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*Sephardic Identities in the Age of Discovery*

Annual Alexander Grass Endowed Lecture by  
**Jonathan Ray**  
Monday, February 5, 2018 at 5 PM  
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The history of the Sephardic Diaspora is inextricably linked to the European Age of Discovery. The global networks created by Spanish and Portuguese Jews and Conversos became a hallmark of the early modern period, forming a bridge between the Old World and the New—and between Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Prof. Ray will explore three key facets of Sephardic identity during this fascinating, yet oft-overlooked chapter in Jewish history.

Jonathan Ray is the Samuel Eig Professor of Jewish Studies at Georgetown University. Prof. Ray specializes in medieval and early modern Jewish history, focusing on the Sephardic world. His publications include *The Sephardic Frontier:*

*The Reconquista and the Jewish Community in Medieval Iberia* (2006), *The Jew in Medieval Iberia* (2012), and *After Expulsion: 1492 and the Making of Sephardic Jewry* (2013).

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