

# **Endowed Centers, Chairs, Professorships, and Lectureships**

## **Endowed Lectureships**

### **Bernard Hollander Lectureship in Jewish Studies**

The Department of Religious Studies offers several courses in Jewish studies. These courses, taught by a rabbi, are sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society. It is the society's goal to make accessible to students courses in Jewish history and theology. Since 1976, this program has been made possible by a gift in memory of Bernard Hollander. Past holders of the lectureship include Rabbis Philip Horowitz, Stuart Geller, and Arthur J. Lelyveld. The current holder is Rabbi Michael Oppenheimer.

### **Louis E. and Marcia M. Emsheimer Charitable Trust Philanthropic Fund**

The Department of Religious Studies' courses in Jewish studies are also supported by the Louis E. and Marcia M. Emsheimer Charitable Trust Philanthropic Fund of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Past recipients of this support include Jacob Shtull and Herbert Hochhauser.

### **The Bediüzzaman Said Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies**

The Department of Religious Studies has received financial support to establish the Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies from two Turkish businessmen who were inspired by the work of Bediüzzaman Said Nursi (1879-1960). Nursi dedicated his entire life to the teachings of the Qur'an and wrote over 100 books and treatises on Islamic subjects. Additional support comes from the Muslim and Turkish communities of Cleveland. Department courses on Islam are also supported by the Nursi Endowment Chair. The Nursi Chair not only offers courses on Islamic topics but also hosts lectures and other special events designed to foster a better understanding of Islam and to encourage dialogue with faculty, students, and the Cleveland community. The first holder of the chair is Dr. Zeki Saritoprak (2003-).

### **Kahl Endowment for Internationalization of the Curriculum**

Funded through a gift of \$500,000 from Jack Kahl '62, founder of Manco, Inc., and a member of the John Carroll Board of Directors, the Kahl Endowment supports faculty travel related to the internationalization of the curriculum. Since its establishment in 1994, the endowment has enabled faculty members to visit destinations around the globe for the purpose of creating courses with an international theme or of incorporating an international dimension into preexisting courses. Applications must include a letter of support from the faculty member's department chair and approval from the appropriate dean. Guidelines for interested faculty are available from the office of the academic vice president, who determines the amount of the award.