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Education

Ph.D., 2006 Department of History, the University of Chicago,

Title of Dissertation: *From Empire to Empire: Jerusalem in the Transition between Ottoman and British Rule, 1912-1920.*

Ph.D. Supervisors: Rashid Khalidi, Holly Shissler, Leora Auslander

M.A., 2000 (Cum Laude) Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University

B.A., 1997 Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Sociology (double major), Tel Aviv University

Academic Employment

2012-2014 Lecturer, Department of History, MIT

Fall 2013 Lecturer, Department of History, Boston University

Fall 2012 Visiting Research Fellow, Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies, Boston University

2011-2012 Junior Research Fellow, The Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University

2010-2011 Lecturer, NYU-Tel Aviv Program

2010 Lecturer, Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies, Belgrade, Serbia

2006-2011 Lecturer, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Israel, School for Government and International Program (RRIS)

2007-2008 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Tel Aviv University

2006-2008 Lecturer, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University

1999- 2000 Teaching assistant, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University

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Publications

Books

From Empire to Empire: Jerusalem between Ottoman and British Rule (Syracuse University Press, 2011).

Advanced Contract

Jews from Middle Eastern Countries and Jewish-Arab Relations in Mandatory Palestine (provisional title), co-authored with Tammy Razi and Moshe Naor (University Press of New England)

Peer-Review Articles

"When a City Changes Hands: Jerusalem in the Transition between Ottoman and British Rule," *Zmanim* (Forthcoming, 2014)

"American 'Welfare Politics': American Involvement in Jerusalem During World War I," *Israel Studies*, Vol. 18 no. 1 (Spring 2013): 56-76.

"A City Living through Crisis: Jerusalem during World War I," *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 36 no. 1 (April 2009): 73-92.

"Negotiating Ottomanism in Times of War: Jerusalem during World War I through the Eyes of a Local Muslim Resident," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 40 no. 1 (February 2008): 69-88.

"Alternative Voices in Late Ottoman Palestine: a Historical Note," *Jerusalem Quarterly File* 21 (August 2004): 41-48.

"Sephardim, Ashkenazim and the 'Arab Question' in pre World War I Palestine: A reading of three Jewish-Zionist newspapers," *Middle Eastern Studies* 39, no. 2 (April 2003): 105-130.

"The Sephardi Jewish Community in Pre World War I Jerusalem: Debates in the Hebrew Press," *Jerusalem Quarterly File* 14 (2001): 23-34.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Practices of Ottoman Citizenship and Loyalty: the Ottomanization Movement as a Case Study" (Forthcoming, The Van Leer Academic Institute, Jerusalem, Hebrew)

"Jews Writing in Arabic: Shimon Moyal, Nissim Malul and the Mixed Palestinian/Eretz Israeli locale", in: Yuval Ben-Bassat and Eyal Ginio (eds.), *Late Ottoman Palestine: The Period of Young Turk Rule* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2011).

"Sephardic Zionism in the Ottoman Empire: 'The Time is Here', *ha-Herut*, 1 April 1914", in: Camron Michael Amin, Benjamin Fortna and Elizabeth Frierson, eds., *The*

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Modern Middle East: A Sourcebook for History (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), 350-353.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Nissim Malul," *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Online edition.

Articles under Review

"Between National Liberation and Anti-Colonial Struggle: The National Liberation League in Palestine"

Book Reviews in Academic Journals

Sarah D. Shields, *Fezzes on the River: Identity Politics and European Diplomacy in the Middle East on the Eve of World War II*. In: *Journal of Modern History*, Vol. 84 no. 4 (December 2012): 948-951.

Michelle U. Campos, *Ottoman Brothers: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Early Twentieth Century Palestine*. In: *Journal of Levantine Studies*, Vol. 1 no. 2 (Winter 2011).

Assaf Likhovski, *Law and Identity in Mandate Palestine*. In: *Mediterranean Historical Review*, Vol. 23 no. 1 (June 2008): 81-84.

Jens Hanssen, Thomas Philip and Stefan Weber, *The Empire in the City: Arab Provincial Capitals in the Late Ottoman Empire*. In: *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, 65, no. 1 (January 2006): 70-71.

Ellen L. Fleischmann, *The Nation and its "New" Women: The Palestinian Women's Movement 1920-1948*. In: *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 24, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 281-283.

Teaching Experience

- Jews and Arabs in Palestine until 1948: History and Historiography - *upper-level undergraduate elective*
- Introduction to the History of the Modern Middle East – *Introductory survey, taught in English*
- The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict – *Introductory survey, taught in English*
- The Arab Citizens of Israel as a National Minority – *Upper-level seminar and upper-level undergraduate elective, taught in English and Hebrew*
- Palestinian Politics and Society – *undergraduate elective, taught in English*
- Conflict Resolution in an Alternative way: Jewish-Arab Dialogue in Israel – *Experimental dialogue course and workshop*

- Cities in the Middle East: History, Politics, Society – *Undergraduate and graduate elective, taught in English*
- The Middle East in the 20th Century – *Undergraduate elective, taught in English*
- Islam, the Middle East, and the West- *Undergraduate elective, taught in English*

