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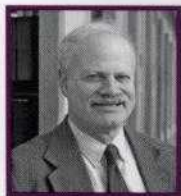
University of Connecticut, Stamford

## THE SPRING 2006 LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Five Thursdays / 12:00—1:30 p.m. / In the MPR on the 1st floor, at UConn, Stamford

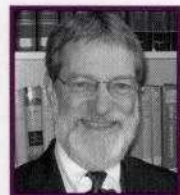
### *The Family in History and Fiction (Part Two)*

### February 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23



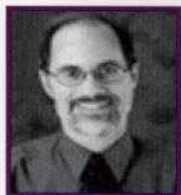
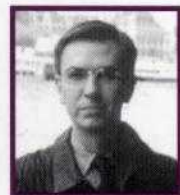
**Dr. Stephen J. Whitfield** holds the Max Richter Chair in American Civilization in the Department of American Studies at Brandeis. His particular field of interest is politics and culture in the 20th century. He has been a Fulbright Visiting Professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and at the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. He was also a Visiting Professor of American Studies at the Sorbonne in Paris and at the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich. Professor Whitfield is the author of eight books, including most recently *A Death in the Delta: The Story of Emmett Till* (1988), *The Culture of the Cold War* (1991,1996) and *In Search of American Jewish Culture* (1999), and the editor of *A Companion to 20th-Century America* (2004).

**The Rev. Ronald Evans** is a member of the Society of Friends (Quakers), with ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ, and in his twenty-first year as Senior Minister to the First Congregational Church in Darien, CT. Following seminary and graduate school, he was a school chaplain and later Academic Dean of a large New England co-educational boarding school, served at a United Church of Christ congregation in Old Deerfield, Massachusetts and worked for the International Y.M.C.A. He has served on various boards and committees including the National (U.S.) and World Councils of YMCAs and a regional mental health facility; he also helped establish the first of several Massachusetts regional Hospice programs.



**Rabbi Dr. Adam Mintz** is an Adjunct Professor in Jewish History at Brooklyn College and President of the New York Board of Rabbis. Previously, he served as rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue and associate rabbi of Kehilath Jeshurun, both in New York City. He has published in both scholarly and popular journals and recently edited a volume entitled *Jewish Spirituality and Divine Law*.

**Dr. Frederick S. Roden** is Associate Professor of English at the University of Connecticut and director of writing for the Stamford campus. His publications include *Same-Sex Desire in Victorian Religious Culture* and *Palgrave Advances in Oscar Wilde Studies*. He publishes extensively and speaks internationally on the "crossroads" of religion and gender in literature. His current projects include an edited volume on homosexuality and Catholicism and a translation/edition of the 1896 sexological classic, *Uranisme et Unisexualite*, by the Catholic Jew Marc-Andre Raffalovich.



**Dr. David Kraemer** is Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbis at the Jewish Theological Seminary. A prolific author, in 1996 he published *Reading the Rabbis: The Talmud as Literature*, and his new book, *The Gastronomical Jew*, on the evolution of Jewish eating practices is scheduled to be published shortly. He is also the editor of a volume on the history of the Jewish family, titled *The Jewish Family: Metaphor and Memory*. Dr. Kraemer's interests are in the literary analysis of rabbinic literature, rabbinic ritual and the social and religious history of Jews in late antiquity.