

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Academic year 2006–07 was a year in which Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Studies flourished, and our interaction with other units in the university and the St. Louis community became stronger. The number of students enrolled in our courses continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

Our faculty members demonstrate learning, creativity, and intellectual vitality.

Their profound and abiding commitment to teaching and research makes Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Studies a superb community for the study of Islamic and Jewish civilizations. Our top-notch faculty now numbers 23 tenured or tenure-track professors and language lecturers, including veterans and newcomers, all widely recognized in both academia and general society for their contributions to scholarship and the university. Their research is at the cutting edge of the humanities and the social sciences, and during the past year, new books were published by Professors **Ahmet Karamustafa** (*Sufism: The Formative Period*) and **Erin McGlothlin** (*Second-Generation Holocaust Literature: Legacies of Survival and Perpetration*). Our faculty is often called upon to speak at scholarly conferences and in numerous local, national, and international settings. Professor **Fatemeh Keshavarz** has attracted significant attention and generated excitement for her new book, *Jasmine and Stars: Reading More Than Lolita in Tehran*, and for her speeches and radio and television appearances, which focus on Iranian literature and culture. *AJS Review: The Journal of the Association of Jewish Studies*, the leading voice of Jewish studies in North America, is published out of our office. **Hillel Kieval**, the Gloria M. Goldstein Professor of Jewish History and Thought and History Department chair, is co-editor of the journal. Our faculty is dedicated to teaching and advising, and students maintain close ties to the faculty after they graduate.

Our undergraduates are committed and able students, and their achievement is marked by the honors awarded to the students of the class of 2007. Four new students have joined us this year in the graduate program.

We welcome new faculty members in Fall 2007: **Asad Ahmed**, assistant professor of Arabic and Islamic Religion; **Gil Ribak**, the Natalie and Milton Lewin Visiting Lecturer in Contemporary Jewish Studies; and **Michael Widlanski**, the Schusterman Scholar in Israel Studies. We want to extend special appreciation to John and Marjory Lewin for the very generous gift that has allowed us to establish this postdoctoral fellowship in an area of study that is new to the university. The Lewin fellowship enables Dr. Ribak to continue his research while teaching two courses per semester. We thank Robert A. Cohen; Cheri Fox, Avigail G. Goldgraber, and Howard Goldgraber; Michael D. Salzberg; Lev Volftsun; and the Schusterman Foundation for their support of the visiting scholar in Israel Studies.

JINES continues to sponsor visits throughout the year by scholars, writers, and other intellectual and cultural leaders who speak on topics in Jewish or Islamic history, culture, literature, and politics. We established the Boniuk-Tanzman Lecture in Jewish Medical Ethics, a joint venture with the Center for the Study of Ethics and Human Values. Dr. Fred Rosner, one of the founders of the field of Jewish bioethics, appeared as our speaker in 2006–07. The Adam Cherrick Memorial Lecture in Jewish Studies is the highlight in our series of visiting speakers, and we were very pleased to have invited Professor Charlotte Fonrobert as the Cherrick lecturer in 2007. We are looking forward to hearing the 2008 Cherrick lecturer, Professor David Goodblatt, and the other speakers in the JINES speaker series.

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JERUSALEM STUDY TOUR

Students enrolled in the 2006-07 JINES capstone course on Jerusalem spent two weeks of their winter break on a study tour of the city, learning about its complexities and nuances. The tour challenged the class of 11 students to tackle the tough issues by exploring them in depth, in person. All of the students came prepared with solid language training in Hebrew, Arabic, or both languages, enabling them to enjoy their time in Jerusalem, even as they felt the tensions inherent in the city.

Alex Freedman (AB07) said of his capstone experience, “I’ve been to Jerusalem many times before, but Dr. Barmash’s trip (and class) opened my eyes up to how much more there is and how rich and layered its history is.”

In addition to touring, **Prof. Barmash** arranged special meetings with: Ambassador Mordechai Levy, advisor to the mayor for religious communities (Christian and Muslim); Elad Halevy, political advisor on international affairs to the mayor; Dr. Uri Ullman, director of the city’s Office of Urban Planning; Adel Manna, professor of history at Hebrew University and director of the Institute for the Study of Israeli Arab History at the Van Leer Institute; Amir Cheshin, former deputy mayor for Arab affairs (who guided the group on a full-day tour of Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, outside the Old City, and Jewish neighborhoods along the 1948 cease-fire line); Theofilus III, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem (at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in the Old City); Bishop Aris Shirvianian of the Armenian Orthodox Church and director of foreign and external relations at the Armenian Seminary in the Old City; Fr. Pierbaptista Pizzaballa, ofm, the Custos of the Holy Land at the Franciscan Monastery in the Old City; Dr. Khader Salameh, curator of the Islamic Museum on the Temple Mount (who made special arrangements for JINES students to visit the inside of El-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, otherwise closed to non-Muslims, and guided them personally); and Asrat Begashaw, an Ethiopian Christian who manages the Ethiopian Airlines office in Israel (and who gave the students a tour of Ethiopian sites). Patriarch



Julie Kagen entering the Al-Aksa Mosque.

