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Summary:

(February 4, 2004)-Dr. Tamar Rudavsky, professor of philosophy at Ohio State University, Columbus, will be the next speaker to address the University of Minnesota, Morris 28th Annual Midwest Philosophy Colloquium. Dr. Rudavsky will speak on “The Soul Revisited: Immortality and Mortality in Medieval Jewish Philosophy” at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at the Federated Church in Morris.

The overall theme of this year’s Midwest Philosophy Colloquium is "Philosophy of Religion: Body and Soul." Dr. Rudavsky will examine the concept of soul as developed in medieval Jewish philosophy and why Jewish philosophers are much more ambivalent about the continued existence of the soul after the death of the body. She will also present a paper, “Religion and Science Reconsidered: Philosophical Implications of ‘Angels and Demons,’” at 2:30 p.m. on the same day at the Prairie Lounge, UMM Student Center.

Dr. Rudavsky holds a bachelor’s degree in English and philosophy from Simmons College. She holds master’s degrees in philosophy and Jewish philosophy, and a doctoral degree in philosophy from Brandeis University. She is also the director of the Melton Center for Jewish Studies at Ohio State University.

Among many grants and awards, Dr. Rudavsky was awarded the John Templeton Foundation Development Grant for Religion and Science course and was the recipient of two National Endowment for the Humanities grants. Dr. Rudavsky is also the author of *Time Matters: Time, Creation and Cosmology in Medieval Jewish Philosophy*, as well as several articles.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

The Midwest Philosophy Colloquium evening lectures are made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Minnesota State Legislature, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, University of Minnesota, Morris.

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