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Alumni Highlight...

Sam Lentz came to CU from Boston, MA, and graduated this past Spring 2015 with a Major in Sociology and a Minor in Jewish Studies.

We would like to congratulate Sam on his recent employment as a Central Accounts Coordinator for [EF Education Tours](#)!

During his time at CU, Sam participated in the 2013 inaugural [Global Seminar to Israel and the West Bank](#). As part of the global seminar, Sam served as an intern with Israeli non-profit organization [Hiddush](#). Sam states, "Not only did I receive full course credit for the global seminar and the internship, I also gained valuable work experience that made me more marketable in the current job market. *My international work experience definitely made me more appealing to an international company* which prides itself on being the world leader in international study travel and education." For Sam, one of the best parts about working for EF Educational Tours is that he is able to travel internationally. "Even though they do not have any trips to Israel, I am very much looking forward to where this job will take me."



For students considering [majoring or minoring in Jewish Studies](#), Sam recommends, "The events, programs, and resources that are offered through the Program in Jewish Studies are definitely worth checking out. Even stopping by the Jewish Studies office and meeting

some of the [faculty](#) and [staff](#) would be a great way to learn about everything that the major and minor have to offer."

****Want to appeal to an international company after graduation?***

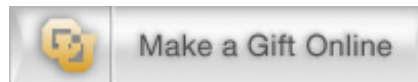
Look out for more information regarding this coming year's
Global Seminar to Istanbul, led by [Professor Nan Goodman!](#)



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Donations can be made online at cufund.org or contact Kimberly Bowman, Director of Development at the University of Colorado Foundation at 303.541.1446.

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[→ Faculty News...](#)



[Brian Catlos](#), Professor of Religious Studies, will be conducting a guest lecture entitled "A New Take on the Crusades," October 2 for [Prof. Younus Mirza's](#) course *Islam and Other Faiths* at Allegheny College. He will be also be conducting a CU Chancellor's Seminar October 3 entitled, "Islamic Culture, Medieval Spain, the Mediterranean and the West: From Bob Dylan to Deep Blue."

[Elias Sacks](#), Assistant Professor in Religious Studies and Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies, will be speaking at two conferences in the coming weeks. On September 30, he will deliver a paper entitled "Religion Contested: Mendelssohn's Aesthetic Critique of Christianity" at a conference on [Sara Levy's World: Music, Gender, and Judaism in Enlightenment Berlin](#) at Rutgers. On October 1, he will speak at CU as part of a conference, organized by the Musuem of Natural History, on [The Meaning of Names: Naming Diversity in the 21st Century](#). His paper will be entitled "The Perils and Promise of Philosophical Naming: Moses Mendelssohn on Philosophy, History, and Language."



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[→ What's New at the Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive...](#)

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of students and volunteers, nearly one-third of the materials received last winter from the [Mazal Holocaust Collection](#) have been inventoried. Special thanks to Jewish Studies affiliated graduate students Sarah Gavison and Scott Meyers, undergraduate student Eric Alterman, volunteer student from Brandeis University Eli Boonin-Vail, and Jewish Studies alum Ren Scherling for making great progress on making this collection accessible for everyone.



At the end of last semester, the archive received a gift from Richard Campbell that includes archival materials from the **ReichskulturKammer (RKK or The Nazi Imperial Chamber of Culture)**. These rare documents provide documentation on cultural norms, propaganda, and the de-Judiazation of Germany and German-occupied territories during World War II. In addition, the Campbell Collection includes books, articles and documents on the history, leadership and mission of the RKK, files on Jewish individuals and organizations banned after 1933, materials on economic laws passed to exclude Jews from doing business in Germany, lists of Jews living in Germany and Austria compiled by the Gestapo in 1938, the 1942 publication that outlined the post-war European economic plan and strategy (i.e. European Common Market) and numerous other rare documents. Thanks to Jewish Studies affiliated graduate student Rivka Weisberg for completing an inventory of the documents from this collection.