Theofilus gave each student and Olin Library a facsimile edition of *Byzantine Illuminated Manuscripts of the Patriarchate of Jerusalem*. Dr. Nancy Ordway, a personal friend of Prof. Barmash, hosted the students for lunch on January 6.

The tour reflects well on what we try to accomplish in JINES and at the university as a whole. Everyone we met in Jerusalem was astounded to see a mixed group of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim students who study together and respect one another. Prof. **James V. Wertsch**, the Marshall S. Snow Professor in Arts & Sciences and director of the university’s McDonnell International Scholars Academy, described the trip as “another terrific experience for our students. Your program sounds like a model for what this sort of effort should be.”

Movin’ on Up

During the 2008-09 academic year, JINES will relocate to Eliot Hall, while Busch Hall, our longtime home, undergoes major renovations. The program is scheduled to return to the updated Busch in Fall 2009.

The renovation of Busch Hall is the latest in a string of physical improvements that have significantly expanded the capacities of the Danforth Campus (formerly the Hilltop Campus). Many new buildings have risen, while others have been renovated and refurbished. The venerable Busch Hall, built in 1900, will retain its historical character even as it is refitted with a state-of-the-art auditorium, updated classrooms, well-appointed seminar rooms, comfortable faculty offices, and inviting program suites on the building’s main floor. JINES is moving up from the lower “garden” level and, for the first time, the office will have windows!

If you haven’t been on campus in a while, all the changes make a visit worthwhile. **If you visit during the 2008-09 academic year, we look forward to greeting you at our temporary home in Eliot Hall.**

Students and Professor Barmash meet with the Greek Orthodox Patriarch, Theofilus III.



STUDY ABROAD NEWS



JINES major Austen Faggen (second from left) with other students in Egypt.



JINES major Eva Choy (far right) and other study abroad students at the Great Pyramids of Giza.

A dozen students studied in Israel at the Hebrew University, the University of Haifa, and elsewhere during the 2006-07 academic year. They are: **Moriah Cohen, Austen Faggen, Carl Johnson, Ariella Kahn-Lang, Dena Mizrahi, Michelle Palmer, Debra Remstein, Zach Rudin, Helaine Schiller, David Schwartz, Rena Stern, and Shira Zar-Kessler.**

Six students studied at CET Prague during the 2006-07 academic year. This program enables students to study Jewish history and culture in a Central European context through courses taught in English, mainly by faculty members at Charles University, the oldest and largest Czech university. They are: **Daniel Ellman, Max Kaftal, Lucy Kahn, Amanda Mergel, Dana Swidler, and Ashley Johnson.**

Studying at American University in Cairo were **Wei Wah Eva Choy, Elizabeth Hague, Brittany Parker, and Rachel Wigen-Toccalino.** In addition, **Joseph McCarter** studied at the American Continental University in Dubai.



Cherrick Lecture Chronicles *Eruv* Disputes



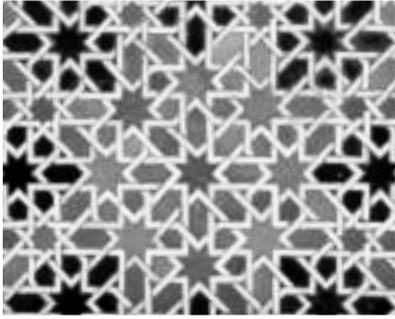
The Annual Adam Cherrick Lecture in Jewish Studies, the centerpiece of our public programming, attracted a large audience from throughout the region on March 21. The speaker for 2007, Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert, spoke on “Making a Home in the Diaspora: Judaism and the Neighborhood.”

An associate professor of Religious Studies at Stanford University, Fonrobert explored the notion of the *eruv*, the fascinating ritual system that makes it possible for observant Jews to carry things—often babies and children—to and from the house on the Sabbath. While on the face of it, the *eruv* seems to have been motivated by concerns for practical convenience, it has come to play a prominent role in neighborhood politics. As such, it has led to controversies among Jews and non-Jews in cities around the world. Fonrobert described the significance of the *eruv* for Jewish life in the Diaspora, and the stakes at play in these controversies.

The 2008 Cherrick lecture, scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, will feature David Goodblatt, who holds an endowed chair in Judaic Studies at the University of California, San Diego. Prof. Goodblatt specializes in Jewish history and the history of Judaism in antiquity and the pre-Islamic Middle East. His most recent book, *Elements of Ancient Jewish Nationalism* (Cambridge, 2006) argues that concepts of nationalism compatible with contemporary social scientific theories can be documented in the ancient sources from the Mediterranean Rim by the middle of the last millennium BCE. In particular, the collective identity asserted by the Jews in antiquity fits contemporary definitions of nationalism.

Founded in 1989 by Jordan and Lorraine Cherrick of St. Louis in memory of their son, the purpose of the Cherrick Lecture series is to advance Jewish Studies at Washington University. For more information about the 2008 lecture contact jines@wustl.edu.

