

Frankel Center for Judaic Studies

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CALL FOR PAPERS / CONFERENCES

“Practical Matters: Imagination”

Practical Matters, a new online peer-reviewed journal designed to ask and provoke questions about religious practice and practical theology, is now accepting submissions on the theme of Imagination. This is a multimedia, transdisciplinary journal out of the Emory University Graduate Division of Religion, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Submissions should help others see interesting and/or novel connections between imagination and religious practice, past or present, in any context or tradition. Those from diverse disciplinary perspectives are encouraged to participate. Submissions may include, but are not limited to, work originating in religious studies, theology, history, ethics, anthropology, literature, cultural studies, sociology, psychology, political science, philosophy, media studies, the arts, journalism, or the sciences. Work about and from diverse religious traditions is also encouraged.

Traditional academic papers and critical essays are welcome, but the submission of multimedia scholarship is strongly desired. This might include film, video, soundscape, new media, photography, art or performance, among other possible media. Although exploring the possibilities of multimedia scholarship is part of the group's mission, they also are committed to working with scholars of varying levels of technical proficiency.

The submission deadline is **May 30, 2008**. For further information and submission guidelines, please visit: http://web.mac.com/practical.matters/Practical_Matters/Submissions_Guidelines.html.

“Jewish Theatre and Cinema”

Proposals are now being accepted for the Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, occurring in Jerusalem August 2-6, 2009.

- Individual Papers
Proposals which center on theoretical, cultural, historical, or practice-based issues of Jewish theatre and/or cinema
- Sessions
Those interested in proposing a complete session (up to four lectures) are requested to specify the subject of the session and the names of the scholars whose agreement to participate has already been obtained. A brief explanation and a short abstract of the proposed lectures should also be submitted)

The scope of "Jewish" theatre or/and cinema is intentionally open, but the specific approach that will be applied should be addressed in the proposal. Proposals may focus on narrative, cultural, historical, traditional, ethical, aesthetic, or any other aspects that are relevant to Jewish expression within these two artistic media. The lectures will be 25 minutes, with an additional 15 minutes for open discussion of each contribution.

Proposals are to be submitted by **June 1, 2008**. The decisions taken by the relevant Academic Committees will be delivered by September 1, 2008.

Please send your proposals or questions to Professor Freddie Rokem rokem@post.tau.ac.il and/or Dr. Jeanette R. Malkin jmalkin@mscc.huji.ac.il. Please, also see the instructions for joining the World Congress of Jewish Studies at: <http://www.jewish-studies.org/ShowDoc.asp?MenuID=118>.

"Representations of Jews in the Contemporary European Popular Culture"

The Department of History and Civilization at the European University Institute in Florence is pleased to announce this international conference for graduate and post-graduate students, taking place at the historic Villa Schifanoia at San Domenico (Florence), 24-26 November, 2008.

The interest in Jewish heritage has become increasingly noticeable in recent decades, with new Jewish museums opening around the globe, Jewish festivals turning into mass events and Jewish heritage becoming a saleable commodity. At the same time, in many international locations the new generation of Jews is rediscovering and redefining their identity. New representations of Jewishness, generated both by Jews and non-Jews, reflect the dynamics of a new upsurge of memory. Scholars have attempted to pinpoint the reasons for, and implications of, this recent process, yet a comprehensive analysis of the new representations generated by the Jewish heritage boom is still lacking.

In order to investigate the new ways in which Jewish heritage is being interpreted and presented at the turn of the 21st century, UEI proposes an interdisciplinary conference that would investigate images of Jews and Jewish culture that circulate in the public sphere and are accessible, co-produced, and consumed by non-Jews too, such as Jewish festivals, folklore, arts, film and cartoons, internet and multimedia, and heritage tourism. The conference proposes a diachronic approach to representations of Jewishness, examining how present day manifestations of Jewishness challenge or reproduce old clichés. Although Europe would be the starting point of this conference, contributions dealing with representations of Jews outside of Europe would also be welcome.

The invited key-note speakers of the conference include Prof. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett from the New York University, Prof. Michael Brenner from the University of Munich, and Prof. Joachim Schlör from the University of Southampton.

