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Current Employment

Beginning September 2019: University of Connecticut

Director, Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life
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Previous employment:

September 2007-August 2019: University of Hartford, The Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies, West Hartford, CT

Associate Professor, Philip D. Feltman Professor of Modern Jewish History

Courses offered: Modern Jewish History; First Year Seminar on Evil; American Jewish History; Modern European Jewish Literature; Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew; Israel: History and Society; Theology and the Holocaust; American Jewish Fiction; Yiddish Literature in Translation; Responses to the Holocaust; the Holocaust and Genocide on Film; Jewish Humor

Co-Director, The Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies

Responsible for organizing up to twenty lectures, workshops, symposia and other public events per year; administering and coordinating Edward Lewis Wallant Award for American Jewish Fiction

Director, Museum of Jewish Civilization

Recent exhibitions: "Peoples of the Land: A Photography Exhibit in Celebration of Israel's 65th Anniversary," "The Family Business: The Next Generation," "After the Trauma: Laotian Refugees and Holocaust Survivors Confront the Past," "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Swords: The Art and Illustrations of Arthur Szyk," "Freedom is Never Free: Norway and the Jews," "The Art of the Jews: 3000 Years in the Making"; "In Her Father's Eyes: A Slovak Childhood in the Shadow of the Holocaust"; "The Secret Flame of Hope: The Art of Motke Blum";

“Rebirth after the Holocaust: The Bergen-Belsen DP Camp”; “Jewish War Veterans”; Visions of Israel: The Art and Illustrations of Chaim Gross (April – September 2013); Genocide: Israel Charny and the Scourge of the Twentieth Century (September 2013—April 2014); Return to the Land: Jewish Farming Around the World (April 2014—September 2014); 1945: Liberation (October 2014-May 2015); It Was Paradise: Jewish Rhodes (October 2015); Flames of Memory: Yizkor Books, Jewish Art, and the Holocaust (October 2014-present); Hartford Remembers the Holocaust (October 2016); Vilna: The Jerusalem of Lithuania (October 30, 2017)

Executive Director, The HERO Center (Holocaust Education Resource and Outreach Center), a strategic partnership between the Greenberg Center and Voices of Hope dedicated to furthering Holocaust education opportunities in the state of Connecticut

Supervisor, Rwanda Genocide Education and Teacher Training Program; supervisor for Joseph Olzacki, special advisor on Genocide Education and Prevention

Director, In Our Own Words Interview Project with children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors

*Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) Fellow, 2015-2017
Responsible for presenting at least ten public programs in Greater Hartford community on behalf of JTS*

September 2004-August 2007: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, Washington, D.C.

Miles Lerman Applied Research Scholar for Jewish Life and Culture

Director, Jewish Source Study Initiative

“Jewish Responses to Nazi Persecution in Europe, Volume Two: 1938-40”

Editor, archival source series on Jewish responses to Nazi persecution
Encourage scholarship and conduct research utilizing USHMM collection of Jewish source material

Organize summer research workshops and seminars at Center:

“Confronting Catastrophe: Jewish Religious Responses to the Holocaust”
(August 2006)

“Survival, Displacement, Struggle: Jewish Displaced Persons in the Wake of the Holocaust” (July 2005)

Comment and moderate fellowship presentations

Supervise research of visiting fellows and volunteers

Lead weekly Yiddish reading group

Contributor, *Encyclopedia of Concentration Camps and Ghettos, Volume Two*

Coordinate work of Miles Lerman Center for the Study of Jewish Resistance

Education

September 1998-May 2005: New York University, New York, New York

Joint Ph. D. in Hebrew and Judaic Studies and Modern European History

Dissertation: “*Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*”

Dissertation Chair: David Engel

Committee Members: Mary Nolan, Atina Grossmann

Readers: Marion Kaplan, Ronald Zweig

GPA: 3.9

Passed with distinction written, oral exams in Modern European/Jewish History

Completed reading exams in Hebrew, German, Yiddish, and French

Fall 1994-Spring 1997: Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts in Religion with Judaic Studies concentration

