George L. Mosse Program in History

George L. Mosse Graduate Exchange: UW-Madison – Hebrew University

George L. Mosse, a great historian, teacher, mentor, and friend, graced the UW-Madison campus for some forty years, and The Hebrew University campus for nearly twenty years creating a diverse and enduring international intellectual community. Professor Mosse's bequest makes it possible for advanced graduate students at both schools to study within an international community.

The Graduate Exchange Program allows graduate students from a variety of fields in the humanities and social sciences at UW-Madison to spend an academic year at the Hebrew University in order to advance their studies and to broaden their intellectual and international horizons.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has a student body of approximately 23,000 students from Israel and 65 other countries. The University is ranked 26th in the world and in the past decade Hebrew University faculty have won seven Nobel Prizes.

The Exchange Program covers the full costs of an academic year at Hebrew University:

- Full UW-Madison tuition and fees
- Travel and dependent allowance
- Research support ($7,000)
- A generous living stipend ($3,000 per month for 11 months)
- An additional one year of support at the dissertation level upon return to Madison
- Health insurance (CISI)

Preferences will be given to students in the following areas:

- Jewish History / Jewish Studies
- Other fields in History
- Other fields in the Humanities
- Social Sciences

Applications should consist of:

- A one-page statement of how the applicant would spend the year at Hebrew University, including the names of relevant Hebrew University faculty members or programs
- Two letters of recommendation
- An official transcript
- A curriculum vitae

Submit completed applications to:

The Mosse Exchange Program
5231 Mosse Humanities
455 N. Park St.
Madison, WI 53706

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS February 1
FELLOWSHIPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY February 15
Graduate Student Exchange Testimonials

2007 Fellow Udi Greenberg gives a paper as Professor Steven Aschheim looks on.

Being in Jerusalem allowed me the opportunity to become an associate fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research for the year. There I attended workshops and dinners with scholars. I went on many field trips to archaeological sites in the land and attended tours by the scholars who had dug at those locations. There is no substitute for being able to see the sites and findings first hand.

My wife and I also had the opportunity to travel to Egypt, Jordan, Greece, and Turkey. It was fascinating to be able to connect Aegean culture and pottery with the Philistines in Canaan or to see Istanbul and connect that land and culture with the later Turkish Period before the British Mandate. We were exposed to all kinds of political and cultural ideas that help us to be more informed about life in the Middle East.

We are so grateful to the Mosse Graduate Exchange Program for giving us this outstanding opportunity. I have already seen the academic and personal benefits of my experiences and I know that these will continue throughout my academic work and career.

– Eric Tully, 2006

Through my research I was able to meet with scholars around the country from various institutions, including the congenial Reuven Tsur, recipient of the 2009 Israeli Prize in literature for his work in Cognitive Poetics. Israel was a great place for me to be immersed in the modern form of the language that I had only studied in its pre-modern forms. (Even though neither I nor my family members had enough time to become fluent Hebrew speakers while there, I was pleased that my not-yet-two-year-old daughter learned to shout “Rega! Rega!” to the driver while we were scurrying off the bus.)

– Emmylou Grosser, 2010

Exchange Fellows Skye Doney, his wife Janna Doney, Katherine Guenoun, Lewis Freedman, and Coordinator Asya Bereznyak at dinner, 2012

Beyond the Hebrew University campus, I also have the privilege of spending significant time with the poet and scholar Hamutal Bar-Yosef (Ben Gurion University) who I had first met during her academic visit to UW-Madison in the Spring of 2012. While offering me insightful suggestions about my research in Hebrew language poetry, Hamutal also introduced me to the poet Miron Isaacsion (Bar Ilan University) and to the stimulating complexity of his work. Additionally Hamutal encouraged my interest in translating Hebrew poetry and sought my advice on in-progress translations of her work as they were prepared for publication, to which I responded with extensive comments.

This step from Madison into the literary communities of Jerusalem was extended significantly over the course of my stay. I had the privilege of meeting promising young Israeli Jerusalemite poets such as Roni Mazal, Meitar Moran, and Amir Menashehoh, and of attending their “Omrim Shirah” reading series, housed in the gallery of beautiful Beit Ticho. I also spend significant time with poets and translators Linda Zisquit, Tamar Katz, Gabriel Levin, and Peter Cole, all of who are ex–pats who have lived in Jerusalem for many years now. Tamar Katz (Ben Gurion University) who translated revered Israeli poet and Talmud scholar Admior Kosman, kindly provided me with an electronic introduction that allowed me to initiate a correspondence with Kosman that has importantly informed my work. Gabriel Levin, who in addition to his own work as a poet and translator, edits the important press, Ibis Editions, was incredibly generous to me, meeting with me nearly every month I was there and offering me countless reading suggestions from his wealth of knowledge in both ancient and contemporary Hebrew and Arabic poetry.

– Lewis Freedman, 2013