

Kol Mevaser: The Voice of Jewish Studies at CU-Boulder

Letter from our Director, Nan Goodman



After a sobering recent report on how excluded and ill at ease various groups of racially and ethnically identified students feel at the University of Colorado, faculty, staff, students, and administrators are turning their attention to issues of inclusivity with the goal of making the campus feel more like home for everyone. To this end, all academic units on campus were recently tasked with trying to define "inclusive excellence," the new CU standard for moving beyond compositional diversity to foster an enduringly comfortable environment... [Read](#)

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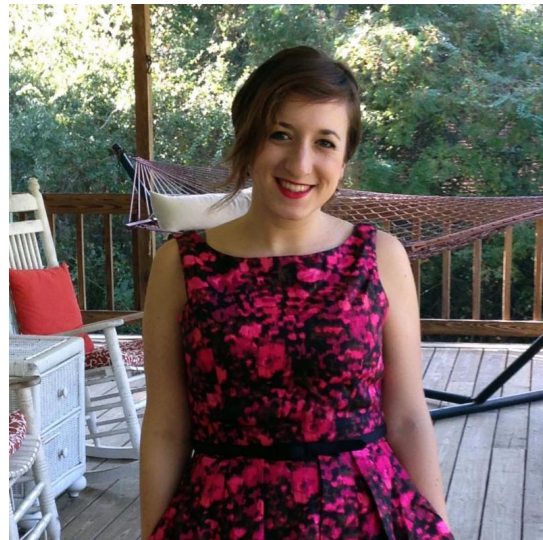
Student and Alum Highlights



Graduate Student: Adi Nester

Meet Adi Nester, Ph.D. Candidate in German & Slavic Languages & Literatures.

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Alum: Chelsea Miller

2014 IAFS/JWST alum and current law student at CUNY to pursue internship at the Hague.

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Religion and Politics: CU-DU Week of Jewish Philosophy



On April 13-14, the Program in Jewish Studies and the [Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver](#) will host a series of events on Religion and Politics.

Organized as part of the joint CU-DU annual *Week of Jewish Philosophy*, these events will feature seminars by [Michael Morgan](#), Professor of Jewish Studies and Philosophy at Indiana University, and a panel discussion with faculty from CU, DU, and Iliff School of Theology.

[Click here to learn more about this year's Week of Jewish Philosophy](#)

Student Interns Reflect on Social Justice in Their Work

This past Fall 2015, students in Professor Nan Goodman's *Internship in Jewish Studies* course (JWST 3930) were asked to reflect on their internships in the context of Jill Jacobs's book on social justice, *There Shall Be No Needy*. Their responses blew us away.

"As Jill Jacobs points out in There Shall Be No Needy, the goal [of "tikkun olam"] is not to eradicate other religions, but to promote... peace. Through my work, I was exposed to differing viewpoints about religion. At points, this was difficult, but the approach that focused on human rights abuses was something that was refreshing to me."

- Alexandria Harding, Intern for the Jerusalem Institute of Justice

[Read more student reflections and learn about the Internship in Jewish Studies](#)

Alexis Aaeng, Double Major in Jewish Studies and History, was selected for a prestigious Graduate Fellowship at the Yiddish Book Center. [Read More](#)

Brian Catlos, Professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies, will participate in a two-day colloquium on Mediterranean Jewry. [Read More](#)

Gregg Drinkwater, Ph.D. Candidate in History, conducted research for his dissertation on American Judaism and homosexuality with the support of a Baer Graduate Fellowship. [Read More](#)

Liora Halperin, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, presented a lecture for University of Washington's "Beyond the Binary: Israel Studies Today" series. [Read More](#)

Kathryn Huether, M.A. Candidate in the Department of Religious Studies, was awarded a Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace from Middlebury College. [Read More](#)

Tyler Lehrer, Outreach and Administrative Coordinator and MA Candidate in Religious Studies, received a Ray Hauser Award for his MA thesis research. [Read More](#)

Yonatan Malin, Associate Professor of Music Theory and Jewish Studies, spoke about his research at a colloquium in the College of Music at CU-Boulder. [Read More](#)

Eyal Rivlin, Hebrew Language Instructor, led students in the second annual Hebrew Shmooze-A-Palooza. Students performed in Hebrew and Yiddish. [Read More](#)

