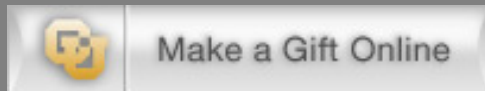




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→ Welcome Back from our Director, Professor David Shneer...

Welcome Back Students, Staff, and Faculty...

CU is the only university in the Rocky Mountain Region with a degree-granting undergraduate program in Jewish Studies and a burgeoning graduate program working across the disciplines. In addition, we teach between 1500 and 2000 students every year from all kinds of backgrounds and experiences, as our faculty and students together create transformative classrooms. The Program in Jewish Studies gives its students both a world-class education in the classroom and professional and life skills through experiential learning, co-curricular activities, and community partnerships. [The Service Learning Internship in Jewish Studies \(JWST3930\)](#) offers professional development opportunities for students in areas of non-profit management, community service, business, politics and more, including the opportunity to intern with Congressman Jared Polis.



For students and their parents, our graduates were nearly all employed shortly after graduation in education, public service, the for- and not-for-profit sectors, or going on to law and medical school, because their senior-year [capstone projects](#) demonstrated their depth of knowledge and impressive range of skills. These skills include knowledge of a second language such as Hebrew and German, both of which have been languages of our graduates, and we look forward to working with students in Arabic, Spanish, Russian, French, Italian, Yiddish, Judeo-Spanish, or other languages.

Globally, our students travel the world to learn about other cultures and places, and bring that experience back to their CU classrooms. Our professors travel the world teaching others about their

specialties and conducting cutting edge research to advance knowledge about the past and present of the Jewish experience. This past May, under my guidance and that of Jamie Polliard, our former Assistant Director, 11 CU Boulder students spent five weeks based in Jerusalem in our global seminar, [Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel and the West Bank](#). Stay tuned to our website and newsletter for details about opportunities for the coming academic year, which may include a global seminar to Turkey!

Istanbul serves as the culmination of a year dedicated to the study of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, and Spanish Jewry, known as Sephardim. The year-long project opens with a visit from renowned prize-winning poet [Peter Cole](#), author of the book [Sacred Trash](#) (about the Cairo Geniza), translator extraordinaire of medieval Spanish Hebrew poetry, and poet himself, from whose new collection [The Invention of Influence](#) he will be reading. Over the course of the year, we will co-host the University of Chicago's [David Nirenberg](#), a specialist in medieval Mediterranean Jewry, whose new book [Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition](#) is as controversial as it is brilliant. Our annual Holocaust memorial lecture in January will focus on Salonika, Greece, formerly a port city of the Ottoman Empire, with [Devin Naar](#) from the University of Washington. The year rounds out with our 2015 [Sondra Bender Visiting Scholar](#), [Dr. Sarah Stein](#), Amado Professor of Sephardic History at UCLA and winner of the Sami Rohr Prize in Jewish Literature for her book [Plumes: Ostrich Feathers, Jews, and a Lost World of Global Commerce](#). With that kind of inspiration, our global seminar to Istanbul is bound to be oversubscribed.

We hope the fall semester is exciting, engaging and thought-provoking and we look forward to seeing you in our classrooms or at some of our events scheduled throughout the semester. Our doors are always open to everyone, so please never hesitate to bring your questions to me, Dr. Steve Glickman, or Meghan Zibby, whose offices are located in the University Club, Suite A-3.

Enjoy the semester.



Dr. David Shneer
Director of the Program in Jewish Studies
Singer Chair in Jewish History
Professor of History and Religious Studies

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Warm Welcome to Steve Glickman, PhD...

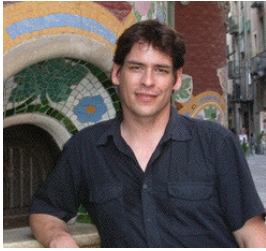
Hello everyone. Since I just joined the Program in Jewish Studies in June, when campus goings-on may have been on the backburner for many of you, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as we all gear up for a fabulous year. My name is [Steve Glickman](#). After Jamie Polliard left the university, a PJS search committee hired me to help David Shneer manage the program. I'm originally from the Chicago area and moved to Boulder to pursue my MA and PhD in English after graduating from the University of Illinois, Champaign with a BS in Advertising. Amidst my academic job search, my career path took an unexpected turn and I entered the field of Jewish educational administration and youth programming. Now a "few" years later, I have returned to what I consider my native professional environment, both the college campus in general and this campus in particular. I am a very excited to be a part of both an amazing team of colleagues and wonderful community of supporters. Please stop by the office to say hello sometime soon and let me know how I can help you.



Steven R. Glickman, Ph.D.

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→ Faculty Updates...



