

The Religious Imagination: Constructions of Tradition, Narratives, Power and Practice in Religion

Welcome and Introductions 11:00

Session 1 11:10-12:05

Sean Remz, Christian denomination as a variable regarding interethnic relations, antisemitic agitations, and bystanders to the Holocaust in the former borderlands of Hungary

Heather Patrick, A 'chicken and egg' dilemma: Problems with labeling Aristides' Sacred Tales as (auto)biography

Session 2 12:20-1:20

Erin Wilkins, Religion, Migration, and the Politics of Humanitarian Responses: The Case of Soviet Jewish Emigration to the United States and the Jackson- Vanik Amendment

Megan Hollinger, Jewish Identity, Law, and Lived Religion: Understanding the Supreme Court of Canada's 2004 Amselem Decision

Session 3 2:15-3:20

Alena Wilson, Deconstructing & De-Centering: The Evolution of Religious Studies

Erin Wai, Greek influence on the story of David and Goliath through a lens of cultural memory

Session 4 3:45-4:45

Darlene McLeod, Western women's syncretism and the desire for personal agency: an examination of trends in women's ritual innovation

Jesse Toufexis, Strangers in a Strange Land: A Possible Worlds Approach to North American Jewish Stories

Closing remarks 4:45-5:00

