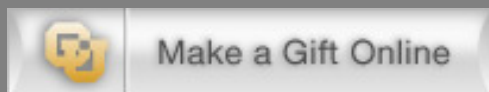




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→ Alumni Highlight...

We are excited to congratulate **Kara Zucker**, who graduate from CU in 2010 with a Certificate in Jewish Studies (before the Program in Jewish Studies offered a [major and two minors](#)) and a Major in International Affairs. Kara will soon return to the United States after serving for two-years as a [Peace Corps Youth Development](#) volunteer in Caserio La Loma, Canton Los Amates, Jujulta Municipio in Ahuachapan, El Salvador.



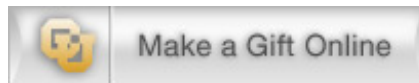
While in El Salvador, Kara was instrumental in promoting education among youth. She worked to set up computer program classes in order to promote technology literacy, and also earned a grant from CARS (Central American Regional Security Initiative) to conduct craft classes for children. Kara also worked to help outfit children in her community with glasses, and facilitated an English class for 6th grade students in preparation of learning English in 7th grade.

After backpacking through Central America, Kara is looking forward to returning to the United States. You can read about her adventures at her blog [Kara Zucker's World Traveling Experience](#). Congratulations Kara on finishing your service with Peace Corps!

Help us ensure Jewish Studies continues to support students' passions and visions for the future with a donation to the Program in Jewish Studies.

Donations can be made online at cufund.org or contact Kimberly Bowman, Director of Development at the University of

Thank you!



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→ **CU's Study Abroad Fair - Learn About the Global Seminar to Israel...**

Students, join the Program in Jewish Studies and the Office of International Education for the upcoming Study Abroad Fair to learn more about Jewish Studies' [Global Seminar to Israel](#).

[Study Abroad Fair](#)
Thursday, September 5
11AM - 3PM
UMC Fountain



This past summer 2013, the Program in Jewish Studies took seven CU students on the inaugural [Global Seminar to Israel: Justice, Human Rights, and Democracy in Israel](#). This rigorous 6-credit course takes place over the course of a month in Israel and the West Bank. Students will be introduced to people, ideas, places and organizations that articulate diverse, multiple and sometimes competing ideas about justice, human rights and democracy. The seminar includes an internship component in which students will participate in team-based service learning internship projects with non-profit organizations in Israel working in the areas of human rights, social justice and democracy. **This program is open to students of all backgrounds and majors.**

Professor David Shneer and Jamie Polliard will lead the program for 2014. David Shneer is the Louis P. Singer Professor of Jewish History and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies. Called a "pathbreaking" scholar by the German daily newspaper, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, his research focuses on 20th century European, Russian and Jewish history and culture.

Jamie Polliard, Assistant Director of the Program in Jewish Studies will assist and support students in their placements and work with non-profit organizations in the region.

Come meet our study abroad alumni and learn more about the incredible study abroad programming being offered by the Program in Jewish Studies for May 2014!

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→ **Applications Now Open: Jewish Studies Undergraduate Advisory Board...**

Interested in being more involved in the Program in Jewish Studies? [Apply](#) to become a member of the **Jewish Studies Undergraduate Advisory Board**.



The advisory board provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to have a direct impact on their Jewish Studies education. The primary initiative of the board is to provide feedback to the Program in Jewish Studies from an undergraduate student perspective. Students on the board work with the faculty and staff as well as their fellow students to develop outreach programs to promote the Major and Minors, connect with donors, and work on student community building. This is an excellent way to become more involved with Jewish Studies and help develop your professional skills!

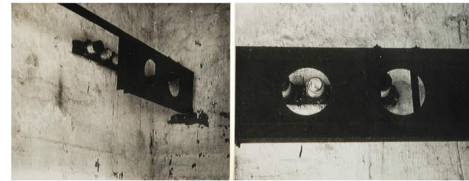
Students of all backgrounds are welcome to apply. We are looking for students who are, or are planning to become, a Jewish Studies Major or Minor. The application is attached [here](#). Applications are due by **September 13, 2013** and should be emailed to Meghan.Zibby@colorado.edu.

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→ **Heimrad Bäcker: *Landscape M*, curated by CU Professor, Patrick Greaney ...**

Join CU professor, [Patrick Greaney, PhD](#) for the opening of his recently curated exhibit entitled *Heimrad Bäcker: Landscape M* at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver.

[Heimrad Bäcker: Landscape M](#)
Curated by Patrick Greaney, PhD
Opens September 27, 2013
Museum of Contemporary Art
Additional information is available at
www.mcadenver.org



The photographer and poet Heimrad Bäcker (1925-2003) dedicated his life to documenting the remnants of Nazism and the Holocaust. Bäcker's photographs look away from the scenes usually associated with the Shoah - barracks, gates, train tracks - and focus on the minute and incidental traces left behind in the Austrian landscape: indentations in stone, twisted steel rods, and concrete foundations. His examination of Austrian history is also a self-critical reflection on his enthusiastic participation, as a teenager, in the Hitler Youth and the Nazi Party. *Landscape M* focuses on Bäcker's works related to Mauthausen, the largest concentration camp in Austria. This exhibit, curated by Patrick Greaney, PhD and presented at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver, is the first of Bäcker's work in the US and is the first to show the body of work left behind after his death.

Professor Greaney is an associate professor of [Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures](#) and an affiliated faculty member of the Program in Jewish Studies. He is the author of [Untimely Beggar: Poverty and Power from Baudelaire to Benjamin](#) (2008), his recently completed work *In a Near Future: Quotational Practices in Contemporary Art and Literature*, and a number of articles including "Aestheticization and the Shoah: Heimrad Bäcker's nachschrift," [New German Critique](#) (2010).

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→ **Scholarships and Resources for Students...**

[Peace Corps](#) will be hosting a [Master's International information](#) session **Monday, September 9, 6:00-7:30PM** in UMC 425.

The Women's Resource Center is now accepting [applications](#) (pdf) to become a [student board member](#) for the academic year. Applications are due **September 23**. They can be dropped off to UMC 416 or emailed to amanda.linsenmeyer@colorado.edu.

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Events On Campus and Around Town...

[Bridge House](#) is currently conducting a **raffle to win a 2013 Prius**. All proceeds will benefit Bridge House's innovative solutions to end homelessness. The drawing will be held on October 18, and the price is \$25 per ticket, 5 for \$100. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

[The Jewish Experience](#) is currently looking for an administrative assistant. If you are a recent CU graduate looking for work, please contact Lynn Cooper at lcooper@theje.com.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is hosting a traveling exhibition **Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings** at the Anythink Wright Farms in Thornton through **September 28**. Visit anythinklibraries.org for more information.

The Buffalo Bicycle Classic is Sunday, September 8. Since 2003, more than \$1.6 million in scholarships have been awarded to promising students in CU Boulder's College of Arts and Sciences. The ride is the single largest source of scholarships within the CU College of Arts and Sciences, which is the largest and oldest college at the university. It always a beautiful day in Boulder with rides for all ages! To learn more and register, visit buffalobicycleclassic.com.

Save the date for **Menorah: Arts, Culture and Education at the Boulder JCC's** annual fundraiser on **Sunday, October 6**. This year features a jazz brunch, concert and silent auction and honors Barbara and Tom Trager. A portion of the proceeds generously support the Menorah Jewish Arts Grant given each year to CU Jewish Studies majors and minors engaged in cultural arts projects. Visit boulderjcc.org or email Kathryn@boulderjcc.org.

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For questions or to have information about your campus or community event included in our newsletter, please contact Jamie Polliard at jamie.polliard@colorado.edu.