

DEPARTMENT OF NEAR EASTERN STUDIES

Availability of Position
Graduate Student Instructor
For Winter 2010

HJCS 276/JUDAIC 205 – Introduction to Jewish Civilization and Culture
.35 fraction position (FTE)

Please submit application materials by December 1, 2009 to:

Graduate Student Services Coordinator
Department of Near Eastern Studies
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Or email to: aradjews@umich.edu

Information and application materials can be found at www.umich.edu/~neareast/

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the history and culture of the Jews from biblical antiquity to the contemporary world. It provides a narrative framework for understanding the origins of the Jewish people in the Middle East and their subsequent dispersion in North Africa, Europe, and North and South America. The course emphasizes how Judaism and the conditions of Jewish life developed from place to place and from epoch to epoch. At the same time that it focuses on adaptation and change, it also keeps in view elements within Jewish religious culture that remained constant, serving to unite the Jewish people over time and place. The course will introduce students to key concepts, classical texts, religious movements, and historical moments in more than two thousand years of Jewish civilization.

JUDAIC 205/HJCS 276 is taught by an interdisciplinary team of faculty, headed by Professor Deborah Dash Moore, from the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. The primary instructor will provide a general framework for the course and provide introductions to each unit. Other faculty from the Frankel Center will offer guest lectures in their areas of specialization. Discussion sections will provide the opportunity to discuss the primary sources that are a central feature of the assigned reading. There will be a midterm, a cumulative final, and an analytical paper of twelve-to-fifteen pages, as well as occasional quizzes in section

Duties Include:

- Leading two discussion sessions
- Grading assignments
- Office hours

Selection Criteria:

- Relevant academic preparation for teaching the course material
- Extent of prior instructional experience
- Student evaluations
- Relevance to graduate training
- Graduate student in good standing in the University

Desired qualifications:

- Previous experience as GSI, with favorable student evaluations
- Previous experience teaching this or related course in Near Eastern Studies/Judaic Studies
- Knowledge of Hebrew language

Actual hiring decisions will be dependent upon availability of funding

The Graduate Program Chair and Faculty Instructor will make selections based upon the above criteria

Application due date: November 30, 2009

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