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### **Howard Berger-Ray Neilsen Endowed Chair of Judaic Studies**

The Department of History at The College of Idaho invites applications for an open-rank tenure-track appointment to the Berger-Neilsen Endowed Chair of Judaic Studies to begin in fall 2020. This position is the first endowed chair in Judaic Studies in the state of Idaho, and one of the few such chairs in the Pacific Northwest and the intermountain region.

The successful candidate will be a passionate, engaged teacher and productive scholar who can provide outreach to the broader campus and local communities. The responsibilities of the Chair also include administering the fully endowed Craig H. Neilsen Foundation Lectureship in Judaic Studies. Candidates must have PhD in hand at the time of appointment in August 2020.

Research specialization for this position is open, but candidates should be able to teach at least one course on modern Israel, broadly defined. Preference will be given to candidates who can offer engaging undergraduate courses on various topics of Jewish history and religion. The ideal candidate will be able to teach courses that would be accessible to a broad range of undergraduate students, most of whom have little to no familiarity with Judaism. The department values candidates who have experience in working with and mentoring students from diverse backgrounds. Approximately thirty percent of the students at The College of Idaho are first generation college students; eighteen percent are international students representing eighty-eight countries, and fifteen percent are Latinx.

Please send a cover letter, CV, a statement of teaching philosophy, sample syllabi, recent course evaluations, and three letters of recommendation to [HR@collegeofidaho.edu](mailto:HR@collegeofidaho.edu) with subject line "Judaic Studies Search." Shortlisted candidates will be notified and asked to provide a writing sample. Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from referees or through Interfolio. Review of applications will begin on November 15. Initial interviews will be conducted at the AJS Annual Conference in San Diego in December.

Founded in 1891, The College of Idaho is the state's oldest private college. The C of I has a national reputation for academic excellence and for preparing successful graduates, including seven Rhodes Scholars, three governors, and countless business leaders and innovators. The College is located on a beautiful campus in Caldwell, a community of 50,000 located in Idaho's vibrant Treasure Valley. The campus is just 30 minutes from downtown Boise, one of the fastest growing cities in the nation and a dynamic cultural center. The area also offers world-class opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, skiing, mountain biking and whitewater rafting. To learn more about The College of Idaho, please visit [www.collegeofidaho.edu](http://www.collegeofidaho.edu).

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