

**THE 36th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE SOCIETY FOR CRYPTO-JUDAIC STUDIES
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SEPHARDIC AND CRYPTO-JEWS IN THE EARLY SOUTH

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THE STANLEY M. HORDES DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR LECTURE

Roger Martinez, Univ. of Colorado, Colorado Springs: Crypto-Judaism: The Southern Atlantic Jewish Experience

THE STRATTON-PETIT SOSIN ADDRESS TO ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP IN THE CRYPTO-JUDAIC ARTS

Marcia Fine (Title TBA)

THE BEN-ZVI RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP: GLOBAL FIELD INVESTIGATIONS INTO CRYPTO-JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Malka Shabtay: The Ben-Zvi Research Fellowship: Supporting Emerging Scholarship on Crypto-Jewish Communities

Rabbi David A. Kunin: From Kisar to Ambon: Converso Traditions and Emerging Jewish Identity in Indonesia's Maluku Islands

Gabriel Gualán Maldonado: Hidden Heritage in Southern Ecuador: The Crypto-Jewish Legacy of Loja

Juliana de Albuquerque: Shifting perceptions of Jewish identity within groups of the Brazilian population with ties to the Jewish people

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Hélène Jawhara Piñer: The Chocolate Diaspora: Sephardic Jews and the Journey of Cacao

Diego Martínez Serrano: Baths and Synagogues: Material Evidence of Crypto-Jewish Life in Colonial Mexico City

Mark A. Schneegurt: Pamphlets and Periodicals Published by A. C. Barros Basto for the Crypto-Jewish Communities of Northern Portugal

César David Ciriano Vela and Magda Moreno Ciriano: The Philosephardic Movement and the Reconnection of the Sephardic and Hispanic Worlds: 1869–2026

Leah Stein: Reading Between the Lines, Speaking into the Silences: Doctor John de Sequeyra and Being Jewish in Eighteenth-Century Virginia

Isaac Amon: From Crypto-Jew to Jewish Pioneer: Dr. Samuel Nunes and the Founding of Jewish Savannah

David Gonzalez Guajardo: The Invisible Return: Modern Anusim, Microaggressions, and the Barriers to American Jewish Integration

Ricardo Villarreal De Silva: A Rooster's Double Meaning: Symbolism, Persistence, and Converso Concealment (more on an artifact published in *HaLapid*)

Dr. Cicero Adson de Souza Ferraz : Crypto-Jewish Presence in the Pajeú and Seridó Hinterlands: A Comparative Analysis of Incidence, Family Signatures, and Genetic Heritage with Emphasis on Floresta do Navio, Betânia, Itacuruba, Carnaubeira da Penha, Carqueja, and Airi

Manashe Khaimov: Chala Jews: The Untold Story of the Jews of Bukhara Who Converted Publicly and Kept Judaism Alive at Home

Joseph S. Berríos: Hidden in Plain Sight: Jíbaro Identity as Crypto-Jewish Concealment Strategy in Puerto Rico\