Researchers interested in presenting a paper should send a 250-word abstract and a CV by **June 15, 2008** to magdalena.waligorska@eui.eu.

FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS

Pardes Programs (Jerusalem) for Undergraduates and Grad Students

The Pardes Educators Program (PEP) provides an incredible opportunity for those considering careers as teachers in Jewish day schools. The two-year fellowship combines

intensive study of classical Jewish texts at The Pardes Institute in Jerusalem, a Masters of Jewish Education awarded by Hebrew College in Boston, Hebrew ulpan, student teaching, professional workshops, field trips in Israel, and ongoing alumni support. The program is funded by The AVI CHAI Foundation. Generous financial support, including tuition scholarships and monthly living expense stipends, are provided. For more information, please visit <http://www.pardes.org.il/programs/educators/overview.php>

The Pardes Advanced Scholars Program is the apex of the learning pyramid at Pardes and as such, infuses the entire institution with a culture of creative learning and dynamic growth. The aim of this program is to facilitate the journey from an advanced level of Jewish learning towards becoming a Talmid Hakham and a Jewish thinker. The Kollel Program provides a forum for men and women to become Torah leaders, regardless of their chosen profession. For more information, please visit <http://www.pardes.org.il/programs/advanced/>

At The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, men and women of diverse backgrounds and belief systems encounter the most compelling and challenging texts of Jewish tradition. They offer students a unique experience of intellectual openness, rigorous textual analysis and opportunities for personal spiritual growth. Pardes offers Year, Educators, and Advanced Scholars learning programs for university graduates as well as a Summer Program, for both university students and grads. For more information, please contact Ariella Goldfein at ariella@pardesusa.org or visit www.pardes.org.il

Mark and Ruth Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought, 2009

The University of Kentucky is pleased to sponsor the Mark and Ruth Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought. The Luckens Prize, commemorating a generous gift by the late Dr. Mark M. Luckens to the University, is administered, judged, and awarded by faculty at the University of Kentucky. The Prize is awarded annually for an essay in the field of Jewish thought by a graduate student or recent PhD or someone of equivalent status.

General details of the competition are that the essay should be original and unpublished, and of around 5000 words. Essays are welcome in a variety of languages. The winner will receive a cash award of \$1000 and is expected to deliver a lecture based on the essay on campus during the Spring/Semester 2009 term for which travel and ground expenses shall be provided. The lecture should be given in English.

Essays are due no later than **November 1 2008**. The result of the competition will be announced no later than January 15 2009. Any inquiries should be directed to Oliver Leaman. Essays should be directed to him as an email attachment oliver.leaman@uky.edu.

STUDY PROGRAMS / INTERNSHIPS

Jewish Genealogy Research Grants

The International Institute for Jewish Genealogy and Paul Jacobi Center at the Jewish National & University Library, Jerusalem is pleased to invite proposals for ground-breaking research in six preferred areas of Jewish Genealogy to be carried out in the academic year 2008- 09. Successful applicants will be awarded grants of up to \$10,000. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **May 31, 2008**.

The six research areas are: Jewish history from a genealogical perspective; rabbinical genealogy; onomastics; inter-disciplinary aspects of Jewish Genealogy; Jewish Genealogy and computer sciences; and sources & resources for Jewish Genealogy. Proposals outside these areas are not altogether excluded. "Instructions to Applicants" and illustrations of topics within the preferred research areas may be found on the Institute's website at www.iihg.org.

AJS Awards and Grants Call for Submissions

The Association for Jewish Studies is pleased to announce the Call for Submissions for two awards: *The Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards and The Cahnman Publication Subvention Grants*.

The book awards, made possible by funding from the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation of Portland, Oregon, will award two annual prizes of \$5,000 to authors of outstanding works in Jewish studies in the following two fields:

- Philosophy and Jewish Thought
- Gender Studies

Any book by an AJS member published in English within four years of the deadline is eligible for consideration. Further information, eligibility requirements, and submission procedures can be found on the AJS website at <http://www.ajsnet.org/schnitzer.html>.

