Fellowship opportunities for PhD work in Jewish studies

The Tam Institute for Jewish Studies (TIJS) at Emory University offers several top-off fellowships to support PhD students pursuing Jewish studies topics in any of the James T. Laney Graduate School’s programs, including the Graduate Division of Religion and the departments of history, comparative literature, and anthropology. These fellowships supplement the generous departmental fellowships and tuition waivers awarded to all accepted PhD students. No separate application is required; departments and programs will nominate appropriate candidates who are offered admission.

Emory PhD students working in Jewish studies–related fields can expect:

- Training in disciplinary-based departments with support from a nationally prominent Jewish studies program
- Close contact with distinguished faculty in your home department and access to twenty Jewish studies scholars across the University
- The resources of a major research institution, including significant Judaica library holdings and manuscript collections
- Teaching assistantships, research associate- ships, and opportunities to teach your own courses, both in your home department and in Jewish studies
- Generous support for language training, study abroad, and summer research

To apply to Emory PhD programs, complete the James T. Laney Graduate School application found at gs.emory.edu/admissions.

For further details on PhD programs in history, religion, and other Emory departments that work with TIJS, explore the links on the TIJS Graduate Studies website at js.emory.edu/grad or contact Tobi Ames at tames2@emory.edu or 404.727.0896.
The Jewish history graduate program, offered by Emory University's Department of History, covers the medieval and modern periods, with special strengths in the history of Jews in the US, Europe, and Latin America, and in the history of modern Israel. The program also draws on the outstanding strengths of the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies.

The Ph.D. program in Jewish history provides students with rigorous training in their fields of specialization while encouraging comparative study. Students who focus on Jewish history are encouraged to study its chronological breadth while choosing a geographic area of specialization for coursework and examinations. They may also enroll in a Certificate Program in Jewish Studies (currently in development), which will present them with cross-disciplinary perspectives through coursework and participation in a regular colloquium, the Seminar Series in Jewish Studies, which brings together graduate students and faculty from across the university for intellectual interchange. The Certificate Program will offer students a credential beyond their departmental training that strengthens their ability to compete for national fellowships, postdoctoral awards, and tenure-track positions in Jewish history.

Graduate students in Jewish history have a strong group of faculty members with whom to work. Eric L. Goldstein is a specialist in modern Jewish history and culture, with interests that extend from the United States to Eastern Europe. His work has focused on topics such as the construction of Jewish identities, Jews' place in America's racial and ethnic mix, the culture of Yiddish-speaking immigrants, and Jews in the American South. Jeffrey Lesser is an authority on race and ethnicity in Latin America. He is interested in the construction of national identity in Brazil, especially in how minority groups understand their own and national space. Ellie Schainker specializes in modern European Jewish history with a focus on Eastern Europe. She has worked on the social history of conversion in the Russian Empire, with special attention to the religious and social boundaries and gender roles that shaped the lives of Russian Jews. Kenneth W. Stein specializes in modern Israel, the British Mandate in Palestine, the Arab-Israeli negotiating process, and American foreign policy in the Middle East.

Students may extend their work to draw on other colleagues in the History Department or those affiliated with it, as well as on Jewish studies faculty in other departments. For a complete listing of History Department and associated faculty, visit http://history.emory.edu/home/people/faculty/index.html. For a complete listing of Jewish studies and associated faculty, visit http://js.emory.edu/faculty.

Graduate students in Jewish history in the last few years have won tenure-track positions across the United States as well as national and international fellowships and grants.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT**

All students accepted to the Graduate Division of Religion are awarded tuition waivers and competitive fellowship support. A limited number of *Tam Institute for Jewish Studies Fellowships* are regularly awarded by the Laney Graduate School to outstanding Ph.D. applicants in various Jewish studies-related fields and are intended to supplement the departmental fellowships. Applicants indicating an interest in Jewish history will automatically be considered for these awards.

**APPLICATIONS**

Applicants for Ph.D. study in the Graduate Division of Religion should complete the Laney Graduate School application available at http://www.gs.emory.edu/admissions/application.php and should specify Jewish history as their area of interest. The application deadline is January 3 for admission in Fall 2011.

For more information on the Jewish history program, contact Professor Eric L. Goldstein at egoldst@emory.edu.
The Ph.D. program in Jewish Religious Cultures (JRC) at Emory is one of ten courses of study within Emory's highly ranked Graduate Division of Religion (GDR). The GDR draws on faculty from across Emory departments in the humanities and social sciences as well as the Candler School of Theology, providing the advantages of specialized training in academic fields such as Jewish Studies together with broad exposure to the profound diversity of method and topic that characterizes the academic study of Religion today.

Jewish Religious Cultures takes advantage of Emory's wide offerings and interdisciplinary orientation to offer a program that emphasizes both textual and cultural/ethnographic approaches to Jewish Studies. Current faculty strengths include (but are not limited to) modern Jewish thought, Jewish interpretive traditions of the Hebrew Bible, ethnographic and anthropological approaches to the study of Jews and Judaism, Rabbinic literature, and the religious literature of the Judaeo-Arabic world and Geniza studies. Applicants are encouraged to consult our list of faculty (http://gdr.emory.edu/people/faculty.php) in order to contact those with whom they share intellectual interests so that their applications may reflect a clear statement of the kind of research they are interested in conducting.

Jewish Religious Cultures encourages students to pursue a broad range of courses that support and strengthen their multi-disciplinary focus and analytic skills, including courses and seminars in the other courses of study within the GDR. Offerings in cognate departments and programs, such as the Institute for Liberal Arts, Middle East and South Asian Studies, History, Anthropology, and the School of Law are also available for students each year. We work especially closely with, and benefit from the resources of, the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel, the Department of Religion and the Emory Center for Ethics. JRC students may also enroll in a Certificate Program in Jewish Studies (currently in development), which will present them with cross-disciplinary perspectives through coursework and participation in a regular colloquium, the Seminar Series in Jewish Studies, which brings together graduate students and faculty from across the university for intellectual interchange. The Certificate Program will offer students a credential beyond their departmental training that strengthens their ability to compete for national fellowships, postdoctoral awards, and tenure-track positions in Jewish studies.

As with other courses of study within the Graduate Division of Religion, JRC requires that students arrive with an MA in a related field, but exceptions may be made.

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**Applications**

Applicants for Ph.D. study in the Graduate Division of Religion should complete the Laney Graduate School application available at http://www.gs.emory.edu/admissions/application.php and should specify Jewish Religious Cultures as their area of interest. The application deadline is January 3 for admission in Fall 2011.

For more information on Jewish Religious Cultures, contact Professor Jacob Wright (jlwrigh@emory.edu) or visit the GDR web page (http://religion.emory.edu/about/index.html).