Livornese Jews, Tuscan Culture, and Eighteenth-Century Reform

Francesca Bregoli

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 | 12:15–1:30 pm
Rosenthal Library | Fifth Floor | President’s Conference Room #2

Francesca Bregoli is an Assistant Professor of History and the Joseph and Oro Halegua Professor of Greek and Sephardic Studies. Her work focuses on the cultural and social history of Italian and Western Sephardi Jews during the 18th century. Her book, Mediterranean Enlightenment: Livornese Jews, Tuscan Culture, and Eighteenth-Century Reform (Stanford University Press, 2014) was a finalist in the 2014 National Jewish Book Awards (for both the “Sephardic Culture” and “Writing Based on Archival Material” categories).

Currently Dr. Bregoli is working on a project focusing on the creation and preservation of ties in transnational Jewish families whose members were scattered across the Mediterranean area, for which she was awarded a research fellowship this past year at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

From her recently published book, Professor Bregoli will address the importance of the Mediterranean port of Livorno, home of one of the most privileged Jewish communities in early modern Europe. In her focus on Livornese Jews she will examine their interactions with the broader community during the time of the Enlightenment, including their contribution to the society at large without compromising their traditional lifestyle, as well as how Jews were perceived by non-Jews.

The lecture will include a PowerPoint presentation.

A Kosher Italian luncheon will be available.
RSVP by March 11, by phone to 718-997-5730 or 4530, or via email to diane.spielmann@qc.cuny.edu.

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