

Help us Build an Archive of Global Jewish Voices

amplifying Judaism's chorus



What is the Archive of Global Jewish Voices?

The archive responds to antisemitism by highlighting the diversity of global Jewish cultures. We host 3-5-minute video profiles of members of global Jewish communities, starting with Afro-Ashkenazi, Lemba, and Abayudaya communities in South Africa and Uganda. Penn students and faculty partner with local communities to create beautiful, impactful stories that can be shared on social media, browsed on the platform, and used to start conversations.

We have **funding** to take 23 Jewish and non-Jewish students to Arica over the next year to film 10 to 12 videos. We are seeking funding for post-production and to develop the platform further. This project transforms Penn students as they help to complicate false, monolithic perception of Jews. It is more important than ever.

What is the Penn Global Documentary Institute?

PGDI is a new research center at Penn that builds on years of fieldwork in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the United States. Each year, student fellows partner with faculty, professional filmmakers, and global communities to create timely documentaries. Our award-winning projects have been shown at film festivals, displayed in museums, and featured on streaming platforms. PGDI also offers semester-long courses such as “Global Jewish Communities” and “Virtual Reality Lab” that further our community-based fieldwork. And this is just the beginning.

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