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ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Harris Distinguished Visiting German Professor, Dartmouth College (Fall semester 2022)]

Professur, Jüdische Religions- und Geistesgeschichte, School of Jewish Theology, Universität Potsdam (October 2015-present)

Visiting Deputy Professor (*Vertretungsprofessor*), School of Jewish Theology, Universität Potsdam (Summer semester 2014)

Guest Faculty, Sarah Lawrence College, Humanities Dept. (Fall semester 2013)

Associate Research Scholar, Institute for Israel & Jewish Studies, Columbia University (September 2012-May 2013)

Associate Professor, Columbia University, Dept. of Religion (May 2008-May 2012)

Assistant Professor, Columbia University, Dept. of Religion (September 2003-May 2008)

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Emory University, Dept. of History (September 2001 - May 2003)

Lecturer, San Francisco State University, Dept. of Jewish Studies (Spring semester 1999/2000)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

"The Sephardim of the Atlantic World: An Early Modern Jewish Empire?" *Jahrbuch des Selma Stern Zentrums für Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg* 8 (2023): 12-36.

"Green Sabbaths: Putting the Anthropocene Era to Rest (Once a Week)," *Case Studies in the Conservation of Nature Through Faith*, ed. Stephen Awoyemi, Radhika Borde, Andrew Gossler and Alison Ormsby (London: Routledge, 2022).

"The Return of the Tribe: Jews, Counterculture and Native Americans," *Common Knowledge* 27.1 (January 2021): 40-85.

"Kabbalah and Cosmopolitanism in Early Modern Amsterdam: The Sephardic and Ashkenazic Producers of *Sefer Raziel haMalakh* (1701)," *Sephardim and Ashkenazim*, ed. Sina Rauschenbach (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020), 155-82.

"Looking for an Ecological God," *Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh*, ed. Martin S. Cohen, Saul Berman and David Birnbaum (New York: New Paradigm Publishing, 2019), 265-84.

The Hidden Lives of Jews and Africans: Underground Societies in the Iberian Atlantic World (Princeton: Markus Wiener, 2019). This is a 2nd rev. ed. of most of *Swimming the Christian Atlantic: Judeoconversos, Afroiberians and Amerindians in the Seventeenth Century*.

"Olive Oil, Anointing and Ecology," *Ritual Dynamics in Judaism and Christianity*, ed. Claudia Bergmann and Benedikt Kranemann (Leiden: Brill, 2019), .

"Revisiting Blackness, Slavery and Jewishness in the Early Modern Sephardic Atlantic," *Religious Changes and Cultural Transformations in the Early Modern Western Sephardi Communities*, ed. Yosef Kaplan (Leiden: Brill, 2019), 512-40.

"New Christian Slave Traders: A Literature Review and Research Agenda," *The Sephardic Atlantic: Colonial Histories and Postcolonial Perspectives*, ed. Sina Rauschenbach and Jonathan Schorsch (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

The Food Movement, Culture and Religion: A Tale of Pigs, Christians, Jews and Politics (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

"Modern Angels, Avant Gardes and the Esoteric Archive," *Lux in Tenebris: The Visual and the Symbolic in Western Esotericism, Conference Proceedings of the European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism 3rd International Conference, Szeged, Hungary, 6-10 July, 2011*, ed. Peter J. Forshaw (Leiden: Brill, 2016), 397-424.

"Julian Voss-Andreae, Angel of the West," Essay, in *Conversations: An Online Journal of the Center for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion* (2016), <http://mavcor.yale.edu/conversations/essays/angel-west>.

"Jews and Slavery in the Dutch Colonial Orbit," *Joden in de Cariben: Vier eeuwen joodse geschiedenis in Suriname en Curaçao*, ed. Julie-Marthe Cohen (Amsterdam: Walburg Press/Jewish Historical Museum, 2015), 114-127; volume accompanying exhibition, solicited contribution.

"Jews and Blacks," *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (published 10.30.14, updated 10.23; <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199730414/obo-9780199730414-0254.xml?rskkey=mQhRMH&result=83>).

"John White Alexander's *The Apotheosis of Pittsburgh*," an entry in *Frequencies*, an online compendium and collaborative genealogy of spiritual objects, curated by Kathryn Lofton and John Lardas Modern, a project of *The Immanent Frame* (a blog of the Social Science Research Council) and *Killing the Buddha* (posted September 2011; <http://frequencies.ssrc.org/2011/09/23/the-apotheosis-of-pittsburgh>).

