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**Annual Barber Lecture in Literature**

*Summary:*

(October 14, 2003)-Sander L. Gilman, distinguished professor of the arts and sciences and of medicine, and director of the Humanities Laboratory at the University of Illinois, Chicago, will present the annual Barber Lecture in Literature at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in Oyate Hall of the Student Center at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The lecture is free and open to the public.

One of the most prominent scholars in academe today, Gilman will address "multicultural" literature, a term that is problematic and contested in literary studies, in his speech, titled "Is Multiculturalism Good for the Jews: A Literary View." His approach is linked to his particular perspective as a Germanist and Jewish studies scholar.

Gilman's work spans the gap between the sciences and the humanities, and his research and writings range from medicine and psychoanalysis to physiognomy, and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender studies. Including his recent monograph, *The Fortunes of the Humanities: Teaching the Humanities in the New Millennium*, Gilman is the author, co-author or editor of more than 60 books. His most prominent research focuses on Jewish and German studies, epitomized by his thought-provoking analysis of *Jewish Self Hatred*, the title of his Johns Hopkins University Press monograph of 1986.

He served as president of the Modern Language Association in 1995, and has received numerous honors including being appointed as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, and awarded the Alexander Von Humboldt Research Award in Bonn and the Distinguished Humanist Award from the Melton Center for Jewish Studies at Ohio State University.

The Barber Lecture Series is made possible by a gift to the University of Minnesota, Morris from Laird Barber, UMM professor emeritus of English, and the late Dorothy Barber. The lecture is co-sponsored by the German discipline, the International Programs Committee, the German Club and the European Studies major, and the Division of the Humanities, all of UMM.

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