

Program for the MJSA 2015 Conference  
**Sunday Panels are all in the Bliss Room (Eldridge Extended)**  
**Coffee available in Valentine Room 9am-5pm**



**9:00-9:50 am: Growing Anti-Semitism**

Chair: Paul R. Bartrop, Florida Gulf Coast University

“The Collaboration of France with Nazi Germany: Antisemitism in France Leading up to and during the Second World War.”

Jessica Evers, Florida Gulf Coast University

“Middleman Minorities: A Socioeconomic Evaluation of the Blood Libel in England from 1066-1290”

Elizabeth Snyder, Florida Gulf Coast University

**10-10:50am: Creating Reform Community**

Chair: David Meola, University of South Alabama

“Another Story of Irish Jewry: The Dublin Jewish Progressive Congregation”

John Roberts, Queen’s University

“Creating a Congregation in the Hinterland of Springfield, Missouri”

Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University

**11:00am-12:15pm: German Jewish Identity**

Chair: Ari Linden, University of Kansas

“The Meaning of Jewishness in Viennese Culture around 1900”

Klaus Hoedl, Universität Graz

“The Location of Jewish Art in Early Twentieth-century Germany”

Celka Straughn, University of Kansas

"German Jewish lives: More than Antisemitism and the Holocaust?"

David Meola, University of South Alabama

**Lunch 12:20-1:00pm in the Valentine Room**

**1:00-1:50pm: Pedagogy**

Chair: Cheryl Lester, University of Kansas

“Jewish Literacy: It’s Not What...but How”

Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University

“Creating a Zionist Aesthetics: The Role of Weimar Photography in Zionist Education”

Rebekka Grossman, Hebrew University

**2:00-2:50pm: Music**

Chair: John Younger, University of Kansas

“Reinhold Glieras: Russian-Jewish Composer in the Age of Musical Nationalism”

Susan Filler, Independent Scholar

“‘But not all fools can sing!’ The History of the Degradation of the Cantor in Jewish Life from Talmudic Times through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century”

Benjamin D. Matis, The Jagiellonian University

**3:00-3:50pm: Religious Texts**

Chair: Molly Zahn, University of Kansas

“Master-Disciple Discipline in Early Rabbinic Sources”

Matthew Goldstone, New York University

“Exploring the Torah as a Book outside Time”

Russell Jay Hendel, Towson University

**4:00-5:00pm: Hispanic Jewish Language and Culture**

Chair: Charlyn Ingwerson, Drury University

“Language, Jewishness, and Hispanicity in *Los israelitas españoles y el idioma castellano*”

Andrew Soria, University of Southern California

“Jewish Diaspora: Sephardic Identity and Music in Curaçao”

Nicolette van den Bogerd, California State University, Long Beach

**5:15-6:15pm Reception** sponsored by KU School of Music and Buffet-Crampon Clarinets

Crystal Ballroom

Performance and Lecture: “Journey of Love: the Clarinet in Klezmer”

by Stephanie Zelnick, Associate Professor of Clarinet, University of Kansas School of Music

**6:15-7:15pm Dinner**

Crystal Ballroom

**7:15pm**

Welcome by Henry Bial, Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Director of the School of the Arts, Professor in the Department of Theatre, University of Kansas

Welcome by John Younger, Director of Jewish Studies and Professor of Classics, University of Kansas

Greetings by Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, President of Midwest Jewish Studies Association

Introduction of Dr. Finder by

Fran Sternberg, Lecturer in the Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas

**Plenary:** Gabriel Finder presents "Jewish Honor Courts: Revenge, Retribution, and Reconciliation in Europe and Israel after the Holocaust"

Ida and Nathan Kolodiz Director of Jewish Studies and Associate Professor in the Department of Germanic Languages and Literature at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville

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**8:00-8:50am: Children and the Holocaust**

Chair: Michael Dickerman, Stockton University

“Grimm and Proper: How the Nazis used Fairy Tales to Fuel Antisemitic Propaganda”

Danielle J. Drew, Florida Gulf Coast University

“The Importance of Teaching about the Many Roles of Children during the Holocaust”

Sol A. Factor, Kent State University

**9:00-10:30am: Tradition**

Chair: Mara W. Cohen Ioannides, Missouri State University

“Sara Ruddick and the Four Mothers: *Maternal Thinking* and Israeli Peace Politics”

Charlyn Ingwerson, Drury University

“The Other Jew: How Women and the Women’s Mitzvot Perpetuated Jewish Culture and Family during Expulsion and Diaspora in Early Modern Europe”

Jillian Patch, Florida Gulf Coast University

“Lost From Memory: Nineteenth-century German-Speaking Midwestern Merchant Jewish Communities.”

David Katzman, University of Kansas

**10:45am-11:45am: Re-interpreting the Holocaust Experience**

Chair: Shelly Cline, Midwest Center for Holocaust Education

“Elie Wiesel’s *The Trial of God* as a Prototype of Post-Holocaust Jewish Theology”

Michael Dickerman, Stockton University

“Saying No: The Many and Varied Forms of Resistance during the *Shoah*”

Paul R. Bartrop, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Lunch 12-1:00pm in the Valentine Room**

Presentation of Graduate Student Paper Award by

Paul R. Bartrop, Vice President, Midwest Jewish Studies Association

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