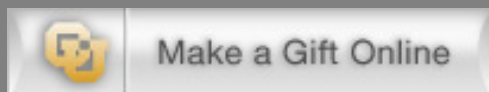




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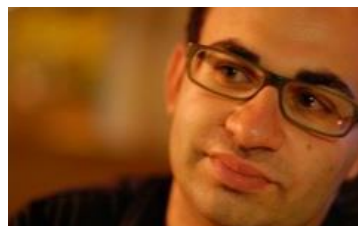
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## → Professor Sasha Senderovich Publishes in The New York Times and Appears on NPR...

[Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies, recently published an op-ed in *The New York Times* entitled "[Goodbye, Lenin?](#)" (follow link to read). The op-ed ran December 9, 2013 and addressed the tearing down of the statue of Vladimir Lenin on Sunday, December 8, 2013 during protests in Kiev against President Viktor Yanukovich.



Professor Senderovich also made an appearance on National Public Radio's *The Takeaway* on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 addressing the same issue. Follow the link [here](#) to hear the podcast.

**Congratulations Professor Senderovich!**

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## → Limited Number of Spaces Still Available! Apply NOW for the Global Seminar to Israel and the West Bank!...



## [GLOBAL SEMINAR TO ISRAEL AND THE WEST BANK](#)

Justice, Human Rights, and Democracy in Israel  
MAY 2014

with Professor David Shneer and Jamie Polliard

**\*This seminar is open to ALL students of ALL backgrounds and majors\***

**The Global Seminar to Israel and the West Bank is filling fast!**  
There are only a few spaces still available, so if you are interested or considering applying, be sure to [submit your application](#) as soon as possible to be eligible.

Cross-listed with International Affairs. Credits can be applied to major and minors in Jewish Studies. For International Affairs majors, credits can be applied to Africa/Middle East geographic concentration (3 credits) and Functional Area IV, Institutions, Rights and Norms (3 credits). Credits can also be applied to the [Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Certificate](#).

This global seminar will be offered as a **Maymester 2014** course in **Israel** from **May 18-June 20, 2014**.

Through a combination of classroom work and service learning, you will earn 6 credits for "[JWST 4302/IAFS 3520: Justice, Democracy, and Human Rights in Israel and the West Bank](#)" after completion of the program. This course introduces you to people, ideas, places, and organizations in the West Bank that articulate diverse, multiple, and competing perspectives about justice, democracy, and human rights. The course will enable you to explore how different individuals and groups make sense of these concepts, and how political commitments drive individual and collective choices and actions.



The state of Israel was established in 1948 with hopeful aspirations of building a democratic Jewish-majority national state. In the years that followed the establishment of statehood, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians became refugees, exiles or reluctant Israeli citizens, and hundreds of thousands of Jews, many of them Holocaust survivors, immigrated to Israel. Since 1948, this region has been marked by armed conflict between national groups, uneven conflict resolution negotiations, and persistent political uncertainty. Despite these challenges, Israel has developed as a rich cultural center and has become a hub for visitors. The location of this program in Jerusalem will allow you to take part in cultural festivals, visit museums, enjoy world-class restaurants and visit a few of the city's 2,000 archaeological sites!

This course will take place in Boulder and Israel. The group will meet twice during month of April for an intensive immersion in primary source texts focused on the history and sociology of the region. The main part of the program takes place in Israel, with classroom instruction, field trips to various locations in Israel and the West Bank, and reflective debriefing discussions and writing assignments to intellectually, emotionally, and psychologically process your field experiences.



In addition, you will participate in team-based service learning internship projects with non-profit organizations working in areas of human rights, social justice, and democracy. Student teams will pair with 5-7 organizations to identify and implement organizational need-based projects.

The course will be led by Professor David Shneer and Jamie Polliard. [David Shneer](#) is a Professor of History and the Director of the Program in Jewish Studies. Called a "pathbreaking" scholar by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, his research focuses on 20th century European, Russian, and Jewish history and culture.



[Jamie Polliard](#), Assistant Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at CU- Boulder, will assist students in finding and working with their service-learning non-profit placements.

**THERE ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM!** Please contact our study abroad advisor, [Sarah.Westmoreland@colorado.edu](mailto:Sarah.Westmoreland@colorado.edu) to learn more.

Questions? Please contact Jamie Polliard, Assistant Director of the Program in Jewish Studies via email at [Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:Jamie.Polliard@colorado.edu) or via phone at 303.492.7143.

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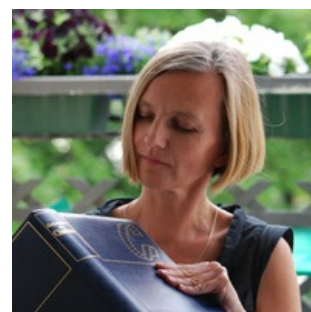
## → Save the Date for Spring 2014 Events...

