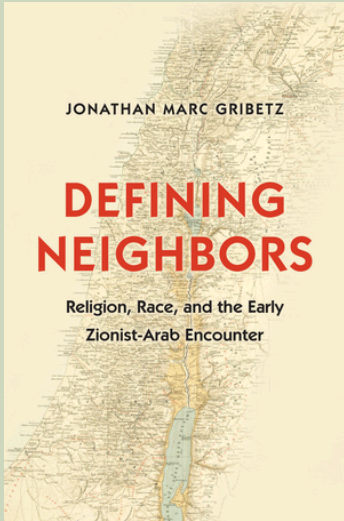


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## DEFINING NEIGHBORS RELIGION, RACE AND THE EARLY ZIONIST-ARAB ENCOUNTER

**Jonathan Gribetz**

**Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Judaic Studies Princeton University**

**MARCH 17TH, 2016**

**TIME** Reception at 5:30 PM / Lecture at 6:00 pm

**PLACE** Warren Room, 295 Boalt Hall, Berkeley, CA

Jonathan Gribetz will speak about his book, *Defining Neighbors: Religion, Race, and the Early Zionist-Arab Encounter*. Gribetz argues that the current focus on how to divide the territory of Palestine-Israel between Jews and Arabs obscures the fact that the encounter between these groups in early twentieth-century Palestine was imagined in ways that often had little to do with territory or borders. Rather, the encounter was frequently understood as one between religious communities with long, intertwined, and fraught histories together, or between members of a single, scientifically-defined race. In his lecture, Gribetz will discuss how understanding the importance of these two categories of mutual perception - religion and race - helps us better to understand the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict.



Jonathan Gribetz is an assistant professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies and in the Program in Judaic Studies. He earned a PhD in History from Columbia University, an MSt in Modern Jewish Studies from Oxford University, and an BA in Social Studies from Harvard University. Prof. Gribetz teaches about the history of Zionism, Palestine, Israel, Jerusalem, and the Arab-Jewish encounter.

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