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9:30AM

Registration

10:30AM - 11:00AM | Room 155

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Session 1

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 155

1.1 EXPLORANDO ALTERNATIVAS: LA MUJER EN MÉXICO

Chair: Linda Hanono Askenazi (Universidad Iberoamericana)

- **Ciudadanas conscientes, extranjeras agradecidas: El Consejo Mexicano de Mujeres Israelitas, 1941-2012**, Ana Lau and Roxana Rodríguez (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco)
- **Madame Cosmic Rays**, Olivia Gall Sonabend (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- **Identidad escindida: autoras judeo-mexicanas**, Herlinda Dabbah (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- **Empresarias judías en México**, Linda Hanono Askenazi (Universidad Iberoamericana)

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 159

1.2 EL IMAGINARIO JUDÍO EN LA MÚSICA, EL TEATRO Y LA LITERATURA

Chair: Ariana Huberman (Haverford College)

- **De moscas, excrementos y revistas de moda: lo yuxtapuesto y lo interdisciplinario en Margo Glantz**, Chiara Donà (Heinrich-Heine-Universität, Düsseldorf)
- **"Gordin es mejor que Shakespeare!" Mímesis de secularización en el teatro ídish**, Susana Skura (Universidad de Buenos Aires; Memoria Abierta)
- **La diáspora como poética intertextual: límites sonoros, intertextualidad y sintaxis en La Pasión según San Marcos de Osvaldo Golijov**, Lila Fabro (Universidad de Buenos Aires; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)
- **La historia en la ficción de Teresa Porzecanski**, Renée Scott (University of North Florida)

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 157

1.3 NEGOTIATING REPRESENTATION AND CHANGE IN VISUAL AND LITERARY GENRES

Chair: Naomi Lindstrom (University of Texas at Austin – Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies)

- **Judaísmo y psicoanálisis: modos de representación y resignificación en dramas seriados argentinos**, Gabriela Jonas Aharoni (Sapir College)
- **How Far Can Parents Go? Parental Intervention in Couples' Relationships in Argentine and U.S. Cinema**, Nora Glickman (Queens College-CUNY)
- **Father Knows Best? Intergenerational Conflict in Cintia Moscovich's Fiction**, James Hussar (California State University, Fullerton)
- **Judaísmo y sus artistas visuales contemporáneos en Argentina**, Irene Jaievsky (Curator, Museo de la Mujer, Buenos Aires)

12:45PM - 1:45PM | Room 223

LUNCH AND BOOK PRESENTATIONS

Chair: Susana Skura (Universidad de Buenos Aires; Memoria Abierta)

Session 2

1:45PM - 3:30PM | Room 159

2.1 "THE LOCAL" IN LATIN AMERICAN YIDDISH LITERATURE

Chair: Alan Astro (Trinity University)

- **Yiddish Buenos Aires Abroad: Interwar Travel and Cultural Export**, William Gertz Runyan (University of Michigan)
- **At *hey*m in the *hoyf*: Mimi Pinzón's Yiddish Argentina**, Joanna Meadvin (University of California, Santa Cruz)
- **México D.F. "la ciudad de los palacios" en la literatura ídish**, Tamara Gleason Freidberg (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

1:45PM - 3:30PM | Room 157

2.2 TRIUMVIRATE OF MEMORY: EVIDENCE, REPRESENTATION, AND THEMATIC CONNECTIONS TO THE HOLOCAUST IN LATIN AMERICA

Sponsored by the Holocaust Studies Initiative (Florida International University)

Chair: Daniela Gleizer (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México)

- **The Objective and the Subjective: The International Tracing Service and Holocaust Memoir**, Christina Chavarría (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum) [co-authored with Jaime Wurzel (Salem State University)]
- **Family Portrait and Olga: Brazilian Works about the Holocaust**, Ann Helen Wainer (Author)
- **Representación de la Shoah en Colombia**, Lorena Cardona González (Universidad Nacional de la Plata)
- **Money, Ships, and Diamonds: Jewish Refugees in Cuba during WWII**, Margalit Bejarano (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