GPA: 3.7, Dean’s list

Other Related Academic Work Experience

- **October 2018: newly appointed Executive Director of the HERO (Holocaust Education Resource and Outreach) Center, a strategic partnership between the Greenberg Center and Voices of Hope to expand Holocaust education initiatives across the state of Connecticut and the region.**
- **July 2012-January 2015: Book Review Editor, *Journal of Jewish Identities***
- **July 2008-present: Sobibor Documentation and Excavation Project**
Historical Advisor on documentary film on new excavations at site of former death camp; recipient of grant from Conference on Jewish Material Claims
- **September 2003-September 2004: Erich Maria Remarque Institute, New York University**
Graduate Fellow; assistant to Tony Judt, Ph.D.
Researched European history for writing of *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (The Penguin Press, 2005)
- **June 2004: Center for Jewish History and American Jewish Historical Society**
Created comprehensive index of web resources to support timeline marking 350th anniversary of Jewish settlement in America: www.jewsinamerica.org
- **August 2001-August 2004: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research**
Educational Program on Yiddish Culture
Curriculum development, writing, and research in Hebrew and Yiddish on Jewish history of Poland and Eastern Europe (published June 2003)
website: *When These Streets Heard Yiddish* at epyc.yivo.org
Editorial work on *The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe*

- **June 2001-September 2001: YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Sonia Staff Intern**
Compiled list of YIVO publications for future online catalog, research in Yiddish, Hebrew, and English of YIVO publications and bibliographies
Copy-editing, *The Last Days of the Jerusalem of Lithuania: Chronicles from the Vilna Ghetto and the Camps, 1939-1944* (Yale University Press, 2002)
- **June 2001-January 2002: University of California Press**
Conducted photographic research for Hasia Diner, Ph.D., *The Jews of the United States, 1645-2000* (University of California Press, 2004)
- **June 1999-November 2000: Heritage: Civilization and the Jews DVD-ROM**
Researched, edited and indexed encyclopedia articles, multimedia presentations and captions for interactive multimedia adaptation of PBS documentary
Compiled bibliography of works in Jewish history to supplement DVD-ROM

Grants, Awards, Scholarships, and Fellowships

Grants and awards received:

- December 2018, Part of team receiving NEH Digital Projects for the Public Discovery Grant** for “Courtroom 600: An Educational Encounter with the History and Legacies of the Nuremberg Trials Project.” (Project Directors, Kenneth Thompson and Clarissa Ceglio, University of Connecticut)
- October 2018, The Simon Konover Excellence in Holocaust Teaching Award, Voices of Hope CT**
- June-July 2017, Cardin Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hartford,**
Awarded to complete writing for book on Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; research in Israel and Poland (\$2000)
- May 2015, Marion and Maximillian Hoffman Foundation**
Awarded to create new exhibition in Museum of Jewish Civilization, *Facing the Holocaust: Greater Hartford Stories of Survival* (\$25,000)
- October 2014, Connecticut Humanities Council, Public Exhibition Grant**
Awarded to create new exhibition in Museum of Jewish Civilization, *Facing the Holocaust: Greater Hartford Stories of Survival* (\$30,000)
- June-July 2014, Cardin Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hartford,**
Awarded to conduct research on Zionist youth movements and Jewish resistance to the Nazis at Ghetto Fighter’s House (Western Galilee, Israel), Central Zionist Archives (Jerusalem), and Yad Vashem (Jerusalem) (\$2000)
- April 2014, Salo and Jeannette Baron Foundation**
Awarded to support organization of JDC at 100 Conference (September 2-8, 2014) (\$4000)
- January 2014-present, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford**
Awarded to conduct oral history interviews with the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors as part of the *In Our Own Words* Interview project (\$30,000 over two years)
- January-May 2013, American Academy of Jewish Research, for Seminar at Clark University, Jewish Responses to the Holocaust** (\$1500)

June 2011: Dean's Research Fund, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hartford

Awarded to conduct research on Chaplain Abraham Klausner at Central Zionist Archives (Jerusalem), Yad Vashem (Jerusalem), and Center for Jewish History (New York) (\$2000)

2010-present: Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany research grant, for production of documentary film, *Deadly Deception at Sobibor* (\$50,000)

October 2008: Cahnman Publication Subvention Grant

Awarded by Cahnman Foundation and Association for Jewish Studies for publication of *Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism in the Aftermath of the Holocaust* (\$3000)

April 2008: Greenberg Junior Faculty Travel Grant, University of Hartford

To fund travel for research on history of the Sobibor death camp (\$2500)

September 2006: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Performance Award

