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## **Education**

### **Yale University, New Haven, CT**

B.A., Distinction in History and Judaic Studies, May 1994, Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude

### **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

M.S., Education, May 2000.

M.A., History, December 1995, with distinction.

Ph. D. in History, May 2002.

## **Academic Positions**

### **Columbia University, New York, NY**

Knapp Associate Professor of American Jewish History, 2013-Present

Knapp Assistant Professor of American Jewish History, 2006-2013

### **New York University, New York, NY**

American Academy for Jewish Research Post-Doctoral Fellow, 2004-2006

### **Yale University, New Haven, CT**

Blaustein Post-doctoral Fellow, History and Judaic Studies, 2002-2004

### **City University of New York, Brooklyn College, NY**

Adjunct Lecturer in Judaic Studies, 2001-2002.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

Monographs

*A Credit to Their Nation: Jewish Immigrant Bankers and American Finance, 1870-1930* (Harvard University Press, 2019)

*Jewish Bialystok and Its Diaspora* (Indiana University Press, 2010)

Winner, Jordan Schnitzer Prize, best book in Jewish History (Americas, Oceania, Asia), 2012

Finalist, National Jewish Book Awards, American Jewish Studies, 2010

Recipient, Cahnman Foundation Award, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008

Recipient, Koret Foundation Book Subvention Award, 2005

Recipient, Sandra and Fred Rose Young Historian's Award, Center for Jewish History, 2004

*Żydowski Białystok i Jego Diaspora* (Borderland Publishers, 2014)

Winner of the City of Białystok's Multi-Cultural Award (2011)

### **Edited Volumes**

Editor, *Chosen Capital: The Jewish Encounter with American Capitalism* (Rutgers University Press, 2012)

Recommended Reading, Jewish Book Council (2012)

Co-Editor (with Adam Teller), *Purchasing Power: The Economics of Jewish History* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015)

### **Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals and Collections**

“‘Clio’s Muse: What can Social Scientists and Historians of the Jews Learn from One Another?’ *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* (under review)

“The Long Silent Revolution: Capturing the Life-Stories of Soviet Jewish Migrants to the West, 1970-2010,” *East European Jewish Affairs* 47: 2-3 (2017), 275-292.

“A Credit to Their Nation: East European Jewish Immigrant, Credit Access and the Business of Mass Migration, 1873-1914,” in *Immigrant Entrepreneurship: The German-American Experience since 1700*, Uwe Spiekermann, ed. (Washington, DC German Historical Inst. 2016), 69-90.

“Currents and Currency: Jewish Immigrant ‘Bankers’ and the Transnational Business of Mass Migration, 1873-1914” in *Transnational Traditions: New Perspectives on Jewish History*, Ava Kahn and Adam Mendelsohn, eds. (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2014), 87-104

“An Underclass in Jewish History?: Jewish Maidservants in East European Society,” in *Perspectives on Jewish Culture in Early Modern Europe: Essays in Honor of David Ruderman*, R. Cohen, N. Dohrmann, E. Reiner and A. Shear, eds. (Hebrew Union College Press, 2014), 291-307.

“A Tale of Two Buildings: The Forward Building, Sender Jarmulowsky’s Bank and the Fate of Capitalism in Jewish History,” *AJS Perspectives: Bi-annual of the Association for Jewish Studies* (Winter 2014), 5-9

“Destructive Creators: Sender Jarmulowsky and Financial Failure in the Annals of American Jewish History,” *American Jewish History* Vol. 97:2 (Spring 2013), 105 - 137.  
*Awarded the Wassertein Prize for best article by the American Jewish Historical Society (2013)*

“American Jewish Philanthropy, Polish Jewry and the Crisis of 1929” in *1929: Mapping the Jewish World*, Hasia Diner and Gennady Estraiikh, eds. (New York University Press, 2013), 73-93.  
Winner, National Jewish Book Award for Best Anthology

“The Land of Unfulfilled Promises and Case Workers: Jewish Refugee Doctors and the New York Association for New Americans, 1948-1952” *YIVO Institute for Jewish Research* (November 2013), 121-155.

“Żydzi w międzywojennym Białymstoku. Między lokalnością a diasporą,” in *Żydzi w Białymstoku* (Białystok, 2013), 150-79 [Polish]

“The Other Polonia: The Responses of Yiddish Immigrant Writers in New York and Buenos Aires to the New Polish State” in *Choosing Yiddish*, Lara Rabinovich, Hannah Pressman and Shiri Goren, eds (Wayne State University Press, 2012), 99-119.