1:45PM - 3:30PM | Room 155

2.3 NEW FORMS OF JEWISH LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Chair: Valeria Cababié-Schindler (Florida International University)

- **Orthodox Jewish Education and the São Paulo, Brazil Orthodox Jewish Community in the 21st Century**, Daniela Susana Guertzenstein (Universidade de São Paulo)
- **¿En qué momento nos convertimos en 'gente como uno'? Una aproximación a la inserción social de los judíos de la ciudad de Lima**, Romina Yalonzky (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)
- **Amishav-Shavei Israel y DAI-Ramla: las mediaciones de la identidad de los latinos-americanos conversos al judaísmo en Israel (1990-2008)**, Eduardo Torres (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Session 3

3:40PM - 5:20PM | Room 155

3.1 LA POESÍA MÍSTICA JUDEOLATINOAMERICANA

Chair: David William Foster (Arizona State University)

- **La poesía mística de Juana García Abás**, Stephen A. Sadow (Northeastern University)
- **Jenny Asse: la pasión amorosa como entrega mística-poética**, Angelina Muñiz-Huberman (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- **Recreaciones místicas en la poesía de Isaac Goldemberg**, Ariana Huberman (Haverford College)
- **Jacobo Fijman: entre la profecía y la mística**, Naomi Lindstrom (University of Texas at Austin – Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies)

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3.2 JEWS, SPORTS, AND SOCIETY

Chair: Iván Cherjovsky (Universidad Nacional de Quilmes; Universidad Abierta Interamericana; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)

- **Beyond Stereotypes: Jews and Sports in Latin American Film and Fiction,** Alejandro Meter (University of San Diego)
- **Making an Adjustment: Jews and Sports in the Americas,** David Sheinin (Trent University) and Raanan Rein (Tel Aviv University)
- **Discussant: Raanan Rein (Tel Aviv University)**

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SEMINAR I: ANTHROPOLOGY AND LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES: A DIALOGUE

Chair: Misha Klein (University of Oklahoma)

- Ruth Behar (University of Michigan)
- Misha Klein (University of Oklahoma)
- Natasha Zaretsky (Rutgers University)

5:30PM | Room 155

Keynote Address

Dr. Tudor Parfitt (Florida International University)

Judaism and Color: Black Jews in Latin America and the Caribbean

6:30PM | Room 223

Kosher Reception

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8:30AM

Coffee

Session 4

9:00AM - 10:45AM | Room 155

4.1 NARRATING JEWISH COMMUNITY AND HISTORY

 Sponsored by the Department of History (Florida International University)

Chair: Adriana M. Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)

- **La memoria étnica puesta en escena: tres aniversarios de la colonización judía en Moisés Ville**, Iván Cherjovsky (Universidad Nacional de Quilmes; Universidad Abierta Interamericana; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)
- **El Salvadoran Jewish Oral Histories: First Steps to Building a Digital Library of Latin American and Caribbean Jewish Communities**, Paul Losch (University of Florida) and Genesis Lara (University of Florida) [co-authored with Rebecca Jefferson (University of Florida)]
- **Tierra para echar raíces: el lugar elegido para enterrar a los muertos, es el lugar donde morarán los vivos**, Paloma Cung Sulkin (Independent Scholar)

9:00AM - 10:45AM | Room 159

4.2 LOS "IEKES" EN AMÉRICA LATINA

Chair: Alejandro Dujovne (IDES; CONICET)

- **The "Germanness" of Jewish Refugees from Central Europe in Uruguay: Questions of Identity and Belonging**, Sonja Wegner (Independent Scholar)
- **El libro como arma de salvación**, Irene Münster (The Universities at Shady Grove/University of Maryland Libraries)
- **La herencia de Breslau: rabinos y jzanim centroeuropeos en América Latina**, Liliana Ruth Feierstein (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

9:00AM - 10:45AM | Room 221

4.3 ROUNDTABLE: LENGUA Y ETNICIDAD: MARCADORES DE JUDEIDAD EN EL ESPAÑOL Y EL PORTUGUÉS DEL SIGLO XXI

Chair: Evelyn Dean-Olmsted (Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras)