Research Grants and Awards

- 2013 Research Grant, Israel Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 2012-13 Research Grant, Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims, Open University, Israel
- 2006 Dissertation Prize, awarded by Tel Aviv University for Studies in Middle Eastern History
- 2005-2006 Mellon Write-Up Fellowship, the University of Chicago
- 2005 CCWH/Berkshire Conference award: The Coordinating Council for Women in History
- 2004-5 Palestinian American Research Council Grant (PARC)
- 2001 Phoenix Fellowship, the University of Chicago
- 2001 The Daniel Leifer Fellowship for Social Justice in Israel
- 2000-2001 Fulbright Doctoral Award
- 2000 The Faculty of Humanities Scholarship for Graduate Students, Tel Aviv U.

Participation in Professional Conferences, Research Groups and Meetings

- October 2012: *Welfare, Politics and Power: The “Politics of Welfare” in World War I Jerusalem*, MESA annual meeting, New Orleans.
- December 2012: *Between Propaganda and Mediation: The Jewish-Arab Press and the Native Jews (“Bnei Ha-Haaretz)*, Center for the Study of Relations between Jews, Christians and Muslims, Open University, Israel.
- December 2012: *Between National Liberation and Anti-Colonial Struggle: The National Liberation League in Palestine*, The Kavorkian Center Workshop, NYU.
- November 2012: *Jews, Muslims and Christians in Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine: New Directions for Research*, organizer and presenter, MESA annual meeting, Denver, CO.

- July 2012: *Jerusalem between Ottoman and British Rule*, Invited lecture at the International conference on the History of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel.
- June 2012: *Jews from Islamic Countries and Jewish-Arab Relations in Mandatory Palestine*, Association of Israel Studies annual meeting, Haifa, Israel.
- February 2012: *Between National Liberation and Anti-Colonial Struggle: The National Liberation League in Palestine*, The Middle East Forum, Harvard University.
- February 2012: *Ihsan Tourjman's Diary as a Source for the History of World War I in Jerusalem*, Research seminar, the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University.
- December 2011: A seminar celebrating the publication of *From Empire to Empire: Jerusalem between Ottoman and British Rule*, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- December 2011: *Communism and anti-Imperial Struggles in the Middle East and North Africa*, organizer and presenter, MESA annual meeting, Washington, DC.
- October 2011: *Rifts in Time: Israel Palestine 1911-2011*, Workshop, the University of Zurich, Department of History.
- 2011: *Post-Communism in the Middle East*, research group, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2010-11: *Zionism and its Empires*, research group, the Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.
- April 2010: *Egyptian Communists and the Jews*, commentator, Forum Baer, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- December 2009: *American "Welfare Politics": Americans in Jerusalem during World War I*, America in the Mediterranean workshop, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.
- September 2008: *Living Together in War: Jerusalem during World War I*, Living Together in Cosmopolitan Cities: The Ottoman Empire and Beyond, Summer Academy, Istanbul, Turkey.
- November 2007: *Rethinking Nationalism and Inter-Communal Relations in Late Ottoman Palestine*, roundtable, organizer and presenter, MESA annual meeting, Montreal, Canada.

- September 2007: *A Mixed City in War: Jerusalem during World War I*, Palestine and the First World War: New perspectives", Tel Hai Academic College, Israel.
- June 2007: *The World in World Wars* Workshop, Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO), Berlin, Germany.
- January 2007: *In the Shadow of Crisis: Jews and Arabs in Jerusalem during World War I*, Forum Baer, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- August 2005: *Negotiating Ottomanism in times of War: Jerusalem during World War I from the perspective of a local Muslim resident*, The Roots of Liberal Thought in the Eastern Mediterranean, Erlangen, Germany.
- June 2004: *Between Ottomanism and Zionism: Sephardi Jewish Identity in late Ottoman Jerusalem*, The Turks and Palestine: A 1000 Years of Relations", Jerusalem, Israel.
- May 2004: *Alternative Voices in Late Ottoman Palestine: Jews and Arabs on the Evolving National Conflict*, Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA), Jerusalem, Israel.
- November 2002: *Living Together in One City and One Country: Inter Communal relations between Sephardi Jews and Arabs in late Ottoman Jerusalem*, MESA annual meeting, Washington, DC.

Membership in Professional Associations

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

The Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI)

Association of Israel Studies (AIS)

Association of Jewish Studies (AJS)

Non-Academic Professional Experience

2004-2009 Israeli coordinator (until 2006) and group facilitator, Hands of Peace coexistence program, Glenview, IL, USA and Jerusalem, Israel.

2008 Fellow, *Ofek Hadash/Ufuk Jadid/New Horizon*, the program for training leadership of a joint civil society in Israel.

2003-2004 Group facilitator in Arab-Jewish dialogue workshops, The School for Peace, Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, Israel.

2001 Summer internship in the Israeli NGO Physicians for Human Rights: *Research on the status and health services provided to the unrecognized*

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Bedouin villages in Israel.

1999- 2000 Group facilitator in Arab-Jewish dialogue workshops, Givat Haviva, and Neve Shalom, Israel.