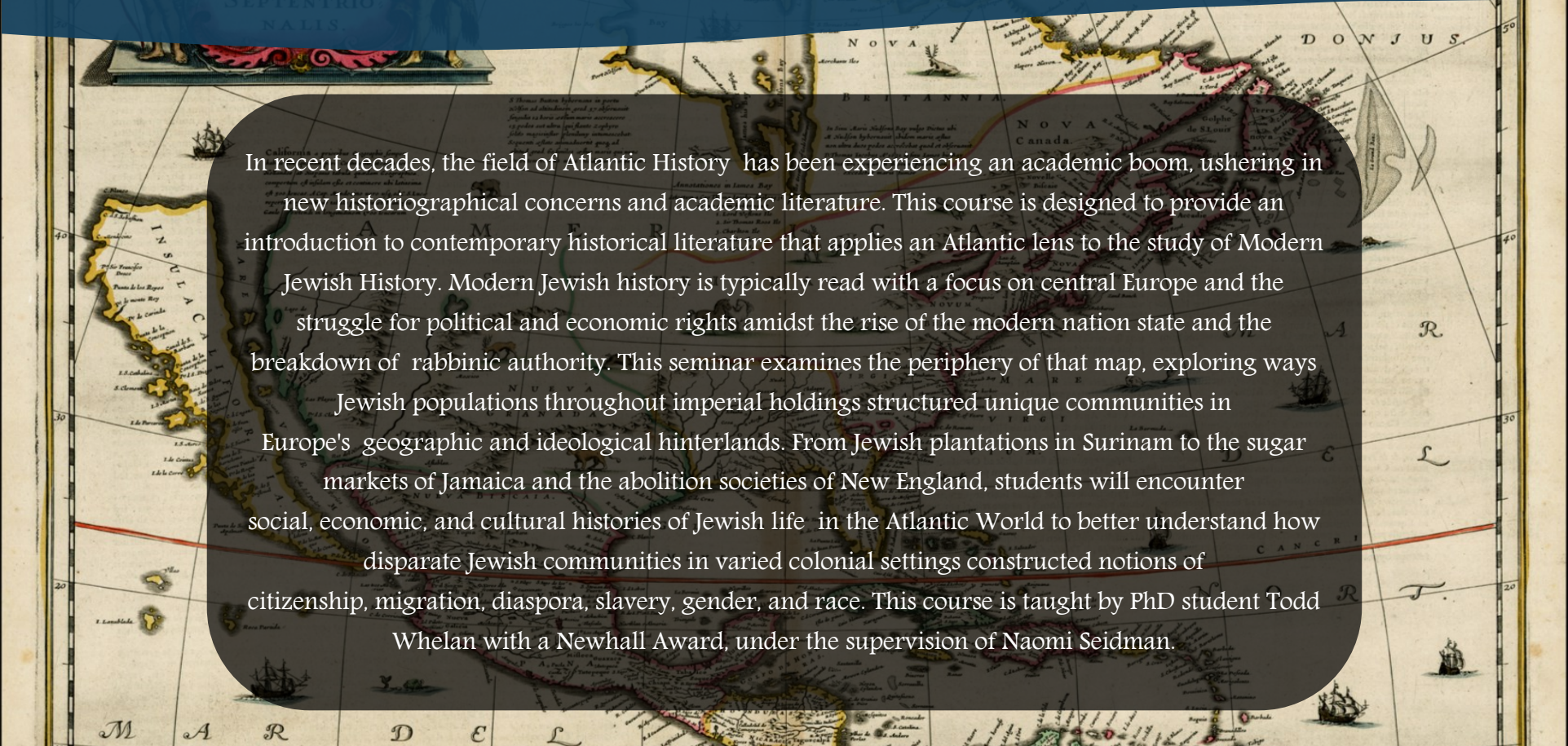


The Jewish Atlantic

HSHR:3800



In recent decades, the field of Atlantic History has been experiencing an academic boom, ushering in new historiographical concerns and academic literature. This course is designed to provide an introduction to contemporary historical literature that applies an Atlantic lens to the study of Modern Jewish History. Modern Jewish history is typically read with a focus on central Europe and the struggle for political and economic rights amidst the rise of the modern nation state and the breakdown of rabbinic authority. This seminar examines the periphery of that map, exploring ways Jewish populations throughout imperial holdings structured unique communities in Europe's geographic and ideological hinterlands. From Jewish plantations in Surinam to the sugar markets of Jamaica and the abolition societies of New England, students will encounter social, economic, and cultural histories of Jewish life in the Atlantic World to better understand how disparate Jewish communities in varied colonial settings constructed notions of citizenship, migration, diaspora, slavery, gender, and race. This course is taught by PhD student Todd Whelan with a Newhall Award, under the supervision of Naomi Seidman.

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