Dr. Wendy Zierler Granted Tenure as Associate Professor of Feminist Studies and Modern Jewish Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Dr. Wendy Zierler has been granted tenure as Associate Professor of Feminist Studies and Modern Jewish Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), as of July 1, 2009.

In announcing Dr. Zierler’s tenure, Rabbi David Ellenson, HUC-JIR President, said, “Dr. Wendy Zierler is a gifted scholar, esteemed teacher, and devoted mentor to our students. Her expertise in feminist studies and modern Jewish literature enriches our students’ understanding of Jewish texts, from the Bible through contemporary literature. Her guidance on literature and its interpretations for our Graduate School programs, as well as her leadership in convening kallot on gender, Judaism, and feminism have strengthened our academic offerings and informed student life.”

Dr. Zierler has served as Assistant and Associate Professor at HUC-JIR since 2001. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton University (1995), B. A. from Yeshiva University, summa cum laude (1988), and is currently pursuing an M.F.A. in Fiction Writing at Sarah Lawrence College.

Dr. Zierler’s areas of interest encompass gender and Judaism, feminist commentary on traditional texts, women’s devotional writings from the Bible to the present day, modern Hebrew literature by women, feminism and ritual, Holocaust literature, and women’s autobiographies.

She has presented lectures and conference papers throughout North America and Israel, including the College of William and Mary, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Association for Jewish Studies conferences, Yeshiva University Museum, Center for Jewish History, Union Theological Seminary, Florida Atlantic University, University of Washington, New York University, ALA Jewish-American Literature conference, the International Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy, Nottingham University, International Conference on Feminist Literature in Bangkok, Thailand, Hong Kong University, MLA Convention, World Congress of Jewish Studies, and Ohio State University.

She was appointed to the Program Committee of the Association for Jewish Studies in 2008 and has served as its Modern Jewish Literature Section Head and as a Board member on its AJS Women’s Caucus since 2005. She has served as an evaluator for the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Editorial Advisor for Behrmann House publishers, referee for *Modern Jewish Studies, Nashim, Religion and Literature*, and *American Jewish History*, and Union for Reform Judaism Fiction Contest Judge. She has served on the faculty of the Wexner Graduate Fellows Retreat and Wexner Heritage Program, and lectured at congregations, Reform Movement conventions and conferences, throughout North America and Latin America.