Jewish Women’s & Gender Studies Center Established

RRC has established a new Center for Jewish Women’s and Gender Studies. Dr. Estelle Lefkowitz, an active academic specializing in women’s studies and Jewish history, has been named Director of the Center.

"Women’s and Gender Studies is where many of the most exciting and compelling developments in Judaism are taking place," said Dr. Joseph Banko, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the College. "Although programs in Women’s and Gender Studies are an integral part of university life, Jewish communities have had limited offerings in this area. A great need exists for a well-developed program in Jewish Women’s and Gender Studies at a Jewish institution because the theological and programmatic activity in this area has an exponential effect on the larger Jewish community.

Model for similar programs, immigrant Jewish women’s traditions into Jewish life, recover Jewish women’s history and values, and create Jewish culture and new texts that are the core of the Jewish community."