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SCHEDULE

9:00 AM

Coffee

9:30 AM

Introduction by Lewis Gordon

10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Session One:

Here's Looking at You, Yid: Some Moments of Black Constructions of Jewishness

This session will look at three moments of Black construction of Jews. The first comes from the 17th-century Afroiberian Atlantic world, the second from 18th-century Anglophone Black Atlantic discourse, the third from 1920s/30s U.S. Black nationalist thought loosely construed. These moments will help formulate questions about Black-Jewish relations in a global context.

Speaker: Jonathan Schorsch

Discussants: Jane Gordon, Terry Rey, David Watt, & David Waldstreicher

12:00 PM—1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM—3:00 PM

Session Two:

Race, Religion, and Chosenness: Varieties of Israelite Descent in Crown Heights

This session draws on Goldschmidt's ethnographic work in Crown Heights to examine how Black Hebrew Israelites and Lubavitch Hasidim each claim descent from the biblical Israelites. These narratives of "chosenness" both reinforce and subvert the categories of "race" and "religion."

Introduction: David Ross Fryer

Speaker: Henry Goldschmidt

Discussants: Jeremy Schipper, Rebecca Alpert, & Aryeh Botwinik

3:00 PM—3:15 PM

Break

3:30 PM—5:30 PM

Session Three:

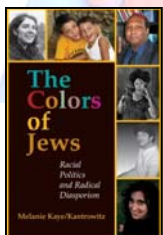
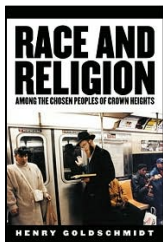
Jews of Color: Undoing the Black/Jewish Binary

This session addresses what gets lost in public discourse about African and Jewish Americans when the categories are presented in oppositional terms. Instead Kaye/Kantrowitz insists on the diversity of diasporic Jewish communities around the globe and the challenge this diversity poses to contemporary notions of whiteness (including Jewish whiteness) in the U.S.

Introduction: Laura Levitt

Speaker: Melanie Kay/Kantrowitz

Discussants: Lewis Gordon, Andre Key, & Michael Alexander



PARTICIPANTS

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Michael Alexander, History

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Aryeh Botwinik, Political Science

Jane Gordon, Political Science

Lewis Gordon, Philosophy

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Laura Levitt, Jewish Studies/Religion

Terry Rey, Religion

David Ross Fryer, Jewish Studies

Jeremy Schipper, Religion

David Waldstreicher, History

David Watt, History

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