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# THE STEPHEN ROTH INSTITUTE

## FOR THE STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY ANTISEMITISM AND RACISM

# Newsletter 2018

**Race & Racism in America**

The American Studies Forum Annual Series 2017-2018

Thursday, June 28, 16:00  
 Invited by Karyn Armstrong, University of North Carolina  
**Jews as Historians of the Black American Experience**

Wednesday, January 10, 16:00  
 John Stauffer, Harvard University  
**Picturing Frederick Douglass**

Monday 10, November 16:00  
 1900 Cleveland and the Rise of "Race" by David Mervin  
 Gilman 282, 16:00

Monday, March 12, 16:00  
 Ari Kelman, University of California, Davis  
**A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek**

Monday, April 23, 16:00  
 James Campbell, Stanford University  
**Freedom Now: History, Memory, and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement**

Monday, June 4, 16:00  
 Seth Rockman, Boston University  
**America's Other Slave Market: Business and Politics in the Plantation Economy**

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**Confronting the Past in Post-World War II West Germany**

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**Dr. Stefanie Fischer**, University of Potsdam  
**The Dead Among the Living: German Jewish Refugees and the Dead in German Jewish Cemeteries, 1945-1968**

Dr. Iris Neuman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Holocaust Survivors, Ethnic Germans and the West-German Compensation Laws**

**Philosemitism and Antisemitism in Biblical Criticism**

Wednesday 16:00  
 November 22, 2017

Treboux Building  
 Law Faculty  
 Kagan Hall 100  
 Tel Aviv University

**Prof. Hindy Najman**  
 Oxal College, Oxford University

Chair: **Prof. Itzhak Room-Zot**, Tel Aviv University  
 Respondents: **Dr. Ofri Ilany**, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

The Event will be Presided by a Light Reception

**Prof. Seth Rockman**  
 Boston University  
**America's Other Slave Market: Business and Politics in the Plantation Economy**

Monday, June 4, 16:00, Rosenberg 02

Image of a plantation document with a red wax seal.

A Symposium on  
**Holocaust and Genocide Studies**  
 סימפוזיום בנושא  
**חקר השואה ורצח עם**

Tuesday | 22.12.2017 | 14:00 | יום א'

Room 458, Gilman Building | חדר 458 | בניין גילמן

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**Freedom Now: History, Memory, and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement**

Monday, April 30, 16:00, Gilman 282

**Prof. James Campbell**  
 Stanford University

**Prof. John Stauffer**  
 Harvard University  
**Picturing Frederick Douglass**

Wednesday, January 10, 16:00, Gilman 458

**GERMANS, JEWS, AND THE TWENTIETH CENTURY**  
 UNIVERSITY OF BRISBANE - TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY WORKSHOP FOR ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY  
 September 5, 2018  
 Özkan Building  
 Room 497  
 Tel Aviv University

12:00-12:30 Reception  
 12:30-12:45 The Photo Project  
 12:45-13:00 Coffee Break  
 13:00-14:00 Graduate Student Workshops

Chair: David Zangen, Boston  
 Katerina Cernigoi, Tel Aviv  
 "Transnational" Relations Germany and Palestine: Dr. Sarah Weiss as a Jewish Feminist  
 Uziel Shoshita, Tel Aviv  
 Between Abrogated and Belated: Gordon Schuman and the Question of Language  
 Moran Jankowsky-Sussan  
 How Jewish Secularity and the Holocaust

Chair: Amir Teshima, Tel Aviv  
 Uziel Shoshita, Tel Aviv  
 Documents and its Double: Seminary's Myth of Modernity and its "Organizer" and (1913-1915)  
 Stefan Rohdewitz, Vienna  
 The Holocaust People's Land Index: Compiling Memorial Sites as National-Socialist Territories  
 Uri Glickstein, Tel Aviv  
 From Reports to Testimonies: Subjectivity and Memory in the "Documentation" of the Conditions of the Germans from East-Central Europe

14:30-16:00 Lunch  
 16:00-17:00 Visit to the Museum of the Jewish People at Tel-HaShikma

**Prof. Jonathan Karp**  
 Bangor University  
**Jews as Historians of the Black American Experience**

Thursday, October 25, 16:00  
 Gilman 304

Image of books: THE AMERICAN NEGRO, THE PRODIGAL AND EXILED, and A JEWRY

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Image of a person's profile in a red and white abstract background.