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September 2003-June 2004: Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Dissertation Fellowship, National Foundation for Jewish Culture

September 2002-June 2003: Center for Jewish History Dissertation Fellowship

Fall 2001: Nominated for Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award, New York University

September 1998-June 2003: Departmental Fellowship, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University

Publications

Books

- *The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Afterlife of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising* (under contract with Wayne State University Press, revised manuscript submitted May 15, 2019)
- *The Joint Distribution Committee at 100: A Century of Humanitarianism* (Wayne State University Press), co-edited with Atina Grossmann, Linda Levi, and Maud Mandel (May 2019)
- *Laughter After: Humor After the Holocaust*, co-edited with David Slucki and Gabriel Finder (Wayne State University Press, publication date April 2020)
- *Understanding and Teaching the Holocaust* (University of Wisconsin Press), co-edited with Laura Hilton (revised manuscript submitted August 2019, publication date June 2020)

- ***Jewish Displaced Persons after the Holocaust: Document Collection*, Encyclopedia of Jewish Tradition, Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig, Germany (in progress, under contract)**
- **Invited to co-edit *Lessons and Legacies XV -- The Holocaust: Global Perspectives and National Narratives*, with Erin McGlothlin, to be published by Northwestern University Press (in progress, under contract)**
- ***The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction. In Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Edward Lewis Wallant Award for American Jewish Fiction* (Wayne State University Press, January 2015), Victoria Aarons, Mark Shechner, and Avinoam Patt, editors.**
- ***Jewish Responses to Persecution, 1938-1940, Volume 2*, Co-author, (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Rowman and Littlefield, Altamira Press, September 2011)**
- ***We Are Here: New Approaches to the Study of Jewish Displaced Persons in Post-War Germany*, Editor, (Wayne State University Press, February 2010)**
- ***Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism in the Aftermath of the Holocaust* (Wayne State University Press, May 2009)
-winner of Cahnman Publication Grant for first book in Judaic Studies
-nominated for Baron Book Prize and National Jewish Book Award**

Other Research in Progress

- ***In Our Own Words: Children and Grandchildren of Survivors Remember the Holocaust***

Articles and Book Chapters

- **“The Historiography of the Warsaw Ghetto and the Revolt,” in *Yalkut Moreshet: Journal for the Study of the Holocaust and Antisemitism* (forthcoming issue, solicited for publication, submitted August 2019)**
- **“The Future of the Jewish People’: Youth and Education in the DP Camps,” *Children in Postwar Europe* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2020)**
- **“Zionism in the Jewish DP Camps of Postwar Germany,” Jewish Museum Frankfurt Catalog, *Jews in Europe in the Postwar Years* (De Gruyter Publishing House, 2020).**

- “Ghetto in Flames: The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in Early Postwar Jewish Literature,” in Victoria Aarons and Phyllis Lassner, eds., *Palgrave Handbook on Holocaust Literature and Culture* (submitted, under review)
- “Understanding and Teaching Jewish Displaced Persons,” in *Understanding and Teaching the Holocaust*, eds. Laura Hilton and Avinoam Patt (under contract, Univ. of Wisconsin Press, under review)
- “A Guide for the Heretic: *Charting the Journey Off the Path of Tradition*,” In Victoria Aarons, ed., *Cambridge Studies in American Jewish Literature and Culture* (2019), 169-194.
- “The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Meaning of the Revolt in the First Year after the Uprising,” in *American Jewish History* (Volume 103, Issue 2, April 2019), 147-175.
- “Yad Vashem You So Fine: The Place of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli and American Sketch Comedy,” in *Laughter After: Humor after the Holocaust*, Slucki, Finder and Patt, eds. (Wayne State University Press, February 2020)
- “No Place for the Displaced: The Jewish Refugee Crisis Before, During, and After WWII,” in Steven Katz and Juliane Wetzell, eds., *Refugee Policies from 1933 until Today: Challenges and Responsibilities*, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance series, volume 4, (Berlin: Metropol Verlag, 2018), 97-122.
- On ‘Holocaustia’ and the Place of the Shoah in Contemporary Jewish Life: Response to Ian Lustick’s Article, *Contemporary Jewry* v37(1), April 2017, 187-191.
- “A Visible Bridge: Contemporary Jewish Fiction and the Return to the Shoah,” in Victoria Aarons, ed., *Third-Generation Holocaust Writing* (Lexington Books, 2016), 39-56.
- “*Holocaust Survivor Diasporas*” for the Oxford Handbook to Jewish Diaspora, co-authored with Laura Jockusch (forthcoming – submitted to editor, Hasia Diner)
- “The JDC in Postwar Germany, 1946,” *Yalkut Moreshet: Journal for the Study of the Holocaust and Antisemitism*, volume 14, 2017 (Tel Aviv University), 24-48.
- “*Laughter through Tears: Jewish Humor After the Holocaust*,” in *A Club of Their Own: Jewish Humorists and Contemporary Life*, ed. Gabriel Finder and Eli

