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Purpose: Travel to the Jewish History Seminar at Johns Hopkins University on January 27, 2014 to present chapters of my dissertation to the seminar and to lead a workshop focused on one of the Judaeo-Arabic texts central to one of these chapters

In May 2014 I used a \$300 Judith Evans London Student Grant to support a trip to present my dissertation in medieval Jewish History to a seminar comprised faculty and graduate students in Jewish Studies and History at Johns Hopkins University. My dissertation, "The Daily Life of Slaves and the Global Reach of Slavery in Medieval Egypt, 969-1250 CE," is the first comprehensive study of female domestic slavery based on documents from the Cairo Geniza, a cache of records created and preserved by the Egyptian Jewish community.

I pre-circulated the final draft of my dissertation among the JHU faculty and students in advance of my visit so that the participants had time to read sections of the draft before our meeting. During the seminar, I fielded questions and comments about my dissertation meant to help me begin revising my dissertation into a book manuscript for submission to an academic press in 2016.

The student grant greatly subsidized the cost of my airfare and made this valuable trip possible.