Métis and Jews in Canada A Conversation

Monday, March 7 @ 4:00 pm мsт Live Zoom Presentation and Q&A

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This dialogue - between a scholar of Métis life and a scholar of Jewish history – begins by unpacking the strange results of the 2016 Canadian Census, which mistakenly showed that the number of Métis people doubled since the previous census, while the number of Jews in Canada fell by half during the same time. The two scholars will then move to ask questions of one another about the nature of difference, identity, and racialization in Canada using these two groups as case studies, about what Métis Studies and Jewish Studies have to offer one another, and about how the two communities speak both to and past one another.



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