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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Illinois Wesleyan University Religion Department will celebrate the conclusion of its 10th official Religion Colloquium with a presentation by internationally known Judaism scholar Professor Shaul Magid of Indiana University.

The Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein Professor of Jewish Studies at Indiana University, Magid will deliver an address titled “Reclaiming Jesus or Defending Judaism? Coming to Terms (once again) with a Jewish Jesus” at 5 p.m. Monday, March 30, in Beckman Auditorium in The Ames Library (1 Ames East, Bloomington). The event is free and the public is invited.

The presentation will be preceded by the Religion Department’s Student Research Symposium at 4 p.m., highlighting the research of graduating seniors.

Magid’s teaching focuses centers on Kabbala, Hasidism, medieval and modern Jewish philosophy, gender and religion, Israel and Palestine relations, and American Jewish thought and culture.

“The field of Jewish studies encompasses so many different sub-genres, and Dr. Magid has the rather amazing ability to speak across so many of them,” said Assistant Professor of Religion Robert Erlewine, who organized bringing Magid to campus. “He has an international presence, and is able to speak not only to scholars specializing in very different elements of Jewish studies, but to Muslim and Christian theologians as well.”

A 1994 graduate of Brandeis University, Magid is the author of *Hasidism on the Margin: Reconciliation, Antinomianism, and Messianism in Izbica and Radzin Hasidism* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2003). He has also edited *God's Voice from the Void: Old and New Essays on Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav* (SUNY Press, 2001), and co-editor of *Beginning Again: Toward a Hermeneutic of Jewish Texts* (Seven Bridges Press, 2002). He is a member of The Society for Scriptural Reasoning and CHAI (The Children of Abraham Institute) dedicated to the pursuit of inter-faith dialogue between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

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