“Goldene medina: Sender Yarmulowski ve-ha-gira l’arsot ha-brit, 1873-1912,” *Segula* (Summer 2011), 2-10 [Hebrew]

“The Murdered Hebrew Maid Servant of East New York:” Gender, Class, and the Jewish Household in Eastern Europe and Its Migrant Diaspora,” in *Gender and Jewish History*, Deborah Dash Moore and Marion Kaplan, eds. (Indiana University Press, 2010), 72-87.  
Winner, National Jewish Book Award, Best Anthology

“Beyond the Myths of Mobility and Altruism: Jewish Immigrant Professionals and Jewish Social Work Agencies in 1950s New York,” in *A Jewish Feminine Mystique?: American Jewish Women in the Postwar Era*, Hasia Diner, Shira Kohn & Rachel Kranson eds. (Rutgers University Press, 2010), 213-244.

“Espoirs déçus en Terre promise: Faillites financières et pauvreté parmi les Juifs immigrés à New York, 1914,” *Les Cahiers du Judaïsme* 29 (Summer 2010), 56-74 [French]

Educating the "New" Jewish Woman: Nation Building, Social Change, and Ethnicity in Vocational Schools for Jewish Women in Palestine, 1911-1914,” in *Rav Chesed: Essays in Honor of Rabbi Dr. Haskel Lookstein*, Raphael Medoff, ed. (Ktav Publishers, 2009), 375-409.

“When a Jew was a *Landsman*:’ Rethinking American Jewish Regional Identity in the Age of Mass Migration,” *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* 7:3 (November, 2008), 357-376.

“The 1905 Revolution Abroad: Mass Migration, Russian Jewish Liberalism and American Jewry, 1903-1914,” in *The 1905 Revolution: A Turning Point in Jewish History?* Ezra Mendelsohn and Stefani Hoffman, eds. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008), 227-246

“The Shtetl by the Highway: The Literary Image of the East European City in New York’s Yiddish Landsmanshaft Press, 1921-1939,” *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History* 9:4 (2006), 107-137.

“Rewriting the Diaspora: Eastern Europe in the Bialystok Landsmanshaft Press, 1921-1932,” *Jewish Social Studies* 12:3 (Fall 2006), 1-38.

“Contested Contributions: American Jewish Money and Polish-Jewish Relations in Inter-War Poland, 1919-1929,” *Gal-Ed: A Journal of Polish Jewish History* (Fall 2005), 49-62.

"Trans-Atlantic Detachments: The Interdependence of Polish Jews in America and Poland, 1919-1939," *Simon-Dubnow-Institut Jahrbuch I* (2002), 107-131.

### **Encyclopedia Articles and Book Reviews**

“An Unpromising Land: Jewish Migration to Palestine in the Early Twentieth Century,” (book review) *Journal of Israeli History* 35:1 (2016), 102-103.

“Plumes: Ostrich Feathers, Jews, and a Lost World of Global Commerce (review)” *American Jewish History* Vol. 95:3 (September 2009), 319-321

“The Jews of Bialystok in World War II and the Holocaust (book review),” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual* 34:1 (Fall 2009), 31-33.

## Contributions to Popular News Outlets

### Television

The Jewish Journey: America, Andrew Goldberg Films, PBS, 2015  
Ellis Island:” Session 4: Episode 6, NYC Media Blueprint Series, 2017

### Print

“Ocasio-Cortez and Graham's immigration debate missed this key lesson,” *CNN Opinions*, November 30, 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/30/opinions/ocasio-cortez-graham-holocaust-immigration-kindertransport-kobrin/index.html>

“Why the lessons of Kristallnacht must guide our debate over migrants in America today,” *Washington Post*, November 10, 2018.  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/11/10/why-lessons-kristallnacht-must-guide-our-debate-over-migrants-america-today/?utm\\_term=.c8c8ea93c75d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2018/11/10/why-lessons-kristallnacht-must-guide-our-debate-over-migrants-america-today/?utm_term=.c8c8ea93c75d)

“When you #ShowUpForShabbat, Please Consider This,” *CNN Opinions*, November 2, 2018  
<https://www.cnn.com/2018/11/02/opinions/show-up-for-shabbat-pittsburgh-racism-and-antisemitism-kobrin/index.html>

“How will the White House Remember the Holocaust?” *CNN Opinions*, April 23, 2017  
<https://www.cnn.com/2017/04/23/opinions/white-house-remember-holocaust-opinion-kobrin/index.html>

“A Century-Old Lesson in Better Banking,” *Bloomberg View*, August 30, 2014.  
<http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2014-08-29/a-century-old-lesson-in-better-banking>

“Too Big to Fail in 1930: The Bank of United States, Jewish Commercial Banking and the Shifting Contours of American Finance,” *The New York Jewish Week*, December 10, 2010, 8-9

### Fellowships and Honors

**Gardiner Grant**, Mapping Historic Immigrant New York, co-PI (with Mae Ngai) (\$997,500)  
**Mellon Foundation Russian Studies Curricular Grant**, Immigrant New York, 2017 (\$8,000)  
**Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Fellow**, “Jews and Politics,” 2017 (\$26,000)  
**Brandeis Genesis Foundation Award**, to study Russian Jewish migration, 2016 (\$3000)  
**Columbia University Diversity Award**, to study Russian Jewish migration, 2015 (\$23,500)  
**Harriman Institute Research Fellowship** to study Russian Jewish migration, 2015 (\$14,000)  
**AAJR Special Initiatives Grant** to study Russian Jewish migration, 2015 (\$5000)  
**Lenfest Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, Columbia University**, 2015  
**Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Fellow**, “Jews Beyond Reason,” 2015-16 (declined)  
**Jordan Schnitzer Prize** for best book in modern Jewish history (Americas), 2012 (\$5000)  
**Genesis Philanthropy Group Grant**, Innovative Research on Russian-speaking Jews, 2012 (\$10,000)  
**Shoah Foundation Teaching Fellowship**, Shoah Foundation., 2012  
**University Service Learning Fellowship**, Repair the World Foundation, 2012  
**International Multi-cultural Award, City of Bialystok Mayor’s Office**, 2011  
**Natalie Racolin Memorial Fellowship**, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2011  
**National Jewish Book Award, Finalist**, American Jewish Studies, 2011  
**Maurice Amado Award** in Sephardic Studies, UCLA, 2009

**Feinstein Center for American Jewish History**, Summer Research Award, 2009  
**Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Fellow**, “Jews, Commerce and Culture,” 2008-9  
**Milstein Family Research Fellowship**, Center for Jewish History, 2008-9  
**Cahnman Family Book Award**, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008  
**Koret Foundation**, Jewish Studies Publication Award, 2005.  
**Center for Jewish History**, Sandra and Fred Rose Young Historian’s Award, 2004.  
**American Philosophical Society**, Franklin Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2003.  
**American Council of Learned Societies**, East European Language Training Grant, 2003.

### **Pre-Doctoral**

**Fulbright (IIE) Fellowship, Israel** for dissertation research, 1998-9.  
**Mellon Dissertation Fellowship**, University of Pennsylvania, 2000-2001  
**Pew Foundation for the Advanced Study of Religion**, Dissertation fellow, 1999-2000.  
**National Foundation for Jewish Culture**, dissertation fellowship, 1999-2000.  
**Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture**, dissertation fellowship, 1999-2000.  
**Wexner Graduate Fellowship** for graduate study in Jewish history, 1994-8.  
**Benjamin Franklin Fellowship** for graduate study, University of Pennsylvania, 1994-8.  
**James Andrew Haas Prize** awarded to the Yale senior at commencement who exhibited exemplary intellectual achievement and strength of character and contributed to college life by providing leadership and inspiring a love of learning in his or her fellow students, 1994.  
**John Edward Linck Prize** awarded to the Senior in Ezra Stiles College at Yale College for her leadership and intellectual contribution to the college, 1994.  
**Yale’s Steere Prize** for outstanding work in women’s history, 1994.  
**Yale’s American Jewish Congress Prize** for outstanding research in Jewish history, 1994.

### **Selected Invited Talks, Conference Presentations and Colloquia**

“Nativism, Anti-Semitism and Racism in the Formation of the American Immigration Regime, 1892-1954,” Museum of Jewish Heritage, July 19, 2018.

“Laura Margolis, the JDC and the Power of Jewish Female Diplomacy,” presented at the American Jewish Historical Society Biennial, June 19, 2018.

“American Jewish Lawyers and Chinese Immigrants in the American Immigration Regime, 1882-1914,” presented at Chinese and Ashkenazic Jewish Culture: Transnational Exchanges, Nanjing China, June 4, 2018

“If I were a Man I would Have Joined the Navy: Jewish Women, Overseas Diplomacy and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee,” *Gendering Internationalism Conference*, Oxford University, March 12, 2018

“A Credit to the Nation: Jewish Immigrant Bankers and American Finance, 1870-1914,” Workshop on Capitalism, Johns Hopkins University, January 31, 2018

“The Rise of Global Anti-Semitism” Council on Foreign Relations December 20, 2017

“1917: Jewish Immigrant New York's Response to the Year that Changed the World,” to be presented at Columbia University’s Lehman Center Conference on World War I, March 31, 2017.

“Empire of Charity: American Jewish Philanthropy and the Reconstruction of Jewish Communal Life in Eastern Europe,” Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Philadelphia, PA, March 15, 2017

“Soft Power and American Jewish Philanthropy in the Interwar World,” Gershman YMHA, Philadelphia, PA, February 16, 2017.

“Voices of the New Russian-Jewish Diaspora: Russian Jewish Migration and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe , January 25, 2017.

“The Long Silent Revolution: Rethinking Russian-Jewish Migration to the Americas and Beyond, 1870-2000,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA December 16, 2016.

“Lessons of the St. Louis: The Rise and Fall of the American Jewish Immigration Lobby,” Refugees in Crisis: The Personal Experience, Truman Center for Peace, Hebrew University, November 16, 2016.

“Currents and Currencies: Immigrant Banking and New York State’s Banking Authorities” Organization of American Historians, Providence, RI, April 7, 2016.

“A Credit to the Nation: Jewish Immigrants, the World of Immigrant Banking and American Finance, 1873-1914,” Hagley Library for Business and American Enterprise, Wilmington, Delaware. February 18, 2016

“The Silent Revolution of Russian-Jewish Migration: Capturing the Voices of the Late-Twentieth Century Russian-Jewish Diaspora,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Atlanta,GA, January 10, 2016

“Failure and the Writing of Jewish Economic History” Association for Jewish Studies, December 13, 2015.

“Empire of Charity: Jews, Power and Philanthropy in Interwar Eastern Europe” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, PA November 12, 2015

“Rethinking Jewish Mass Migration to the Americas,” Jewish Life in the Americas: A Symposium, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, November 1, 2015

“Mass Migration, East European Jewry and the New Diaspora” Conference on Global Studies, Shantou University, China, October 20, 2015

“Too Big to Fail in 1930: The Bank of United States, Saul Singer and the Exceptional Jewish Failures that Shaped American Finance,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York, New York, January 3, 2015.

“The Greatest Failure of All: Jewish Immigrant Depositors, the Bank of United States and the Reshaping of American Commercial Banking, 1930,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, December 16, 2014.

“Jews and the History of Bialystok” (invited lecture), Bialystok, Poland, December 10, 2014.

“The Future of Jewish Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” (invited lecture), Meyeroff Foundation, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, November 16, 2014.

“America, World War I and the Jews” presented at World War I and the Jews [invited conference], Center for Jewish History, New York, NY, November 9, 2014

“American Imperialism from the Grassroots: The Joint Distribution Committee and the Inter-war Reconstruction of the Polish-Jewish Economy,” presented at the JDC at 100 (invited conference), New York, NY, September 7, 2014.

“Failure of Bank of United States in the Annals of American Jewish and American Economic History,” American Jewish History Biennial Conference, Atlanta, GA. June 11, 2014

“Harlem Real Estate Speculation and the Lost World of Immigrant Banking,” Center for Jewish History, New York, NY June 9, 2014

“Jews and the Development of American Immigration Law,” Kramer, Levin, Naftalis and Frankel, Continuing Legal Education Program (Special Class for American Jewish History Month), New York, NY, May 20, 2014.

“Women and the Ever-Shifting Story of Tale of Soviet Jewish Photography,” The Harriman Institute, Columbia University, May 14, 2014

“The Long Shadow of Immigrant Banking: Jewish Entrepreneurs, Commercial Banking and the Failures of 1914 that Shook American Finance,” University of Maryland, February 6, 2014

“Too Big to Fail in 1930: The Bank of United States and the Failed Jewish Bankers that Helped Build the FDIC,” Foundation of Jewish Studies, Washington D.C. February 5, 2014

“Elite Migration: Expanding the Parameters of Immigration History” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington D. C. January 2, 2014

“Jewish History and the "Transnational Turn,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 15, 2013

“The Greatest Failure of All: The Bank of United States, Saul Singer and the Writing of American Jewish Economic History,” Association for Jewish Studies, December 15, 2013

“American Jewish Historical Perspectives on Immigration Reform,” Cardozo Law School Forum on Immigration Law, New York, November 14, 2013

“Gender and the Writing of Jewish History: Paula Hyman and Her Kosher Meat Boycott,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, July 24, 2013

“Destructive Creators: Failed Jewish Bankers Who Changed America, 1914-1930,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, July 23, 2013

“Capturing the Voices of the Post-Soviet Russo-phone Diaspora: The Autobiographies of Fourth-Wave Russian Immigrants in the United States,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Russian Migration, New York, June 19, 2013

“Before Russia Abroad: Russian Jewish Migration, 1870-1914,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on Russian Migration, New York, June 12, 2013

“From Auxiliary to Artery: The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and the House of Living Judaism, 1951,” Centennial Conference, Women of Reform Judaism, June 2, 2013

“Currents, Currencies and Courts: Banking, Shipping and Court Records in Genealogical Research,” Keynote address, Jewish Genealogical Society, New York, NY. May 19, 2013

“Jews, American Capitalism and the Built Environment of New York’s Lower East Side,” Tenement Museum, New York, May 6, 2013.

”When Matzah Became Square: Jewish Entrepreneurs, Jewish Ritual and the American Marketplace,” Center for Jewish History, May 2, 2013.

“Currents and Currencies: The Path to Profit in the Age of Great Migration,” Working Group on Migration, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. April 26, 2013

“Between Exile and Empire: Jews, Migration and Eastern Europe, 1870-1939,” Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto. March 7, 2013

“East European Jews in the Age of Mass Migration: The Case of Bialystok, Poland,” Baruch College, New York, NY. February 19, 2013

“Paula Hyman, Gender and the Study of Jewish History,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL, December 17, 2012

“Chosen Capital: The Jewish Encounter with American Capitalism,” Skyscraper Museum, New York, NY. December 5, 2012.

“The Most Lucrative Commodity: Russian Jewish Entrepreneurs and Russian Jewish Migration,” Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, New Orleans, LA, November 12, 2012.

“A Jewish Autobiography Contest for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Selections and Significance of the Harriman Russian Jewish Autobiography Contest,” October 17, 2012, Harriman Institute.

“Capturing the Voices of the New Russian-Jewish Diaspora” American Jewish History Society Biennial, New York, NY June 12, 2012

Destructive Creators: Sender Jarmulowsky and the Business of Mass Migration,” Natalie and Mendel Racolin Memorial Lecture, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, June 5, 2012

“Creative Destroyers: Jewish Immigrant ‘Bankers,’ the Business of Mass Migration and the Reshaping of American Capitalism, 1870-1914 American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, January 5, 2012.

“Transnational Jewish History and the Legacy of Jonathan Frankel,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 18, 2011



“Voices of the New Russian-Jewish Diaspora: Collecting and Analyzing Autobiographical Sources Produced by Jewish Émigrés from the Former Soviet Union,” Davis Center, Harvard University, Boston, MA, November 14, 2011

“Bialystok and Its Jewish Diaspora,” Festiwal Kultur Podlasia Inny Wymiar [Celebrating Bialystok’s Multi-Cultural Heritage Festival] Białystok, Poland, September 25, 2011.

Chair and commentator, “Immigration, Politics and the Inversion of Place,” Place and Displacement: A Graduate Student Conference in International History, April 1, 2011

“Jewish Bialystok and Its Diaspora,” Lehman Center, Columbia University, Feb. 23, 2011

“Bialystok and Beyond: An East European City in the Annals of Jewish History,” Aidekman Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Metro West, NJ, November 22, 2010

“Empire of Charity: Eastern Europe, American Jewry and the Reshaping of Philanthropy,” Center for Jewish History, Nov. 8, 2010

“Currents and Currency: Russian Jewish Immigrant ‘Bankers’ and the Financial Failures that Reshaped American Banking, 1873-1914,” Yale University’s Judaic Studies Colloquium, New Haven, CT, October 26, 2010

“Jewish Immigrant Bankers and the Business of Mass Migration,” presented at Barnard College’s Forum on Migration, New York, Oct. 19, 2010.

“Too Big to Fail in 1930: The ‘Jewish’ Bank of United States and the Reshaping of American Finance,” Center for Jewish History, Oct. 13, 2010

“Exceptional Failures: The Bank of United States, East European Jewish Immigrant Bankers and the Great Depression,” presented at Instituut voor Joodse Studies, Antwerp, Belgium, June 22, 2010

“American Exceptionalism and the New York Factor,” presented at the Center for Jewish History Colloquium on American Exceptionalism and Jewish History, June 16, 2010

“The Greatest Failure of All:” Jewish Immigrant Bankers, Financial Failures and the Great Depression, 1930,” presented at the American Jewish History Biennial Scholars Conference, New York,

“Empire of Charity: American Jews and the Reconstruction of Polish-Lithuania,” presented at YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, June 2, 2010.

“The Silent Revolution: The East European Jewish Migrants and Jewish Diasporic Identity,” presented at Graduate Theological University, Berkeley, April 26, 2010 (Invited Lecture)

“Between Exile and Empire: Visions of Jewish Dispersal in the Age of Mass Migration,” to be presented at Stanford University, April 25, 2010

“Fleecing the Huddled Masses: Immigrant Ship Ticket Salesmen and the Business of Mass Jewish Migration, 1870-1914,” presented at the Social Science Historical Association Convention, Long Beach, CA Nov. 11, 2009.

"The New Jewish Diaspora: Shifting Centers in Contemporary Jewish Life," presented at the Writers' Seminar on the Jewish People, New York, NY, October 12, 2009

"Immigrant Ship Ticket Salesmen and the Business of Mass Jewish Migration, 1870-1914," presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Jewish Genealogical Society Convention, Philadelphia, PA, August 6, 2009.

"The Other Polonia: American Jewish Philanthropy and the Reshaping of the Second Polish Republic," presented at the Żydowski Instytut Historyczny [Jewish Institute for Historical Research], Warsaw, May 19, 2009. Invited lecturer of the US Consulate, Warsaw Poland.

"Empire of Philanthropy: Jewish Białystok and Its Diaspora Between Two World Wars," presented at the International Conference on Jewish Białystok, 65 Years Later, Białystok, Poland, May 18, 2009. Invited lecturer of the United States Consulate, Warsaw Poland.

"Jewish Migrant Brokers, Financial Failure and the Reshaping of the Businesses of American Banking and Shipping," Presented at "A World on the Move Conference" sponsored by the Lehman Center for American History, New York, April 23, 2009

"Creative Destruction: Saul Singer, the Bank of United States' Failure and the Shifting Contours of American Commercial Banking, 1930," presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gruss Colloquium on "Jews, Commerce and Culture," Philadelphia, PA, April 26, 2009.

"Voices of the New Russian-Jewish Diaspora: The Trials and Tribulations of Collecting Autobiographies from Contemporary Jewish Immigrants" presented at "Germany of all Places! Jewish-Russian Immigration to the Federal Republic," Jüdisches Museum Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany, March 22, 2009.

"Un-gilding America: Jewish Immigrant Bank Failures and the Reshaping of American Commercial Banking, 1914-1930," presented at the CUNY Graduate Center, Judaic Studies Colloquium, February 7, 2009.

"The Rise and Fall of the House of Jarmulowky: Jewish Bankers, Real Estate Speculators and the 1914 Bank Failure that Reshaped Gilded-Age New York," presented at the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 21, 2008.

"Creative Destruction: Jewish Immigrant Bank Failures and the Reshaping of American Capitalism, 1914-1930," presented at the Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Philadelphia, PA, December 17, 2008.

"Crisis and Collapse: Jewish Bank Failures in Historical Perspective, 1914-1920" presented at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, October 27, 2008.

Respondent and chair, "Young Immigrants and America" at the Jewish Youth and Cultural Change: A Conference on Rethinking American Jewish History, Center for Jewish History, October 26, 2008.

"American Jewry in a Global Context: The Shifting Diasporas of World Jewry" presented at Writers' Seminar on the Jewish People, Columbia University School of Journalism, October 15, 2008

“Jewish New York in the 1930s: The Promised City in Uncertain Times” presented at the Lehman Center Conference on New York in the 1930s, June 6, 2008.

“Transnational Landmen: Jewish Migration, American Exceptionalism and Paradigms of the Nation-State” presented at the Annual Conference of Scholars of American Jewish History, Los Angeles, June 1, 2008

“Empire of Charity: American Jewish Immigrant Philanthropists and the Politics of Imperialism, 1919-1929,” presented at New York University, April 16, 2008

Chair, “Rethinking American Jewish Life in the 1950s” Association for Jewish Studies, December 18, 2007.

“Beyond the Myth of Mobility: The Experiences of Post-World War II Jewish Émigré Professional Women in New York, 1948-1954,” presented at the Social Science History Association conference, Chicago, Nov. 15, 2007

“Jewish Speculation in the Gilded Age: The Immigrant Bankers of the Lower East Side,” Jews and Real Estate Conference, Center for Jewish History, April 25, 2007

Chair, “Reading the Forverts: The Lived Encounter with this Legendary Paper,” Abraham Cahan Conference, New York University, April 15, 2007

“Empire of Charity: Polish Visions of American Imperialism and Jewish Power, 1919-1929,” presented at Rutgers University’s Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life, March 19, 2007.

“The Voice of the People: The Landsmanshaft Press and the Jewish Immigrant Community,” presented at the Jewish Genealogical Society Annual Meeting, Center for Jewish History, New York, NY, January 21, 2007.

“Empire of Charity: American Jews, and the Politics of Urban Renewal in Inter-war Poland, 1919-1929” presented at the Davis Center for the Study of Eastern Europe, Harvard University, December 7, 2006.

“The Almighty Dollar: American Jews and their Overseas Philanthropy,” presented at The History of Jewish Involvement in Business and Finance, November 15, 2006, Center for Jewish History, New York, NY

“Bialystok and Beyond: Migration and the International Archives for the Research of Jewish Bialystok,” Jewish Genealogical Society Annual Meeting, September 17, 2006, New York, NY.

“Jewish Regional Identity in the Age of Mass Migration” presented at the International Conference of Jewish History, Berlin, Germany, May 2, 2006

“Postcards and the Press: The Multi-Media of Immigrant Philanthropy” presented at Material Jews: A International Colloquium, New York University, New York, April 23, 2006.

“Empire of Charity: American Jewish Money and the Rebuilding of Eastern Europe,” presented at the Nevzlin Forum on East European Jewry, Vilnius, Lithuania, July 19, 2005.

“The ‘New’ Transnational Migration and the Old: Rethinking the Paradigms of Transnational Cultural Studies through the Lens of East European Jewry,” presented at ‘At Home in Academia’ Conference, Center for Jewish History, New York, May 15, 2005.

“American Brothers, where have you gone?” 1929 and the Transformation of the American-Polish Jewish Alliance” presented at “1929: Mapping the Jewish World” Conference, New York University, April 18, 2005.

“Salvation or Political Subversion: Émigré Activism and Polish-Jewish Relations in the Second Polish Republic, 1920-1929,” presented at American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Annual Convention, Boston, MA, December 2004

“Rethinking Jewish Diasporic Identity in the Age of Mass Migration” presented at the Biennial Scholars Conference of American Jewish History in honor of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jewish Life in the United States, Washington, D.C., June 2004.

“The Revolution Abroad: Mass Migration and the Legacy of 1905,” presented at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, May 2004.

“Between Aid and Influence: Émigré Philanthropy and Jewish-Polish Relations in Inter-War Poland, 1919-1939,” presented at the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2003.

“From Empire to Holyland: Bialystok in the Imagination of Bialystoker Jewish Emigres, 1919-1929,” International Conference of *Evreiskie sud'bu: v pis'makh i dnevnikakh emigrantov i pereselentsev* [Jewish Fates: Immigrant Letters, Journals and Writings], Moscow, Russia, May 2003.

“The Transformation of Jewish Women in Poland,” *Kobieta żydowska między tradycją a nowoczesnością* [Jewish Women: Between Tradition and Modernity], Moses Schorr Center for Jewish History, Warsaw, Poland, March 2003.

Paper published in Polish at [www.schorr.edu.pl/new/index.php3?dzial](http://www.schorr.edu.pl/new/index.php3?dzial).

"Mass Migration, East European Jewry and the New Jewish Diaspora in the Early-20<sup>th</sup> Century"

- Harvard University, February 2005
- Princeton University, March 2002.
- Brown University, February 2001
- Smith College, January 2001

"Migration and the Disintegration of Jewish Communal Authority: A Case Study of the Bialystok *Kehile*, 1885-1939," Association for Jewish Studies, Washington D.C., December 2001.

"Remembering Poland, Reconstructing Jewish Émigré Identity: Poland in the Writings of Polish Jewish Émigrés, 1878-1948," Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 2000.

"Bialystok Transplanted and Transformed:" Organizational Life among Bialystok Jewish Émigrés in New York and Buenos Aires, 1919-1948" Association of Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 1999.

"Between Homeland and Promised Land: The Interdependence of Polish Jews in America and in Poland, 1919-1939," Simon-Dubnow-Institut für Geschichte and Kultur, Leipzig, Germany, December 1999.

"Shifting Centers, Conflicting Diasporas: A Transnational Polish Jewish Community, 1919-1939," Haifa University, Haifa, Israel, June 1999.

"Moving Beyond A Zion Centered Diaspora: The Many Diasporas of Polish Jews," Third Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, Cincinnati, OH, June 1998.

## **Professional University Service**

### **Columbia University**

#### **Departmental Service**

Professional Development Officer, Graduate education committee (2017-18)  
Coordinator, History-In-Action Program [Funded by a Mellon Grant], 2015-16  
Board of Visitors, 2008-9, 2012-2018  
Graduate Education Committee, 2013-2016  
Undergraduate Education Committee, 2008-2010  
IGH Masters Application Selection Committee, Spring 2011, 2016  
ADA Selection Committee, History Department, Fall 2010

#### **Dissertation Committees**

Jessica Kirazne, Orals, Prospectus and Dissertation Committee, second reader [Yiddish]  
Gil Rubin, Orals, Prospectus & Dissertation committees, second reader [History]  
Jessica Lee, Dissertation Committee (History), 2016  
Martin Fromm, Dissertation Committee (History), 2011  
Rebecca Pyatkevich, Dissertation committee (Russian), third reader, 2010  
Inessa Manevich, Dissertation Defense Committee (Teachers College), Second Reader 2010  
Jonathan Gribetz, Dissertation Committee (History), third reader, 2009  
Rebecca Klein-Pejosva, Dissertation Committee (History), Second Reader, 2007

#### **Dissertations in Progress**

Brianna Nofil, Dissertation Prospectus Committee  
Stephen Koeth, Dissertation Prospectus Committee

#### **University Wide Service**

Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Associate Director, 2017-present  
NEH Institute on Russian Migration, core faculty, 2013  
"Russian Migration Across Time," conference organizer, Fall 2012  
Harriman Institute Fellowship Committee, Voting Member, Spring 2009-2012  
Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Post-Doctoral Fellow Committee, 2008, 2009, 2010  
"Jews and American Capitalism" conference organizer, March 2008  
"Jewish-Slavic Encounters" conference co-organizer, May 2008.  
Baron Prize in Jewish Studies Committee, Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Fall 2010

#### **Beyond the University**

SSRC Evaluator [Canada] project and fellowship reviewer  
European Research Council [ERC] project and fellowship reviewer  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Fellowship evaluator  
Jewish Women's Encyclopedia, Editorial Board

Jewish Women's Archive, Chair, Academic Advisory Committee  
National Endowment for the Humanities, judge, Historical Documentaries Committee  
American Jewish Historical Society Biennial Conference, "Global Perspectives on Jews and the Americans," co-organizer, 2014-2016  
American Jewish Historical Society Academic Council  
Association for Jewish Studies, Strategic Planning Committee, 2012-present  
American Historical Association, Career Diversity Grant Committee, 2015-Present  
Book Manuscript Reviewer, Stanford University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Wayne State University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, New York University Press  
Managing Editorial Board, *American Jewish History*, 2006 - Present  
Managing Editorial Board, *Jewish Historical Studies*, 2010- Present  
Managing Editorial Board, *East European Jewish Affairs*, 2012- Present  
Article reviewer, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *American Jewish History*, *Jewish Social Studies*, *American Jewish Archives*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *East European Jewish Affairs*, *Nashim: A Journal of Gender and Jewish Studies*  
Center for Jewish History, conference organizer, "World War I and the Jews," Nov. 9-10, 2014  
Jewish Women's Archive, Academic Board, 2011-Present  
National Jewish Book Award Katzki Committee, 2011-Present  
Academic Advisory Council, American Jewish Historical Society's archives on the American Soviet Jewry Movement (AASJM), 2010-2014  
National Jewish Book Award Selection Committee, History Category, 2006, 2008  
Academic Advisory Committee, YIVO Milstein New York History project, 2007-Present  
Executive Board Member, Association for Jewish Studies Women's Caucus, 2007-2010  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Dissertation Fellowship Reviewer, 2009-2012  
International Planning Committee, "Bialystok: Searching for Memory and Dialogue 65 Years Later," convened by Foundation pour la Memoire de la Shoah, 2007-Present  
Academic Council, American Jewish Historical Society, appointed 2006  
New York Association for New Americans, Education Department, 1992-1996

### **Languages**

Fluent: Hebrew and Yiddish  
Proficiency: Russian and Polish  
Reading proficient: German, Spanish and French.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association  
Association of Jewish Studies  
Association for the Advancement of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies  
Organization of American Historians  
Social Science Historical Association  
Women's Caucus Board Executive Committee, Association for Jewish Studies