



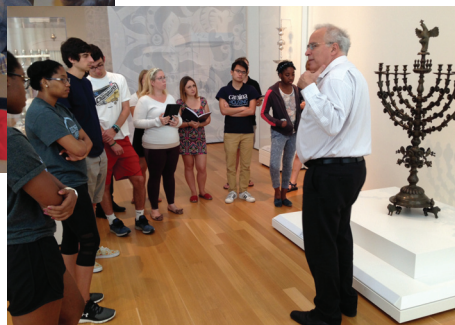
▲ Hayley Wright '13, was the first student to earn the religious studies/Jewish studies degree.



▲ Jada Enoch '23 was one of several students supported by the Center for the 2022 Huqoq dig season.



▲ Professor Joseph Lam teaching Classical Hebrew.



▲ Students in Professor Berlinger's "Jewish Material Culture" class view the Judaic art collection at the N.C. Museum of Art.



▲ The Defiant Requiem, a year-long collaboration with the department of music, culminated with a spectacular performance for the community.



▲ Faculty-led grant writing workshops are a popular program offered to the Center's graduate student network.



▲ The Center's first conference hosted renowned experts from around the world.



▲ Anna Kushkova conducted her anthropological research with support from the Center's dissertation completion fellowship.

20 highlights from 20 years

Undergraduate Education

At the very heart of our mission is educational programming. All incoming undergraduates at Carolina have a robust **(1) general education** program to complete, along with the requirements for their majors and minors. The Jewish studies course offerings meet these gen ed requirements and provide hundreds of students each semester with learning opportunities in a wide range of subfields. As part of the academic program, the College offers several **(2) unique courses**, including the gateway course, "Introduction to Jewish Studies," and an upper-level Capstone course that features a new topic led by a different faculty member each year. In addition, the one-credit Confronting Antisemitism course creates important discussions on both historical and current events. Students seeking a stronger background in Jewish studies can **(3) major** in religious studies/Jewish studies and minor in Jewish studies and modern Hebrew, and conduct **(4) undergraduate research projects**. Outside of the classroom, for more than a decade, Carolina's students have joined Prof. Jodi Magness on an exciting excavation at Huqoq that is attracting worldwide attention. This is one of several **(5) Study Abroad** opportunities that help students increase their knowledge of Jewish history and culture. Each year, the Center welcomes **(6) student interns and graduate student assistants** to the team. The students work on campus outreach, social media, event staffing and multimedia projects. **(7) Our undergraduate alumni** are creating meaningful careers and making an impact at Jewish non-profit, education, foundation and social service agencies. Many of our alums go on to grad school and rabbinic school.

Interdisciplinary Research and Campus-wide Impact

Creating the breadth of academic offerings is the responsibility of the Center's faculty members. Nearly 25 **(8) faculty members**, based in 11 academic departments, are affiliated with the Center and help advise students and develop programs. The Center's **(9) grant-making program** allows students and faculty to pursue research initiatives, present at conferences worldwide, and complete their publications. In 2016, the Center hosted its very first multi-day, interdisciplinary, international **(10) academic conference**: Reconsidering Antisemitism. The Center also has hosted conferences on Jewish material culture, German-Jewish studies and Jewish food. Our programs are often held in partnership with other centers and departments, resulting in a **(11) campus-wide impact**.

Community Outreach

The Center has hosted more than 200 **(12) public events**, including lectures, film screenings and musical performances since its founding. This includes five endowed lectureships, plus other annual events such as the Holocaust Remembrance Day event, held each January. The Center's **(13) collaborations** with Hillel, neighboring universities, local Jewish organizations, and other community agencies, such as the NC Museum of Art, have allowed the Center and its faculty to make important connections with the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill community and expand learning opportunities for Carolina's students.

Grad Student Programs

Carolina competes with other prestigious institutions for highly-qualified graduate students, and recruitment fellowships are an essential tool in this effort. The Center provides Top-Up awards and **(14) TEP Fellowships** to help bring these talented students to Carolina. Grad students affiliated with the Center all have home departments across the humanities and earn their degrees from these departments. Adding on a **(15) Certificate in Jewish Studies** gives Carolina's students the option to expand their coursework, demonstrate Jewish language skills and showcase their dissertation with a focus on a subfield of Jewish studies. Graduate students study in nearly a dozen different home departments at Carolina, but the Center's **(16) Grad Student Network** provides the means for them to meet and learn from each other. The Network hosts meetings, seminars and special training events for skill development. Providing funding to grad students in their final years at Carolina through **(17) Dissertation Completion Fellowships** is a top priority for the Center. Since 2012–13, the Center has provided one student a year of funding so the student can focus on researching and writing their dissertation. **(18) Grad Student alumni** of the Center with Ph.D.'s and Master's degrees focused on a subfield of Jewish Studies are now enjoying productive careers in academia and academic-adjacent careers. Many alumni are on the faculty of peer institutions, and helping guide the future of Jewish studies academics.

Visionary Supporters

The Center has benefited from outstanding **(19) leadership** with a bold vision right from the beginning, including founding chair of the advisory board, Eli N. Evans, and our former faculty directors Jonathan M. Hess and Ruth von Bernuth. Their combined leadership, vision and dedication to the creation and evolution of the Center help inspire and fuel the Center as it moves into its third decade of excellence. Alumni and friends make everything possible, from endowed faculty chairs and lectureships, to research grant funding for faculty and students, to all our special programming and services. This **(20) sustained support** will help ensure that the Center's work continues to benefit future generations of students at Carolina.



Jonathan M. Hess, faculty director 2003-13, with Advisory Board leaders Hal Levinson, Eli N. Evans, and Eric Sklut.