MEDIEVAL MINGLING



In Fall 2007, **Prof. Martin Jacobs** offered a newly designed senior seminar, “Convivencia or Reconquista? Muslims, Jews, and Christians in Medieval Iberia.” In the current debate about the “clash of civilizations,” the diverse cultural legacy of medieval Spain has once again become a hot issue. Did Spain’s tripartite society, consisting of Muslims, Christians, and Jews, create a “culture of tolerance,” as some have called it, making Spain different from the rest of medieval Europe? Or is medieval Spain best characterized by intercommunal conflict and violence, rather than cooperation, as other scholars would argue?

Challenging simplified notions of “tolerance” and “persecution,” this seminar provides an opportunity to explore various facets of the *convivencia* (“dwelling together” or coexistence) of Muslims, Jews, and Christians on the Iberian Peninsula.

The seminar’s historical horizon stretches from the emergence of an Ibero-Islamic society in the 8th century CE to the early 16th century, when Spanish Jews and Muslims both faced the hard choice between exile and conversion to Christianity. Until about the mid-11th century Muslims dominated most of the Iberian Peninsula—and the stimuli of a highly sophisticated Islamic civilization were felt way beyond the Pyrenees. From roughly the mid-11th through 15th centuries, Christians ruled much and eventually all of Spain and Portugal. Through a process termed, from a Christian perspective, *reconquista* (“reconquest”), Catholic kingdoms acquired large Muslim enclaves. As borders moved, Jewish communities found themselves under varying Muslim or Christian dominions, or they migrated from one realm to the other. Interactions between the three ethno-religious communities occurred throughout, some characterized by mutual respect and shared creativity and others by rivalry and strife.

The course raises questions concerning the ambiguities of (voluntary and forced) conversion and concerning the interplay of persecution and toleration. The seminar emphasizes the study of primary sources, including documentary, historiographical, literary, and poetic texts. While class discussions are based on English translations, students are encouraged to make use of their linguistic expertise acquired in previous classes.

The seminar brings together seniors from both the Jewish and the Islamic tracks offered in JINES. Students worked on individual research projects of their own choice, and the range of impressive projects included: the transmission of Arabo-Jewish science; economic factors leading to the expulsion of the Jews; the role of women in crypto-Judaism; homosexuality in Arabic, Hebrew, and Romance poetry; and the image of Muslim Spain in modern Spanish national discourse.



Street sign of the “Rua do Monte dos Judeus” (the Street of the Jews’ Hill).
Porto. Paulo Magalhaes

Qu’ran Scholar Joins JINES



Prof. Asad Qadri Ahmed joined the faculty in Fall 2006, and after an initial leave at the University of Chicago, he arrived in St. Louis to begin teaching in Fall 2007. A graduate of Yale University, he received highest honors and distinctions in Philosophy and Literature. As an undergraduate, he also developed an interest in Graeco-Arabica, which led him to the study of Arabo-Islamic philosophy. As a graduate student at Princeton University, Prof. Ahmed expanded his fields of interest to include early Islamic history and, in particular, Islamic intellectual history in its first 400 years. He studies Arabo-Islamic philosophy and theology, with a special focus on logic and epistemology, classical Arabic poetry and poetics, hadith studies, Tafsir, and Graeco-Arabica. He has published articles on Avicenna’s modal logic and on various early Islamic families of the Hijaz, and translated the works of Urdu authors into English for anthologies of South Asian writers. He reads and/or speaks 12 languages and has lived extensively in South Asia and the Middle East.

He is currently working toward expanding his dissertation into his first book, tentatively titled *Between the Acts: The Hijaz during the Umayyad and Early ‘Abbasid Periods*. He is also revising his translation of the logic section of Avicenna’s *Deliverance* for publication, preparing a short book on the modal logic of post-Avicennan logicians writing in Arabic and Persian, and conducting initial research for a book on the epistemology of shi’i jurists in the postformative period.

Prof. Ahmed is very pleased to be at a top research institution like Washington University with its academically formidable, yet exceptionally collegial, faculty. He also enjoys the impressive student body. Prof. Ahmed hopes to expand the programs in Arabic and Islamic studies by offering a wide range of courses, helping to set up international exchange programs, organizing conferences, and inviting scholars to the campus for lectures.



FACULTY NEWS



PAMELA BARMASH

◆ Prof. Barmash is collaborating on an edited volume with David Nelson, former lecturer in rabbinics at Washington University and now the Rosalyn and Manny Rosenthal Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School.

The book is tentatively entitled *Out of Egypt: Echoes and Reverberations in Jewish Tradition*. The contributors came together at a workshop at the university in early May, 2007, where they presented drafts of their contributions.