Swimming the Christian Atlantic: Judeoconvertos, Afroiberians and Amerindians in the Seventeenth Century, *The Atlantic World: Europe, Africa and the Americas, 1500–1830*, vol. 17; 2 vols. (Leiden: Brill, 2009).

"Transformations in the Manumission of Slaves by Jews from East to West: Pressures from the Atlantic Slave Trade," in *Paths to Freedom: Manumission in the Atlantic World*, ed. Rosemary Brana-Shute and Randy J. Sparks (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2009). An essay from a 2000 conference (see below); long-delayed conf. proceedings.

"Mosseh Pereyra de Paiva: An Amsterdam Portuguese Jewish Merchant Abroad in the Seventeenth Century," *The Dutch Intersection: The Jews and the Netherlands in Modern History*, ed. Yosef Kaplan (Leiden: Brill, 2008), 63-85.

"Disappearing Origins: Sephardic Autobiography Today," *Prooftexts* 27,1 (2007): 82-150.

"Early Modern Sephardim and Blacks: Contact and Conflict between Two Minorities," in *Sephardic and Mizrahi Jewry: From the Golden Age of Spain to Modern Times*, ed. Zion Zohar (New York: New York University Press, 2005), 239-58.

"Cristãos-novos, judaísmo, negros e cristianismo nos primórdios do mundo atlântico moderno: uma visão segundo fontes inquisitoriais," in *Diálogos da conversão: missionários, índios, negros e judeus no contexto ibero-americano do período barroco*, ed. Lúcia Helena Costigan (Campinas, SP [Brazil]: Unicamp, 2005), 155-84.

"Blacks, Jews and the Racial Imagination in the Writings of Sephardim in the Long Seventeenth Century," *Jewish History* (Haifa University) 19,1 (Winter 2005): 109-35.

Jews and Blacks in the Early Modern World (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004). Winner, Salo Wittmayer Baron Book Prize, American Academy for Jewish Research. Released in paperback in 2009.

"Jewish Ghosts in Germany," *Jewish Social Studies* 9,3 (Spring/Summer 2003): 139-69.

"Portmanteau Jews: Sephardim and Race in the Early Modern Atlantic World," *Jewish Culture and History* 4, no. 2 (Southampton University; Winter 2001): 59-74. Special issue on Port Jews: Jewish Communities in Cosmopolitan Maritime Trading Centres, 1550-1950.

"American Jewish Historians, Colonial Jews and Blacks, and the Limits of *Wissenschaft*. A Critical Review," *Jewish Social Studies* 6, no. 2 (Winter 2000): 102-132.

EDITED VOLUMES

The Sephardic Atlantic: Colonial Histories and Postcolonial Perspectives, ed. Sina Rauschenbach and Jonathan Schorsch (New York: Palgrave, 2018).

OTHER RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Text boxes on Judaism and the environment and my Green Sabbath Project included in *Globale Entwicklung: Teilausgabe, Religion, Philosophie, Ethik: Orientierungsrahmen für den Lernbereich* (Berlin: Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung/Cornelsen/Kultusminister Konferenz, 2021), ___.

The Remarkable Life of Luis Moses Gomez (Gomez Mill House Foundation/Flint Mine Press, 2021).

"A Call for Green Sabbaths" *Resurgence & Ecologist*, issue 326 (May/June 2021): 25-29.

"Die Heiligkeit der Welt: Entstehung und Entwicklung des jüdischen Umweltaktivismus," *Herder Korrespondenz Spezial Klimawandel*, ed. Stefan Orth (Freiburg: Herder Verlag, 2020), 32-33.

"Tisha B'Av — an Ecological Holiday?," *Tablet Magazine*, 29 July 2020; <https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/holidays/articles/tisha-bav-ecological-holiday>.

"Green Spiritual Technologies: Putting the Anthropocene Era to Rest (One Day a Week)," *Counterpoint: Navigating Knowledge*, posted 7 July 2020; <https://www.counterpointknowledge.org/green-spiritual-technologies-putting-the-anthropocene-era-to-rest-one-day-a-week>.

