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Contextualizing the Self: Creating and Recreating the First Person

An Interdisciplinary Workshop 2016 – 2017

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

12:15 – 15:45

Gilman Building, room 449

Chairman: Prof. Aviad Kleinberg

Lecture by:

Elliot Wolfson

Professor of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara

“The Divine Self in Kabbalah”

Respondent: Prof. Adam Afterman

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Elliot Wolfson specializes in the study of Kabbalistic texts and traditions. He has published extensively in the area of Jewish mysticism and philosophy in the medieval and modern eras. Engaging the immense and complex corpus of Kabbalistic texts critically, he also seeks to extend and transform this distinctive tradition of speculative thought. In so doing, he intersects with and contributes to a range of fields and disciplines, including philosophical hermeneutics, the history and phenomenology of religion, and theories of gender and eroticism. His career of textual interpretation moreover inspired him to paint canvases and write poems. His most recent publications are *New Studies in Jewish Philosophy*, co-edited with A. Hughes (2009), *Open Secret: Postmessianic Messianism and the Mystical Revision of Menahem Mendel Schneerson* (2009), *A Dream Interpreted Within a Dream: Oneiropoiesis and the Prism of Imagination* (2011) and *Giving Beyond the Gift: Apophasis and Overcoming Theomania* (2014). He has also written three poetry collections.

***** The lecture will be held in English**