Previous Tenenbaum Lectures
1990 Irving Howe, “The Immigrant Jews and American Culture”
1991 Michael Lerner, “Judaism as the Metaphysics of Radical Transformation”
Commemoration of the Quincentenary of Their Expulsion from Spain”
1993 Susannah Heschel, “German Churches in the Third Reich”
1994 Laurence Thomas, “Fragility Through Prisms of Evil: Moral Lessons from
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1996 Saul Friedlander, “Two Jewish Historians in Extremis: Ernst Kantrowitz
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1997 Louis H. Feldman, “Admiration and Hate of the Jew in Classical Antiquity”
1998 James L. Kugel, “Whose Fault Was the Fall of Man? The Bible’s First
Interpreters on Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden”
1999 Anna E. Rosmus, “My Jewish Mission: A German Woman’s Search for the Truth”
Deborah Lipstadt—Personal Perspectives from a British Courtroom”
2001 Elliot Dorff, Mary Boys (2001 Bernardin lecture), and Muzammil Siddiqi,
“Neighbors and Strangers: What Does Faith Require of Us?” A Jewish-
Christian-Muslim Dialogue
2002 Yossi Klein Halevi, “After the Collapse of the Left and the Right: Toward
a New Israeli Consensus on Territories and Peace”
2003 Thomas Friedman, “The Middle East: An Update on Changing Events”
2004 James Carroll, “Anti-Semitism: The Old and the New”
2006 Elie Wiesel, “Night”
2007 Paula Hyman, “Anti-Semitism, Gender, and Jewish Identity in Modern Europe”
2008 Steven Nadler, “The Spinoza Problem: Secular Judaism and the Question
of Jewish Identity”
2009 Ruth W. Messinger, “Global Vision: Opening Our Eyes to Injustice”
2010 Jonathan D. Sarna, “Ulysses S. Grant and the Jews: An Untold Story”
2011 Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, “Sage Tales: The Power of Rabbinic Story and
What It Can Teach Us Today”
2012 Todd Gitlin, “The Chosen Peoples: American, Israel and the Ordeals
of Divine Election”
2014 Nancy K. Miller, “My Memoirs Made Me Jewish: Family, Memory, and
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opened its doors in 1805 and opened a world of possibilities to its students. At
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and now as the oldest, largest, and most diverse college at USC, it comprises 25
buildings, 500 faculty, and more than 9,000 students. The college has changed
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stitution as the College of Arts and Sciences on January 16, 2005. While the
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Lecture Program:

“Does the History of Anti-Judaism have anything to do with the Present?”

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 7:30 pm
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Welcome and Remarks
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Introduction of Speaker
Stanley Dubinsky
Director, Jewish Studies

Guest Lecturer
David Nirenberg, Ph.D.
Deborah R. and Edgar D. Jannotta Professor of Medieval History and Social Thought and Dean of the Division of the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago

Program Description:

Dean Nirenberg will discuss how Ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, Christians and Muslims of every period, and the secularist of modernity have used Judaism in constructing their visions of the world. Do these former and modern ways of life have any relationship to each other? Do past forms of life and thought affect later ones? If so, how does past perception about Judaism influence the ways in which we perceive the world today? In the 2015 Solomon-Tenenbaum Lecture, Dean Nirenberg will examine these important questions and will discuss what, if anything, the history of anti-Judaism has to do with the present.

David Nirenberg
Guest Lecturer

David Nirenberg, Ph.D., is Jannotta Professor of Medieval History and Social Thought and Dean of the Division of the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. He is also Director of the Neubauer Family Collegium for Culture and Society. A prolific scholar, Dean Nirenberg has focused his research on the ways in which Jewish, Christian and Islamic societies have interacted with and thought about one another. He is the author of a number of books, including Communities of Violence: Persecution of Minorities in the Middle Ages (1996), Judaism and Christian Art: Aesthetic Anxieties from the Catacombs to Colonialism (2011), Race and Blood in the Iberian World (2012) and Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition (2013). Most recently, in Neighboring Faiths: Christianity, Islam, and Judaism Medieval and Modern (2014), he has tried to bring the social into conversation with the hermeneutic in order to show how, in multireligious societies, lived experiences of interreligious contact interact with conceptual categories and habits of thought, and how this interaction shapes how adherents of all three religions perceive themselves and each other.

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The Solomon-Tenenbaum lectureship continues the Tenenbaum Visiting Lectureship in Judaic Studies, which began in 1990. The Tenenbaum lectureship was given in memory of Samuel’s father, Meyer Warren Tenenbaum, and his mother, LaBelle Florence Tenenbaum.

Panel Discussion:

Panelist response to lecture

Introduction and Panel Moderator
John Mandsager
Post Doctoral Fellow, Jewish Studies Program
University of South Carolina

Panelists
Christine Caldwell Ames
Associate Professor of History
University of South Carolina

Adam M. Schor
Associate Professor of History and McCausland Faculty Fellow
University of South Carolina

Jacqueline French
Senior, History and Religious Studies Major
University of South Carolina

Richard Hahn
Senior, History Major
University of South Carolina

Book signing following the panel discussion

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