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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Department of History

- Joint-Programmatic Appointment in the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies
- Associate Director with Joint-Programmatic Appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum

2009-present Assistant Professor of History

2010-2013 Peter T. Paul Career Development Professor

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Department of History and Center for Jewish Studies

2007-2009 Alexander Grass Postdoctoral Associate in Jewish History

DEGREES RECEIVED

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Department of History

2007 *Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative History*

2003 *Master of Arts in Comparative History*

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

2001 *Bachelor of Arts in History and Jewish Studies*, First-Class Joint-Honours

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summers 2015, 2016 TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Visiting Scholar, David Berg Institute for Law and History/Zvi Meitar Center for Advanced Legal Thought

2015-present HEBREW COLLEGE BOSTON, Me'ah Teaching Faculty

2011-2012 UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, Research Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies

Feb/Mar 2012 TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Visiting Scholar, Goldstein-Goren Center for Diaspora Research,

2010-present HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Center Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

2005-2006 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG, Visiting Doctoral Student

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Jewish Rights, National Rites: Nationalism and Autonomy in Late Imperial and Revolutionary Russia. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press (Stanford Studies in Jewish History and Culture), 2014; paperback 2016.

- 2015 Winner, Choice Outstanding Academic Title.
- 2015 Long List, Historia Nova Prize.
- 2014 Finalist, National Jewish Book Award.

In progress: *Jewish Collective Rights: An International Comparison*.

EDITED VOLUMES

Defining Israel: Sources and Reflections on the Nation-State Law. Pittsburgh, PA: Hebrew Union College Press/University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming 2017.

Jews and Diaspora Nationalism: Writings on Jewish Peoplehood in Europe and the United States. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press (The Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought), 2012.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, REFERENCE

“Jewish Politics and Diplomacy,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Jewish History and Historiography*. Edited by Dean Phillip Bell. Forthcoming 2017.

“A Bridge to the East: Moses Gaster as a Romanian Folklorist,” in *BÉROSE, encyclopédie en ligne sur l’histoire des savoirs ethnographiques*. Paris, IIAC-LAHIC, 2015. <http://www.berose.fr/?A-Bridge-to-the-East-Moses-Gaster>.

“Simon Dubnov,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies*. Edited by Naomi Seidman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. www.oxfordbibliographies.com.

“Diaspora, Nation, and Messiah: An Introductory Essay,” in Simon Rabinovitch ed., *Jews and Diaspora Nationalism: Writings on Jewish Peoplehood in Europe and the United States*. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2012, xv-xli.

“Ethnography,” in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History* (SMERSH), vol. 10. Edited by Bruce Adams. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2011, 21-29.

“Folklore,” in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History* (SMERSH), vol. 10. Edited by Bruce Adams. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2011, 231-39.

“Russian Jewry Goes to the Polls: An Analysis of Jewish Voting in the All-Russian Constituent Assembly Elections of 1917,” in *East European Jewish Affairs* vol. 39, no. 2 (August 2009): 205-25.

“Jews, Englishmen and Folklorists: The Scholarship of Joseph Jacobs and Moses Gaster,” in Nadia Valman and Eitan Bar-Yosef eds., *The ‘Jew’ in Late-Victorian and Edwardian Culture: Between the East End and East Africa*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 113-30.

“Positivism, Populism and Politics: The Intellectual Foundations of Jewish Ethnography in Late Imperial Russia,” in *Ab Imperio: Theory and History of Nationalism and Empire in the Post-Soviet Space* no. 3 (2005): 227-56.

“The Dawn of a New Diaspora: Simon Dubnov’s Autonomism, from St. Petersburg to Berlin,” in *The Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* vol. 50 (2005): 267-88.

JOURNALISM AND SHORT PIECES

“The Ultimate Jewish Road Novel, Set in First-century Rome, Judea, and Beyond,” a review of György Spiró, *Captivity*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (May 16, 2016). <http://www.haaretz.com/jewish/books/1.718539>

“A Conversation with Tzipi Livni,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (August 27, 2015). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/a-conversation-with-tzipi-livni/>

“A Blessing on Your Head, and Other Ways to Deliver a Beating in Yiddish,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (May 28, 2015). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/a-blessing-on-your-head-and-other-ways-to-deliver-a-beating-in-yiddish-simon-rabinovitch/>

“Jewish and Democratic According to the Law: An Introduction to Israel’s Nation-State Bills,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (February 2, 2015). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/jewish-and-democratic-according-to-the-law/>

“Don’t blame the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for anti-Semitism in France,” a review of Maud Mandel, *Muslims and Jews in France: A History of a Conflict*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (January 8, 2015). <http://www.haaretz.com/life/books/.premium-1.635747>

“Defining What’s Jewish About the Jewish State: An Introduction to Ruth Gavison’s Report to the Minister of Justice,” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (December 30, 2014). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/constitutional-anchoring-israels-vision-recommendations-submitted-minister-justice-ruth-gavison/>

“A Conversation with Sayed Kashua,” with Margaret Litvin, in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (November 5, 2014). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/conversation-sayed-kashua/>

“Pakistan’s ‘Jewish’ Roots,” a review of Faisal Devji, *Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (October 1, 2013). <http://www.haaretz.com/culture/books/.premium-1.549739>

“Searching for the Meaning of ‘Russian,’” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (July 2, 2013). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/searching-for-the-meaning-of-russian-by-simon-rabinovitch/>

“Europeans of the Orient,” a review of the exhibit *Les Juifs dans l’orientalisme* at the Musée d’art et d’histoire du Judaïsme, in *Haaretz* (English) monthly book supplement (August 2012), 1, 4, 13. <http://www.haaretz.com/life/books/europe-the-orient-and-the-changing-image-of-the-jews-1.457873>

“In Brief” review of Dana Evan Kaplan, *Contemporary American Judaism: Transformation and Renewal*, in *The Times Literary Supplement* (October 2, 2009), 31.

“Memory Disorder,” a review of Omer Bartov, *Erased*, in *Haaretz* (English) monthly book supplement (September 2008), 10-11.

EDITED E-BOOK

With Angela Roskop Erisman and Charles Halton, *LARB Digital Editions* no. 37. Los Angeles, CA: Los Angeles Review of Books, 2015.

ACADEMIC BOOK AND ARTICLE REVIEWS

Article review of Rotem Giladi, “A ‘Historical Commitment’? Identity and Ideology in Israel’s Attitude to the Refugee Convention, 1951-4,” *The International History Review* 37: 4 (2015): 745-67, in *H-Diplo* no. 609 (April 22, 2016). <https://networks.h-net.org/system/files/contributed-files/ar609.pdf>

Book review of Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, *Lenin’s Jewish Question*, in *Revolutionary Russia* vol. 25, no. 2 (November 2012): 223-25.

Book review of Stefani Hoffman and Ezra Mendelsohn eds., *The Revolution of 1905 and Russia’s Jews*, in *Slavonic and East European Review* vol. 89, no. 2 (April 2011): 367-69.

Book review of Olga Litvak, *Conscription and the Search for Modern Russian Jewry*, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* vol. 50, 3-4 (September-December 2008): 516-17.

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- Core Curriculum Social Sciences I: Religion and the Roots of Community (CAS CC112)
- Core Curriculum Social Sciences II: Religion and Secularism (CAS CC204)
- The Emergence of Modern Europe (CAS HI102)
- The Historian's Craft (CAS HI200)
- Jews in the Modern World (CAS HI219)
- Russia and Its Empires Since 1900 (CAS HI 273)
- History of the Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe (CAS HI275)
- Religious Controversies and the Law (CAS HI295/RN295)
- Political and Cultural Revolution (CAS HI341)
- Revolutionary Russia (CAS HI446)
- Topics in the History of Popular Culture (HI450)
 - Topic: Ritual Murder and Other Myths of Jewish Conspiracy
- Topics in Legal History Colloquium (CAS HI 510)
 - Topic: Global History of Tolerance
- Topics in Jewish History Colloquium (CAS HI552)
 - Topic: Jews, Empires, and Nation States
 - Topic: Modern Jewish Politics
- Graduate Seminar in European History (CAS HI719)
 - Topic: Nationalism
- Directed Study in European History (GRS HI902)

COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- History of the Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe
- History of Modern Jewish Political Movements
- Graduate Readings in Russian-Jewish History
- Graduate Readings in Modern Jewish Politics

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2015
- Long List, Historia Nova Prize for the Best Book on Russian Intellectual and Cultural History, 2015
- Jewish Cultural Endowment Grant, 2015
- Boston University Center for the Humanities Project Award, 2015
- Jewish Book Council, National Jewish Book Award Finalist in the Category Writing Based on Archival Material, 2014
- Boston University Center for the Humanities Publication Production Award, 2014

- University of Helsinki, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies Research Fellowship, 2011-2012
- Boston University Peter T. Paul Career Development Professorship, 2010-2013
- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Scholarship, 2006-2007
- Brandeis University Provost Dissertation Research Grant, 2006-2007
- Center for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews (Vilnius, Lithuania) Doctoral Scholarship, 2005-2006
- Tauber Institute (Brandeis University) Graduate Research Award, 2005
- The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Graduate Student Essay Prize, 2004
- The New England Slavic Association Graduate Student Essay Prize, 2004
- Brandeis University Sachar Travel Scholarship, 2004
- Brandeis University Doctoral Fellowship in Comparative History, 2002-2006
- McGill University Polly and David Binder Scholarship in Jewish Studies, 2000-2001 and 1999-2000

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

PUBLICATION EDITING

The Marginalia Review of Books (marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org)

- Senior Editor, 2014-present
- Subject Editor in Modern Jewish History, 2012-2014

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

Co-organizer of the biennial International Forum of Young Scholars on East European Jewry, sponsored by the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies at Boston University, the Nevzlin Center for Russian and East European Jewry at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History and Culture at Leipzig University:

- Boston University, June 29-July 2, 2015
- Odessa, Ukraine, July 1-4, 2013
- Lviv, Ukraine, June 27-30, 2011

SELECTED INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

“Defining the Bounds of Community in Eastern Europe and the Yishuv,” invited lecture at the 11th Annual Lavy Colloquium at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, May 5, 2016.

“Adventures in the Archives: A Primer,” invited lecture, opening session at the Center for Jewish History Seminar in Archival and Historical Research, New York, May 18, 2015.

“E Pluribus Unum? Jews and the Persistence of Collective Rights,” invited lecture, co-sponsored by the Berg Institute for Legal History and the Minerva Center for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, November 9, 2014.

Book seminar on *Jewish Rights, National Rites*, at the Young Scholars Forum at the Chaim Weizmann Institute for the Study of Zionism and Israel, Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University, November 7, 2014.

“YIVO and the Making of Modern Jewish Culture,” invited panellist at public event at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Center for Jewish History, New York, May 15, 2014.

“Where Knowledge and Creativity Meet,” invited panelist at public event honoring the installation of Suzanne Fortier as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, November 4, 2013.

“A Bridge to the East: Moses Gaster as a Romanian Folklorist,” invited lecture at the workshop The Folklore Society and the Continent, 1878-1914, hosted by l’École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, October 3, 2013.

“Jewish Rights, National Rites: Exploring the Origins of Jewish Nationalism in Eastern Europe,” invited endowed annual lecture, the Ruth Gay Seminar in Jewish Studies, the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Center for Jewish History, New York, January 9, 2013.

“Ukrainian-Jewish-Soviet Relations during the Civil War: A Case-Study” invited lecture (in Russian) at the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv, Ukraine, June 2011.

“Jewish Autonomy in America or ‘Castles in the Sky?’” invited lecture at the conference Simon Dubnow’s Life, Work, and Legacy, hosted by the Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig, Germany, November 5, 2010.

“Diaspora Nationalism in Modern Jewish Thought,” invited lecture at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, December 2, 2010.

OTHER RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Annual conferences of the Association for Jewish Studies in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2012 (roundtable), 2013 (moderator), 2015 (respondent); the Association for Slavic East European and Eurasian Studies (formerly AAASS) in 2006, 2007, 2008. Research conferences in Southampton, England (2003), Brighton, England (2004), Moscow, Russia (2005), and Vilnius, Lithuania (2007).