

Fulbright Grant INFORMATION SESSION

Students who are interested in applying for a Fulbright Grant are strongly encouraged to attend this information session.

TUESDAY, **APRIL 5** AT 12:00 PM
41 COOPER SQUARE, ROOM 104



SPEAKER JOHN GREENBERG, AR'08

Mr. Greenberg will talk about his experience as a Fulbright fellow in Jordan. Mr. Greenberg's Jordan River Project is a work of fiction that traces the path of the Jordan River from its font in the north of Israel to its most southern reservoir, the Dead Sea. Through writing, the project embraces the unique geologic phenomenon of the river system—the transformation from fresh water into salt—and employs it as a source of mystery in stories derived from historic and natural sites along the river.

The division of the Jordan River is a source of constant political machination. Situated on the border between Israel, Syria, Jordan, and

the West Bank, the Jordan River is a rare replenishable source of water in a desert region and has thus been subjected to the increasing demands of its riparian states. Currently, barely a trickle of the river survives past Bethany Beyond the Jordan (the historic site of Jesus Christ's baptism) and into the Dead Sea.

For a river that is awash in sacred connotations and historical import, the depletion and interruption of the river's course is a tragedy. Mr. Greenberg's Jordan River Project seeks to connect the river's history, both contemporary and ancient, to the transformation of its geology: from

fresh water to salt and lush agriculture to lunar landscape. While considering the political, religious, and cultural dimensions of the Jordan River, this is a project that ultimately favors the miraculous in nature.

Gwen Hyman, Director of the Center for Writing and The Cooper Union's Fulbright Program Adviser, will join Mr. Greenberg to provide information and field questions about applying for a Fulbright Grant.

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