



Dr. Michael Bassman is the strong willed vice chancellor of the East Carolina University Honors program.

His principle area of research involves Holocaust literature. He is exploring what happens when prejudice is carried to an extreme. Dr. Bassman has chosen the holocaust to be his primary focus because members of his family are holocaust survivors.

By frequently traveling to Eastern Europe Dr. Bassman has the ability to study the renewal of anti-Semitism (anti- Jewish).

Dr. Bassman travels and collects research by himself because his findings contribute to an individual quest. This opinion has led him to study in lands such as Israel, the majority of Europe, Australia, the Middle East, and New Zealand.

The biggest challenge Dr. Bassman has faced is the denial of the holocaust ever happening. He hopes to accomplish reasoning as to what leads one person to kill another based on religion and ethnicity.

Outside of Dr. Bassman's research, he enjoys leading a program volunteer program for elementary aged children. Through this program ECU students have the opportunity to tutor, as well as give the children tours of the college campus, and provide the opportunity to broaden the horizons of those who may be at risk.

Through his research, Dr. Bassman hopes to teach students of non- Jewish backgrounds the history and relevance of the Holocaust today.

Dr. Bassman's favorite quote is, "If you don't define yourself someone else will do it for you and to your detriment."

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