

Tam Institute for Jewish Studies

*Celebrating 40 Years of Jewish Studies at
Emory University*



Community of Scholars Showcase

Sunday, December 4, 2016
Cox Hall Ballroom, Emory Campus

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Schedule of Events:

2:00-2:15pm

Gathering and Welcome (Main Ballroom, Third Floor, Cox Hall)

Eric L. Goldstein, Judith London Evans Director
of the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies (TIJS)

2:15-3:05pm

First Faculty Panel Session

Choice of:

America and Israel: Two Centers of Modern Jewish Life (Ballroom 3)

Chair: Prof. Oded Borowski (Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies/TIJS)

Prof. Kenneth W. Stein (History/TIJS) “Was There Already a Viable Nucleus for a Jewish State in Palestine in 1939? Examining Holocaust Causality in the Founding of Modern Israel”

Prof. Eric L. Goldstein (History/TIJS), “America and the Power to Transform: Exploding Myths About Jewish Immigration to the United States”

OR

The Anthropology and Theology of Judaism: Understanding Religious Practice (Ballroom 1)

Chair: Prof. Gordon Newby (Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies/TIJS)

Prof. David R. Blumenthal (Religion/TIJS), “Keeping God at the Center: Contemplating and Using the Prayerbook”

Prof. Don Seeman (Religion/TIJS), “Chabad Encounters: an Anthropology of Judaism”

3:05-3:15pm, and throughout the afternoon

Coffee and snacks available in the lobby

3:15-4:05pm

Second Faculty Panel Session

Choice of:

Judaism Across Time and Place (Ballroom 3)

Chair: Prof. Jonathan Crane (Center for Ethics)

Prof. Jacob L. Wright (Candler School of Theology/TIJS), “War Commemoration and the Making of Jewish Identity: Between the Bible and Modernity”

Prof. Michael Berger (Religion/TIJS), “Jews Are Just Like Everyone Else – Only More So! American Judaism and the Changing Face of American Religion”

OR

The Jewish Experience in Literature and Art (Ballroom 1)

Chair: Peter Höyng (Chair, German Studies)

Prof. Catherine Dana (French and Italian/TIJS), “*Leaving Tunis: How I Began Writing a Novel About the Immigration and Exile of a North African Jewish Family*”

Prof. Hazel Gold (Spanish and Portuguese/TIJS), “Remembering *Sepharad*: Representing ‘Jews’ in Spanish Culture”

4:05-4:30pm, and throughout the afternoon

Coffee and snacks available in the lobby

4:30-5:30pm

Meet the Authors: A Roundtable on Recent Faculty Books (Main Ballroom)

Prof. Deborah E. Lipstadt (Religion/TIJS), author of *Holocaust: An American Understanding* (Rutgers University Press, 2016)

Prof. Ellie R. Schainker (History/TIJS), author of *Confessions of the Shtetl: Converts from Judaism in Imperial Russia, 1817-1906* (Stanford University Press, 2016)

Prof. Miriam Udel (German Studies/TIJS), author of *Never Better: The Modern Jewish Picaresque* (University of Michigan Press, 2016)

Moderator: Prof. Melvin Konner (Anthropology)

5:30-6:00pm

Cocktail Reception and Book Signing (Third Floor Lobby)

A selection of TIJS faculty books will be available for purchase and signing

6:00pm

Celebratory Dinner and Program (Main Ballroom)

Featuring a multi-media presentation: “Jewish Studies at Emory: A Window to the Humanities”