- Lederhendler (Studies in Contemporary Jewry, 29) (New York: Oxford UP, December 2016), 113-131.
- *Roman Vishniac and the Surviving Remnant*, photo essay published in *Roman Vishniac Rediscovered* by International Center of Photography, October 2015 (co-authored with Atina Grossmann), 205-11.
 - “*We are fighting for three lines in history...it will not be said that our youth marched like sheep to the slaughter*”: *Writing about Resistance in the Immediate Aftermath of the Holocaust*” Beyond Camps and Forced Labour 2015 Conference Proceedings
 - *The People Must Be Forced to Go to Palestine: Rabbi Abraham Klausner and the Surviving Remnant in Postwar Germany* (*Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 28, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 240–276.
 - “*Armed Jewish Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto*,” in Patrick Henry, ed. *Jewish Resistance to the Nazis* (Catholic University Press, 2014), 393-425.
 - “*A Zionist Home: Jewish Youths and the Kibbutz Family after the Holocaust*” in Joanna Michlic, *Jewish Childhood in Poland*, ed., (Brandeis University Press, 2017), 131-152.
 - “*The Legend of the Ghetto Fighters: Jewish Youth and Resistance After the Holocaust*,” in Simone Gigliotti and Monica Tempian, eds. *The Young Victims of the Nazi Regime: Migration, the Holocaust, and Postwar Displacement* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2015)
 - “*To Build and Be Rebuilt: Jewish Youth and Zionism in Postwar Europe*,” in Yossi Goldstein, ed., *Between Religion, Nation, and Land: The Struggle Over Jewish Identity in the Modern Period* (Hebrew) (Ariel University, 2014)
 - “*Stateless Citizens of Israel: Jewish DPs and Zionism in Post-War Germany*” in Jessica Reinisch and Elizabeth White, eds. *The Disentanglement of Populations: Migration, Expulsion and Displacement in Postwar Europe, 1944-9* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2011), 162-184.
 - “*Living in Landsberg, Dreaming of Deganiah: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust*” in *We Are Here: New Approaches to the Study of Jewish Displaced Persons in Post-War Germany*, (Wayne State University Press, February 2010), 98-135.

- “*Living in Landsberg, Dreaming of Deganiah: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust*” (in Hebrew), *Bishvil Ha-Zikaron*, Yad Vashem Educational Journal, December 2009
- “*Cultural Work in the Kibbutz: Zionist Function and Fantasy for Jewish DP Youth*” in *Beyond Camps and Forced Labour Conference Proceedings 2006* (Secolo Verlag, 2007)
- “*Jewish Diasporas: Jewish Identity in the Modern World*”, *AJS Perspectives*, (Spring 2003)

Book Reviews

- “The Last Battle of Warsaw’s Jews,” (Book review essay), Havi Dreifuss, *Varsha Geto – HaSof* (Hebrew), *Yad Vashem Studies*, 46/2, 2018, 179-194.
- “Consider if this is a Man”: Trauma and Diary Writing during the Shoah (Book review essay), Amos Goldberg, *Trauma in the First Person: Diary-Writing during the Shoah* (Hebrew). Or Yehuda: Kinneret Zmora-Bitan Dvir and Ben-Gurion University, 2012 in *Yad Vashem Studies*, 41 (January 2014), 255-274.
- Albert Kaganovitch, *The Long Life and Swift Death of Jewish Rechitsa: A Community in Belarus, 1625-2000*, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Volume 28, Issue 2, 1 August 2014, 327–329
- Yehuda Bauer, *The Death of the Shtetl* (Yale University Press, 2010), in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Volume 25, Number 1, Spring 2011, pp. 144-147
- Christopher Browning, *Remembering Survival: Inside a Nazi Slave Labor Camp* (WW Norton, 2010), *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 115, No. 5. (1 December 2010), pp. 1546-1547
- Francis Nicosia, *Zionism and Anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), April 2010, H-Judaic
- Michelle Mart, *Eye on Israel: How America Came to View Israel as an Ally* (SUNY Press, 2006), *Diplomatic History*, Volume 31, Issue 3, pages 591–594, June 2007 (Blackwell Publishing)

