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On Nov. 8, the IWU Department of Educational Studies and the Center for Human Rights and Social Justice hosted a professional development workshop for teachers devoted to the study of the Spanish Civil War.

Led by Professors Sebastiaan Faber of Oberlin College and Peter Carroll of Stanford University – who chair the board and serve as board chair emeritus of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives Organization, respectively – 25 teachers, student teachers, and faculty participated in the day-long event.

Illinois Wesleyan's Carmela Ferradans, professor of Hispanic Studies, and Irv Epstein, professor and chair of Educational Studies and director of the Center for Human Rights and Social Justice, were also involved in workshop programming, as were Tracy Freeman of Normal Community West High School and Megan Novotny of Evans Junior High School.

As noted on its website, "The Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives is an educational non-profit dedicated to promoting social activism and the defense of human rights, whose work is inspired by the brave American volunteers of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who fought and died fighting fascism in the Spanish Civil War."