

## Meet Kelly Davis

A native of Princeton, Kentucky, Kelly graduated from U.T. Martin in 2003 and came to Memphis where he earned his Master's in Science in 2005. He fell in love with Memphis and from that time on he was ours.

Kelly worked for the Athletic department as a graduate assistant handling sports information and media relations for two terms.

He was named Director of Development for University Initiatives in May, and he is responsible for fund raising not only for the Libraries but also for Student Affairs, Graduate Programs and the University College.

A sports enthusiast, Kelly plays golf, softball and basketball and watches not only professional games but the local high school and college games.

Helping students in their educational pursuits is very gratifying to Kelly, and he enjoys the opportunity to promote the pursuits of higher education.

Identifying needs and matching potential areas for giving is a challenge he welcomes.

Kelly feels the Library is the heart of any campus and he thinks that the Learning Commons helps



Above Picture courtesy of Susan R. Prater of the University of Memphis

many students put the Library in their lives.

## Series on Jewish Literature Meets with Enthusiastic Response



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Dr. David Patterson, who holds the Bornblum Chair of Excellence in Judaic Studies at the University of Memphis, has conducted the first three discussions of a five session series entitled "Let's Talk about It: Jewish Literature—Identity and Imagination."

The programs are part of a national initiative of Nextbook and the American Library Association (ALA). *Let's Talk About it: Jewish Literature* uses books and scholarly discussions as an effective entry into serious thought, discussion, and

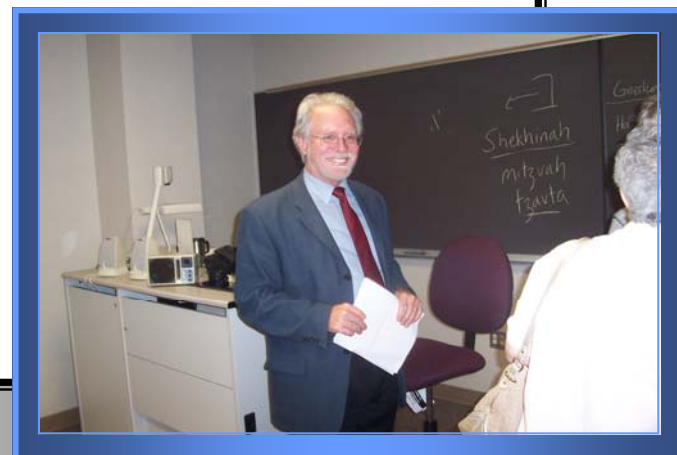
further reading. It also offers an occasion to bring diverse groups together at the library to explore Jewish literature and culture in greater depth through a mix of scholarly essays, books and discussions.

In the first session, Dr. Patterson met with a standing-room audience for his discussion of A.B. Yehoshua's *Journey to the End of the Millennium*. The second session was on Isaac Babel's *Red Cavalry* and the third on Jan Gross's *Neighbors*. In the fourth session on Oct. 30, Dr. Patterson will lead a discussion of *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud and in the last session on December 4, *Mona in the Promised Land*, by Gish Jen, will be the topic. All sessions are held in McWherter Library, Room 226.

The Hebrew Watchman Memphis Jewish Community Center, Temple Israel, and the University of Memphis

Friends of the Libraries are partners in sponsoring the series. All sessions are open and free to the adult community.

Information about this series can be found at the Library's website, [exlibris.memphis.edu](http://exlibris.memphis.edu).



Dr. David Patterson converses with an attendee of the Jewish Literature series. Picture courtesy of Klaudia Kroboth