"Wunderbare Welt: Tu Bischwat: Das Neujahrsfest der Bäume sollte Anlass sein, über die Natur und unseren Umgang mit ihr nachzudenken," *Jüdische Allgemeine Zeitung*, 6 February 2020; <https://www.juedische-allgemeine.de/politik/wunderbare-welt>.

"The Sabbath in an Era of Climate Change," *Tablet Magazine*, 4 February 2020; <https://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/297781/the-sabbath-in-an-era-of-climate-change>.

"Die Heilkraft des Sabbat im Anthropzän," *Reformation, Globalisierung, Eine Welt: Die Verantwortung von Kirche und Religionen für die Zukunft*, ed. Roland Herpich and Patrick R. Schnabel, Berliner Reihe für Mission, Ökumene und Dialog (Berlin: Wichern Verlag, 2019).

"The Threefold Cord is Stronger than the Single Strand," *Social Justice and Peoplehood*, The Peoplehood Papers, 21 (Jerusalem: Center for Jewish Peoplehood Education 2018), 24-26.

"Swinging between Enough and Not Enough," invited contribution for Is This all There is?, a special project of *The Immanent Frame* (a blog of the Social Science Research Council) to mark its tenth anniversary, curated by Courtney Bender and Nancy Levene; posted 20 February 2018; <https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/02/20/swinging-between-enough-and-not-enough>.

"Pact With the Devil?" Q&A about Jews, slavery and slave trading by Elliot Jager, The Jager File; <http://www.elliottjager.blogspot.co.il>; 7 August 2015.

"Pigging Out: What 'Radically Unkosher' Jewish Foodies Like Michael Pollan are Missing," *Religion Dispatches*, 21 January 2014; http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/7372/pigging_out_what_radically_unkosher_jewish_foodies_like_michael_pollan_are_missing. Selected as an Editor's Pick by www.mosaic.magazine.com, 1/23/14.

"Food Crops Should Feed People, Not Motors," *Times of Israel*, 17 February 2013; <http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/food-crops-are-for-people-not-motors>.

"Religion and Secularism: Together Forever," *AJS Perspectives* Fall 2011: 12-15.

"Involuntary Transit through Evolving Consciousness," *Sh'ma*, June 2010: 17-18. Final column in Avram's Father's Idols: A Yearlong Conversation.

"Disappearing Origins: Some Recent Postmodern (?) Sephardic Autobiographies, a Collective Review [Hebrew]," *Eretz Aheret* 33 (April-May 2006): 78-81.

Response to Bertrell Ollman, "My Letter of Resignation from the Jewish People," *Tikkun* magazine (Jan./Feb. 2005).

"Giving Thanks to Elijah the Prophet in Indian Manhattan," *Zeek: A Jewish Journal of Thought and Culture* (Jan. 2005). Reportage on a Bnei Israel ceremony giving thanks to Eliyahoo HaNavi.

"Losing What Would Be? A Response to Mitchell Hart." *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility* (Dec. 2002), special issue on Jewish studies.

"Finding the Right Shul: An American Dilemma" [Hebrew], *Eretz Aheret* 13 (Nov.-Dec. 2003): 14-17.

"A Passover in Mallorca," *European Judaism* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 127-43. Reportage based on a personal trip, history of the local *conversos* or *chuetas*.

"Israel, A Land of Asphalt and Cement? A Conversation with Israeli Environmentalist Yoav Sagi," *Tikkun* magazine (Jan./Feb. 2002).

"Israeli Cable Radio Faces Only West." In *News and Views*, an electronic journal of Ivri-Nasawi (New Association of Sephardi/Mizrahi Artists and Writers International), Oct. 16, 2000.

"Making Judaism Cool," *Tikkun* magazine (March/April 2000). Review essay of new "radical" Jewish music and culture; reprinted in *The Columbia Documentary History of Religion in America Since 1945*, ed. Paul Harvey and Philip Goff (New York: Columbia University Press, 2005), 361-68; and in *The Best Contemporary Jewish Writing*, ed. Michael Lerner (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2001), 331-38.

AWARDS

2005 Salo Wittmayer Baron Book Prize for a first book, American Academy for Jewish Research, for *Jews and Blacks in the Early Modern World*.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Jewish History, Dec. 2000.

