



2013-2014 Frankel Institute Fellows Announced

Frankel Institute Assembles Roster of Accomplished Jewish Studies Scholars

Each year, the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan invites scholars to Ann Arbor to pursue research projects on a general theme. For 2013-2014, the group—led by U-M History Professor Deborah Dash Moore—will gather around the theme of “New Perspectives on Gender & Jewish Life.”

“This year, the Frankel Institute plans to extend questions stimulated by gender to traditional aspects of Jewish studies, such as bible, rabbinics, politics, literature, and history as well as to new areas of Jewish studies, such as diaspora, cultural, performance, and migration studies,” explains Dash Moore. “Not only women but also men and masculinity, sexuality and the sexual politics of Jewish identity are topics for study. We see this year as a chance to build on existing scholarship as well as to move research on Jews and gender into relatively unexplored areas, such as the senses, emotions, and new media.”

Deborah Dash Moore (Head Fellow), University of Michigan

Christine Achinger, University of Warwick
Constellations of Alterity: Conceptions of Femininity and Jewishness in Modern German and Austrian culture

Benjamin Baadar, University of Manitoba
Creating Self and Creating Community: Gender, Class, and Jewish Difference In German Jewish Family Letters and Diaries, 18-13-1871

Rivka Bliboim, Hebrew University
Language and Gender: The Case of the "Frecha"

Susan Dessel, Independent Artist
Words Heard in a Black Maria (Working Title)

Galit Hasan-Rokem, Hebrew University
Women and Everyday Like: Folk-Literary and EthnoGraphic Aspects of Midrash Leviticus Rabbah

Verena Kasper-Marienberg, University of Graz
Seeking Imperial Justice- Accounts of Conflict in the 18th Century Frankfurt Judengasse

Dorothy Kim, Vassar College
Medieval Women and English Exoticism

Rachel Kranson, University of Pittsburgh
Jewish Voices, Women's Choices: Jewish Involvement in American Abortion Debates, 1967-2000

Marjorie Lehman, Jewish Theological Seminary
The Gendered Rhetoric of Tractate Yoma

Evyatar Marienberg, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
How Should Jews Do it? The (Hi)story of Traditional Jewish Sex Instruction

Anita Norich, University of Michigan
Kadya Moldovsky: Fact and Fiction

Shachar Pinsker, University of Michigan
Urban Cafes, Gender and Modern Jewish Culture

Max Strassfeld, Stanford University
Classically Queer: Eunuchs and Androgynes in Rabbinic Literature

Beth Wenger, University of Pennsylvania
Making American Jewish Men

The Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies: Expressing a deep commitment to Jewish learning, the [Samuel and Jean Frankel](#) Jewish Heritage Foundation provided a \$20 million endowment in 2005 to establish the [Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies](#) at the University of Michigan. On November 9, 2005, the University celebrated the official inauguration of the Institute and, soon after, it announced its first theme year and call for fellowship applications. For more information, visit www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/.

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