

The UNCG Religious Studies Department and the Program in Jewish Studies will host HENRYFEST, a celebration of Professor Henry S. Levinson's career as Professor of Religious Studies. The festivities will take place Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, 2009 on campus at UNCG.

On Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 7:30pm will be "Henry's Night at the Movies." Henry will introduce a screening of the film, *The Human Stain* (2003), with Anthony Hopkins, Nicole Kidman, and Gary Sinise, from the 2000 novel by Philip Roth, and will lead a discussion after the film. The movie will be shown in the Elliot University Center Auditorium and will be followed by a reception.

On Sunday, March 29, celebrations will continue in Alumni House with a conference to celebrate Dr. Levinson's contributions as a scholar and teacher. The title for the conference is "Festive Judaism and Strong Democracy." During the morning, colleagues and former students from around the country will offer talks that reflect Levinson's impact on the study of religion in a democratic society and consider Levinson's contributions to Jewish philosophy. After lunch, in the Elliot University Center Auditorium, colleagues and students will gently roast Levinson with brief and humorous anecdotes.

Levinson received his Bachelor's degree at Stanford and his doctorate at Princeton. He is the author of three books and numerous articles. He taught at Stanford and Harvard before joining the UNCG faculty in 1982. He served as Head of the Department of Religious Studies from 1990 to 1999 and as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A much beloved teacher and mentor, he has taught courses in American religious thought, modern Judaism, and the philosophy of religion. Levinson started phased retirement in August of 2008.

These events are free and open to the public, although registration is required. There will be free parking in the Walker Deck at UNCG. For information and registration visit www.uncg.edu/rel. If you have trouble registering online, contact the Department of Religious Studies at 334-5762 or email Pat Bowden at pjbowden@uncg.edu.

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Department of Religious Studies/Jewish Studies Program

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Saturday, March 28, 2009—Elliott University Center Auditorium

7:30 pm – **Henry's Night at the Movies**

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9:30-11 pm Reception

Sunday, March 29, 2009—Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House

8:30-9:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening Remarks by Timothy Johnston, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Festive Judaism and Strong Democracy: A Symposium on Henry's Scholarly Contributions

9:10-9:35 am Beth Eddy '92 MA, Assistant Professor of Humanities and Arts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, "What Happens to Happen: Stephen Jay Gould, Contingency, and Wonderful Life"

9:40-10:05 Howard Rhodes '95 BA, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Iowa, "Strong Democracy and American

Hegemony: Santayana's Imperial Soul Revisited"

10:10-10:35 Mark Cladis, Chair and Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, "Religion, Democracy, and Virtue: Emerson and his Journey's End"

10:35-10:55 Coffee

11:00-11:25 Jeffrey Stout, Professor of Religion, Princeton University, "Practicing Strong Democracy"

11:30-11:55 Jonathan Malino, Professor of Philosophy, Guilford College, "Loving Henry, Loving Life, and Loving Torah"

12:00-12:20 Henry responds

12:30-1:30 Lunch – Cone Ballroom-EUC (Registration Required before March 10, 2009)

Roast and Reminiscence – Elliott University Center Auditorium

1:30-2:00 pm Graduate School Buddy, Gordon "Mike" Michalson, President and Professor of Humanities, New College of Florida,

"What Makes Henry Run?"

2:00 -3:30 Colleagues, Students, and Friends

3:30 Coffee

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