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(The New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College)
Populism, Racism, and Antisemitism in the Americas**

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Day 1 – Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Registration [9:00–9:30]

Casa Hispánica Lobby—coffee and light breakfast

Welcome Session [9:30–10:15]

Casa Hispánica, room 206

Session 1 [10:30–12:30]

Transnational Proliferations: Argentine Jewry and the World in the 20th Century

[Panel 1.1] Casa Hispánica, room 206

Chair and Discussant: James Loeffler (University of Virginia)

- An Opulent Silence: Cantors and Jewish Liturgical Music in Mid-Twentieth Century Argentina (Lillian M. Wohl, UCLA)
- “The Yiddish Theatre is Not a Public Bathhouse:” Transnational Performances of Activism in the Río de la Plata (Tova Markenson, Northwestern University)
- “What Will the Gentiles Say?” Jewish Responses Toward White Slavery and Prostitution in Argentina and Eastern Europe (Aleksandra Jakubczak, Columbia University)
- “Videla Would Be Surprised and Shocked:” Antisemitism, Moderation, and the Denunciation of State Violence in Dictatorship-Era Argentina, 1973-1985 (Paul R. Katz, Columbia University)

20th and 21st Century Latin American Literature

[Panel 1.2] Casa Hispánica, room 201

Chair: Yitzhak Lewis (Columbia University)

- Julius Popper, a 19th Century Explorer, and the Making of a Politically Correct Historical Play (Nora Glickman, Queens College and Graduate Center, CUNY)
- Herejía y libertad en los personajes judíos de Leonardo Padura (Mónica A. Agrest, Graduate Center, CUNY)
- Representaciones místicas de la naturaleza en la escritura de Angelina Muñiz-Huberman (Ariana Huberman, Haverford College)
- Naturalizing the Jewish-Puerto Rican Experience: Hurricanes, Herbs and Healing in Aurora Levins Morales's *Remedios: Stories of Earth and Iron from the History of Puertorriqueñas* (Adam Cohn, University of Virginia)

Lunch Break [12:30–13:45]

Undergraduate Student Workshop [12:30–13:30]

Casa Hispánica, room 201

Judeus, Brasil e Globalização I

[Panel 2.1] Casa Hispánica, room 206

Chair: Amy Chazkel (Columbia University)

- Identidade feminina na literatura judaica ortodoxa brasileira (Daniela Guertzenstein, Universidade de São Paulo)
- Quem são os judeus do século XXI no Brasil e na América Latina? ou De como os judeus continuam a ser judeus num mundo globalizado (Eva Alterman Blay, Universidade de São Paulo)
- A criação de *Numa clara manhã de abril*, o primeiro trabalho literário a usar a comunidade judaica brasileira como tema principal (Merrie Blocker, Independent Scholar)

Early Modern Latin American Globality

[Panel 2.2] Casa Hispánica, room 201

Chair: Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)

- Judeo-Spanish Ballads from the Americas: A Search for Old Meanings and New Implications (Isabelle Levy, Columbia University)
- Jews, Latin America and the Global Structures of Coloniality (Martina Weisz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
- The Sacralization of Creole Consciousness through the Lens of Jewish Femininity: The Virgin of Guadalupe, the Rabinas, and Nascent Mexican National Identity in 1640s Mexico City (Michele Mericle, Brown University)

Judeus, Brasil e Globalização II

[Panel 3.1] Casa Hispánica, room 206

Chair: Amy Chazkel (Columbia University)

- Judaísmo à brasileira: migrações internas e arranjos de interpretação (Abel de Castro, Université de Montréal; co-authored by Brian Axel Cath, Universidad de Buenos Aires)
- The Factory Floor as Urban Plaza in Hans Gunter Flieg's Photography of Industrial São Paulo (David William Foster, Arizona State University)
- Porque precisamos de um Museu Judaico? (Roberta Alexandr Sundfeld, Museu Judaico de São Paulo)

Transnational Discourses and Tensions: Race, Identity, and Belonging in Jewish Latin America

[Panel 3.2] Casa Hispánica, room 201

Chair: Rebecca Kobrin (Columbia University)