- Susana Skura (Universidad de Buenos Aires; Memoria Abierta)
- Natalia Gurvich (Universidad Iberoamericana)
- Misha Klein (University of Oklahoma)
- Jacobo Sefamí (University of California, Irvine)

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4.4 CREATIVE WORKS I*Chair: Stephen A. Sadow (Northeastern University)*

- **Objetos Personales**, Eliah Germani (Author)
- **Translation of Eliah Germani's *Fire on the Sabbath***, Nora Glickman (Queens College-CUNY)
- **LABA-BA – Propuesta para un Espacio Único**, Mirta Kupferminc (Independent Artist; LABA-BA), Elisa Leon (Fundación BAMÁ de Educación y Cultura), Tova Shvartzman (Independent Scholar)
- **Readings from: *El sefardí romántico; Las vueltas a la noria; Arritmias***, Angelina Muñoz-Huberman (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

Session 5

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 155

5.1 CUBA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY THEN AND NOW*Chair: Rosa Perelmuter (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)*

- **The Notional Jew: Judaizing the Merchant in Nineteenth-Century Cuba**, Stephen Silverstein (Baylor University)
- **Eighteen Trips and Counting: An Ex-Insider's Perspective on Today's Jewish Cuba**, Saúl Berenthal (Cuban Heritage Experiences)
- **Cuban Jews Finding Home Again in Miami**, Ruth Behar (University of Michigan)
- **Experiencing Life as a Jew in Cuba in the 1930s**, Rosa Perelmuter (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 159

5.2 JEWISH DIFFERENCE: ISRAEL AND THE HOLOCAUST IN JEWISH LATIN AMERICA*Chair: Romina Yalonetzky (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)*

- **Debates en torno a Israel, Argentina, la izquierda y los judíos a través del análisis de "cartas abiertas" producidas en las décadas de 1960-1970**, Emmanuel Kahan (IdIHCS-CONICET; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)
- **Ensino sobre o Holocausto para comunidades universitárias, como professores podem lidar com a intolerância acadêmica no Brasil e na AL**, Josycler Arana (Universidade Federal Fluminense)
- **Discussant: Alejandro Dujovne (IDES; CONICET)**

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5.3 ROUNDTABLE: TRANSLATING LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH AUTHORS INTO ENGLISH

Chair: Annette Levine (Ithaca College)

- David William Foster (Arizona State University)
- Nora Glickman (Queens College-CUNY)
- Annette Levine (Ithaca College)
- Naomi Lindstrom (University of Texas at Austin – Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies)
- Marko Miletich (University of Texas-Arlington)
- Stephen A. Sadow (Northeastern University)

12:45PM - 2:00PM

Lunch

Session 6

2:00PM - 3:45PM | Room 159

6.1 JEWS AND FOOD: LATIN AMERICA AND ISRAEL

Chair: Paulette Schuster (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

- **Transnational Jewish Mexican Women: Belonging, Heritage, and Ethnic Food**, Paulette Schuster (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- **The Fight Against “Guefilte Fish”**: Sephardi, Argentine and Ashkenazi Foods, Cooks, and Labels, Adriana M. Brodsky (St. Mary’s College of Maryland)
- **Cocina judía, literatura y otras yerbas**, Silvia Plager (Agencia Judía de Noticias, Argentina)
- **Discussant**: Paulette Schuster (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

2:00PM - 3:45PM | Room 155

6.2 EL NACIONALISMO Y LA DERECHA EN LA HISTORIA POLÍTICA

Chair: David Sheinin (Trent University)

- **Entre el peronismo y el nacionalismo de extrema derecha: Jauretche, los argentinos-judíos y la acusación de doble lealtad**, Raanan Rein (Tel Aviv University) and David Sheinin (Trent University)
- **Víctor Raúl Haya de la Torre, APRA, and the Jews, 1924-1948**, Steven Hirsch (Washington University, St. Louis)
- **Al margen del antisemitismo: Respuestas del semanario Mundo Judío al Movimiento Nacional Socialista y al Partido Nacional Fascista de Chile, 1935-1940**, Gustavo Guzmán Castro (Universidad de Chile)

