



Conference

SOVEREIGNS & SUBJECTS: JEWISH POLITICAL THOUGHT IN THE 20TH CENTURY

February 24-25, 2008

Sunday, February 24

UW Hillel (4745 17th Ave NE, Seattle)

2-3:15 pm

1st Panel - Rabbinic Political Thought in the Modern World

Moderator: **Bob Stacey** (History, University of Washington)

Speaker: **Charlotte Fonrobert** (Religious Studies, Stanford University)

“Replacing the Nation – Judaism, Diaspora and the Neighborhood”

Commentator: **Marty Jaffee** (Jewish Studies, University of Washington)

3:45-5 pm

2nd Panel - American Jewish Political Experience

Moderator: **Susan Glenn** (History, University of Washington)

Speaker: **Tony Michels** (History, University of Wisconsin)

“Against Exceptionalism: An Attempt to Revise the Liberal Paradigm in American Jewish History”

Commentator: Sarah Stein (History, University of Washington)

7:00 pm

Keynote Lecture by Derek Penslar

Opening Remarks: **Paul Burstein** (Sociology, University of Washington)

Speaker Introduction: **Michael Rosenthal** (Philosophy, University of Washington)

Speaker: **Derek Penslar** (Jewish Studies, University of Toronto)

“Uniform Identities: Jews and the Military in Modern Europe”

Reception to follow

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Monday, February 25

**Simpson Center for the Humanities,
Communications 202 (UW Seattle)**

10-12:00 pm

3rd Panel - Jews and Political Theology

Moderator: **Gad Barzilai** (Political Science and Law, University of Washington)

Speaker 1: **Peter Gordon** (History, Harvard University)

**“The Place of Judaism in the History of Secularization:
Reflections on Charles Taylor’s ‘A Secular Age’”**

Speaker 2: **Samuel Moyn** (History, Columbia University)

**“Hannah Arendt’s Critique of Political Theology
(and Was It Jewish?)”**

Commentator: **Richard Block** (Germanics, University of Washington)

2-4:00 pm:

4th Panel -Zionism & Contemporary Politics

Moderator: **Joel Migdal** (International Studies, University of Washington)

Speaker 1: **Jeffrey Spinner-Halev** (Political Science, University of North Carolina)

“Zionism and Post-Zionism in Comparative Perspective”

Speaker 2: **Noam Pianko** (International Studies, University of Washington)

**“Breaking the Sovereign Mold: Jewish Nationalism and
the Boundaries of Collective Identity in a Global Era”**

Commentator: **Derek Penslar** (Jewish Studies, University of Toronto)

4-5:00 pm:

Concluding discussion

Conference sponsors include the Simpson Center for the Humanities, the Jewish Studies Program, the Departments of Philosophy and Germanics, the Program on Values in Society, the Institute for Transnational Studies, UW Hillel, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

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