central hall will pay tribute to the Institute's mission and to the witnesses who have shared their stories with us.

Sara and Asa Shapiro Lobby (funded)

A quiet reception and rest area, this space provides space for guests and visitors to prepare for a visit or to debrief from one.

EAST WING



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The Quiet Study area provides scholars, visitors, and staff with flexible, private space for work requiring focused concentration.

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Café

The Café will offer staff and guests an area for communal gathering and refreshment, further enhancing the sense of community on which the Institute prides itself. The Café is located within the convertible “town hall” space that combines the Café with the Multimedia Classroom and the East Conference Room.

Staff Lounge

The Staff Lounge will serve as the primary gathering place for staff and volunteers alike, an impromptu meeting space for casual conversations, shared meals, or an afternoon cup of coffee.

East Conference Room

This technologically advanced demonstration and meeting space will serve as a multi-function suite for staff and visitors, located within the convertible “town hall” space that combines the East Conference Room with the Café and Multimedia Classroom.

Education Lab

Demonstrating the proven success of the Institute’s programs, the Education Lab will allow visitors to engage all current and future testimony-based experiences.

Program Research & Development Suite

The Collaborative Study will connect visiting partners and thought leaders from across the Institute in dedicated collaborative work.

Kathy and Richard Leventhal Innovation Lab (funded)

The Kathy and Richard Leventhal Innovation Lab will provide a space for the Institute’s Media Production team, bridging global outreach initiatives with innovative technological platforms.

Pathways to Testimony

Designed to showcase works inspired by the Visual History Archive, the interactive Pathways to Testimony Exhibit enables guests to see, hear and feel the influence of testimony.

IWitness Center

Generating testimony-based learning experiences for students and educators around the world, the IWitness Center expands the influence of testimony in teaching.

Global Communications Suite

The Global Communications Suite transmits the Institute’s content and messages to global audiences.

Multimedia Classroom

Showcasing the Institute’s advanced educational content, the Multimedia Classroom will immerse students and others in new forms of learning, located within the convertible “town hall” space that combines the Multimedia Classroom with the East Conference Room and the Café.

Consider making a gift for our new home

Named gifts are lasting reminders to future generations of the remarkable and generous contributions by USC Shoah Foundation's most generous donors, families and partners, and create permanent funding resources to drive our mission forward. For this reason we are pleased to offer numerous naming opportunities within our Global Headquarters.

USC Shoah Foundation welcomes the opportunity to honor those whose generous philanthropic contributions make possible the construction of our state-of-the-art Global Headquarters.

USC Shoah Foundation thanks all our donors and recognizes that through these extraordinary contributions, our supporters have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to creating a more tolerant world by using testimony in education, scholarship, and research by providing significant financial support.

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