

The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life
Faculty Seminar

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***Who's Passing for Whom? African
Americans, Jews, and the Shifting Color Line***



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This faculty seminar will explore historical Black-Jewish alliances and fractures, with a focus on the phenomenon of white Jewish Americans assuming a Black identity. We will examine recent examples of racial passing, such as the case of Jessica Krug, a professor at George Washington University. In 2020, it was revealed that she was not “Jess La Bombalera,” a Nuyorican woman, but a Jewish woman from outside Kansas City. This seminar will analyze the ways such crossings misconstrue Blackness and suggest explanations for why such crossings remain a pervasive problem of the 21st century.

Tuesday, October 17 at 10:30 AM
Miller Hall, Room 115 (14 College Ave.)

Lunch will be provided.

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