

Call for Papers

27th Annual Conference – Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies

“The Crypto-Jewish Experience in the Americas”

November 5-7, 2017 • Philadelphia, PA

Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District Hotel - National Museum of American Jewish History
Mikveh Israel (Historic Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue of the American Revolution, est.1740)

This CFP replaces one for a conference in Puerto Rico, rescheduled and relocated to Philadelphia

The Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies (SCJS) cordially invites papers on the crypto-Jewish experience from any discipline (e.g., anthropology, history, sociology, genealogy, philosophy, literature, music, art, etc.). This year’s conference highlights the crypto-Jewish experience geographically located in the Americas, including North America, New Spain, Central and South America, and the Caribbean Islands. The time period includes the Inquisition era, pre-Colonial days through contemporary times, especially early Colonial America. Topics should be relevant to the descendants of crypto-Jews, *conversos*, and the early colonial Sephardic experience.

SCJS welcomes scholarly papers on all aspects of the Sephardic experience and that of other communities exhibiting crypto-Judaic phenomena throughout the world. We are particularly interested this year in research on lesser-covered territories such as the American Northeast, the Caribbean Basin, and the Southern Cone. Papers breaking new ground in research on crypto-Jews in the American Southwest are also welcome. Interested scholars and professionals, including advanced graduate students, are invited to submit proposals for presentations.

Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

American History of Spanish and Portuguese Communities
Studies of Inquisitions in Peru and Mexico
Crypto-Jews in Modern America
Sephardic Culture in Contemporary Latin America
Mercantilist History of Atlantic Sephardim

Transmission or Discovery of Family Traditions
Depictions of crypto-Jews in Latin American Art and Media
Latin American Nationalism and the Inquisition
Biographies of Conversos in New Spain
Emerging Communities in Latin America

Proposals are also welcome from individuals with personal stories or other anecdotal research relating to crypto-Judaic experiences for individual presentations or for specific panel discussions.

The event offers an exceptional opportunity to share your work and published books with peers and a target audience. Conference presentation proposals must include speaker contact details, a title, a 200-word abstract or summary, and a 100-word biography or CV. Indicate if the proposal represents completed research or work in-progress. Proposals must be received by May 30, 2017; accepted speakers will be notified shortly thereafter. Send proposals or inquiries to: Leonard Stein, University of Toronto, CryptoJewish.Conference@gmail.com

For information on SCJS, this year’s conference, and past events, visit www.cryptojews.com

The Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, an international academic and secular association, fosters research, networking of people and ideas, and the dissemination of information regarding the historical and contemporary developments involving crypto-Jews of Iberian origins and other hidden Jewish communities around the world. Membership dues fund the programs and publications of this non-profit organization [501(c)3], open to any and all individuals interested in learning more about this cultural phenomenon.