

Columbia Inaugurates Jewish Studies Institute, Professorships

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In February, Columbia inaugurated the Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, previously the Center for Israel and Jewish Studies. The new designation signifies an expanded academic role: The Institute will participate in joint appointments with various Columbia departments and sponsor educational and cultural programs and activities.

“The new Institute reflects the vitality of Israel and Jewish studies at Columbia,” said Michael Stanislawski, the Institute’s associate director and the Nathan J. Miller Professor of Jewish History. “It will continue to advance scholarship and enliven and enrich discourse not only on Columbia’s campus, but in the City of New York and globally.”

In addition, Columbia has created the Krueger Family Visiting Professorships to support visiting professors from Israel. The program is made possible by Harvey Krueger '71CC, '53LAW, and his wife, Constance Alexander Krueger '53BC. The first visiting professors will be Anita Shapira of Tel Aviv University and Amnon Rubinstein of the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliyah, in the spring semesters of 2007 and 2008, respectively.



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