

JEWISH STUDIES COURSES SPRING 2010

(HP) JWST 11R: Judaic Perspectives on the Hebrew Bible

Michael Mitelman

TR 9:35- 11:00 a.m.

An examination of Jewish biblical interpretation from antiquity to the present with special focus on continuities and contrasts. This course will scrutinize major forms of Jewish biblical interpretations from the period of the great Rabbinic sages in late antiquity to the eastern centers of Medieval Jewish scholarship. We will then turn to the emergence of Western European forms of biblical interpretation in the Renaissance, move to the period of Jewish Enlightenment, and finish with the present.

Prerequisites and Course Notes:

Formerly JWST 11 (LT) *Judaic Perspectives on the Hebrew Bible*

(HP) JWST 16R: The Modern Jewish Experience

David Kaufman

MW 2:55-4:20 p.m.

The Jewish encounter with modernity in historical context, with special attention to key events of the 20th century: the establishment of the state of Israel, the European Holocaust, and the development of American Jewish culture and community.

Prerequisites and Course Notes:

Formerly JWST 16 (LT, HP) *Foundations of Jewish Culture and Traditions*

This course is the follow-up course to JWST 15R, although JWST 15R is NOT a prerequisite for this course.

(HP) JWST 119R: Blacks and Jews: Interrelation in the Diaspora

David Kaufman

MW 4:30-5:55 p.m.

This class will examine the relations between African-Americans and Jewish-Americans in the United States from the period of the “Grand Alliance” (circa 1910- 1967) to the current moment of “crisis”. Through the investigation of literature, sociological analysis, historical case studies, opinion pieces, and works of art, this course illuminates the complex and shifting relations between African-Americans and Jewish-Americans and their significance for questions of identity in the modern United States.

Prerequisites and Course Notes:

Same as AFST, HIST 119. (Formerly JWST 119 (LT) *Blacks and Jews: Interrelation in the Diaspora*)

