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JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

cordially invites you to a lecture by

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Elusive Souls: Jewish Converts and their Predicament in Early Modern Iberia

Taking advantage of a diverse typology of historical documentary sources, whether Christian or Jewish, I have chosen different characters of fifteenth century and early sixteenth century Iberian (Castilian, Navarrese, and Portuguese) Jewish neophytes, to illustrate the predicaments they (and their immediate offspring) experienced, both within their new social setting as well as with their former brethren. I will take the opportunity to analyze what I call the objective mechanics of conversion. Though focusing on the individuals, I will show them against the backdrop of the variegated Iberian societies, both Christian and Jewish.

Tuesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.
Popper Room, Monument Building