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Join us online for a dialogue between Dwight Reynolds (Religious Studies) and Debra Blumenthal (History) about Reynolds’ new book, *The Musical Heritage of Al-Andalus*. Audience Q&A will follow.

Thursday, February 18 | 4:00 pm
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**DWIGHT REYNOLDS**

*The Musical Heritage of Al-Andalus* (Routledge, 2020)

*The Musical Heritage of Al-Andalus* is a critical account of the history of Andalusian music in Iberia from the Islamic conquest of 711 to the final expulsion of the Moriscos (Spanish Muslims converted to Christianity) in the early 17th century. This volume presents the documentation that has come down to us, accompanied by critical and detailed analyses of the sources written in Arabic, Old Catalan, Castilian, Hebrew, and Latin. It is also informed by research Reynolds has conducted on modern Andalusian musical traditions in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Syria. The book aims to elucidate the many different types of musical interactions that took place in medieval Iberia and the complexity of the various borrowings, adaptations, hybridizations, and appropriations involved.

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