

[LimmudFest calls on Tulane faculty for talks on timely topics](#)

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Audience members at a previous LimmudFest enjoy a laugh during a panel discussion. (Photo by Jacqueline Dallimore)

More than 90 presentations across 10 learning tracks are on deck for the 2018 [LimmudFest](#) taking place March 16–18, with several Tulane University faculty members on the program.

The weekend festival of [Big Tent](#) Jewish arts, culture, spirituality and learning is locally planned and run by a community of volunteers including co-chair Matthew Rosenthal, who said this year's goal is to make the event more inclusive than ever

before.

“Great care is being taken to create a collective and communal event that is accessible and enriching for all participants, no matter how they do or do not identify,” said Rosenthal. “We believe in the power of a diverse community and wish to create rich cross-cultural and cross-generational experiences.”

Tulane faculty presenters include:

- **Joel Dinerstein, an associate professor of English and American studies, will present “The Cool Jews of the Smithsonian’s American Cool Exhibit.”**
- **Larry Powell, emeritus holder of the James H. Clark Endowed Chair in American Civilization, who taught history at Tulane from 1978 until his retirement in June 2012, will present “The Power of One in a World Made by Duke: Why Confronting Hate Is More Important Than Ever.”**
- **Ronna Burger, the Catherine & Henry J. Gaisman Chair in Philosophy and Sizeler**

Professor of Jewish Studies at Tulane, will present “Hidden in the Hagaddah: Exploring the Puzzles of Pesach.”

- **Ron Marks, dean emeritus and associate professor at the Tulane School of Social Work, will present “Resilience in the Face of Chronic Trauma: Lessons From Israel.”**
- **Melanie Ehrlich, professor of human genetics in the Tulane School of Medicine, will present “Games Jewish Children Played Long Ago.”**
- **Sarah Cramsey, a professor of practice of Jewish studies, will present “The Auschwitz Classroom: Learning, Teaching and Understanding Empathy and Coexistence in 20th-Century Poland.”**

A full list of presenters is [available online](#) along with details to register. Tulane students can enter the promo code ROLLWAVE for a discount on registration.