The grants program, made possible by funding from The Cahnman Foundation of New York, will help subsidize costs associated with the preparation of first books for publication. Scholarly manuscripts that explore Jewish engagement with and impact on artistic, intellectual, and cultural life in Europe and North Africa (not including Israel), e.g., through the visual or performing arts, literature, film, architecture, philosophy, science, or politics, will be eligible for consideration. Applicants must be AJS members, have completed their Ph.D. degrees within six years of the deadline, and have a commitment for publication in English from an academic or university press. Further information, eligibility requirements, and submission procedures can be found on the AJS website at <http://www.ajsnet.org/cahnman.html>.

The submission deadline for both awards is **June 18, 2008**. Only AJS members in good standing are eligible to be considered for either prize. Please contact the AJS office at ajs@ajs.cjh.org or 917.606.8249 with any questions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Elementary School Teacher - Judaic and Hebrew Studies

The David S. Stone Hebrew Academy, a K-5 community day school offering a 40+ year history of academic excellence, seeks a dynamic and creative educator to teach K & 1st grade Judaics and Hebrew Studies for 2008-2009. The Academy is managed by the Toledo Board of Jewish Education, a member organization of the United Jewish Council and is located on the Jewish Community Campus in Sylvania, also home to the JCC/YMCA.

Ideal qualifications include a B.A. in education or similar Judaics teaching certification; basic Hebrew skills; strong Judaic background; familiarity with differentiated instruction; and ability to establish effective working relationships with students, teachers, staff and families in a team-based environment. Qualified candidates should submit cover letter and resume to Dr. Bohleke, Principal, Stone Hebrew Academy, 6465 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania, OH 43560 or to leeanne@jewishtoledo.org

GSI Positions for FA 08 term

Three positions are currently open for a 0.5 appointment as a GSI in the German Department. A GSI is needed for **German 101 and 103** (section #'s TBD). Applicants should write an email in German to Dr. Hartmut Rastalsky at hmr@umich.edu describing their teaching experience and their background in German. Applicants should send their resume, highlighting their teaching experience, as an attachment to this email. Previous applicants who have clearly indicated a continuing interest in open positions in German will automatically be considered. Important Note: Dr. Rastalsky may be out of email contact at various points between May 7 and June 20; therefore, please send cc's of all email correspondence to Marga Schuhwerk-Hampel at mshampel@umich.edu. Online information regarding these GSI positions may be found at: http://lw.lsa.umich.edu/german/hmr/Miscellaneous/hiring/101_232F08.html

Slavic Languages and Literature has one 0.35 GSI appointment available for its FA 08 for **Russian 347** course. This course focuses on the masterpieces of Russian fiction written between 1820 and 1870, including such classics of world literature as Tolstoy's War and Peace and Dostoevsky's Crime and Punishment. Responsibilities include grading assignments and term papers, holding office hours, and providing instruction and feedback on good writing. Please contact Amanda Apostol at amccau@umich.edu for more information or to apply.

Rackham Travel Grants

Grants are **now available** for conferences held after July 1, 2008. A Rackham student is eligible for one travel grant award (either domestic or international, but not both) for travel during the fiscal year which runs from July 1 - June 30. Please note that the award amounts will be increased. The new award amounts will be for travel/conferences on or after July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2009:

- Up to \$600 for the continental US.
- Up to \$850 for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe.
- Up to \$1,100 for Africa, Asia, South America, and Australia.

If a student enters a budget amount less than the award amounts, only the budgeted amount will be paid. Travel grant applications already received for conferences to be held after July 1 were held, and have now been processed. The Rackham website will soon be updated to reflect the new award amounts. Please visit:

http://www.rackham.umich.edu/financial_assistance/ and click on the "Rackham Administered Fellowships, Grants and Scholarships" link for more information.

35th Annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run

Rackham Graduate School will sponsor a portion of the registration fee for the 35th annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run for graduate and professional school students taking place on June 1, 2008. The proceeds from this year's event will benefit several local charities.

