Sunday, October 26, 2014 9:00 am – 11:30 am
UNO Community Engagement Center
6001 Dodge Street, Room 201

Session I:
9:00 – 9:15 am Introductions and Welcome
Moshe Gershovich, Director, Natan & Hannah Schwalb Center for Israel and Jewish Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha

9:15 – 9:55 Susan Marks, New College of Florida
“Uncovering the Ongoing Parental Role in Education in the Early Rabbinic Period”

10:00 - 10:40 Charles D. Isbell, Louisiana State University
“Family Values and Biblical Marriage: Spanning the Time Barrier”

10:45 - 11:25 Jennifer Sartori, Northeastern University
“Modern Families: Multifaceted Identities in the Jewish Adoptive Family”

11:30 – 12:00 pm Travel from UNO to Omaha Jewish Community Center

Sunday, October 26, 2014 12:00 Noon - 9:00 pm
Omaha Jewish Community Center
333 South 132nd Street

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch

Session II:
1:05 – 1:45 Evyatar Marienberg, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
“Sexual Guidance in Contemporary Orthodox Communities”

1:50 – 2:30 Pamela Laufer-Ukeles, University of Dayton Law School
“The Legal and Ethical Dilemmas of Creating Jewish Families through Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)”

2:30 – 2:50 Break

Session III:
2:50 – 3:30 Gail Labovitz, American Jewish University
“It’s Complicated: Halachah and the Status of Relationships Outside Jewish Marriage”

3:35 - 4:15 David Brodsky, Brooklyn College
“Mishnah Gittin: Family Relations as Metaphor for National Relations”

4:20 - 5:00 Joshua Brown, Rabbi, Temple Israel, Omaha
“Challah with Abba: What Happens When Jewish Mothers Become the Breadwinners and Jewish Fathers the Break Makers?”

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Keynote Address

Welcome Remarks

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
Leonard J. Greenspoon, Chairholder, Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization, Creighton University

Keynote Speaker
Benard Dov Cooperman, University of Maryland
“Family Fictions: How Jews Invent Themselves by Talking about their Parents”
The 27th Annual Klutznick-Harris-Schwalb Symposium

“Mispachah: The Jewish Family in Tradition and Transition”

Monday, October 27, 2014 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
Creighton University: Skutt Center Ballroom
2500 California Plaza

Session IV:
8:30 – 9:10 Joshua J. Furman, University of Maryland
“Parents of the Book: Identity Politics in American Jewish Baby Books after World War II”

9:15 - 9:55 John D. Loike, Columbia University
“Creating Human Embryos through Cloning: A Jewish Perspective”

9:55 – 10:05 Break

Session V:
10:05 – 10:45 Cynthia Shafer-Elliott, William Jessup University
“All in the Family: Ancient Israelite Families in Context”

10:50 – 11:30 Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University and Hillary Kaell, Concordia University
“Theological Families: Jews, Messianic Jews, and the Meaning of Lineage”

11:30am - 1:00 pm Lunch and Keynote

12:15 - 12:20 Remarks,
Bridget Keegan, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Creighton University

12:20 - 1:00 Haim Sperber, Western Galilee College
“Chained Women’ (Agunot) and the Modernization of the East European Jewish Family”

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