Demythologizing
Blacks & Jews

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An interdisciplinary conference presented by Judaic Studies and Africana Studies

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Because of the highly charged political and emotional nature of the dialogue between the African American and the Jewish communities, there has not been much reasoned discussion either on campus or in the community. We have organized a conference that will present to the general public informed scholarly analyses of the complex history of the relationship between African Americans and Jewish Americans. These presentations will examine the historical roots and evolving shapes of both racism and anti-Semitism to account for the present precarious relationship of Blacks and Jews. Our goal is to promote social cooperation that is grounded in an intelligent understanding of each other's history and culture.