Dissertation: "Jews and Blacks in the Early Modern Mediterranean and Atlantic Worlds, 1450-1800," Peter Sahlin, Chair; Daniel Boyarin, Carla Hesse, Waldo Martin, Aron Rodrigue.

Qualifying exams in Jewish History (David Biale, Aron Rodrigue); Early Modern Europe (Carla Hesse, Randolph Starn); Diaspora and Identity Theory (Daniel Boyarin)

Graduate Theological Union

M.A., Jewish Studies, 1996

Thesis: "The Black Mirror: Tracing Blackness and Otherness in Pre-Modern Jewish Thought," David Biale, Chair; Daniel Matt, Daniel Boyarin, George Cummings

Columbia College, Columbia University

B.A., Comparative Literature, 1986

BOOK REVIEWS

Tudor Parfitt, *Hybrid Hate: Conflations of Antisemitism and Anti-Black Racism from the Renaissance to the Third Reich* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020). In *Social History of Medicine*, 31 May 2021; <https://academic.oup.com/shm/advance-article/doi/10.1093/shm/hkab061/6289864?guestAccessKey=0d347466-2f5e-4c15-ae34-bd94e646d530>.

David Koffman, *The Jews' Indian: Colonialism, Pluralism, and Belonging in America* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2019). In *American Jewish History* ().

Mark, Peter, and José da Silva Horta, *The Forgotten Diaspora: Jewish Communities in West Africa and the Making of the Atlantic World* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011). In *AJSReview* 37,2 (November 2013): 411-14.

Costigan, Lúcia Helena, *Through Cracks in the Wall: Modern Inquisitions and New Christian Letrados in the Iberian Atlantic World* (Brill, 2010). In *Hispanic American Historical Review* 92,1 (February 2012): 181-83.

Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, *The Ten Lost Tribes: A World History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009). In *American Historical Review* 116,3 (June 2011): 764-65.

Jonathan Boyarin, *The Unconverted Self: Jews, Indians, and the Identity of Christian Europe* (Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 2009). In *Jewish History* (Haifa University) 24,3 (2010): 389-91.

"Sephardic Business: Early Modern Atlantic Style," a collective review of 7 new books in Sephardic studies. In *Jewish Quarterly Review* 100,3 (Summer 2010): 483-503.

Atlantic Diasporas: Jews, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in the Age of Mercantilism, 1500-1800, ed. Richard L. Kagan and Philip D. Morgan (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009). In *New West Indian Guide/Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* 84-3&4 (2010): ___ (forthcoming; accepted for publication).

Stuart B. Schwartz, *All Can Be Saved: Religious Tolerance and Salvation in the Iberian Atlantic World* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008). In *Hispanic American Historical Review (HAHR)* 89,4 (November 2009): 687-89.

David M. Goldenberg, *The Curse of Ham: Race and Slavery in Early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003). In *AJSReview* 31,1 (April 2007): 168-72.

Abraham Melamed, *The Image of the Black in Jewish Culture: A History of the Other*, trans. Betty Sigler Rozen (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003). In *Jewish History* (Haifa University) 20.2 (2007).

Jonathan Israel, *Diasporas Within a Diaspora: Jews, Crypto-Jews and the World Maritime Empires (1540-1740)* (Leiden: Brill, 2002). For H-Atlantic, the H-Net Network on Atlantic History (May 2006).

Esther Benbassa and Aron Rodrigue, *Sephardi Jewry: A History of the Judeo-Spanish Community, 14th-20th Centuries* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000; orig. 1993). In *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 36,2 (Winter 2002).

The Jews and the Expansion of Europe to the West, 1450-1800, ed. Paolo Bernardini and Norman Fiering. *European Expansion & Global Interaction*, Vol. 2 (New York: Berghahn Books, 2001). *American Jewish History* 89, no. 3 (September 2001): 305-307.

Book Review. *Torah of the Earth: Exploring 4,000 Years of Ecology in Jewish Thought*. Edited by Arthur Waskow. 2 vols. Woodstock, Vt.: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000. In *Tikkun* magazine (July/August 2001).

Book Review. André Aciman. *False Papers: Essays on Exile and Memory*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000. In *Tikkun* magazine (May/June 2001).

