The Comedy of Betrayal

Joseph Litvak, Professor and Chair of English at Tufts University, will present a lecture entitled The Comedy of Betrayal. Litvak has written widely on Victorian fiction, literary theory, and film and has authored several books including, most recently, The Un-Americans: Jews, the Blacklist, and Stoolpigeon Culture. In this talk from his book in progress, Litvak discusses the cinematic and theatrical genre that he calls the comedy of betrayal. Taking as its point of departure the comic theater of the French philosopher Alain Badiou, the talk focuses on Scorsese’s 1983 film, The King of Comedy.

Movie Screening: Tuesday, October 22, 2013
In advance of Joseph Litvak's lecture, a screening of Scorsese’s The King of Comedy will take place in the Department of English, 70 Brown Street, Barker Room 315, from 12 noon - 2:00 pm.

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