The Program in Jewish Studies in conjunction with a variety of departments and programs across the CU campus are proud to present many visiting scholars, authors, and activists to CU this coming Spring 2014. Here is just a brief preview of some of our upcoming events...

### International Holocaust Commemoration Day with Professor Natascha Drubek-Meyer

Join the Program in Jewish Studies and the [Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures](#) on International Holocaust Commemoration Day for a public lecture with [Dr. Natascha Drubek-Meyer](#).

**"Between Resistance and Compliance: The Ambivalent Bequest of the Theresienstadt "Ghetto" Films with Professor Natascha Drubek-Meyer**  
Tuesday, January 28 @ 7:30PM  
Atlas 100, CU Boulder Campus  
Free and Open to the Public



"Hollywood of SS-Victims" - this is what Holocaust survivor H.G. Adler called the ghetto Theresienstadt in his authoritative book *Theresienstadt, 1941-1945: The Face of a Forced Society*. Theresienstadt was the only instance of a ghetto-camp used as a film set for Nazi documentaries made by the ghetto inhabitants. Dr. Natascha Drubek-Meyer's lecture will focus on her current research which analyzes the film projects in this ghetto between the summer of 1942 and March 1945. While these films were originally commissioned and overlooked by the SS, they were made by professional film artists who were able to document the real ghetto and its inhabitants. These Jewish film makers even dared to produce and conceal clandestine messages during the shoot. The film projects of two directors - Irena Dodalová from Prague and Kurt Geron from Berlin - are set in divergent historical and cultural contexts. They represent different ethical approaches to the perplexing opportunity for a Jewish film professional to make a film inside a Nazi ghetto.

[Natascha Drubek-Meyer](#) is a Professor of Russian and Czechoslovakian Literature at the University of Regensburg, Germany. She is currently a Diane and Howard Well Fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC where she is continuing her research for the project "Between Resistance and



## Readings and Workshops with Award-winning Author and Professor Gary Shteyngart



Public Reading and Discussion of his new memoir *Little Failure*  
Thursday, February 20 @ 7PM  
University Memorial Center, 235  
Free and Open to the Public

Graduate Student and Faculty Luncheon  
Friday, February 21 @ 12PM  
Please RSVP to [Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu](mailto:Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu)  
for pre-circulated readings and location

This event is presented by the Program in Jewish Studies and co-sponsored by [Germanic, Slavic Languages and Literatures](#), the [Department of English](#), the [Center for Humanities and the Arts](#), the [Center for Western Civilization](#), and the [Boulder Jewish Community Center](#).

With the publication of his most recent novel, *Super Sad True Love Story*, Shteyngart, who is widely considered to be America's best-known satirist, has also become an eloquent defender of the role of reading and the humanities in contemporary culture.

Professor Shteyngart, who was born in the Soviet Union in 1972 and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1979, is one of America's best satirists and the author of three New York Times bestselling novels: *The Russian Debutante's Handbook*, which won the National Jewish Book Award, the Stephen Crane Award for First Fiction, and Book-of-the-Month Club First Fiction Award; *Absurdistan*, which, among other accolades, was named top ten book of 2006 by *The New York Times Book Review*; and *Super Sad True Love Story*, which was the first American submission ever to win the United Kingdom's Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for Comic Fiction.

Professor Shteyngart is currently Associate Professor of Creative Writing at Columbia University's School of the Arts. His fiction and essays have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Granta*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and many other publications. In 2010, he was named one of the 20 writers under the age of 40 whose work is expected to shape American fiction in the current decade, by *The New Yorker* magazine. His work has been translated into twenty languages.

Shteyngart's widely anticipated memoir, *Little Failure*, will be published in January 2014 by Random House, and we are bringing him to Colorado in conjunction with this forthcoming publication, which has already garnered stellar reviews from leading writers. The main event will be a conversation with Professor Sasha Senderovich about Shteyngart's memoir and his work in the past decade, followed by a public reading from *Little Failure* and an open forum discussion.

## Annual Sondra Bender Visiting Scholar - Professor Shaul Magid

Public Lecture with Professor Shaul Magid  
Thursday, March 6 @ 7PM  
University Memorial Center, 235  
Free and Open to the Public

Graduate Student and Faculty Colloquium  
Wednesday, March 5 @ 4PM  
Please RSVP to [Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu](mailto:Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu) for  
pre-circulated readings and location



[Professor Shaul Magid's](#) visit will focus on his latest book, *American Post-Judaism: Identity and Renewal in a Postethnic Society* (Indiana University Press). His research is directly relevant

to the [Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive](#) held at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Shaul Magid is a professor in the Department of Religious Studies and the Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein Chair, Jewish Studies in Modern Judaism at Indiana University, Bloomington. His teaching focuses primarily on Kabbalah, Hasidism, Judaism and gender, Israel/Palestine, and American Jewish thought and culture. His areas of interest and research include sixteenth century Kabbalah, Hasidism, American Judaism, and contemporary conceptions of Jewish religiosity.