Finally, with the passing of Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi on July 3, 2014, there is a new urgency to add more photos, audio and videos to our digital library site. We hope to begin scanning important papers and documents soon.

Students: If you have skills in document scanning and a work-study award, please contact [Dr. Stephanie Yugas](#) to discuss possible work in the archive. She can be reached at 303-492-3797.

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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, staff and graduate students invited - Space is limited

Please RSVP to CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu for location and pre-circulated reading
Box lunch provided with RSVP

While in Colorado, Pogrund will also 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, the Anti-Defamation League, BMH-BJ, Jewish Community Relations Council, and Jewish National Fund. 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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→ CU at the Boulder JCC Presents Professor Mark Winokur...

[CU at the BJCC: A Scholars Series](#)

"The Marx Brothers and Jewish-American (literary) identity"

With [Professor Mark Winokur](#)

Thursday, September 18 at 7PM

Boulder JCC, 3800 Kalmia Ave.

Join the Boulder JCC's [Menorah: Arts, Culture, and Education](#) for a fascinating presentation by [Mark Winokur](#), Associate Professor of English, entitled "The Marx Brothers and Jewish-American (literary) identity."



Throughout the year, Menorah is hosting a lecture series highlighting the faculty of the Program in Jewish Studies.

Tickets are available online for \$12: \$15 at the door. Series package \$80 (\$10 per program). **Students with valid student IDs are free of charge.**

Learn more about this series at

www.boulderjcc.org.



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→ Is this the Palestinian Gandhi? *Painful Hope: A Discussion with Peace Activist Ali Abu Awwad...*



Painful Hope: A Discussion with Palestinian Peace Activist, Ali Abu Awwad

Tuesday, September 23 @ 6PM

Muenzinger, Room E0046

Free and Open to the Public

Space is Limited -

Please RSVP to CUJewishStudies@colorado.edu

Join the students from the 2014 [Global Seminar to Israel and the West Bank](#) to listen to **Ali Abu Awwad**, a Palestinian peace activist who has dedicated his life to non-violence and the movement for peace in Israel and Palestine. The Global Seminar students had the opportunity

to meet Mr. Awwad and his collaborator, Shaul Judelman, an Israeli settler from Gush Etzion, during their stay in Jerusalem this past summer. Following his talk, Mr. Awwad will be in discussion with [David Shneer](#), Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History, and Professor of History and Religious Studies.

Questions? Please contact the Program in Jewish Studies at

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→ Scholarships and Resources for Students...

The CU Archives are now looking for a work-study student to help process the [Mazal Holocaust Collection](#)!

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Students, looking for research resources? Check out the [Norlin Learner's Lunch Series](#) (pdf), **Wednesdays 12-1PM** in Norlin Commons Room E113.

Ever had a problem finding an outlet at the library? Can't find your books? Want to improve the library? The University Libraries are recruiting students for a [Student Libraries Advisory Board \(SLAB\)](#) (Google doc). Please apply [here](#) (Google doc) by **September 14, 2014**. Questions? Email libslab@colorado.edu.

[The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute](#) is now offering a variety of grants for research projects on Jewish women and gender issues. Applications are due **September 15, 2014**. Learn more about these grants on their [website](#).

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**.

[UGGS Graduate Student Travel Grant](#) applications are now open! Applications are due by **September 17, 2014**. Find grant application requirements on their [website](#).

Masters students, check out the [Smart Start to Grad School Workshop Series](#), a six workshop series designed to help you develop your study skills, balance your work and social life, and learn tips for time management. The first workshop is **September 23**. Find out more about the series [here](#).

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is offering a seminar entitled, "A [Research Introduction to the Holocaust in the Soviet Union](#)," January 5-9, 2015. Applications are due **September 30, 2014**. Learn more about the seminar at the [USHMM website](#).

Looking for volunteer experience? [The Herd Leadership Council](#) is now looking for enthusiastic students who want leadership experience! Check them out on [Facebook](#) and apply [here](#)!

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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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.