- ◆ Prof. Barmash serves as the book review editor for bible and rabbinics at *Hebrew Studies*, the journal of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew. She is a member of the steering committee of the biblical law section of the Society of Biblical Literature.
- ◆ Prof. Barmash advises the Muslim-Jewish Dialogue Group, a student organization, which had a productive year. Members facilitated a dialogue group for high-school teens associated with the Islamic Foundation of St. Louis and the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis. This year marks the third anniversary of the founding of Eta Beta Rho, the Hebrew honorary society, which Prof. Barmash also advises. The students organized a Hebrew table every other week and showed Hebrew movies. Full members of Eta Beta Rho wore blue and white honors cords at commencement.



NANCY BERG

◆ Prof. Berg is working on a book-length manuscript, "We Remember Babylon," which explores how Iraqi Jews remember their home. She is also developing the following articles: "In Other/s' Words: Cross-writing as Empathy," "When Ibn Rushd Met Borges," and "The Israeli Gastronarrative: The Significance of Food in Hebrew Literature."

- ◆ In summer 2007, Prof. Berg delivered a paper, "Gefilte Fish and Lebne: Narrating Food," at the annual conference of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew in Sydney, Australia. While there she also spoke at the Institute for Advanced Studies at the University of Western Australia, on the subject of the gastronarrative. She also gave the opening address for an international conference on Israeli author Sami Michael at Stanford University in September, 2007.

- ◆ In Fall 2007, Prof. Berg organized campus visits by Israeli writers Motti Lerner and Michal Govrin. JINES and Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures cosponsored the events. Lerner, a playwright, spoke on the responsibility of the writer during wartime and how writing can be a form of political activism. Govrin gave a lecture, "Writing Hope in a Time of Despair," and met with classes in Fourth-Year Hebrew and World Literature. Her visit coincided with the release of *Snapshots*, the translation of her second novel.

ROBERT CANFIELD

- ◆ Prof. Canfield published "Risks of Litigation," in the *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 38: 345-47; "Continuing Issues in the New Central Asia," in *Le monde turco-iranien en question: définition, confins, spécificités*, Muhammad-Reza Djalili, Alessandro Monsutti, Anna Neubauer (eds.), Geneva: L'Institut Universitaire d'études du Développement; "Recollections of a Hazara Wedding in the 1930s" and "Trouble in Birgilich," both in Jeff Sahadeo and Russell Zanca (eds.), *Everyday Life in Central Asia: Past and Present*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press. He also commented on an article by Nigel Rapport in *Current Anthropology* 48(2): 269-70.



CATHLEEN FLECK

◆ Dr. Fleck is now a lecturer for the Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities (IPH) as well as an assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. She continues to teach Scriptures and Cultural Traditions for IPH, which examines the texts and early material culture of the Holy Scriptures of Judaism, Christianity,

and Islam. She gave a paper at the annual medieval conference at Kalamazoo, Michigan, on a 13th-century illustrated manuscript, which, she argues, served as a replacement for pilgrimage to the Holy Land when political circumstances of the Crusades made it difficult for the owner to travel there. She continues to work on a book and articles regarding the art of the medieval Mediterranean region, especially the cities of Naples and Avignon.



MARTIN JACOBS

- ◆ Prof. Jacobs spent his 2006-07 research leave at the Jewish National and University Library, at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he embarked on a new book project, tentatively titled *Imaging the East: The Islamic World as Depicted in Medieval Jewish Travel Literature*. One of the major questions that the book will address is whether

medieval Jewish travel writers shared the emerging “Orientalist” views of their Christian contemporaries when describing the Islamic world.

- ◆ Jacobs gave a paper at Free University of Berlin, Germany, titled “Midrash, alternative Geschichte und Polemik: Der Islam im Bild eines Ex-Sabbatianers” (“Midrash, Alternative History, and Polemics: Islam as Depicted by an Ex-Sabbatian”). He presented “Iran: A Medieval Interfaith Utopia? Benjamin of Tudela on Shrines Venerated by Jews, Christians, and Muslims,” at the Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, December 16-18, 2007. He published two articles: “Interreligious Polemics in Medieval Spain: Biblical Interpretation between Ibn Hazm, Shlomoh Ibn Adret, and Shim’on Ben Semah Duran,” in *Gershom Scholem (1897-1982): In Memoriam*, vol. 2, ed. Joseph Dan; and “An Ex-Sabbatean’s Remorse? Sambari’s Polemics against Islam,” in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 97/3 (2007): 347-78.



AHMET KARAMUSTAFA

- ◆ Prof. Karamustafa was promoted to full professor in Spring 2007. His promotion coincided with the publication of *Sufism: The Formative Period*, which was released by three different university presses around the world, including University of California Press. The book describes the emergence of mystical currents in Islam during the ninth century and traces the rapid spread of Iraq-based Sufism to other regions of the Islamic world. Coincidentally, the Turkish translation of his first book, *God’s Unruly Friends*, also appeared in spring 2007 with the title *Tanrının Kural Tanımaz Kulları*.

Prof. Karamustafa also published “Sufism,” in *Voices of Islam*, vol. 1, *Voices of Tradition*, 249-69, Vincent J. Cornell (ed.), Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2007.

