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the Department of Religious Studies, and the College of Arts and Letters**

proudly present



***JENNA WEISSMAN JOSELIT***

Newly Appointed Charles E. Smith Professor of Jewish Studies at the  
George Washington University

**“Romancing the Stone: America’s Embrace of the Ten  
Commandments”**

**Wednesday, November 4, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the MSU Union Green Room**

Nationally renowned historian Jenna Weissman Joselit has been named the Charles E. Smith Chair in Judaic Studies at The George Washington University Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. Beginning this fall, she has joined the Judaic studies program and the Department of History, teaching American Jewish history and continuing her research on a number of projects, including the study of America's relationship to the Ten Commandments. Professor Weissman Joselit came from Princeton University. She is a celebrated historian of everyday life, who specializes in the history and culture of America's Jews.

*“Romancing the Stone: America's Embrace of the Ten Commandments”* explores the variety of ways in which this ancient Judaic text has captured the American imagination. From greeting cards and broadsides to film and public monuments, the Decalogue has lodged itself deeply within the body politic, blurring the line between private and public expressions of faith. This illustrated presentation, which grows out of her current book project on the Ten Commandments, closely examines how a covenantal relationship with the ancient Hebrews became an American article of faith.

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