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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2016.

Specialization: Islamic History & Civilization; Medieval Islamic History; Jewish-Muslim Relations.

Dissertation title: "All the Kings of Arabia are Seeking Your Counsel and Advice": Intellectual and Cultural Exchange between Jews and Muslims in the Later Middle Islamic Period."

Ph.D. Committee: Franklin Lewis (chair), Fred M. Donner, David Nirenberg, and Orit Bashkin.

M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2009.

Tel Aviv University

M.A., Middle Eastern and African History, 2008.

B.A., Middle Eastern and African History, 2006.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-18: Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Postdoctoral Associate, Judaic Studies, Yale University.

2015-16: Postgraduate Associate, Judaic Studies, Yale University.

AWARDS

Salo W. and Jeannette M. Baron Faculty Research Grant

Yale Program for the Study of Antisemitism, 2016-17

Felix Posen Doctoral Fellowship

The Vidal Sassoon International Center for the Study of Antisemitism (SICSA), at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2014-15

PUBLICATIONS

Current Projects

Jews in the Writings of Ibn Taymiyya and Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya (book manuscript).

Published Work

"Jewish Accounts of Muhammad and His Apostate Informants." Forum: 'Conflict and Convergence in Late Antiquity,' ed. Michael Pregill, *Mizan Project*, December 21, 2015.

<http://www.mizanproject.org/jewish-accounts-of-muhammad-and-his-apostate-informants/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**UCLA**

Lecturer, "Medieval Jewish History: Maimonides and the Mediterranean" (Autumn 2018).

Yale University

Lecturer, "Marginal Groups in Islam" (Spring 2018).

Lecturer, "Jews at the Origins of Islam" (Autumn 2016)

Lecturer, "Jews of the Medieval Islamic World" (Autumn 2015).

University of Chicago

B.A. Preceptor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2013-15).

Teaching Assistant, "Modern Israeli History," lecturer: Orit Bashkin (Winter 2014; Autumn 2014).

Teaching Assistant, "History of the Israeli-Arab Conflict," lecturer: Bernard Wasserstein (Spring 2013; Autumn 2013).

Teaching Assistant, The Hebrew Program, lecturer: Ari Almog (2011-13).

Lecturer, "Advanced Modern Hebrew" (2007-12).

Tel Aviv University

Lecturer, "Introduction to Islam" (Spring 2007).

Teaching Assistant, "The History of Printing in the West, the Jewish World, and Islam," lecturers: Miri Eliav-Feldon, Ami Ayalon, and Elchanan Reiner (Autumn 2006).

Teaching Assistant, "The Arabs and Islam in History," lecturer: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn (Autumn 2005).

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES

"Ibn Kammuna's Position on Prophecy and His Christian and Muslim Opponents." Conference: *Polemics and Prophethood in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. University of Zurich, May 2018. Conveners: Reuven Firestone, Christoph Uehlinger, and Sarah Werren.

"Ibn Taymiyya's Views on Judaism: The Damascene Theologian's Contacts with Jews and Former Jews." Conference: *Jews in Muslim Societies-History and Prospects*. Jewish Museum Berlin, October 2017. Conveners: Yasemin Shooman and Achim Rohde.

"The Apocryphal Treaties of Jews with the Prophet of Islam." Jewish Studies Workshop, Dartmouth College, August 2017. Convener: Susannah Heschel.

"'For Your Sake We are Slain All Day Long' (Psa. 44:22): Maimonides and Joseph ibn 'Aqnin's Responses to the Almohad Anti-Jewish Persecutions." Conference: *Sicily, al-Andalus and the Maghreb: Writing in Times of Turmoil*. Universitat Autònoma, Barcelona, May 2017. Convener: Nicola Carpentieri.

"S.D. Goitein and the 'Arab Eclipse.'" Jewish Studies Workshop, Divinity School, UChicago; co-sponsored by the Middle East History and Theory Workshop (MEHAT) and the Islamic Studies Workshop, May 2016.

"The Other 1492: al-Maghīlī's Anti-Jewish Polemic and the Expulsion of the Jews of Touat." Summer School: *Eurasian Religions in Contact (ERIC)*. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, July 2014. Conveners: Anna Akasoy and Georgios Halkias.

"Jewish-Muslim Polemics in the Islamic West: The Case of Muḥammad b. 'Abd al-Karīm al-Maghīlī." *The 29th Annual Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Conference*, UChicago, May 2014.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Instructor, Workshop on Medieval Judeo-Arabic, Yale University, December 2017, co-organized with Frank Griffel.

Conference Co-organizer (with Jessica Andruss and Uri Shachar), *Borders in Jewish Thought*. Chicago Center for Jewish Studies, UChicago, February 13, 2012.

<https://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/borders/conference-schedule/>

Academic Editor. *Ha-Teḥiyah ha-Shi'it*, the Hebrew translation of Vali Nasr, *The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future*, trans. Tsilla Elazar. Tel Aviv: Yedioth Sefarim, 2011.

<http://www.text.org.il/index.php?book=1104026>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies (AJS); Middle East Studies Association (MESA); Middle Eastern Medievalists (MEM); International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA).

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Hebrew (native), Arabic (research), French (research), Spanish (basic), German (basic).