**MARCH 1968: FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE LAST JEWISH EXODUS FROM POLAND**

SUNDAY  
 MARCH 18, 2018  
 14:00 - 20:00  
 CONFERENCE & FILM SCREENING

16:00 Introduction with Prof. Rappaport Hovav, Prof. Itzhak Room-Zot, Prof. Zvi Ben-Dor, Prof. Amir C. Dubnov (University of California, Riverside), and Dr. Amir C. Dubnov (University of California, Riverside)

16:30-16:50 1968 in History: Introduction by Prof. David G. Dalrymple (Tel Aviv University) and Dr. Amir C. Dubnov (University of California, Riverside)

17:00-18:15 "Personal Recollections, recorded by Dr. David G. Dalrymple (Tel Aviv University) and Prof. Zvi Ben-Dor (University of Wisconsin)

18:20-20:00 1968 in Art and Film: Screening of "Happy Jews" by Jonathan Rappaport Hovav, "L'été 68" by Yael Chertock, and "Exodus" by Shmuel Shraga (1968-1969)

Dr. Yael Chertock (Department of Architecture, College of Architecture, Tel Aviv University) and Dr. Shmuel Shraga (Tel Aviv University)

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Even a casual survey of different news outlets over the past year demonstrates that neither antisemitism nor racism have faded from the headlines, as both phenomena continue to plague a range of societies in Europe, North America and the Middle East.

Dedicated to advancing our understanding of antisemitism and racism as well as the relationship between the two, Tel Aviv University's Roth Institute organizes scholarly and public programs in Israel, supports academic research by graduate students and faculty at TAU on related topics, and strives

to create an open, respectful public forum in Israel where these and related questions can be addressed and discussed.

The Roth Institute also cooperates with a range of academic institutions and scholars in Europe, Israel and North America as part of its efforts to increase discussion between academics in Israel and those abroad on antisemitism and racism. Towards these goals, the Roth Institute organizes international conferences at Tel Aviv University and institutions abroad and also hosts a number of visiting scholars each year at Tel Aviv University.

Since 2011, the Roth Institute has helped bring approximately 150 scholars from abroad to Israel.

Through these and other activities, the Roth Institute not only advances our understanding of these critical issues but also helps promote discussion and awareness of these critical topics among students, scholars and community members in Israel and abroad.

Dr. Scott Ury  
Director, Roth Institute for  
the Study of Contemporary  
Antisemitism and Racism  
Tel Aviv University

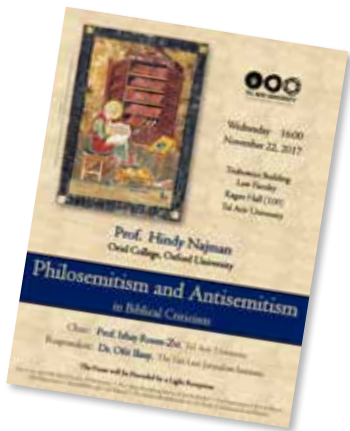
## LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES HOSTED BY THE ROTH INSTITUTE AT TAU

- **Philosemitism and Antisemitism in Biblical Criticism**  
*Prof. Hindy Najman, University of Oxford*  
November 2017
- **Antisemitism and Islamophobia: Between Academic Research and Political Agendas**  
*International Workshop* | December 2017
- **Holocaust and Genocide Studies**  
*Symposium* | December 2017
- **Picturing Frederick Douglass**  
*Prof. John Stauffer, Harvard University*  
January 2018
- **Zionist Energies, Anti-Semitic Beliefs, Seeing Differently, and Thinking Politically: The Polish Jewish Crisis in Diasporist and Zionist Culture, 1928-1935**  
*Prof. Kenneth Moss, Johns Hopkins University*  
January 2018
- **Middleman Minorities and Ethnic Violence: Anti-Jewish Pogroms in the Russian Empire**  
*Prof. Ekaterina Zhuravskaya, Paris School of Economics* | January 2018
- **"Race" by David Mamet**  
*A Student Theater Production* | January 2018
- **Confronting the Past in Post-World War II West Germany**  
*Symposium* | March 2018
- **March 1968: Fifty Years after the Last Jewish Exodus from Poland**  
*International Conference* | March 2018
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*Prof. Seth Rockman, Brown University*  
June 2018
- **Germans, Jews and the Twentieth Century**  
*International Graduate Student Workshop*  
September 2018