Encyclopedia Articles

- Entries on Bilgoraj, Grodno, Sambor, Shavli, Lachwa, Kowel, Zhetel ghettos for

- Encyclopedia of Ghettos*, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, (published by Indiana University Press in association with USHMM, scheduled publication date, September 2011)
- Editing of subcamp entries on Gross-Rosen, Ravensbruck, Dachau, Natzweiler, and Flossenburg concentration camps for *Encyclopedia of Concentration Camps*, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, (published by Indiana University Press in association with USHMM, May 2009)
Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 2009
Winner, 2009 National Jewish Book Awards, Holocaust
Winner, 2010 Judaica Reference Award
 - Entry on “Jewish Displaced Persons” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism* (Cambridge University Press, July 2011)

Museum Catalogs and Exhibitions Curated

- *The JDC at 100: A Century of Humanitarianism* (opening September 2019)
- *Vilna: The Jerusalem of Lithuania* (opened October 2017)
- *Hartford Remembers the Holocaust* (opened October 2016)
- *It Was Paradise: Jewish Rhodes* (October 2015-September 2016)
- *The Pianist of Willesden Lane* (March 2015, at Hartford Stage and Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust)
- *1945: Liberation* (opening October 2014)
- *Return to the Land: Jewish Farming Around the World* (April 2014)
- *Genocide: Israel Charny and the Scourge of the Twentieth Century* (Fall 2013)
- *Visions of Israel: The Art and Illustration of Chaim Gross* (April 2013)
- *Peoples of the Land: A Photography Exhibit in Celebration of Israel’s 65th Anniversary* (September 2012)
- *The Family Business*, Museum of Jewish Civilization (November 2011)
- *After the Trauma: Laotian Refugees and Holocaust Survivors Confront the Past*, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford (April 2011)
- *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Swords: The Illustrations of Arthur Szyk and Sr. Seuss*, New Britain Museum of American Art and Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization (October 2010)
- *Freedom is Never Free: Norway and the Jews*, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford (April 2010)
- *In Her Father’s Eyes: A Slovak Childhood in the Shadow of the Holocaust*, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford (September 2009)
- *The Secret Flame of Hope: An Exhibition of Israeli Artist and Holocaust Survivor, Motke Blum*, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford (April 2009)
- *Rebirth after the Holocaust: The Bergen-Belsen Displaced Persons Camp*, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford (March 2008)

- *Our Greatest Generations: The Untold Story of Jewish War Veterans*, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford (October 2007)

Web Publications

- “Zachor: Why Jewish Memory Matters,” *My Jewish Learning* (January 2019), <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/zachor-why-jewish-memory-matters/>
- “Remembering Pesach 1946,” Jewish Theological Seminary of America (April 2016), <http://www.jtsa.edu/pesah-1946>
- *Sighet; Earl Harrison; Harrison Report* (USHMM Encyclopedia, May 2016)
- *Turkey and the Holocaust* (USHMM Encyclopedia)
- “Alfred Dreyfus,” “Rudolf (Reszo) Kasztner,” “Babi Yar,” “Blood Libel,” “The Auschwitz Protocols” (USHMM Encyclopedia, January 2012)
- Historical Timelines on Riga, Vilna, Kovno ghettos; general history of ghettos during WWII for USHMM website. (2011)
- “Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oneg Shabbes Archive,” “Jewish Women in the Resistance,” “The Kielce Pogrom,” *Judaism*, and *Cyprus DP Camps*, for United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Holocaust Encyclopedia, online. (2010)
- “Resistance in the Smaller Ghettos of Eastern Europe,” Miles Lerman Center for the Study of Jewish Resistance, CAHS, USHMM, (September 2006) (www.ushmm.org/research/center/presentations/features/details/2006-08-01/)
- “Beyond the Ivory Tower: Career Opportunities for the Jewish Studies Scholar,” *Association for Jewish Studies* (www.ajsnet.org) (June 2006)
- “When These Streets Heard Yiddish,” (epyc.yivo.org), Educational Program in Yiddish Culture website (May 2004)
Articles: “Jewish Culture during the Shoah”; “A Timeline of Jewish History in Europe, 11th century to the present”
- “Jewish DPs in Post-War Germany: A Commentary on Methods and Perspectives” Seminar paper, Center for Jewish History (www.cjh.org)