2:00PM - 3:45PM | Room 221

6.3 ROUNDTABLE: LOS ESTUDIOS JUDÍOS DESDE AMÉRICA LATINA

🕯️ *Sponsored by the Latin American and Caribbean Interdisciplinary Initiative on Religion (Florida International University)*

Chair: Emmanuel Kahan (IdIHCS-CONICET; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)

- Maritza Corrales (Universidad de la Habana, Cuba)
- Daniela Gleizer (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México) and Alejandro Araujo (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México)
- Monica Grin (NIEJ/Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro) and Michel Gherman (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro; Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- Emmanuel Kahan (IdIHCS-CONICET; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)
- Enrique Martínez-Ruíz (Universidad Nacional de Colombia; Tel Aviv University)
- Ana María Tapia-Adler (CEJ-Chile)
- Romina Yalonzky (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

2:00PM - 3:45PM | Room 157

6.4 CONTEMPORARY JEWISH MEXICAN FICTION AND POETRY

Chair: Angelina Muñiz-Huberman (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

- **Riding the Chariot: *Dulcinea encantada*, Merkabah, and the Trope of Return**, Rebecca Marquis (Gonzaga University)
- **Del despojo, los residuos y el enterramiento: *Litane*, de Alejandro Tarrab**, Jacobo Sefamí (University of California, Irvine)
- **Clave de una poética**, Becky Rubinstein (Author)

Session 7

4:00PM - 5:45PM | Room 157

7.1 LA TRAMPA DEL EDÉN

Chair: Saúl Sosnowski (University of Maryland)

- **Divino deseo**, Mirta Kupferminc (Independent Artist; LABA-BA)
- **El retorno de Lilith**, Perla Szturmak (Psychoanalyst)
- **La desmentida del mito bíblico**, Tova Shvartzman (Psychoanalyst)

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7.2 MEMORIA Y TESTIMONIO DESPUÉS DE LA REPRESIÓN POLÍTICA

Chair: Emmanuel Kahan (IdIHCS-CONICET; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)

- **Dez histórias mais uma para contar: militantes (judeus) das esquerdas armadas mortos sob tortura no Brasil (1969-75)**, Beatriz Kushnir (UNICAMP, Arquivo Geral da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro)
- **1973/2013, del Silencio a la memoria confrontada: los dos memoriales para detenidos desaparecidos judíos en Chile**, Valeria Navarro-Rosenblatt (University of Wisconsin, Madison)
- **Discussant: Emmanuel Kahan (IdIHCS-CONICET; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)**

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7.3 ROUNDTABLE: ¿DÓNDE ESTAMOS? ¿ADÓNDE VAMOS? LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES PAST AND PRESENT

Chair: Edna Aizenberg (Marymount Manhattan College)

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- Adriana M. Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)
- Darrell B. Lockhart (University of Nevada, Reno)
- Raanan Rein (Tel Aviv University)

6:30PM - 7:30PM | Room 221

Special Event

Ruth Behar (University of Michigan)

Reflecting on *Adio Kerida*

*On Display: A Special Exhibit of Artifacts from Cuban Synagogues by Andrew Gottlieb

 *Sponsored by the Cuban Research Institute
Florida International University*

8:30AM

Coffee

Session 8

9:00AM - 10:45AM | Room 155

8.1 DISCOURSE AND POWER: THE POLITICS OF JEWISH DIFFERENCE

Chair: Daniela Goldfine (University of Minnesota)

- **Did Rollansky Defend an Antisemitic Play by Benavente?**, Alan Astro (Trinity University)
- **El rumor más persistente: una revisión de la estructura y la función del discurso antisemita en México**, Stephanie Graf (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
- **Imperial Partners, Discursive Conflicts: Contested Meanings of "Portuguese" during the Union of the Iberian Crowns (1580-1640)**, Brian Hamm (University of Florida)
- **León Rozitchner: Fenomenología de una experiencia judía entre Marx y Freud**, Michael Maidan (Independent Scholar)

