NYU Jewish Studies Graduate Symposium

Hosted by the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies

Monday, November 9th | King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center (53 Washington Square S)

9:00 - 9:30 Breakfast

9:30 - 9:40 Opening Remarks - Ayelet Kaminer

9:40 - 11:00 Session One – Holocaust
[Chair: Becky Frank]

- 9:40 Jen Ehrlich – Black Milk & Hope: Walter Benjamin and Anselm Kiefer on The Catastrophe and Redemption of History
- 10:05 Ryken Farr – Archiving is the Answer: On-the-Ground Documentation as a Jewish Response to Disaster in the first half of the 20th Century
- 10:30 Ayelet Kaminer – "Through their deaths, they shall serve as role models": Hebrew-Language Purity Polemics on the Beis Ya'akov Martyrs Myth

10:55 - 11:05 Break

11:05 - 12:45 Session Two – Modern Jewish Political History
[Chair: Shiyong Lu]

- 11:05 Abe Silberstein – In The Shadow of *Commentary*: Progressive Jewish Intellectuals Confront the Reagan Era
- 11:30 Angelica Gimenez – "Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground": Rabbi Marshall Meyer's Fight for Human Rights in Argentina
- 11:55 Renana Hendler Neeman – Settling the Unsettled: Refugee Detention and the Politics of Redemption in Israel's Negev
- 12:20 Laura Salvo – The Historical Trajectory of Israeli Armed Groups: Shifting Dynamics of Political Violence

12:45 - 1:45 Lunch

1:45 - 3:00 Session Three – Ancient and Medieval Judaism
[Chair: Alma Cortez-Alvarez]

- 1:45 Zain Clements-Hall – Measures of Identity: How Literature and Synagogues of the Second Temple Period Intertwine
- 2:10 Jacob Ferrier – The Making of Heavenly Bodies from Qumran to Paul
- 2:35 Dovi Siderson – Unprincipled Principles: On the Limits of Maimonidean Dogmatism

3:00 - 3:10 Break

3:10 - 4:50 Session Four – Jewish Languages
[Chair: Liora Sabra]

- 3:10 Yaara Edelsburg – Writing Non-Motherhood in the Mother Tongue: Body Politics in Yael Neeman's Akarut
- 3:35 Bloom – Yiddish Writings on Women's Sexual Health
- 4:00 Nadav Pais-Greenapple – Moses Blechman's Watertown: "Provincial" Socialism & Yiddish Literary Satire on the Great Plains
- 4:25 Ella Watharow – Oasis or Incubator: To what Extent do Bilingual Schools in Israel have an Impact on Wider Society?

4:50 - 5:00 Concluding Remarks - Jacob Ferrier