Curricula

- *Hartford Remembers the Holocaust* field trip guide and curriculum (October 2016)
- *Teaching American Jewish History*, Fishman Family Project in American Jewish Life and Culture, Greater Hartford (January 2012)
- “Educational Program in Yiddish Culture”, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research (June 2003) Author of appendix and support materials for the educational curriculum on Jewish culture in Poland

Article reviews for *AJS Review*, *Modern Judaism*, *Canadian Journal of Human Rights*, *American Jewish Archives*, *Contemporary Jewry*, *HUC Annual*, *American Jewish History*, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, etc.

Book manuscripts reviews for Cambridge University Press, Berghahn Books, Oxford University Press, Texas Tech University Press, University of Wisconsin Press, Wayne State University Press, Indiana University Press, NFJC fellowships, Canadian Social Research Council, etc.

Dissertation Reviews: Hebrew University, Jerusalem; University College London

Professional Service

- Book review editor and editorial board, *Journal of Jewish Identities*
- Holocaust Studies Division Chair, Association for Jewish Studies annual conference (2014-2016)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hartford (September 2012-May 2014)

Documentary Films, Historical Consultant

- Facing History and Ourselves, Holocaust Memorial Design curriculum, Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford, 2017-2018
- *Remember*, introductory video created to accompany *Facing the Holocaust: Greater Hartford Stories of Survival* exhibition (Executive Producer); recipient of Telly Award 2016
- *Faith and Destiny: A Tribute to Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski* (premiere, September 2010)
A film by Steve Shaw; recipient of Telly Award, 2011
- *Deadly Deception at Sobibor*, a film by Gary Hochman (currently in production)
- New project on *Vilna: The Jerusalem of Lithuania* (with NOVA-WGBH Boston)
- *Holocaust Escape Tunnel*

Teaching Experience

University of Hartford (2007-present)

Associate Professor (promotion and tenure granted Spring 2012):

- *American Jewish History; American Jewish Novel; Elementary Hebrew II; First Year Seminar: The Problem of Evil; Intermediate Hebrew 115; Intermediate Intensive Hebrew Ulpan; Israel: History and Society; Jewish Film; Modern European Jewish Literature; Modern Jewish History; Theology and the Holocaust; The Jews of England; Yiddish Literature in Translation; Responses to the Holocaust (Honors Seminar); Israeli Culture and Conflict (Honors Seminar); Jewish Humor (new in 2016); The Holocaust and Genocide on Film (new spring 2019)*
- *Rwandan Teacher Educators Program: The Problem of Evil: Introduction to Holocaust and Genocide (August 2014)*

University of Connecticut (Fall 2010; Fall 2017; Fall 2018)

Visiting Professor: *Modern Jewish History*, Graduate Course

Visiting Professor: *Modern Jewish Thought; Jewish Humor* (Fall 2017 and Fall 2018)

Trinity College (Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013; Spring 2017)

Visiting Asst. Professor: *Europe in the 20th Century* (Enrollments - 24; 35)

Visiting Asst. Professor: *Jewish Literature and Film* (Enrollment – 22)

Visiting Assoc. Professor: *Modern Jewish History* (Enrollment – 40)

Visiting Assoc. Professor: *Jewish Responses to the Holocaust* (Enrollment -- 25)

Visiting Assoc. Professor: *Jewish Literature and Film* (Enrollment – 8)

Clark University, Worcester, MA (Spring 2009, Fall 2012, Spring 2019)

Visiting Professor, *The Holocaust: Global and Local Perspectives* (Directed Reading for Ph.D. student, Raz Segal, Spring 2009)

Directed Study, *Zionism, the Middle East, and the Holocaust* (Kathrin Haurand)

Directed Study, *Modern Jewish History and Jewish Responses to the Holocaust* (with four PhD students in Holocaust and Genocide Studies)

American University, Washington, D.C. (Spring 2007)

Professorial Lecturer: *Modern Jewish Civilization*

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey (Fall 2003)

