



Samuel & Althea Stroum Jewish Studies Program



Housed in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, the Stroum Jewish Studies Program is the premier institution in the region for the academic study of Jewish life—religion, language and literature, history, and contemporary issues—in its cultural, intellectual, religious, and international contexts.



Jewish Studies reaches out to the community through a wide variety of public lectures during the academic year.

FACULTY DEPARTMENT AFFILIATIONS

Comparative Religion
Economics
Education
English
Germanics
History
International Studies
Near Eastern Languages and Civilization
Philosophy
Political Science
Slavic Languages and Literatures
Sociology
Women Studies

EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC LECTURES

Biblical Politics
Boundaries of Jewish Identity
Creation, Revelation & Redemption: The Religion of the Dead Sea Scrolls
New Interpretations of Israel: Politics, Society, Culture and Human Rights
The Shaping of Sephardic Culture
Sovereigns and Subjects: Modern Jewish Political Thought and Experience
Speaking in Tongues: Translating Yiddish in the 20th Century
Whose Little Boy Are You?: Constructing Jewish Selfhood in Modern Hebrew Literature

About Jewish Studies

The Stroum Jewish Studies Program (JSP), bringing together professors from over a dozen departments at UW, takes a broad interdisciplinary and multidimensional approach to the global study of Jews, exploring the rich diversity of their cultures, their philosophies, their religious practices, their histories, their roles in politics, and other areas of contemporary life.

Students can major or minor in Jewish Studies at the undergraduate level. The JSP offers two tracks: Judaic Cultural Tradition or The Jewish People in the Modern World. Areas of concentration include: ancient cultures and sacred texts; modern literature and culture; Jewish languages; Israel and Middle East Studies; Sephardic Studies; American Jewish Studies; European Jewish Studies; and Holocaust Studies. The faculty also supervises graduate instruction in Jewish Studies through a number of other departments.

The JSP annually awards the Hazel D. Cole Fellowship in Jewish Studies to a doctoral or post-doctoral student. Additionally, UW undergraduate and graduate students focusing on Jewish Studies may apply for one of several annual academic scholarships or travel grants from the Program.

JSP students are successful at the UW—the College of Arts and Sciences selected one as Dean's Medalist in the Social Sciences in 2006—and after graduation. JSP alumni have pursued successful careers that include education, law, communal service, communications, and government.

Community Outreach

The Stroum Jewish Studies Program contributes to the vitality of the broader community by offering public events on campus, participating in educational programs off campus, welcoming non-degree students to our classes (including students in the Access program, which is open to those age 60 and over), and preparing our students for community service and leadership. For more than 30 years, the JSP has presented the prestigious Samuel and Althea Stroum Lectureship in Jewish Studies, featuring national and international Jewish Studies scholars. Additionally, the Program hosts a major symposium every year with participants from a variety of disciplines and from other countries as well as the United States.

Faculty

The Stroum Jewish Studies Program includes 22 faculty from more than a dozen departments. They are leaders in their field and in the community, with roles that include:

Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies

Board of Directors, Association for Social Scientific Study of Jewry

Co-editor of the *Association of Jewish Studies Review*

Editorial Board, *Jewish Quarterly Review*

Past President, Association for Israel Studies

President of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis

Other faculty honors include:

- 1 Governor's Writers Award
- 1 Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award, University of Washington, 2006
- 1 Provost Distinguished Lecturer 2008
- 1 Salo Wittmayer Baron Prize for Best First Book in Jewish Studies
- 1 Simon Rockower Award for Excellence in Jewish journalism (from the Jewish Press Association of America, 2007)
- 2 UW Distinguished Teaching Awards

Faculty Research and Scholarship

As diverse as the disciplines in which our faculty members are affiliated, so too is the range of their research. Faculty explore the full depth and breadth of Jewish life throughout its history and from around the world. Some notable projects include: Jews and the development of global commerce, Jewish identity and assimilation, textuality in Rabbinic Judaism, Yiddish theater, Jewish identity and social class, Israeli law and human rights, ancient near eastern texts, Holocaust in children's literature, Jewish nationalism, and Jews' economic and educational success in the U.S.

Gifts and Grants

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Through private support, the JSP has established the Lucia S. and Herbert L. Pruzan Endowed Professorship in Jewish Studies and Samuel and Althea Stroum Chair in Jewish Studies.

FACULTY

9	Professors
7	Associate Professors
2	Assistant Professors
1	Emeritus Professor
1	Visiting Scholar
1	Lecturer
1	Fellow

AREAS OF RESEARCH

American Jewish Community
American Jewish Thought
Ancient Israel
Anti-Semitism
German-Jewish Culture
History of Jewish Philosophy
Jewish Literary Tradition
Jews and Modernity
Medieval Jewish History
Modern Israel
Modern Jewish Thought
Rabbinic Judaism
Yiddish Literature and Drama

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