9:00AM - 10:45AM | Room 157

8.2 ROUNDTABLE: JEWS AND JUDAISM IN THE AMERICAS

Chair: Devi Mays (University of Michigan)

- Jessica Carr (Lafayette College)
- Evelyn Dean-Olmsted (Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras)
- Alejandro Dujovne (IDES; CONICET)
- Elisa Leon (Fundación BAMÁ de Educación y Cultura)
- Devi Mays (University of Michigan)

9:00AM - 10:45AM | Room 159

8.3 CREATIVE WORKS II

Chair: James Hussar (California State University, Fullerton)

- **Viaje alrededor de la casa (documental); and, Judíos por herencia, mexicanos por florecer**, Paloma Cung Sulkin (Independent Scholar)
- **El libro de las errancias**, Jacobo Sefamí (University of California, Irvine)
- **Oy Vey, José!: Satirical Art and Musings of an Argentinean Jew in New York**, Gerardo Blumenkrantz (City College, City University of New York)

Session 9

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 155

9.1 GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN JEWISH LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURE*Chair: Darrell B. Lockhart (University of Nevada, Reno)*

- **Staging Queerness in Latin American Jewish Theater**, Darrell B. Lockhart (University of Nevada, Reno)
- **Identidad 'encuirada': transgresiones identitarias y posicionamiento refractario en dos novelas judeo-argentinas**, Daniela Goldfine (University of Minnesota)
- **Samuel Rawet's *Homossexualismo: sexualidade e valor* (1970): A Founding Text of Brazilian Queer Theorizing**, David William Foster (Arizona State University)

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 157

9.2 JEWS IN THE AMERICAS: HISTORIES OF ADAPTATION AND CHANGE*Chair: Enrique Martínez-Ruiz (Universidad Nacional de Colombia; Tel Aviv University)*

- **Alguns soldados e marinheiros judeus que se destacaram no Brasil Colônia e Império (1500-1889)**, Israel Blajberg (Universidade Federal Fluminense)
- **Latin American Jewry in Miami: How Institutions are Adapting**, Valeria Cababié-Schindler (Florida International University) and Ariella Siegel (Pardes)
- **Fiesta Time! - Celebrations of the Sephardic Jews of Curaçao in the Nineteenth Century**, Josette Capriles Goldish (Hadassah-Brandeis Institute)

11:00AM - 12:45PM | Room 159

9.3 HOLOCAUSTO: PERSPECTIVAS DESDE AMÉRICA LATINA*Chair: Eduardo Torres (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)*

- **Translating about the Holocaust: Issues and Dilemmas**, Sonia Bloomfield (University of Maryland University College)
- **La Shoá desde la perspectiva de los familiares de las víctimas en Argentina**, Malena Chinski (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)
- **Construcción y usos de la memoria del Holocausto durante los años noventa: el caso del Museo del Holocausto en Buenos Aires**, Wanda Wechsler (Universidad de Buenos Aires; Universidad de San Andrés; Núcleo de Estudios Judíos-IDES)

12:45PM - 2:00PM

Lunch

Session 10

2:00PM - 3:45PM | Room 159

10.1 SEMINAR II: ANTHROPOLOGY AND LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES: A DIALOGUE

Chair: Misha Klein (University of Oklahoma)

- Ruth Behar (University of Michigan)
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2:00PM - 3:45PM | Room 157

10.2 PROCESOS DE CULTURALIZACIÓN DE LAS INMIGRANTES JUDÍAS MEXICANAS

Chair: Margalit Bejarano (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

- **La judía ashkenazi en México-Cambios y permanencias: 1920-1945**, Natalia Gurvich (Universidad Iberoamericana)
- **El género femenino en la literatura yidish de México**, Arturo Kerbel-Shein (King's College London), Tamara Gleason Freidberg (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), William Runyan (University of Michigan)
- **Reposicionamiento de las mujeres judías de origen sirio en México en la familia y la comunidad**, Liz Hamui Sutton (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

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LAJSA BUSINESS MEETING AND AWARDS

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