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**How Jewish Authors reinvented the American War Novel:
Public Lecture at Rutgers on March 9**

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Dr. Leah Garrett (Monash University, Australia) will discuss her new book *Young Lions: How Jewish Authors Reinvented the American War Novel*, a finalist for a 2015 National Jewish Book Award. The book, which *The Wall Street Journal* called “scholarly and provocative,” examines American war novels between 1948 and 1961 which were written primarily by and about Jewish soldiers. Garrett explores the impact these ironic, funny, and often irreverent bestsellers had in reshaping the American public’s ideas about war, the Holocaust, and the role of Jews in postwar life.

The talk, “How Jewish Authors Reinvented the American War Novel,” will be held on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street, New Brunswick. The lecture is free and open to the public. It is cosponsored by the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, the Department of American Studies, and the Program in Comparative Literature at Rutgers University. The talk is the annual Abram Matlofsky Memorial Program funded by the Karma Foundation. Free parking is available behind the Campus Center. (For GPS search, use “57 Lipman Drive”) Advance registration is requested by emailing csjlrsvp@rci.rutgers.edu or calling 848-932-2033. For more information, visit the website BildnerCenter.rutgers.edu.

Garrett is the Loti Smorgon Research Professor of Contemporary Jewish Life and Culture at Monash University. She has published four books and numerous articles on Jewish literature. Her scholarship has been devoted to understanding how Jewish authors have used their literary discourse to enact, reimagine, and subvert conventional ideas about the relationship between Jews and the modern world.

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