Introduction

Swig JSSJ Director Aaron Hahn Tapper published an article in the Justice Studies Journal titled "Indigenous Justice and Jewish Studies." The article points to the significant overlap between Jewish studies and Indigenous Jewish Studies. Tapped's cutting-edge research, the article is an example of how the Jewish Studies program is working to integrate discussions of Jewish identity and social justice with Indigenous Peoples' rights.

According to Hahn Tapper, the article highlights the importance of examining the ways in which Jewish studies and Indigenous studies can be integrated to address contemporary issues of social justice. By focusing on the overlap between Jewish and Indigenous studies, the article provides a framework for understanding how Jewish studies can contribute to the larger conversation around social justice and Indigenous rights.

The article also emphasizes the need for Jewish studies to engage with Indigenous Peoples' rights and to recognize the historical and cultural contributions of Indigenous Peoples to Jewish studies. By recognizing the intersecting interests of Jewish studies and Indigenous studies, the article provides a new perspective on the ways in which Jewish studies can contribute to the larger conversation around social justice and Indigenous rights.

The article concludes by arguing that Jewish studies and Indigenous studies can work together to address contemporary issues of social justice. By integrating these two fields of study, Jewish studies can contribute to the larger conversation around social justice and Indigenous rights, and Indigenous studies can benefit from the insights and perspectives provided by Jewish studies.

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Recent JSSJ Publications

We are pleased to announce two recent faculty publications, each of which contributes to the ongoing conversation around social justice.


Ilana Sumka for the book Queering Religion was published by Routledge in 2022. Titled "Judaisms and Nonviolence," the book explores the intersection of Judaism, queerness, and nonviolence.

Beyond Bridges: Inbal Patzelder

Inbal Patzelder is a political activist and writer. In her article, "Beyond Bridges: Inbal Patzelder," she discusses the importance of moving beyond traditional peace agreements to address the root causes of conflict. Patzelder argues that traditional peace agreements often fail to address the underlying issues that contribute to conflict, and that a more comprehensive approach is needed to achieve long-term peace.

The Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture

The Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture will be delivered by former California State Senator Mark Leno, an LGBTQIA+ Jewish social justice advocate. Leno will share insights from his legislative career and his ongoing work to advance social justice and equality.

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