- ◆ Prof. Karamustafa gave the following lectures: “Islam, ‘Syncretic Communities,’ and Pluralism,” at the Second American-French Workshop of the Pluralism, Politics and Religion Initiative (“Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités [GSRL] and Washington University in St. Louis), GSRL (Paris), June 2007; “Esoterism according to ‘Az z-i Nasaf,” at “Sufi Texts, Sufi Contexts,” Northwestern University, May 2007; “Religious Voices in Modern Turkish Free Verse: The Poems of Sezai Karakoç (b.1933) and Ismet Özel (b.1944),” Symposium in Honor of Robert Dankoff, University of Chicago, May 2006; “Extreme Makeover: Karaka z de’s Revision of V hid’s *Men kib*,” at “Sebeb-i Te’l f: A Symposium on Ottoman Primary Sources,” Harvard University, November 2006; “Conceptualizing Interaction and Contact between Muslims and Latin

Christians, 1100-1600 CE,” Washington University History Department Colloquium, Fall 2006.

- ◆ Prof. Karamustafa began an association with the university’s McDonnell International Academy, becoming the liaison for the academy’s two partner institutions in Turkey, the Middle East Technical University in Ankara and Bo aziçi University in Istanbul. In January he traveled to Turkey with Chancellor Mark Wrighton to sign the partnership agreements with these two distinguished universities.



FATEMEH KESHAVARZ

- ◆ Prof. Keshavarz published *Jasmine and Stars: Reading More than Lolita in Tehran* (University of North Carolina Press, 2007), which generated a wave of publicity and speaking engagements, including 28 national readings and signings. Of special note were presentations at the UN General Assembly and the MIT Forum on “Preventing War with Iran.”



- ◆ Prof. Keshavarz’s last book, *Recite in the Name of the Red Rose: Poetic Sacred Making in 20th Century Iran* (University of South Carolina Press, 2006), earned a *Choice Magazine* Award.

- ◆ Prof. Keshavarz was heard on “Speaking of Faith,” a weekly radio program produced by American Public Media, where she spoke about the “Ecstatic Faith of Rumi.” “On Point,” WBUR Boston’s morning news radio program, also hosted Prof. Keshavarz, speaking on Rumi.

- ◆ Prof. Keshavarz created a performance piece, “The Watching Heart: A Journey in Peace,” with Dr. Alice Bloch, a local dancer. The work integrates dance and poetry to create a mystical experience of peace. It was well received at several St. Louis venues and elsewhere in the United States.

- ◆ Threatening rhetoric led Prof. Keshavarz to counter media oversimplifications and misrepresentations of Iran in public forums. She started an electronic newsletter, “Windows on Iran.” For her efforts, she received the 2008 Hershel Walker Peace & Justice Award from St. Louis *People’s Weekly World*.



HILLEL J. KIEVAL

- ◆ Prof. Kieval was on leave during Spring 2007. He is now back in the saddle as chair of the History Department and co-editor of the *AJS Review*. During Fall 2007 he taught an advanced seminar on “Europe’s ‘Jewish Problem’:

Antisemitism and Jewish-Christian Confrontation in European History.” He presented a paper at the Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting in San Diego on “Jewish ‘Ritual Murder’ and the Language of Science: Observations from the Modern Trials.” As editor and contributor to the soon-to-be-published *YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe* (Yale University Press), Professor Kieval edited 130 entries and wrote articles on “Blood Libels and Host Desecration Accusations,” “Bohemia and Moravia,” “Golem Legend,” “Hilsner Affair,” “Jewish Historiography—Bohemian Lands,” and “Tiszaeszlár Blood Libel.” With a modicum of good fortune, the long-awaited opus on *The Ritual Murder Trial in Modern Europe* will appear sometime in 2009.

TABEA ALEXA LINHARD

◆ Prof. Linhard arrived at Washington University in 2003, but is new to JINES this year. As an assistant professor of Spanish, her seminars and surveys of Spanish literature have included texts and films that center on the Jewish and Arab presence in contemporary Spain.

◆ Research for her book about the reinsertion of Jewish culture in contemporary Spain has taken her to the *juderías*, Jewish quarters, in Spain. After working in Barcelona and Girona in summer 2006, she presented some preliminary findings at the Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, held in Puebla, Mexico, in April 2007. During her research leave in 2007-08, she is based in Barcelona, but travels to Madrid, Toledo, Andalusia, Berlin, and across the Mediterranean, to Greece.

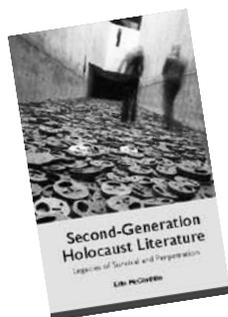
◆ Last year, she published two articles: “Between Hospitality and Hostility: Immigration in Contemporary Spanish Culture,” in *Modern Language Notes*, vol. 122, no. 2, March 2007, pp. 400-22 and “The Maps of Nostalgia: Juana Salabert’s *Velódromo de invierno*,” in *Revista Hispánica Moderna*, vol. 60, no. 1, 2007, pp. 61-78.