Lecturer: *The Third Reich and the Jews: The History of the Holocaust* (Enrollment: 100)

New York University (2001-2003)

Teaching Assistant: *Jewish Life in Weimar and Nazi Germany*

Instructor: *History of Zionism and the State of Israel*

Teaching Assistant: *World Cultures: Russia Since 1917*

Teaching Assistant: *The History of Germany Since 1815*

*Nominated for Distinguished Graduate Student Teaching Award, Fall 2001

Instructor: *Elementary Hebrew II*

Adult Education (outside of Greenberg Center programs)

Beit Midrash of Greater Hartford, West Hartford, CT (2009-2012)

Adult learning courses: *From Birth to Death: Jewish Life Cycles; Jewish Holiday Cycles; Modern Jewish Literature*

Spring 2012 mini course: *Israel's Wars*

JTS Context Program, Greater Hartford (Spring 2014), Modern Jewish History

(Fall 2015), *Zionism and Modern Israel*; (Spring 2017), *Jewish Paths Through Modernity; Jews and Modern Culture* (Fall 2018)

President's College, University of Hartford

The Aftermath of the Holocaust, The Problem of Evil, The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction, The Wallant Award class (Spring 2019)

JTS Fellow, 2015-17

Part of an inaugural cohort of JTS Fellows to serve for a term of two years, and participate in a range of activities that include teaching, curriculum development, and providing content for JTS's innovative digital learning platforms.

Dissertations Supervised

External Examiner: Robin O'Neill, Ph.D. Thesis, University College London, *The Origins of Genocide in Galicia: The History of the Belzec Extermination Camp* (Oral Examination, June 19, 2009)

Committee member: Hilary Scott-Row, Psy.D. Thesis, Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology, University of Hartford, *Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma* (Dr. Lourdes Dale, chair)

Committee member: Alexandra Kramen, Ph.D. Thesis, Clark University, *Jewish Displaced Persons in Foehrenwald* (Dr. Deborah Dwork, chair)

Honors Theses Supervised

Kelly DeSalvatore, *False Memoirs and the Holocaust* (College of A&S, University of Hartford, Spring 2014)

Joshua Gischner, *Jewish Ritual Law, Burial Practice, and Interfaith Cemeteries in CT* (Spring 2015)

Elaine Lampert, *Jewish Voter Turnout and the 2014 Campaign of Brad Schneider* (Spring 2016)

Evan Holliday, *Europe and The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Echoes of Post-WWII Refugee Policy?* (Spring 2017)

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

Recent Conference Presentations

- “Displacement, Transmigration and the JDC: the Italian Case,” Association for Jewish Studies, December 2019 (session chair)
- “Sitting Shiva for Hitler: Humor After the Holocaust, Association for Jewish Studies, December 2019 (session organizer and discussant)
- “Partisans, Soldiers and Pioneers: Networks of “Resistance” among the She’erit Hapletah,” at AJS, Boston, MA, December 2018
- “Politicization of the Holocaust in 21st Century Eastern Europe,” Respondent, at AJS, Boston, MA, December 2018
- “Jewish Responses during and after the Second World War: Revenge, Justice, and Activism,” Session Chair, Lessons and Legacies, November 2018 conference, Washington U., St. Louis