[Brian Catlos](#), Professor of Religious Studies, was recently featured by *Colorado Arts & Sciences Magazine* in an article entitled "[Historian adds nuance to Mideast religious history](#)," highlighting his book *Infidel Kings and Unholy Warriors: Faith, Power, and Violence in the Age of Crusade and Jihad*. Professor Catlos was also recently asked to serve as an advisor for the University of Haifa regarding their creation of a Mediterranean Center.

[Liora Halperin](#), Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, recently published an article, "[The Battle Over Jewish Studies in the Christian Missionary Schools of Mandate Palestine](#)," in *Middle Eastern Studies*, June 2014. She also presented a paper at the 2014 [Association for Israel Studies Annual Conference](#) this June entitled, "A Murder in the Grove: Conceptions of Justice in an Early Zionist Colony."



[Sasha Senderovich](#), Assistant Professor of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures and Jewish Studies, published a review essay, "[Russian Jewish American Lit Goes Boom!](#)" in *Tablet Magazine* on several books by Soviet-born American Jewish writers that have been published this year. In August, he was on the faculty of the [Great Jewish Books](#) program for high school students at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts.

This past June 2014, [Nick Underwood](#), PhD Candidate in History, presented a paper entitled "Ouvriers juifs, avant-garde juive: P.I.A.T. et le développement du théâtre yiddish de gauche à Paris dans l'entre-deux guerres," at [Sciences Po Paris](#) monthly seminar, "Histoire des Juifs en Europe après 1945." This Fall 2014, Nick will be teaching "Western Civilization II" at [Napa Valley College](#).



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→ Faculty and Graduate Student Colloquium with Author and Journalist Benjamin Pogrund...



Drawing Fire: Investigating the Accusations of Apartheid in Israel

Faculty and Graduate Student Colloquium with Author and Journalist Benjamin Pogrund

Thursday, September 18 @ 12PM

Faculty and students invited - Space is limited

Please RSVP to CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu for

location and pre-circulated reading

Box lunch provided with RSVP

Pogrund to CU for a faculty and graduate student colloquium discussion focused on his recent book [*Drawing Fire: Investigating the Accusations of Apartheid in Israel*](#). Learn more at JewishStudies.colorado.edu.

While in Colorado, Mr. Pogrund also will be serving as the Selichot guest speaker at [BMH-BJ Congregation](#), Saturday, September 20 @ 8PM. All are welcome to this free public event, hosted by ActionIsrael. For more information, please contact Della Jultak at 303.951.8231 or djultak@thedenversynagogue.org.

Questions? Please contact the Program in Jewish Studies at CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu or by phone at 303.492.7143.

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Scholarships and Resources for Students...

PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS SECTION OF OUR [WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE GREAT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

[Katina Rogers](#), PhD, Managing Editor of [MLA Commons](#), will be conducting a talk and a workshop for CU's Graduate School's series "[Beyond Academia](#)" (pdf).

Public Lecture: "New Models for Humanities Graduate Study and Scholarly Communication," Wednesday, September 3 @ 4PM-5:15PM, UMC Gallery

Graduate Student Workshop: "Exploring the Possibilities: Career Development for Humanities Grad Students" - Open to all CU-Boulder graduate students - Thursday, September 4, 3PM-5PM, Abrams Room, C4C

The University of Toronto's Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures and Center for Jewish Studies announce a call for papers for an interdisciplinary symposium "[Global Yiddish Culture in 1938-1948](#)." Submissions are due **September 16, 2014**.

The Saul Kagan Claims Conference is offering [Fellowships for Advanced Shoah Studies](#) for PhD and post-doctoral candidates. Applications are due **January 5, 2015**.

Tel Aviv University is offering an [International MA in Migration Studies](#). Learn more at their [website](#).

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On Campus & Around Town...

[Congregation Nevei Kodesh](#) is now hiring for the position of [Religious School Teacher](#) (pdf). This opportunity is open to all students. If interested, please contact Charna at school@neveikodesh.org or call 303.443.4567.

[Kavod Senior Life](#) is now hiring a [Community Outreach Coordinator](#) (pdf). If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Christine Dewhurst at cdewhurst@kavodseniorlife.org.

Professors Padmotso and [Holly Gayley](#) will present a lecture entitled, "[Non-Violence as a Shifting Signifier on the Tibetan Plateau](#)," Thursday, August 28 @ 12PM, CAS Conference Room.

Past CU visiting Holocaust Scholar, [Dr. Natascha Drubek](#), has convened a conference entitled "[Films from Ghettos and Camps: Propaganda-Clandestine Messages-Historical Source](#)" September 4-7 at the Terezín Memorial, Czech Republic.

Be sure to attend CU's annual [Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference](#), September 5-7. Learn more [here](#) (pdf).

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For questions or to have information about your campus or community event included in our newsletter, please contact Steve Glickman at Steven.Glickman@colorado.edu.