Please join us to listen to the Key Note Speaker
Dr. Tudor Parfitt

“Judaism and Color: Black Jews in the Americas”

The color of Jews has been problematic for hundreds of years. At some points in history all Jews were considered black. At other times it was thought impossible for anyone black to be considered a Jew. This talk will discuss issues of race and color in the development of the Jewish communities of the Americas.

Please join us for a Kosher Welcoming Reception after the Key Note Address
Wolfe University Center Bay Vista Ballrooms (Room 221)

Dr. Parfitt is Distinguished Professor at Florida International University, the President Navon Professor of Sephardi and Mizrahi Studies and Founding Director of the Center for Global Jewish Communities at FIU. He is corresponding fellow of the Académie Royale des Sciences d’Outre-Mer and Emeritus Professor of Modern Jewish Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London and Alumni Fellow of the Hutchins Center, Harvard University.
Over his career his chief academic interests have included the Sephardi/Mizrahi communities of the Muslim world, Jewish-Muslim relations, Hebrew and Hebrew Literature, Judaizing Movements, Jewish genetic discourses and issues around race in modern times and Jews in Asia and Africa.
He is currently writing a book on the Jews of Central America and the Islands. He has authored or edited 26 books and presented 7 documentaries for the BBC, PBS, Channel Four and the History Channel.
His latest books are Memory and Ethnicity: Ethnic Museums in Israel and the Diaspora, Black Zion and Black Jews in Africa and the Americas.

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