Eli Faber, *Jews, Slaves, and the Slave Trade: Setting the Record Straight* (New York/London: New York University Press, 1998). In *New West Indian Guide/Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* 74, nos. 3 & 4 (2000): 323-326.

SELECTED PUBLIC TALKS, LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Judaism and/or the Anthropocene," invited talk, Religion, Environment and the Common Good working conference, Canterbury Christ Church University, July 2022

"The Green Sabbath Project: Adapting Tradition for the Anthropocene," invited talk, Transitioning to Integral Ecology: Transdisciplinary Approaches for the Grounding and Implementation of a Holistic Worldview, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, June 2022

On Jews, Judaism and food politics, invited talk, Jewish Museum, Berlin, November 2021

On researching the life of Lewis Moses Gomez and his family, Sephardic merchants of 18th-century New York, invited talk, New York Public Library, Work/Cited scholars' presentations series, June 2021

"The Sephardim of the Atlantic World: An Early Modern Jewish Empire?" Beyond Ashkenaz: Sephardim and other Jews Ringvorlesung, Zentrum Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg, May 2021

two-part interview on early modern Sephardic Jews and Blacks, for Black History Month, Garfield Reid, Konscious Community, February 2021

"Jews, Blacks, Race and Slavery in a World Becoming Modern," invited lecture, Kol Nefesh Masorti Synagogue (Edgware, England), January 2021

"Judaism for the Era of Climate Catastrophe: Meditations on Ecology, Politics and Theology," Queens College, November 2019

"Messianism and Sephardic Colonization in the Americas," Jewish Plurality: the Past and the Present of the Iberian Matrix, University of Lisbon, June 2018

"Olive Oil, Anointing, Ecstasy and Ecology," Shared Ritual Practices and Divided Historiography: Media, Phenomena, Topoi conference, University of Erfurt, June 2017

"Judaism and Race in the Early Modern Sephardic Atlantic: A New Overview," invited lecture, Religious and Cultural Changes in the Early Modern Western Sephardic Communities conference, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, November 2016

Keynote lecture, "Revisiting Portuguese Jewish Exploration and Colonization, Ca. 1658: The 'Copia da relação que da barra de Pauroma em Wilde Kust mandaõ Jeosua Nunez Netto e Joseph Pereira'," Congresso Internacional dos Judeus e Cristãos-Novos no Mundo Lusófono, Lisbon, December 2015

"New Christian Slave Traders: The Ideological Formation of Scholarship," Colonial History: Sephardic Perspectives conference, Universität Potsdam, November 2015.

"Slavery in the Dutch Caribbean: Some Jewish Perspectives," Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam, June 8, 2015

Sermon, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 2015, Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, NJ

"Olive Oil, Anointing and Ecstasy: Revisiting an Ancient Environment," Hazon Food Conference, Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, May 17-19, 2013

"The Jewish and Black Diasporas in the Early Modern Iberian Americas," lecture, Bard College, March 2012

"Invoking Jewish Angels in the Light of (Art) History," Text & Image in Religious Cosmography: Reading Ilanot and Parallel Artifacts, An International Research Seminar, Haifa University, late July 2011

"Angels, the Avant Garde, and the Esoteric Archive," conference on The Visual and the Symbolic in Western Esotericism, July 6-10, 2011, Szeged, Hungary

Speaker, post-show talkback, "Driving Miss Daisy," John Golden Theater, NYC, 23 Feb. 2011

"Esperanza Rodriguez: A Mulata Marrana in Mexico City," University of Gainesville, Feb. 2008. Also conducted a faculty workshop, "Still Afraid of the Inquisitions? Methodological Matters in the Study of Colonial Judeoconversos, Afroiberians, Amerindians and Other Others"

"Here's Looking at You, Yid: Some Moments of Black Constructions of Jewishness in the 20th Century," Conference on Jews and Race, Center for Afro-Jewish Studies, Temple University, Nov. 2007

"Sephardim and Their Slaves," lecture, Jewish Historical Society of England, Israel branch, Jerusalem, July 2005

"Atlantic Jews, Race and War (Seen through Early 21st-Century Portholes)," invited colloquium, Atlantic Jewry in the Age of Mercantilism, Johns Hopkins University, March 2005

"Mosseh Pereyra da Paiva in India: Color and Commerce around Seventeenth-Century Cochín," Conference on Dutch Jewry, Jerusalem, November 2004