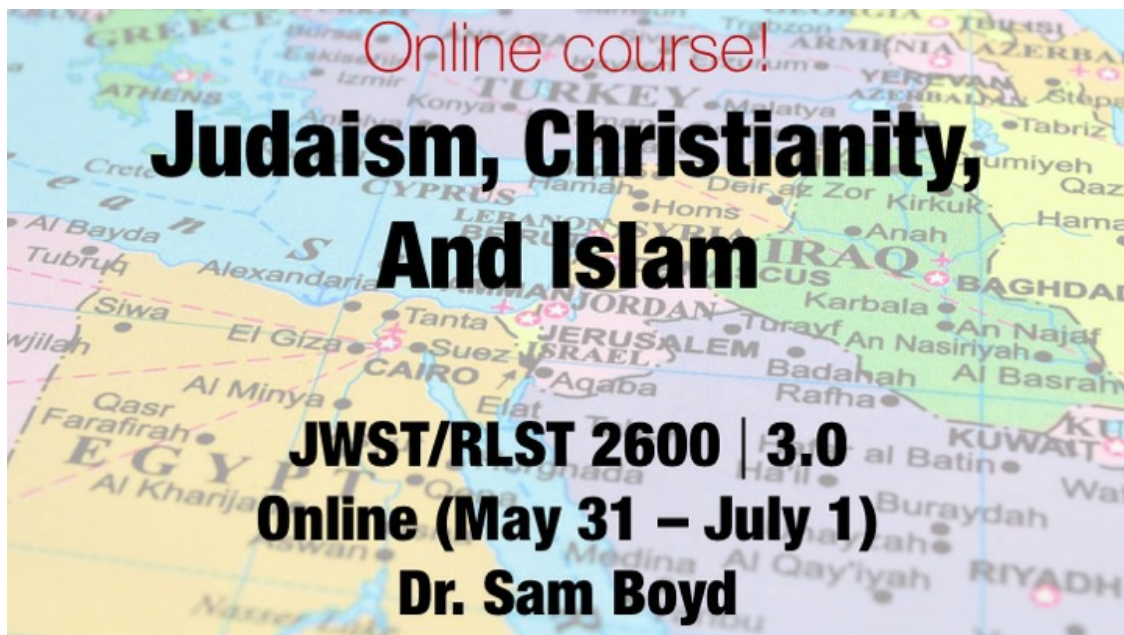
Elias Sacks, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies, recently published two articles on Moses Mendelssohn. [Read More](#)

Sasha Senderovich, Assistant Professor of Russian Studies and Jewish Studies, presented a chapter of his book in progress at the Jewish Studies Workshop at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. [Read More](#)

Nick Underwood, Ph.D. Candidate in History, presented the Max Weinreich Fellowship Lecture at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research on March 16, 2016. [Read More](#)

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Dr. Sam Boyd

Summer and Fall registration is now open! The Program in Jewish Studies is offering a variety of unique, cross-listed courses this coming Summer and Fall terms. Many of them count as core curriculum requirements! Check out our highlighted classes below. A full course list can

Note to Graduating Seniors:



If you are graduating this May 2016, congratulations, we look forward to celebrating with you!

If you believe that you are graduating with a Major or Minor in Jewish Studies but have not yet declared or applied for graduation, you must do so ASAP with our advisor [Michael Lynn](#). Please arrange to meet with Michael as soon as possible via [email](#).

All students graduating with Majors or Minors in Jewish Studies must be in contact with our office no later than **Friday, April 8** so that we can plan for you at our commencement ceremony, which will take place Friday, May 6 @ 10:00AM. Please email both our undergraduate director [Dr. Zilla Goodman](#) and our Executive Manager [Meghan Zibby](#).

CU at the JCC: *Magic, the Bible, and the Biblical Imagination in Jewish Mysticism* with Prof. Sam Boyd



Thursday, April 14 at 7:00PM, [Boulder JCC](#)

[Sam Boyd](#), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies, will be giving a talk as part of Menorah's CU at the JCC series. Professor Boyd will reflect on the variety and nature of religious, ritual, and magical practices in ancient Israel and the ancient Near East. Boyd examines these subjects in light of modern theories of religion and ritual, and considers what the biblical texts and these modern theories reveal about current religious practices. Free for CU students with a valid student ID. [Click here to learn more and register](#).

Community Events and Opportunities

The [Bar-Ilan University \(Israel\) interdisciplinary summer program in conflict resolution](#) offers students the opportunity to earn 10 academic credits in a period of four weeks (June 30 - July 28, 2016) and earn a certificate. [Read More](#)

For graduating students or alumni, the [Denver Jewish Day School](#) is hiring for a Tzedek Social Justice Coordinator. [Read More](#)

[Ruth Behar](#), Professor of Anthropology at University of Michigan, will be giving a

Join The History Colorado Center for an evening with [Father Patrick Desbois](#), president of the Yahad-In Unum Association, in conversation with JWST Prof. David Shneer on Thursday, April 14. [Read More](#)

The [Center for Jewish Nonviolence](#) is seeking seeking participants for their summer trip. [Read More](#)



The [Naomi Prawer Kadar International Yiddish Summer Program](#) at Tel Aviv

workshop and public lecture on ethnographic writing and her work in Cuba on April 6th. [Read More](#)

Holocaust Remembrance Week at the BJCC, April 17-21, is a community-wide exploration and commemoration of the Holocaust, featuring a keynote presentation, two film premieres, a concert, speakers, and Holocaust survivor testimony. [Read More](#)

University is now accpring applications for its Yiddish Language and Literature this summer. [Read More](#)

Beverly Weber, Associate Professor of Germanic Studies and Jewish Studies, will be giving a talk "Skins: The Politics of Intimacy in Contemporary European Cinema" on April 6th as part of the GSSL colloquium series. [Read more](#)

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