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**"Jewish Families in Late Medieval and
Renaissance Perugia"**

Friday, 5 May 2006

HSSB 4020, 12:00-1:00 PM

This talk is a preliminary look at Jewish families in late Medieval Umbria, based on my initial work on financial transactions recorded by Christian notaries. Although Jewish law theoretically banned women from inheriting or bequeathing property, or even owning the fruits of their own labors, the Umbrian documents reveal that in fifteenth-century central Italy, Jewish women participated in a wide range of financial activities. My goal is to understand what these activities reveal to us about Jewish families in the pre-ghetto era.