GRAMMARS OF COHERENCE AND DIFFERENCE
JEWSH STUDIES THROUGH THE LENS OF GENDER STUDIES

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, May 3-5, 2015
Conference Venue: Zilber School of Public Health, 1240 N 10th St.

Sunday, May 3, 2015

9:30 AM Welcome and Introductions
Joel Berkowitz, Director, Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies, UWM
Magda Peck, Dean, Zilber School of Public Health, UWM

10:00 - 10:30
Beth A. Berkowitz, co-convener, An Orientation to the Conference
Lisa Silverman, co-convener, The Category “Jewish” in Jewish Studies
Chaya Halberstam, co-convener, The Question of Jewish Origins
Benjamin M. Baader, co-convener, Women Studies, Gender Studies, Feminist Theory I

10:45 - 12:45 PM   Panel 1
Chair: Patrice Petro (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Joy Ladin (Yeshiva University), “How to Become Real?: The Making of Jewish and Transsexual Identities”
Oriol Poveda (Uppsala University), “On Passing and Trespassing: From Binaries to Shifting Spectrums”
Darcy Buerkle (Smith College), “Women Studies, Gender Studies, Feminist Theory II”
Benjamin M. Baader (University of Manitoba), “Women Studies, Gender Studies, Feminist Theory III”

12:45 – 2:00 PM   Buffet Lunch - Zilber School of Public Health

2:00 – 4:00 PM   Panel 2
Chair: Charlotte Fonrobert (Stanford University)

Max Grossman (University of Maryland), “Queering Marriage at Qumran: Gender Identity Theory as a Frame for Rethinking a Jewish and Christian Backstory”
Stephanie Schwartz (University of Quebec, Montreal), “Conceiving Jewish Difference Through the Lens of Sephardi, Mizrahi and Arab Jewish Studies”
Respondent: Naomi Scheman (University of Minnesota)

4:30 PM Keynote Address by Sander L. Gilman (Emory University)
“‘Born this Way’: Debates about Authenticity in Jewish Studies and Gender Studies”

Introduction by Joel Berkowit, Director, Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

6:00 pm Cocktail Reception – Atrium, Zilber School of Public Health

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner – 5th floor, Zilber School of Public Health

Monday, May 4, 2015

9:00 - 11:00 AM Panel 3
Chair: Deborah Dash Moore (University of Michigan)

Emily Sigalow (Brandeis University), “JUBUs, Gender, and Social Scientific Perspectives”

Respondent: Marla Brettschneider (University of New Hampshire)

11:30 - 1:30 PM Panel 4
Chair: Lisa Zwicker (Indiana University-South Bend)

Ishay Rosen-Zvi (Tel-Aviv University), “Goy: A Genealogy”
Hartley Lachter (Lehigh University), “Jewish Bodies in Divine Form: Imagining Jewish Men in Medieval Kabbalah”

Respondent: Kathryn Pauly Morgan (University of Toronto)

1:30 - 3:00 PM Buffet Lunch - Zilber School of Public Health

3:00 - 5:00 PM Panel 5
Chair: Klaus Hoedl (Karl Franzens-Universität, Graz)
Louise Hecht (Palacký University, Olomouc, CZ), “Inclusion by Exclusion? The Concept of Women and Jews in Bertha Pappenheim’s Translation of Mary Wollstonecraft and Glikl of Hameln”

**Respondent:** Larisa Reznik (Pomona College)

**6:30 pm Dinner - Brewhouse Inn & Suites, 1215 N 10th St.**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**8:30 - 10:30 AM  
Panel 6**  
*Chair:* Deborah Hertz (University of California-San Diego)

Joshua Burns (Marquette University), “Gendered Language and the Construction of Jewish Identity in 2 Maccabees”
Rachel Furst (Freie Universität - Berlin), “Parameters of Credibility: Apostates, Women, and the Definition of “Otherness” in Medieval Rabbinic Culture”

**Respondent:** Caroline Light (Harvard University)

**11:00 - 1:00 PM  
Panel 7**  
*Chair:* Carolyn Eichner (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Oded Zinger (Duke University), “Jewish Identity in the Medieval Islamic World through the Lens of Cairo Geniza Documents and its Scholarship”
Leora Auslander (University of Chicago), “Reading German Jewry through Vernacular Photography, 1912-1930: a Feminist Approach”

**Respondent:** Atina Grossmann (Cooper Union)

**1:00 – 2:30 PM  
Boxed Lunch & Conclusion - Zilber School of Public Health**

**Concluding Remarks:** Darcy Buerkle (Smith College)  
Rachel Neis (University of Michigan)

**Discussants:**  
Alanna Cooper (Boston University)  
Dorothy Kim (Vassar College)
Conveners:
Benjamin M. Baader, Associate Professor of History and Judaic Studies, University of Manitoba
Beth A. Berkowitz, Ingeborg Rennert Chair of Jewish Studies and Associate Professor in the Religion Department, Barnard College
Chaya Halberstam, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies, King’s University College at the University of Western Ontario
Lisa Silverman, Associate Professor of History and Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

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