- In the Land of “Nunca Más”: Transnational Jewish Memory and the Struggle for Argentine Justice and Accountability (Natasha Zaretsky, Rutgers University)
- Bridging the Gap between “Here” and “There”: Argentine Sephardi Zionist Youth and their Early Years of Activism, 1944-1954 (Adriana M. Brodsky, St. Mary's College of Maryland)
- After Durban: Jews and Shifting Conceptions of Race in Post-Freyrean Brazil (Misha Klein, University of Oklahoma)

Dinner Reception [17:15–18:45]

Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, 617 Kent Hall
(Conference presenters and participants only)

Keynote Address [19:00–20:30]

Lerner Hall, room 555

“Populism, Racism and Antisemitism in the Americas”

Federico Finchelstein (The New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College)

Moderator: Katherine Ewing (Columbia University)

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Coffee and Light Breakfast [9:00–9:30]

Casa Hispánica Lobby

Session 4 [9:30–11:30]

Roundtable: Constructing Racial Identity in a Latin American Jewish Context

[Panel 4.1] Casa Hispánica, room 206

Chair and Discussant: Judit Bokser Liwerant (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

- Laura Limonic (SUNY Old Westbury)
- Gina Malagold (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
- Max Greenberg (UCLA)
- Dalia Wassner (Brandeis University)
- Daniela Guertzenstein (Universidade de São Paulo)

Race and Representation

[Panel 4.2] Casa Hispánica, room 201

Chair: Agi Legutko (Columbia University)

- From Nacionalista Anti-Kabbalistic Polemic to Aryan Kabbalah in the Southern Cone (Jeremy Phillip Brown, University of San Francisco and McGill University)
- The Holocaust and Racism in the Mirror of an Argentinian Survey from the Mid-1970s (Katalin Franciska Rac, University of Florida)
- Entre el exotismo y la identificación: experiencias de otredad en la letra ídish en Latinoamérica (Perla Sneh, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero)
- Reality and Representation of the Jewish Merchant's Self in the Work of Uruguayan-Israeli Yiddish Writer Elie Verblun (Alan Astro, Trinity University)

Lunch Break [11:30–13:15]

Columbia University Library Collections Tour [11:45–12:45]

Butler Library, room 523

Session 5 [13:15–14:45]

Racial Constructs

[Panel 5.1] Casa Hispánica, room 206

Chair: Laura Limonic (SUNY Old Westbury)

- Ramón Emeterio Betances y el proyecto de inmigración judía a la República Dominicana en el 1882 (Francisco J. Concepción, Interamerican University)
- Representing Jewishness in Nineteenth-Century Cuba (Stephen Silverstein, Baylor University)
- What DNA Can Tell Us About Jews, Non-Jews, and Crypto-Jews (Wesley K. Sutton, Lehman College, CUNY)

Literature, Politics and Social Engagement

[Panel 5.2] Casa Hispánica, room 201

Chair: Daniela Guertzenstein (Universidade de São Paulo)

- Brazilian Antisemitism and its Invisibility: The Non-validation of Jews as a Minority Group—the Ellwanger Case and the Brazilian Supreme Court Decision (Milena Gordon Baker, Independent Researcher)
- Fighting Racism in the Racial Democracy: Jews, Race, and Postwar Brazil (Michael Rom, Yale University)
- Mexicanos y judíos: razas inferiores a los ojos de Hitler (Tamara Gleason Freidberg, Southampton University)

Session 6 [15:00–16:15]

New Books by Members

[Panel 6.1] Casa Hispánica, room 206

Chair: Stephen Silverstein (Baylor University)

- Eva Alterman Blay (Universidade de São Paulo)
- Adriana M. Brodsky (St. Mary's College of Maryland)
- Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)
- Nora Glickman (Queens College and Graduate Center, CUNY) and Ariana Huberman (Haverford College)
- Daniela Guertzenstein (Universidade de São Paulo)

Creative Works Session

[Panel 6.2] Casa Hispánica, room 201

Chair: Isabelle Levy (Columbia University)

- David Unger. "The Mastermind."
- Jane Mushabac. "Food: Turkish Jews and the Black Market in the Year 2030"

Closing Session [16:30-18:30]