## RECENT EVENTS AT THE ROTH INSTITUTE

### PHILOSEMITISM AND ANTISEMITISM IN BIBLICAL CRITICISM



In November, 2017, the Roth Institute hosted Prof. Hindy Najman, the Oriel and Laing Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oriel College, University of Oxford. A distinguished and prolific scholar, Prof. Najman delivered a presentation on the topic of “Philosemitism and Antisemitism in Biblical Criticism.” Available for viewing via the Roth Institute’s website, Prof. Najman’s

engaging presentation analyzed the ways that both philosemitism and antisemitism have influenced the academic study of the Bible in Europe, the United States and even in Israel. Prof. Najman’s lecture was followed by a response from Dr. Ofri Ilany, a post-doctoral fellow at the Van Leer Institute’s Polonsky Academy for Advanced Studies.

### MARCH 1968: FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE LAST JEWISH EXODUS FROM POLAND

In March 2018 the Roth Institute co-sponsored an international conference marking the fiftieth anniversary of the 1968 protests and anti-Jewish events in Poland that led to the emigration of roughly one-half of Poland’s remaining Jewish community. The conference coincided with a major exhibit on the topic at the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw.

The program included presentations by leading scholars and public intellectuals from Israel, Poland, and the United States, as well as the screening of two short documentary films regarding the experience and memory of the events of 1968 in Poland and their impact on Jewish communities in Poland, Israel and other countries.



### RACE AND RACISM IN AMERICA



As part of its efforts to promote scholarly research and public discussion on the topic of racism, the Roth Institute co-organized a lecture series over the 2017-2018 academic year on “Race and Racism in America.” Conducted in cooperation with TAU’s American Studies Program, presentations by visiting scholars from leading

academic institutions like Brown, Harvard, Stanford and UC Davis addressed a variety of topics regarding the history of race and racism in the United States. Attended by a wide range of students, faculty and community members, a detailed list of the different presentations and guest lectures can be found on the Roth Institute’s website.

## RESEARCH GROUP ON ANTISEMITISM AND ISLAMOPHOBIA

As part of its efforts to promote research on antisemitism and its relationship to other forms of racism, the Roth Institute sponsored a two-year research group on “Antisemitism and Islamophobia.” Supported by the the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Tel Aviv-Berlin, the research group was led by Dr. Lena Salaymeh of TAU’s Faculty of Law and Dr. Scott Ury, director of the Roth Institute.

The research group served as an ongoing academic forum in which graduate students, post-doctoral scholars, and researchers convened to discuss recent academic studies, receive feedback on their research, and gain exposure to new scholarship and methodologies via guest lectures. The research group also convened an international workshop on the topic in December, 2017.

## INTENSIVE SUMMER INSTITUTE

In July, 2018, the Roth Institute co-sponsored an intensive summer institute in cooperation with the University of Toronto and York University, Toronto on “Teaching about Antisemitism in the Twenty-First Century.”

Hosted by York University, the program offered fifteen graduate students from a range of universities the opportunity to learn about many of the central issues in the study of antisemitism. The summer institute also included sessions regarding some of the pedagogical problems that arise while teaching about antisemitism in different settings as well as strategies for addressing these and related issues.

## THE ROTH INSTITUTE PROJECT ON TOLERANCE AND INTOLERANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Over the course of the 2017-2018 academic year, TAU’s Project for the Study of Tolerance and Intolerance in the Middle East continued its work of monitoring Arab-language media for expressions and manifestations of antisemitic attitudes as well as discussions regarding Muslim-Jewish relations.

Under the supervision of Dr. Esther (Esti) Webman, the dedicated project’s staff identify, catalogue and analyze a wide range of print, visual and social media sources from across the Arab world. Relevant items are then summarized in English and entered into TAU’s Database on Antisemitism and Racism, where they are open and accessible via TAU’s Central library system.

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## IN MEMORIAM

PROF. NATAN LERNER, ז"ל



The Roth Institute mourns the passing of Prof. Natan Lerner, a longtime supporter and dedicated member of the Roth Institute’s International Board. Born in interwar Poland and educated in Buenos Aires, Prof. Lerner served as the Director of the Israeli Office of the World Jewish Congress and taught courses on human rights and international law at TAU’s Law School and at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya.