

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Lavy Colloquium

# JEWISH MONUMENTALITY

MAY 6

Monday

9:00 — 9:30 AM WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

9:30 — 10:45 AM MONUMENTAL MEANINGS

Aviva Ben-Ur (UMass Amherst) - Rethinking Monuments After Black Lives Matter: A View From the Graveyard

Elizabeth Bloch-Smith (Princeton Theological Seminary) - The Jerusalem Temples: Physical Monuments as Textual Tableaus

10:45 — 12:00 PM MONUMENTAL FORMS

Timothy Hogue (U Pennsylvania) - The Monumentality of the Shema

Alana M. Vincent (Umeå University) - Memory Palaces or Castles in the Air: The Monumentality of Jewish Museums

12:00 — 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:30 — 3:15 PM MONUMENTAL WORDS

Jeremy Smoak (UCLA) - A Priestly Monument of Blessing in the Pentateuch: The Literary Architecture of Numbers 6:22-27

Lisa Cleath (Princeton Theological Seminary) - Aramaic Curse Traditions in Monumental Impact

Samuel J. Spinner (Johns Hopkins) - Monuments of Books: Yiddish Literature and the Beginnings of Holocaust Memory

3:15 — 3:45 PM COFFEE BREAK

3:45 — 5:30 PM MONUMENTAL ALTERNATIVES

Karen B. Stern (Brooklyn College, CUNY) - Big feelings: Monumentality through the Senses in Late Ancient Synagogues

Michael Meng (Clemson U) - Non-Monumentality: Epicurus's Forgotten Forgetting

Bernadette Wegenstein (Johns Hopkins) - Jewish Monumentality in the Documentary *The Archives*

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Tuesday

8:30 — 10:15 AM MONUMENTAL IDENTITIES

Alice Mandell (Johns Hopkins) - You Are (Not) My People: "Thinking Through" Israel's Identity Crises

Eric Jarrard (Wellesley) - Jewish Textual Memorial in Ptolemaic Egypt: 3 Maccabees 6-7 in the Shadow of Empire

Emily Gottreich (UC Berkeley) - Jewish Monumentality in Contemporary Islamic Contexts

10:15 — 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK

10:30 — 11:45 AM MONUMENTAL MONUMENTS

Lisa Saltzman (Bryn Mawr College) - Small Things

Elaine T. James (Princeton Theological Seminary) - The Literary Gigantic in the Hebrew Bible: Experiencing Time in Imaginary Space

11:45 AM — 1:00 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS AND DISCUSSION



All sessions will take place at  
the **Smokler Center for Jewish Life**  
at **Johns Hopkins University**,  
3109 N. Charles St., Baltimore.

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