

# Turning Tibetan Religious Histories Inside Out: On Reading Texts in Tibetan Monasteries



*Lama reading a sacred Bon text*

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**3:30 pm**  
**Levin Library**  
**Jewish Studies Center**

**T**his lecture will contrast how Tibetan monks practice “religious studies” when they read and write histories of religion as “insiders,” with how a Religious Studies scholar interprets those histories from an “outsider” perspective. The boundaries of religious identity become blurred when conflicting histories of religion are read in tandem, but it can also provide insight into how Tibetan writers construct their religious traditions.



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