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NOON ❖ HESTER HALL, ROOM 145

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## ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES IN 2015 A RETROSPECTIVE

WITH

DR. D. GERSHON LEWENTAL

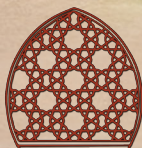
Schusterman Visiting Professor of Israel Studies

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Dr. Lewental is a cultural historian of the Middle East, focusing on how societies use religion, memory and conflict to define and maintain their identities. He has been the Schusterman visiting professor in the Departments of History and International and Area Studies at the University of Oklahoma since 2012. He earned his degrees from Cornell University and Brandeis University, writing a dissertation on the changing perceptions of the Arab-Islamic conquest of Iran that received the Best Dissertation Award from the Foundation of Iranian Studies. Dr. Lewental's fields of specialization include early Islamic history and historiography, Iranian history, the Baha'i faith and Israeli society.

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