

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

Letter from our Director, Nan Goodman



In Act I, Scene 1 of the Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman play, "You Can't Take It With You," the character known as Grandpa, the patriarch of the eccentric Vanderhof family, returns home after attending the graduation ceremony at Columbia University, which he does every year for the sheer fun of it. "Well sir, you should have been there," he announces. "That's all I can say-you should have been there."

Allow me to echo Grandpa's words. The Program in Jewish Studies graduated 14 undergraduates, one Master's student, and our very first PhD student on May 6, 2016, and "you should have been there." [Read More](#)

Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Graduates!



On May 6, 2016, the Program in Jewish Studies along with family, friends, faculty and community members celebrated the accomplishments of the Jewish Studies class of 2015-2016. This year, we graduated six Jewish Studies majors, eight minors, and awarded two graduate student endorsements. We also honored our numerous scholarship, fellowship and award winners and interns.

All of our students are doing incredible things after graduation and with their awards. Click the links below to learn more.

Graduating Class of 2015-2016:

Majors in Jewish Studies

Alexis Brooke Aeng
David Thomas Coons
Michelle De Nardis

Minors in Jewish Studies

Michelle Christine Ferris
Alex Kareene Giltz
Emily Rose Goodman

Benjamin Israel Sanders
Paul Schirmer
Henry Ostrom White

Rachel Brooke Rappaport
Kayla Eve Soskin

Minors in Hebrew and Israel Studies

Aliza Gayelle Gold
Michelle De Nardis
Jeffrey Silverstein

Graduate Endorsement Recipients

Kathryn Agnes Huether
Nicholas Lee Underwood

Scholarship, Fellowship, and Award Recipients:

Barry & Sue Baer Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship

Toby Eugene Bollig

Katherine Jacob Lamont Scholarship

Samuel Isaac Rheins
Sally Claire Simpson

Ulrich Goldsmith Memorial Prize in German-Jewish Studies

Adi Nester

Menorah: Arts, Culture, & Education at the JCC Jewish Arts Grant

David Thomas Coons
Adam Sekuler

Department of History - Jewish Studies Mazal Summer Fellowship

Gregg Drinkwater

2015-2016 Student Advisory Board

Alexis Brooke Aaeng
Toby Eugene Bollig
David Thomas Coons
Eleanor Rullkoetter Landsbaum
Sally Claire Simpson

Barry & Sue Baer Graduate Fellowship

Gregg Drinkwater
Sarah Jean Gavison
Kathryn Agnes Huether
Adi Nester
Nicholas Lee Underwood
Dillon Brian-Thomas Webster

Rabbi Daniel & Ida Goldberger Study Abroad and Cultural Immersion Graduate Fellowship

Scott Kommel Meyers
Joshua Stolper Siary
Dillon Brian-Thomas Webster

CHA - JWST Post-Holocaust American Judaism Summer Fellowship

Jacob Allen Flaws
Sara Elisabeth Krumminga

Jewish Studies Global Initiatives Scholarship

Gavin Patrick Coulson
Ahmet Cem Durak
Sarah Jean Gavison

Click the buttons below to:

Meet our Graduates and Award Recipients

Read Alexis Aaeng's Valedictory Speech

Faculty and Graduate Student Updates

Liora Halperin, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, gave lectures about her book, *Babel in Zion*:

Yonatan Malin, Associate Professor of Music Theory

Eyal Rivlin, Hebrew Language Instructor, received a CU-Engage

Jews, Language, and Nationalism in Palestine, 1920-1948 at Middlebury College (VT) and the University of Oxford. [Read More](#)

and Jewish Studies, published an article on Eastern Ashkenazi Biblical Cantillation in Yuval. [Read More](#)

Fellowship as part of a cohort of faculty spearheading community-based learning initiatives on campus. [Read More](#)

Elias Sacks, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Graduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies, recently published an essay on the German-Jewish thinker Franz Rosenzweig. [Read More](#)

Sasha Senderovich, Assistant Professor of Russian and Jewish Studies, spent the Spring 2016 on research leave as a Harry Starr Fellow in Judaica at the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard University. [Read More](#)

Nick Underwood, recent Ph.D. in History with a Graduate Endorsement from the Program in Jewish Studies at CU-Boulder, published his first peer-reviewed journal article in a special issue of *French Politics, Culture & Society*. [Read More](#)

Be Interdisciplinary.

Take a [course](#) in Jewish Studies.

Build your resume. Land the job.

Earn class credit while gaining professional experience.

Internship in Jewish Studies:

JWST 3930 | 3.0 | Prof. Eyal Rivlin | W 1:00PM–3:30PM

All positions are open to all students regardless of background or major, Jewish and non-Jewish.

[View open internships now!](#)

The Fall 2016 [Internship in Jewish Studies](#) brings together Jewish Studies and students' professional paths by placing you in a non-profit organization, educational institution, political office, medical school, or other site for a semester of service learning.

Email [Meghan Zibby](#) to start your placement process today!

Don't miss out on these great classes in Jewish Studies!

NEW COURSE! Mystics and Messiahs: The Jewish

Tradition

JWST 1234-010 | 3.0 credits | MW @ 2:00PM - 2:50PM, Recitation Required
Nan Goodman, Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, Professor of English and Jewish Studies

****MEETS CORE REQUIREMENT: IDEALS AND VALUES****

NEW COURSE! Intro to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

JWST/RLST 1900-001 | 3.0 credits | TTH @ 9:30AM - 10:45AM
Sam Boyd, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies

Topics in Hebrew Studies: Radical Jews

JWST 4101-002 | 3.0 credits | TTH @ 2:00PM - 3:15PM
Zilla Goodman, Senior Instructor, Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies

Beginning Modern Hebrew, First Semester

HEBR 1010-001 | 4.0 credits | MWF @ 10:00AM - 11:10AM
Eyal Rivlin, Hebrew Language Instructor

[Click here for our full Fall 2016 course list](#)



Community Events and Opportunities

The Program in Jewish Studies will be at the [Boulder Jewish Festival](#) this year, Sunday, June 19! Come visit our booth!

Also, the Boulder Jewish Festival needs event volunteers for the day of the festival! June 19th on the Pearl Street Mall. Many different volunteer jobs, meet new people, and special treats for volunteers! Please click on [this link](#) and tell BJF how you can help. Teenagers welcome-get a jump on your community service hours for next year!

Colorado poet seeks Ph.D. student or postdoctoral scholar familiar with medieval and modern Spain to fact-check glossary/notes section of poetry collection. Good Spanish skills and some Hebrew would be necessary, although most of the text is in English. Compensation is negotiable, and credit will be given in the book's acknowledgements. Please contact [Henry Rasof](#).

Celebrate Pride Week with J Denver June 17 - June 19, featuring a Pride Shabbat at the J with Dr. Caryn Aviv on Friday and a March with Jewish Community Pride on Sunday! Learn more [here](#).

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