Magid is the editor of *God's Voice from the Void: Old and New Essays on Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav* (SUNY Press, 2001), co-editor of *Beginning Again: Toward a Hermeneutic of Jewish Texts* (Seven Bridges Press, 2002) and author of *Hasidism on the Margin: Reconciliation, Antinomianism, and Messianism in Izbica and Radzin Hasidism* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2003). His book *From Metaphysics to Midrash: Myth, History, and the Interpretation of Scripture in Lurianic Kabbala* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008) was awarded the 2008 American Academy of Religion Award for best book in religion in the textual studies category. He is also the series editor for "Post-Rabbinic Judaisms" for Academic Studies Press. Magid is also a regular contributor to *Tikkun Magazine*, *Zeek Magazine*, *Religion Dispatches*, and *Occasional Religion*.



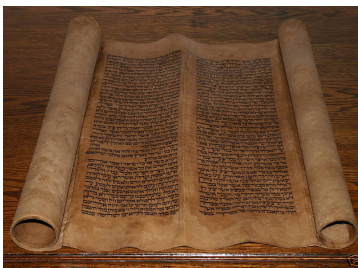
Professor Magid is the 2014 [Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar](#), honoring the life of Sondra Dosik Bender z"l. Sondra Bender was a devoted wife to Howard Bender, mother of four, including CU graduate Eileen Greenberg, and grandmother of eleven grandchildren, including CU graduates Joshua and Rachael and Daniel Greenberg. An active member of the community in Washington, D.C. and Bethesda, M.D., Sondra served on many boards and helped hundreds of nonprofits. She was a dedicated member and donor at Congregation Beth El, receiving many honors including the esteemed Women of Valor Award from Israel Bonds. The Bender Family Foundation has generously endowed the [Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholar Fund](#) to honor the life of a woman who cherished Jewish culture, celebrated education, and lived life to the fullest.

*Shaul Magid's visit has been made possible the by the [Bender Family Foundation](#) through the endowment of the [Sondra D. Bender Visiting Scholars Fund](#) in the Program in Jewish Studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. For more information, please visit [jewishstudies.colorado.edu](http://jewishstudies.colorado.edu) or call 303.492.7143.*

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## → New Spring 2014 Course! Learn Biblical Hebrew...



Due to student demand, we are reintroducing [HEBR/JWST1030 Biblical Hebrew](#) to our course offerings at the University of Colorado. First year, first semester Biblical Hebrew will be taught in **Spring Semester 2014, meeting Fridays 1PM - 3:30PM**, and more advanced courses will be offered in the following semesters. There are no prerequisites for this course, and students are not expected to have any knowledge of Hebrew before signing up.

This is a limited enrollment course, and students interested in joining the class must contact Professor Zilla Goodman at [Zilla.Goodman@colorado.edu](mailto:Zilla.Goodman@colorado.edu) to receive permission to enroll. There are only a few places left, so placement is not guaranteed.

Biblical Hebrew can count towards the language requirements in both Jewish Studies and Classics.

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## Resources and Scholarships for Students...

PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS SECTION OF OUR [WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE GREAT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

The Program in Jewish Studies will be offering two scholarships this coming Spring 2014. Check out our website to learn more about the [Rabbi Daniel & Ida Goldberger Fellowship for Jewish Studies Study Abroad or Cultural Immersion Programs](#), awarded to up to two graduate students. Applications for this scholarship are due **March 21, 2014** by 5PM.

[The Ulrich "Ulo" Goldsmith Memorial Prize in German-Jewish Studies](#), offered in conjunction with German and Slavic Languages and Literatures, rewards academic writing on a topic pertaining to Jewish culture in German-speaking lands. Papers are due **April 25, 2014**.

[The Puksta Scholars Program](#) is accepting applications for 2014-2015 new scholars who are have a strong commitment to civic responsibility, high ethical standards and want to bring about a positive change on the CU campus and in the local communities. **Applications are due by Jan. 31 2014**. Email [peter.simons@colorado.edu](mailto:peter.simons@colorado.edu) with any questions.

[TENT: Encounters with Jewish Culture](#) is offering a variety of one-week programs that explore modern culture through a Jewish lens. Programs are free to those accepted.

[The Tam Institute for Jewish Studies at Emory University](#) is offering multiple Ph.D. opportunities and fellowships for students interested in pursuing Jewish studies. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

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## On Campus & Around Town...

Check out CU Boulder's [Challah for Hunger!](#) The weekly pre-order form can be found [here](#).

[Congregation Bonai Shalom](#) is hiring for a [Programming and Communications](#) part-time position (pdf).

Please send a cover letter and resume with salary requirements to [kit@bonaishalom.org](mailto:kit@bonaishalom.org) for consideration.

**Congratulations to all 2013 CU graduates and best wishes from the Program in Jewish Studies for a healthy and happy 2014!**

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For questions or to have information about your campus or community event included in our newsletter, please contact Jamie Polliard at [jamie.polliard@colorado.edu](mailto:jamie.polliard@colorado.edu).