Whether you are a regular runner or walker or you are just getting started, Rackham Graduate School invites you to "Challenge Yourself for Charity" at this year's event. To encourage you to participate, the Rackham Graduate School will pledge \$15 of the registration fee for all races for graduate student participants.*

Visit <http://dexterannarborryun.com/> by **May 23** for more details and to register for the "Rackham Graduate School Team." The "Rackham Code" required for this discount is "rackham."

**Medical School students, please note that your registration fee is sponsored in full by the Office of Student Programs at the Medical School. Please contact Denise Brennan (denisebr@umich.edu or 763-6362) for more details.*

If you have any questions about the Rackham sponsorship, please contact nplosky@umich.edu.

Graduate Women's Health & Wellness Day at Rackham

Featuring the 2007 movie *Hairspray*

Wednesday, May 28, 2008, from 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Movie showing: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Are you interested in women's health and wellness issues? Interested in continuing your efforts towards a healthier, happier you? Finding it hard to make time for your health & wellness? Want to find out more about available resources? Come visit for FREE workshops, lunch, chair massages, yoga, information booths and more!

Workshops will cover:

- Balancing Work and Life
- Healthy Eating

- Prioritizing Self-Care
- Healthy Lives, Healthy Relationships

Take the opportunity to speak with the experts, meet your fellow graduate students, and find out some of the resources available across campus and within the community to help find the healthier you. Come and go as you please, but to help us prepare enough materials and food for participants, please register at:

<http://www.rackham.umich.edu/Events/wssel.php> For more information about the event, please e-mail infowellwomen@umich.edu. If you need childcare for the event, please contact nplosky@umich.edu.

Schedule of events:

Lunch: 12:00 - 12:45 PM

Workshops: 12:45 - 1:45 PM; 2:15 - 3:15 PM; 3:45 - 4:45 PM

Booths: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Yoga: repeating sessions throughout the day (1:45 - 5:45 PM)

Chair massages: 12:30 – 5:15 PM

Movie: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Future Faculty Career Exploration Program

The Rochester Institute of Technology's Future Faculty Career Exploration Program (FFCEP) is an opportunity to invite minority Ph.D., MFA or Post Doctoral students interested in a teaching career for an all-expense-paid opportunity to visit Rochester Institute of Technology. The annual FFCEP in Rochester, NY September 24-28, 2008, is one of a series of recruitment strategies designed to build relationships and fuel the future pipeline of faculty. The FFCEP program is a unique and exciting opportunity to explore potential career choices through exploratory interviews, presentations, meetings with deans, department heads, and RIT president, as well as campus and community tours. The program allows RIT deans to engage prospects in discussions about their academic work and career interests. It also allows faculty to share RIT's teaching and research agenda and to dialog on current open faculty positions or those that may be available in the near future.

The RIT mission is to provide technology-based educational programs for personal and professional development. We rigorously pursue new and emerging career areas. We develop and deliver curricula and advance scholarship relevant to emerging technologies and social conditions. Our community is committed to diversity and student centeredness and is distinguished by our innovative and collaborative spirit. Internal and external partnerships expand our students' experiential learning. RIT is committed to mutually enriching relationships with alumni, government, business and the world community. Teaching, learning, scholarship, leadership development, and student success are our central enterprises. Additional information and applications can be found online at <https://finweb.rit.edu/humanresources/employment/ffcep/>. All applications must be postmarked by **June 2, 2008**. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Faculty Recruitment at 585-475-5775 or cfrpsn@rit.edu

Discovery Weekend – McKinsey Management Consulting Firm

McKinsey & Company, a management consulting firm is hosting “Discovery Weekend”, an exciting summer program for students working towards advanced professional degrees. This program (Friday, August 22 - Sunday, August 24, 2008) will give non-MBA advanced degree students an insider's look into management consulting. The comprehensive seminar will cover a range of topics important to those who are exploring alternative career possibilities. Agenda for the program will include an overview of management consulting, an introduction to the type of work we do, a management consulting case study, and an opportunity to interact and network with colleagues and participate in social activities. No business experience required. All expenses will be paid by McKinsey & Company. Application deadline: **June 15, 2008**. For more information, please visit <http://www.apd.mckinsey.com/jump/discovery.asp>