

Religious Conversions

28-29 March, 2016

A Workshop

Schedule

Monday, 28 March at the Price Judaica Library
5:00 - 7:00 pm - Plenary lecture

Todd Endelman (University of Michigan)
"Why Jews Became Christians in the Modern Era"
The Annual Alexander Grass Endowed Lecture

Tuesday, 29 March at O5 Keene-Flint Hall
12:00-1:30 - Keynote lecture

Gauri Viswanathan (Columbia University)
"Conversion and the Idea of the Secret."

3:00 - 3:45

Vasudha Narayanan (University of Florida)
"Change of Outlook or Change of Inner Path? Narratives
from South India in the 9th-12th Centuries"

Ryan Szpiech (University of Michigan)
"Metaphors of Conversion: Avoiding the Territorial Trap
in the Study of Medieval Religion"

3:50-5:00

Jonathan Edelmann (University of Florida)
"'You must meet a devotee': Conversion in Gaudiya Vaisnavism
Accepting the Path of Devotion (bhakti-yoga)"

Melissa Hackman (Emory University)
"Gay 'Conversion'?: Ethnography of a South African 'Ex-Gay'
Ministry"

Terje Ostebo, (University of Florida)
"Religious Reform as Conversion in Islam"

This event is free and open to the public.

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