ERIN MCGLOTHLIN

◆ Prof. McGlothlin was one of only five faculty members to be awarded the 2007 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, which honors faculty members whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in graduate training have made a significant contribution to the quality of life and professional development of graduate students in Arts & Sciences at Washington University.

◆ Last year Prof. McGlothlin published *Second-Generation Holocaust Literature: Legacies of Survival and Perpetration*



(Rochester, NY: Camden House, 2006). The book expands the commonly used definition of second-generation literature, which refers to texts written from the perspective of the children of survivors, to include texts written from the point of view of the children of Nazi perpetrators. With its innovative focus on the literary legacy of both groups, it investigates how second-generation writers employ similar tropes of stigmatization to express their troubled relationships to their parents’ histories.

◆ In addition, Prof. McGlothlin published: “Narrative Transgression in Edgar Hilsenrath’s *Der Nazi und der Friseur* and the Rhetoric of the Sacred in Holocaust Discourse” in *German Quarterly* 80.2 (Spring 2007): 220-39; “Writing by Germany’s Jewish Minority,” in *Contemporary German Fiction: Writing in the Berlin Republic*, Stuart Taberner (ed.), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007: 230-46. She also published two book reviews.

◆ Prof. McGlothlin presented “Implications of Adopting the Holocaust Narrative” at the 2007 International Conference on Narrative in Washington, DC. She presented a paper about literary representations of love between contemporary Germans and Jews at the German Studies Association Conference in San Diego.



RAMI PINSBERG

◆ Mr. Pinsberg was promoted to senior lecturer in Hebrew. He attended the annual National Association of Professors of Hebrew International Conference on Hebrew Language and Literature in Sydney, Australia, in July 2007. He presented a paper, “Not by the Book Alone,” about strategies for teaching second-year Hebrew.



NANCY REYNOLDS

◆ Prof. Reynolds was on leave during the Fall 2007 semester, revising her book manuscript, “The Politics of Commerce and Consumption in Egypt, 1907–1961.” During the course of the year, she presented “The ‘Problem’ with Shopping: Salesclerks in Egyptian Department Stores, 1909-1956,” at the 8th Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute, Montecatini Terme, Italy, March 21-25, 2007. She also published “Economics: Advertising and Marketing: Egypt,” an entry for the *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, vol. 4, Suad Joseph et al (eds.), Leiden: Brill, 2006, pp. 118-120.

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

JINES counted six majors and eight minors in the graduating class of 2007. Congratulations to:

MAJORS

hanna draper
Talia Fein
Alex Freedman
Julie Kagan
Benjamin Lipson
Aaron Weininger

MINORS

Angela Bodnar
Amy Carmell
Abby Freedman
Ira Hubert
Rachael Kaplan
Marah Newman
Melissa Shtulman
Saskia Shuman

Two undergraduates shared the Seven S. Schwarzschild Prize for overall excellence in Jewish Studies. **Alex Friedman**, a JINES and Educational Studies major from Cincinnati, Ohio, and **Aaron Weininger**, a JINES and Anthropology major from White Plains, New York, both received the prize. Alex and Aaron displayed wide-ranging intellectual interests and talent in their course work and extracurricular activities.



GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

◆ During the 2006-07 academic year, three students graduated with MAs in Jewish Studies: **Jonathan Buchanan**, **David Melvin**, and **Rachel Rothstein**. Two students graduated with MAs in Islamic Studies: **Laura Holzweg** and **Summer Oakes**.

◆ The David and Sarah Visenberg Prize for an outstanding honor's thesis in Jewish Studies was awarded to **David Melvin**, who wrote "When Gods Were Men: The Mesopotamian Sources of Genesis 6:1-4 and the Watchers Tradition." In his thesis, Melvin argued for the reappearance of nonbiblical myth in later Jewish interpretation. He integrated a diverse collection of sources, ranging from the ancient Near East and apocryphal and pseudigraphical material. David Melvin wrote his thesis under the supervision of **Prof. Pamela Barmash**.

◆ JINES provided a subvention to **Nathan French** who presented "Islam, Islamist, Islamism: The Placement of Sayyid Qutb's *Milestones* in (Post) Modernity" at the Middle East and Central Asia (MECA) Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in September 2007. JINES also awarded a subvention to **David Melvin** to attend the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) in Washington, DC. David also presented two papers at SBL's Central States regional meeting. The first, "Hero-Kings and Apkallu: Mesopotamian Precursors to Genesis 6:1-4," formed the basis of Melvin's master's thesis. His second paper, "Views of Jerusalem in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament: A Love-Hate Relationship," received the society's Best Student Paper Award of \$100, plus two books.

◆ **hannah draper**, class of 2007, from West Memphis, Arkansas, became the first student to graduate with a joint AB/AM in Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Studies. **Prof. Fatemeh Keshavarz** steered hannah through her arduous studies.