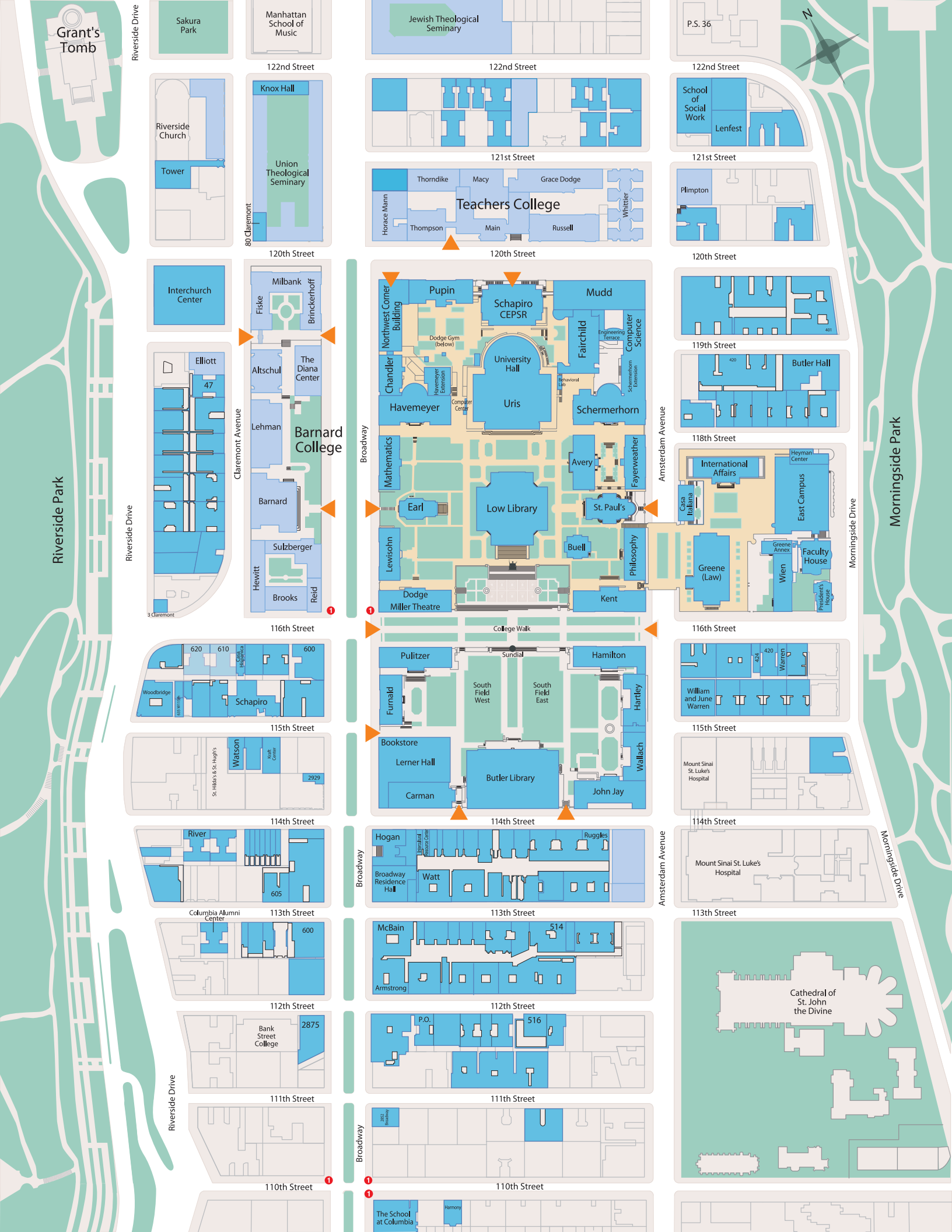
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Chair: Ronnie Perelis (Yeshiva University)

- Recognizing LAJSA editors Nora Glickman and Ariana Huberman
- Remembering Edna Aizenberg:
 - Adriana M. Brodsky, current LAJSA co-president (St. Mary's College of Maryland)
 - Raanan Rein, former LAJSA co-president (Tel Aviv University)
 - Open Mic (pre-registered speakers)
- Closing Remarks

Conference Locations:

- Casa Hispanica, 612 West 116th St. (between Broadway and Riverside Dr.)
- Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, 617 Kent Hall (on campus)
- Lerner Hall (corner of 115th St. and Broadway)



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