

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Thirty-Fifth Colloquium on Literature and Film

September 13-15, 2012

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE LANGUAGE OF HUMOR IN LITERATURE AND FILM

We are seeking submissions about the many ways that authors and filmmakers use humor in their works. Analyses may be about works in any language and time period, and may be presented in English, French, German, or Spanish. Topics include but are not limited to the following:

Irony
Parody
Comedy
Political Satire
Great National Humorists and Their Works
Theories of Humor and Laughter
Challenges of Translating Humor
History of Humor
Humor in Minority Literatures
Humor as Resistance or Subversion
Humor of Ethnic and National Identities
Countering Xenophobia and Prejudice through Humor
Comics, Cartoons and Graphic Novels
Gendered Approaches to Humor
Humor in Popular Culture
The Semiotics of Humor
Stylistics of Humor
Conversation Analysis
Dialect, Stereotype and Humor
The Actor's Contribution: Body Language, Delivery and Inflection
Puns and Word-Play: Linguistic Ambiguity in Humorous Literature
Pedagogical Approaches to Humor in Literature and Film

Please submit 300-word proposals for papers and/or panels by April 1, 2012 to WVUCOLL@MAIL.WVU.EDU. The program will allow twenty minutes for the reading of each paper with additional time for discussion. Include a cover letter containing the proposal's title, complete contact information, and institutional affiliation.



Middlebury

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Dear Colleague:

Celebrating its fifth anniversary this summer, the Brandeis University-Middlebury School of Hebrew brings together the best of two worlds—the time-tested Hebrew-in-Hebrew curriculum developed at Brandeis and the intensive immersion environment of the Middlebury Language Schools. In session from June 29 to August 17, 2012, the School will offer Modern Hebrew courses from the beginner to advanced levels, with an optional workshop in Classical Hebrew. All courses will be taught by the faculty of the Brandeis University Hebrew Language program and will take place on the Middlebury College campus in Middlebury, Vermont.

In the classroom, students in the School of Hebrew benefit from the intensive approach to instruction that has made Brandeis the national leader in Hebrew language learning. Both in and outside of the classroom, Middlebury's renowned Language Pledge®—a promise to speak only the language of study for the duration of the program—ensures that every moment of the day is an opportunity to truly live the Hebrew language. Joining teachers at mealtimes, in social gatherings, at lectures, and in a broad range of cocurricular activities, students are continuously practicing the skills learned in the classroom, refining pronunciation and comprehension, and acquiring new vocabulary. In short, throughout their summer at Middlebury students find the focus to be just where they need it—on rapid language acquisition and the development of true cultural fluency.

Middlebury is pleased to offer fellowships and scholarships as well as need-based financial aid. To all qualifying students, as described on our website at go.middlebury.edu/ls/financial. For further information concerning the School's seven-week intensive summer program, the 2012 brochure is available at go.middlebury.edu/ls/hebrew.

Brandeis will continue to offer its four-week intensive Hebrew Language Summer Institute on its Waltham, Massachusetts campus May 29 to June 22. For additional information on this program, please visit www.brandeis.edu/summer/hebrew.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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