Thank You

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LANGUAGE NEWS

JINES requires undergraduate majors to study at least two years of Arabic, Hebrew, or Persian; graduate students must complete a third year of language study.

Arabic, Hebrew, and Persian courses continue to thrive. During the 2006-07 academic year, Arabic led with 156 enrollments; followed by Hebrew with 135 enrollments. Persian had 22 enrollments.





Leveling the Egyptian Gender Gap

JINES major **Elizabeth Hague** attended the first International Youth Volunteerism Summit, a four-day event at Northwestern University, in February, 2007. Students from more than 30 US universities and from around the world met with experienced nonprofit leaders, development practitioners, and global community leaders, and learned how to translate social awareness into action for global change. Hague, who has traveled worldwide, used the conference workshops to develop her ideas for using media to help reduce the gender gap in rural areas of Egypt, a project she started as a study-abroad student in that country. She has also studied in Morocco. *Abroad View* magazine, a nationally distributed student-produced publication that fosters global education and cross-cultural exchange, ran a story about Hague and her experiences abroad on February 25, 2007.



NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

JINES welcomed four new graduate students for the 2007-08 academic year.

REBECCA HODGES

A 2004 graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, Hodges was attracted to JINES because of its strong language component and the program's interdisciplinary freedom, which will enable her to study contemporary political culture, cultural identity, and education in Islamic societies. She plans to attend an intensive Arabic program over the summer.

IRA HUBERT

A 2007 graduate of Washington University, Hubert wants to continue advanced course work in modern Near Eastern cultures and history and improve his Arabic-language abilities. His fields of interest include contemporary Arab politics and legal history, as well as American diplomatic history in the region. He plans to pursue an independent study project in Jordan next summer.

MATTHEW T. MILLER

A 2007 graduate of Washington University in International and Area Studies, Miller decided to continue his studies in the Islamic and Near Eastern Studies master's program because of the opportunity to work with outstanding scholars in a number of subfields of Islamic studies. His research interests, broadly defined, are in Sufism, modern Middle Eastern history (particularly the history of colonization), and religion and nonviolence.

ROBIN WEINTRAUB

A 2000 graduate of Brown University, where she majored in Geology-Biology, Weintraub's interests shifted after graduation to the field of Jewish studies with an emphasis on rabbinics and Bible. Washington University encouraged her late-blooming interest, and the program's small size and cooperative environment added to the university's appeal.

The new students join **Nathan French** and **Carly Cooper**, who is currently on leave.

ALUMNI NEWS

IAN BUSHNER (AB06)

◆ Bushner is a second-year law student at the University of Chicago Law School. During summer 2006, he worked as a research assistant for Prof. Lisa Bernstein doing research on the usage of trade in the context of commercial litigation. He plans to work as a summer associate in the Chicago headquarters of Jenner & Block in 2008. Several Washington University alumni work at the firm, including **Bilal Zaheer**, a 2003 alumnus and student of Arabic. Ian writes, "I am president of the Muslim Law Students Association at the law school. In September, we organized a panel discussion between University of Chicago Law School professors and a delegation of Iraqi law professors and students who were touring the US as part of the State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program. They were very interested in comparing how different legal traditions address questions of federalism, resource allocation, family law, and property rights. I also serve as a student representative on the executive board of the Chicago Muslim Bar Association."

"On the personal side, my wife, Sadiya Ahmed, and I were married on August 25, 2006, in Morton Grove, Ill. Sadiya runs the Governmental Affairs Department at a local nonprofit where she politically organizes the Muslim community, lobbies for civil rights, and is active in the immigration reform movement. Currently, we teach Qur'an and Arabic language to children at the Muslim Community Center Sunday School. We live in Niles, Ill., and are expecting our first child in February, God willing."

REGAN DOHERTY (AM06)

◆ Doherty spent summer 2007 working at the Reuters Chicago office as a business reporter. This fall she is reporting for Reuters from Israel with plans to do a feature on Arab-Jewish immigrants. Her columns have appeared in *The Washington Post*. She will report next from Cairo.

hannah draper (AB/AM07)

◆ Training for her first posting with the U.S. Foreign Service to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, scheduled for September, 2008, draper is living in Arlington, Virginia. For now she is getting additional Arabic-language instruction and mastering safety and security procedures.

ALEX FREEDMAN (AB07)

◆ Freedman is studying at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem during the 2007-08 academic year. He plans to pursue graduate-level training in Jewish education and rabbinic ordination.

NAOMI GREENSPAN (AB05)

◆ Greenspan works in Chicago as an outreach education and training associate at the Interfaith Youth Core (www.ifyc.org), an organization that builds mutual respect and pluralism among young people from different religious traditions by empowering them to work together to serve others. She works primarily on college campuses, training students and professors in interfaith service work and dialogue. Prior to IFYC, Greenspan worked at the reform Jewish movement's Commission on Interreligious Affairs, which is similarly dedicated to interfaith dialogue.

