Each year, the Department of English and American Studies organizes and sponsors guest lectures, conferences, symposia, readings, and other events, open to the TAU community and to the public at large.

Below is an archive of events from the academic year 2010 - 2011. Please check the Events page for updated information on forthcoming events.

American Studies Forum - Monday, June 12th, 6-8 PM, Gilman 496, Eli Cook, History Dept., Harvard University: *Life as Statistics*.

Poetry Reading - Wednesday, May 25th, 4 PM, Webb 001, Mark Strand, American Poet Laureate and Professor at Columbia University.


Annual Carmel Lecture - Thursday, May 12th, 5 PM, at the "Kes Hamishpat" Hall. Prof. Eric Sundquist, Johns Hopkins University, "We Dreamed a Dream: Ralph Ellison, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Barack Obama."

Annual Vardi Lecture - Thursday, April 28th, 4-6 PM, Gilman 496, Prof. Martin Prochazka of Charles University, Prague, "From Reader Response to Literary Anthropology."

American Studies Forum - Wednesday, April 27th, 6-8 PM, Gilman 496, Prof. Martin Prochazka, English and American Literature, Charles University, Prague: *Ruins in the New World: Uses of the Past in American Culture*.
Yael Levin Writer-in-Residence Program - Thursday, March 24th, 5 PM, Gilman 144, Sir Ronald Harwood, "Writing for the Theater, Writing for the Screen."

American Studies Forum - Tuesday, March 15th, 6-8 PM, Webb 103, Prof. David Zarefsky, discussion on the basis of *President Johnson's War on Poverty: Rhetoric and History*, 2006 [1986].

Annual Lecture in Honor of Talma Yzraely - Thursday, March 10th, 4-6 PM, Gilman 496, Prof. David Zarefsky of Northwestern University, "What Can We Learn from the Rhetoric of Abraham Lincoln?"

International Conference on Trauma, Testimony, and Discourses - Monday, February 21st through Thursday the 24th. On Tuesday the 22nd, 14:30-15:15, Prof. Shirley Sharon-Zisser will chair a roundtable discussion on the topic. Alongside her will be other department members: Ron Ben-Tovim, Li Shir, and Roi Tartakovsky. After which at 15:15-16:45, Prof. Marcus Coelen will chair a panel on Subjectivity and Authenticity in Literary Representations. Prof. Sharon-Zisser will give a lecture on "The Literary Sinthome as Testimonial of Trauma: The Case of Georges-Arthur Goldschmidt." Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

American Studies Forum - Monday, February 21st, 6-8 PM, Gilman 496, Emily Budick, English and American Studies, Hebrew University: *American Holocaust Fiction and the Construction of Subject Position.*

Poetry Evening - "There's Something about Nature", Wednesday, January 19th, 4-6 PM, Rosenberg 01.
"The Northern Poets" - in cooperation with the Israel Association of Writers in English, Ada Aharoni, Marc Radzyner, and Adam Schonbrun will read from their new books. Tuesday, January 18th, 6-8 PM, Gilman 282.

American Studies Forum - Monday, January 17th, 6-8 PM, Gilman 496, Barbara Hochman, Department of Foreign Literature and Linguistics, Ben Gurion University:
Sparing the White Child: The Lessons of Uncle Tom's Cabin for Children in an Age of Segregation.

Revisiting the Classics Series - Tony Kushner's Angels in America - Ms. Linda Streit. Thursday, January 13th, 6-8 PM, room number tba.

Symposium - "The 'Silent ' 1950's: Holocaust Remembrance in America and Israel." Monday, January 10th, beginning at 4 PM, Gilman 496. Prof. Hasia R. Diner of New York University and Prof. Dina Porat of TAU, principal speakers; Prof. Hana Wirth-Nesher of TAU, moderator.


"Diderot's Socratic Dialogues" - Dr. Olivier Tonneau, Homerton College, Cambridge University, Special Guest Lecturer, in cooperation with the French Department. Tuesday, January 4th, 4-6 PM, Webb 103.

Revisiting the Classics Series - J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings - Dr. Elana Gomel. Thursday, December 30th, 6-8 PM, Webb 001.
American Studies Forum - Monday, December 27th, 6-8 PM, Gilman 496, Tamara Plakins Thornton, History Dept., SUNY Buffalo:  
Capitalist Aesthetics: Americans Look at the London and Liverpool Docks.

Revisiting the Classics Series - George Eliot's *Middlemarch* - Dr. Alberto Gabriele. Thursday, December 23rd, 6-8 PM, Webb 001.

Revisiting the Classics Series - Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* - Dr. Milette Shamir. Thursday, December 16th, 6-8 PM, room number tba.

Revisiting the Classics Series - Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter* - Dr. Hedda Ben Bassat. Thursday, December 9th, 6-8 PM, Webb 001.

Revisiting the Classics Series - Shakespeare's *King Lear* - Dr. Noam Reisner. Thursday, December 2nd, 6-8 PM, Webb 001.

American Studies Forum - Sunday, November 28th, 6-8 PM, Gilman 449, Mohammed S. Dajani, American Studies Institute, Al-Quds University:  
American Studies in the Middle East.