

Matthew Brittingham

Graduate Student

Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion

Fellow, Tam Institute for Jewish Studies

Administrator, Holocaust Denial on Trial

[m.h.brittingham@emory.edu](mailto:m.h.brittingham@emory.edu)

To Whom It May Concern:

I received funding from Holocaust Denial on Trial and the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies to attend the 2016 Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) Conference that was held in San Diego, California, December 18-20. Most of the grant money was used for conference fees, travel, and lodging.

I attended the AJS conference primarily to network with scholars specializing in digital humanities. I participated in several workshops dealing with the following topics: project funding, the diversity of digital projects, reaching the lay public, content management, and teaching through the digital humanities. The most important workshops centered on creating a broader public interest in digital work. As a website that hopes to increase its engagement with the public, the strategies discussed at these workshops will be helpful as HDOT moves into a new phase of translation and content development. Likewise, workshops on securing funding were beneficial since HDOT appears capable of securing funding from several foundations in the coming years.

Since the community that specializes in Jewish studies and digital humanities is small, I was able to personally meet a number of scholars who knew about HDOT's work. They offered important advice on the HDOT project's potential future as well as other partnerships that might be interesting to HDOT staff, including Dr. Lipstadt. My most important meetings were with Dr. Rachel Deblinger from University of California-Santa Cruz, Dr. Emil Kerenji from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Debra Kaplan from Baruch College, and Dr. Oren Kosansky from Lewis and Clark College. These scholars have conducted cutting edge projects in digital scholarship and utilize digital tools similar to those supported by HDOT's website. They have already proven vital contacts for HDOT. Each provided direct feedback and criticism on HDOT's website and HDOT's future work. A select portion of the grant money was set aside for these meetings. As the administrator for Holocaust Denial on Trial, these workshops and networking opportunities were valuable.