LAURA HOLZWEG (AM07)

◆ Holzweg is continuing her education in Islamic archaeology at the University of Chicago's Near Eastern Art and Archaeology program, where she is studying for a PhD. The program is part of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.

DAVID MELVIN (AM07)

◆ Melvin started a PhD program in Religion at Baylor University.

RACHEL ROTHSTEIN (AM07)

◆ Rothstein is a PhD student in history at the University of Florida, where she is focusing on modern Central and Eastern European Jewish history. She was awarded a FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) fellowship to study Polish.

REBECCA SALIMAN (AB03)

◆ Saliman completed a master's degree in Jewish Education, in May 2007, at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. She was awarded a two-year, post-graduate fellowship at Kadima Heschel West Middle School, a Jewish day school in Woodland Hills, California.

SPEAKERS' SPOTLIGHT

The JINES speaker series flourished in the 2006-07 academic year, with 18 preeminent scholars from around the world addressing diverse topics, such as the archaeology of the Dead Sea scrolls, Islam in modern Central Asia, Egyptian feminist theatre, and perceptions of Jewish criminality in early-20th century New York City.

JINES thanks the various departments, programs, and community organizations that cosponsored many of these lectures. We extend special appreciation to all the great speakers who shared their research with students, faculty members, and the general public:

- **Brad Sabin Hill**, dean of the Library and senior research librarian at YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York, "Art of the Hebrew Book," September 15, 2006



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Esther Dischereit

- **Esther Dischereit**, (at left) German intellectual, "Exercises in Being Jewish: Poems and Prose," October 26, 2006
- Boniuk Lecturer in Jewish Medical Ethics, **Fred Rosner**, former director of the Department of Medicine, Queens Hospital Center, and professor of Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, "An Overview of Jewish Medical Ethics" and "Maimonides as Physician: Medicine in the 12th Century," November 5, 2006
- Holocaust Memorial Lecturer **David Reiff**, essayist, "The Value of Humanitarian Aid," November 8, 2006
- **Bruce Fudge**, Harvard University, "Tongues of Men and the Word of God: Language, Interpretation and the Qur'an"
- **Gil Ribak**, then at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, but now the Lewin Postdoctoral Fellow in Jewish-American History at Washington University, "The Jew Usually Left Those Crimes to Esau: Jewish Responses to Accusations Regarding Jewish Criminality in New York City, 1908-1912"
- **Sonali Pahwa**, Columbia University, "Women's Tales and Subaltern Performance: Refiguring the Folk in Egyptian Feminist Theatre"
- **Mohamed-Salah Omri**, University of Exeter, "Local Narrative Forms and the Construction of the Arabic Novel"
- **Guy Stroumsa**, Martin Buber Professor of Comparative Religion, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "The Afterlife of Orphism: Jewish, Christian, and Gnostic Perspectives"



Sarah Stroumsa



Richard A. Freund

- **Sarah Stroumsa**, (top left) Alice and Jack Ormut Professor of Arabic Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "The Limits of Intellectual Daring: Freethinking and Its Role in Medieval Islamic Society"
- **David G. Roskies**, (bottom left) Sol and Evelyn Henkind Chair in Yiddish Literature and Culture and professor of Jewish Literature, Jewish Theological Seminary, "1943: The Jewish World at Ground Zero"
- **Devin DeWeese**, professor of Central Eurasian Studies and director, Denis Sinor Institute for Inner Asian Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, "Survival Strategies: Interpreting Islam in Central Asia, Past and Present," March 30, 2007
- **Ursula Krechel**, Max Kade Fellow, Berlin, "Mittehaerter" (Lyrik), April 19, 2007
- **Doron Rabinovici**, Max Kade Writer in Residence, Vienna, "Ohnebin. Roman," April 19, 2007
- **Richard A. Freund**, (top right) Maurice Greenberg Professor of Jewish History and director, Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, University of Hartford, "Temple Treasures in the Dead Sea Caves: New Insights from Archaeology," April 20, 2007



David G. Roskies



Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi

- **Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi**, (bottom right) assistant professor of History and Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, "A Manufactured Crisis: Facts, Fiction, and the Politics of a Nuclear Iran," April 23, 2007

Library Expands Digital Collection



aleh Fazelian, Olin Library's librarian for Islamic and Near Eastern Studies, and **Deborah Katz**, the Jewish and Near Eastern Studies librarian, look forward to introducing students, faculty, and friends to several important additions to the library's digital resources. Recent purchases include new electronic encyclopedias, online journals, and more. Titles include:

- *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*
- *The Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*
- *Historical Dictionary of Iraq*
- *The Bar Ilan Responsa Project*
- *Bibliography of the Hebrew Book*
- *Biblical Archaeology Society Online Archive*
- *Index to Jewish Periodicals*

An increase to the collections budget made these purchases and new subscriptions possible. Other recent purchases of interest to those in the humanities and social sciences include: *Empire Online*, *Eighteenth Century Collections Online*, and *The Making of the Modern World: The Goldsmiths'-Kress Library of Economic Literature (1460-1850)*.



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