

DR. IRVING BERKOWITZ
Biography

Dr. Irving Berkowitz is the Emeritus **Dean of Academic Affairs at Palm Beach State College**, a position from which he retired after 8 years in 2020. This followed a 3-year stint as the **Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs** at the only institution of higher education on the island nation of Bermuda, Bermuda College. In his 42-year career in higher education he has served as a Professor, Dean, and Academic Vice President of colleges and universities around the country. He is a widely **respected scholar and public speaker on the Holocaust and Contemporary Antisemitism** and a recognized internationally published scholar in the fields of social policy and organization theory. Early in his career he was chosen **Distinguished University Professor** for his teaching and scholarship. In 1993, **twenty years after graduating from Ohio University, Dr. Berkowitz was chosen as one of five distinguished alumni.** In 1997 he was inducted into the **Honor Society for International Scholars.**

Recent honors include the following:

In **2015**, Dr. Berkowitz was inducted into the **Cleveland Heights High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.**

In **2016**, Dr. Berkowitz was awarded a Holocaust **Fellowship to the Harvard of Holocaust Studies, the prestigious *International School for Holocaust Studies*** in Jerusalem, Israel where he was a **“Scholar in Residence.”**

In **2017**, Dr. Berkowitz was selected as **the Holocaust Scholar for the Southern Region of the United States** that would educate and accompany 100+Jewish teens from South Florida **on the March of the Living** (a two week visit to concentration camps, ghetto sites, memorials and mass graves in Poland culminating in a tour of the State of Israel).

In **2018** Dr. Berkowitz completed a Fellowship as a **“Scholar in Residence at Oxford University’s renowned *Institute for the Study of Global Anti-Semitism and Policy*** with a small group of the brightest minds in the world devoted to advancing our knowledge of the roots and ramifications of Global Anti-Semitism. As a result of this Oxford University Fellowship, Dr. Berkowitz is now working on a chapter for a forthcoming book on Anti-Semitism. The title of this scholarly work is:

Contemporary Anti-Semitism and the Assault on Holocaust Education in the United States.

In **2019** Dr. Berkowitz was the recipient of the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award** in Palm Beach County for a lifetime of leadership, scholarship, advocacy and service in relation to racism, Antisemitism, hatred and discrimination.