Context is everything, including when reading scripture. Join us as visiting professor Tammi J. Schneider examines issues of gender and justice in the story of Sarah and Hagar as it is (re)told in the Abrahamic Traditions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Schneider will also use this case study as a way to discuss the larger topic of the role of the Hebrew Bible as “Scripture” for the New Testament, and the role of both the Hebrew Bible and New Testament in the Quran.

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