Speaker on the notion of "American" in American Jewish History, "Considering the Terms in American Jewish History," Invited Conference, Temple University, April 2003

"Sephardim and Black Africans: How Two Early Modern Minorities Saw One Another," Sephardic Studies Lecture Series, Florida International University, March 2003

"Seventeenth-Century Sephardic Amsterdam and the Iberian *Sistema de castas*," annual conference of the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Athens, Georgia, April 2002

"Black Images of Jews, Jewish Images of Blacks, 1880s-1930s," Culturalisms in America, 5th annual conference of MORARE (Midwest Organization for the Recognition and Recording of Ethnic Heritage), St. Louis, March 2002

"Inventing Jewish Whiteness in the Seventeenth-Century Western Sephardic Diaspora: Some Halakhic and Social Aspects," Symposium on Port Jews, University of Southampton, England, June 2001

Panelist, "When, How and Why Did Jews Become White Folks?," Jonathan Sarna (chair), with Eric Goldstein and Matthew Frye Jacobson, co-sponsored by the American Jewish Historical Society, American Historical Association conference, January 2001

"Transformations in the Manumission of Slaves by Jews from East to West: Pressures from the Atlantic Slave Trade," international conference/workshop on Manumissions in the Atlantic World, Program in the Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World, College and University of Charleston, S.C., October, 2000

FELLOWSHIPS

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture research grant (2019-2020)

Gomez Scholar 2018-2019, Gomez Mill House Foundation

Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the History of the Portuguese Atlantic, Dept. of History, Emory University (2001-2003)

(offered the Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Judaic Studies, Yale University, 2001-2003)

Research Fellowship, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale (2000-2001)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Institute of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2000-2001)

Research Fellowship, the Maurice Amado Foundation Research Fund in Sephardic Studies/UCLA (2000-2001)

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Write-Up Fellowship, History Dept., University of California, Berkeley (1998-1999)

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture: Mark Uveeler Special Doctoral Scholarship (1998-1999)

American Jewish Archives: Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum Foundation Fellowship for Research in Interreligious Affairs, the Jacob Rader Marcus Center (1998-99; 1 month of research at the AJA archives)

Touro National Heritage Trust: 3-month Research Fellowship at the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI (1997-1998)

University of California, Berkeley: Regents Fellowship (1996-1997)

Koret Foundation Fellowship (full tuition plus stipend; 1997-1998, 1995-1996, 1994-1995)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Vice Chair, European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment (2021-23), organizer of the EFSRE VII international conference (2023), "Myth, Ritual and Practice for the Age of Ecological Catastrophe"

Invited panelist and teacher, 30th annual International Nahum Goldman Fellowship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (Hanover, August 2018)

Co-Editor (with Michah Gottlieb), Jewish Thought and Philosophy series, Palgrave Macmillan (as of spring 2016)

Member, Advisory Board, Judaic Studies series, University of Alabama Press (as of August 2013)

Scholar-in-Residence, The Jewish Waltz with Planet Earth, Art Kibbutz NY Artists' Residency, May 2013; <http://www.artkibbutz.org/environmentalland-art-residency.html>.

Invited panelist, Faculty-Student Roundtable: The Columbia-Barnard Curriculum and the Future of Environmental Citizenship, Columbia Center for International History, Feb. 2012

Member, Editorial Board, *AJS Perspectives*, the magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies (as of 2010)

Member, Association for Jewish Studies, European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment

Member, Advisory Board, Michigan Studies in Comparative Jewish Cultures, University of Michigan Press (as of July 2011)

Member, Editorial Board, *Revista de Estudos Judaicos e Islâmicos* (Portugal) (as of Jan. 2010)

Respondent and Chair, Jews, Race, Caste, and the Global Politics of Knowledge Production, panel on African, African-heritage and South Indian Jewish identity, Association for Jewish Studies (Dec. 2011)

Invited participant, Text & Image in Religious Cosmography: Reading Ilanot and Parallel Artifacts, An International Research Seminar, Haifa University (July 2011)

Organizer, Jews, Native Americans, and the Western World Order: A Symposium, Columbia University (April 2010)

Respondent, Graduate Fellow Seminar presentation by Hilit Surowitz, "Building The Nation: Portuguese Jewish Community in the Atlantic World," Center for Jewish History (Dec. 2008)

