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Dr. Robin Bowen, President:

In December of 2018, Arkansas Tech University, located in Russellville, Arkansas, named a scholarship in honor of former Professor of History Dr. Michael Link, who taught at Arkansas Tech for over fifty years until the time of his death in 2016. The administration of Arkansas Tech deemed it appropriate to honor Dr. Link despite being presented with compelling evidence that, throughout his tenure, Dr. Link repeatedly espoused Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism to his students and in his writing.

The evidence against Dr. Link includes anti-Semitic passages in his written work, testimony from former students and colleagues, and a well-documented 2005 incident in which Dr. Link presented anti-Semitic, neo-Nazi published texts in a graduate seminar as though they were legitimate historical works.

This evidence has been reviewed by the Anti-Defamation League, leaders of the Jewish Federation of Arkansas, and international and national scholars in the field of Holocaust Studies. All have found it credible and convincing, and all agree that Dr. Link presented hate-filled, non-factual, anti-Semitic misinformation to his students as though it offered a historically-valid point of view.

Over the course of Dr. Link's tenure, the University allowed him to expose thousands of students to these odious, dangerous mistruths under the guise of three deeply disturbing and absolutely intolerable tactics. First, Dr. Link presented misinformation as history. Second, he presented the anti-Semitic nature of this misinformation as though it were truthful, correct, and acceptable. Third, he presented the question of whether the Holocaust occurred—an irrefutable historical fact—as though it were an appropriate, valid point of debate.

The administration of Arkansas Tech has had months to remedy its honoring of Dr. Link at the request of ADL and concerned faculty members, but it has done nothing. The position of the administration clearly breaches the university mission and belies the standing of the university as a public institution devoted to higher education.

We condemn the inaction of Arkansas Tech University in the strongest possible terms. By simultaneously honoring and seeking to conceal the anti-Semitism of Dr. Link, the university has become complicit in his hate. We call upon Arkansas Tech University to immediately remedy this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jonathan Greenblatt".

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