Chair, panel, "Dimensions of Late Medieval and Early Modern Sephardic Jewish Culture and Society," AJS annual meeting (Dec. 2007)

Respondent, "Blacks and Jews in American Popular Music: The Business of Cultural Mediation," Jonathan Karp (SUNY Binghamton), Jewish Music Forum, Center for Jewish History (NYC; April 2007)

Respondent, panel, "New Approaches to Black Jewish Studies" (Janice Fernheimer, Walter Isaac, Andre Key), Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Dec. 2006)

Chair, panel, "'Traffic in Meaning': Early Modern Travels and Travelogues Division: Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History, Literature, and Culture," AJS annual meeting (Dec. 2006)

Respondent, panel, "New Historical and/or Theoretical Approaches to the Study of African American Judaism," AJS annual meeting (Dec. 2006)

Scholar-in-Residence, Shelter Rock Jewish Center (26-27 May 2006)

Jewish Book Editor, *Tikkun* magazine (March 2000-Jan. 2007)

Member, Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies (2003-2009)

Member, Advisory Board, *Sh'ma: a Journal of Jewish Responsibility* (2005-2008)

Member, Academic Council, American Jewish Historical Society (Fall 2003-2006).

Chair, panel, "From Moses to Moses: Maimonides, Spinoza, Mendelssohn," AJS annual meeting (Dec. 2004)

Respondent, panel, "Forging Collective Identities" (Jodi Magness, Riv-Ellen Prell, Chava Weissler), Tenth Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies, "Challenging Boundaries: History and Anthropology in Jewish Studies," Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, April 2004

Co-organizer, "From *Limpieza de sangre* to *Sistema de castas*," panel at AHA annual meeting (Jan. 2003), with María Elena Martínez

Co-organizer, "Cosmopolitanism, Race and the Early Modern Sephardic Diaspora," panel at AJS annual meeting (Dec. 2002), with Adam Sutcliffe

Participant, the Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop in the History of the Jewish Book on medieval Hebrew script with Malachi Beit-Arié, Jewish Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania/Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Philadelphia (April 2002)

Member, Editorial Board, *The Sephardi/Mizrahi Review*, published by Ivri-NASAWI (New Association of Sephardi/Mizrahi Artists and Writers International), now defunct

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Founding Director, the Green Sabbath Project, www.greensabbathproject.net (2019)

Founding Director, the Jewish Activism Summer School, www.jassberlin.org (2016)

Member, Advisory Board, Art Kibbutz, NYC (2011-2019)

Member, Advisory Board, Friends of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, Kibbutz Ketura, Israel (as of 2013); Board of Trustees, Friends of the Arava Institute (as of 2004)

Member, Advisory Board, Eden Village Camp, Putnam Valley, NY (2009-2015)

Member, Board of Directors, The Shalom Center, Philadelphia, PA (2003-2007)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teacher, Midrasha Hebrew High School, Berkeley. Taught 8th, 9th and 10th grades: Modern Jewish History, Jewish Attitudes Toward Others, Cults and Missionaries, Etgar core curriculum for 9th-graders, January 1993-May 1995.

Freelance Environmental Writer, Editor, Research Consultant and Speaker
(December 1991-1996)

Workshop leader, "Judaism and Ecology," Eco-Ruach Retreat for Western Hillels (Northern California, January 1994); "The Spiritual Ecology of Early Hasidism," Eco-Ruach II (Eugene, Oregon, March 1995); "Halakhic Gardening according to Maimonides," Eco-Ruach III (Berkeley, California, October 1995).

Author, two chapters ("General History of the Environmental Crisis" and "The Environmental Situation in Israel Today") in *Judaism and Ecology*, a Hadassah Study Guide (Hadassah, 1993).

Author, foreword to *Jews, Money and Social Responsibility: Developing a "Torah of Money" for Contemporary Life* (Philadelphia: The Shefa Fund, 1993).

Author, two articles for the *Corporate Social Investing Newsletter*, South Africa's first corporate social responsibility forum ("Environmental Investing in the U.S." and "The Status of Environmental Labeling in the U.S.").

Consultant, The Data Center, Oakland. Reviewed environmental research procedures and sources, recommended improvements, 1991/2.

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