- “The Battle of Warsaw’s Jews: The Meaning of the Revolt during and after the War,” Lessons and Legacies, November 2018 conference, St. Louis
- “The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Afterlife of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,” The Aftermath of the Second World War: A Global Jewish Perspective, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, October 15-16, 2018
- “Rabbi Abraham Klausner, Dr. Zalman Grinberg, and Zionism among the She’erit Hapletah,” at St. Ottilien Conference, Bavaria, Germany, June 2018.
- “Yad Vashem You So Fine! The Place of the Shoah in Contemporary Israeli and American Comedy” at AJS, Washington, DC, 2017
- “*Ghetto in Flames*” at UVA, Future of Holocaust Testimonies (November 2017)
- “Children in the DP Camps” at *Children and Mass Violence* at Clark University (October 19-20, 2017)
- *Association for Israel Studies* (June 2017)
- *Holocaust Survivor Networks* with Sorbonne Nouvelle (June 2, 2017)
- *The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw*, Association for Jewish Studies annual Conference, San Diego, CA, December 2016 (presenter, session organizer)
- *The JDC at 100*, AJS (session chair)
- *Sitting Shiva for Hitler: Jewish Humor after the Holocaust*, Lenny Bruce Conference, Brandeis University, October 26-27, 2016
- *Defining Diasporas of Holocaust Survivors*, Networks of Survival Conference, Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, June 2, 2017 (via Skype), conference co-organizer
- *No Place for the Displaced: The Jewish Refugee Crisis Before, During, and After WWII* at the IHRA Conference on Refugees, February 16-17, 2017, Palazzo della Cancelleria, Rome, Italy
- *And You Shall Tell Your Children: Examining “Second Generation” Testimony*, The Future of Holocaust Testimonies IV, March 6-8, 2016, Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel (Conference organizer)
- *Our Home in the Land of Israel: Jewish Youth and Zionism in the Aftermath of the Holocaust* at “Spiritual Homelands/Wahlheimat” Conference, University of Virginia, October 7-9, 2015
- “Sheep to the Slaughter? Writing about Resistance in Israel after the Holocaust,” *Association for Israel Studies*, Concordia University, June 2015
- “Three Lines in History”: Writing about Resistance in the Immediate Aftermath of the Holocaust, *Lessons and Legacies Holocaust Studies Conference*, Florida Atlantic University, November 2014
- “And You Shall Tell Your Children: Examining “Second Generation” Holocaust Testimony,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Baltimore, MD, December 2014
- The Legend of the Ghetto Fighters, Beyond Camps and Forced Labor Holocaust Studies Conference, Imperial War Museum, London, England, January 2015

Past Conference Presentations

- The JDC at 100, International Conference organized in conjunction with the Joint Distribution Committee and Center for Jewish History, September 7-8, 2014
- “The Very Rigid Search: Twenty-First Century American Jewish Writers and the Search for Identity in the Shoah” at the American Jewish Historical Society Biennial Scholars Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 9-10, 2014
- “The Legend of the Ghetto Fighters: Zionist Youth Movements and Resistance During and After the Holocaust,” *Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust*, conference sponsored by the Moses Mendelssohn Center for European Jewish Studies, held at the German Resistance Memorial Center in Berlin, April 7-9, 2013, Berlin, Germany.
- *Association for Jewish Studies*, Chicago, IL (December 2012) – paper presenter and respondent
“Laughter through Tears: Jewish Humor After the Holocaust”
 Respondent: “The Use of Audio-Visual Testimony in Research and Teaching on the Holocaust”
- *Lessons and Legacies, Plenary Opening Panel, Jewish Responses to the Holocaust*, November 2012
- Association for Israel Studies, University of Haifa, June 2012
“The People Must be Forced to Go to Palestine:” Rabbi Abraham Klausner and the She’erit Hapletah in Germany, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., December 2011.
- *“And hand in hand, we would work together until we could meet on sacred soil”:* *Rabbi Abraham Klausner and the She’erit Hapletah in Germany*,” German Studies Association Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, September 2011.
- “Rabbi Abraham Klausner and the She’erit Hapletah in Germany,” Association for Israel Studies Annual Conference, Brandeis University, June 2011.
- “Mir zaynen doh!” New Research on the Surviving Remnant after the Holocaust,” *Lessons and Legacies Holocaust Conference*, Boca Raton, FL, November 2010
- “Reparation or Repatriation? The Holocaust, the International Community, and the Creation of the State of Israel,” Association for Israel Studies, University of Toronto, May 2010
- “Unearthing Holocaust Memory: Sobibor, Jewish History, and the Holocaust,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 2009
- “Broken Youth” into Pioneers: Hashomer Hatzair in Europe after the Holocaust,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC, December 2008
- “Exodus, Conquest, and Redemption: The Role of Ha’apalah in DP Zionism,” Association for Israel Studies, New York City, May 2008
- “Jewish Displaced Persons and the Creation of the State of Israel,” Pathways to Peace: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT, March 2008
- “Exodus, Conquest, and Redemption: The Role of Ha’apalah in DP Zionism,” Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, Canada, December 2007

- “The Fatherland Calls”: Jewish DP Zionism in Germany and Israel's War of Independence,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, California, December 2006
- “Statelessness and Citizenship: Jewish Displaced Persons after the Holocaust,” Lessons and Legacies, Claremont College, California, November 2006
- “Cultural Work in the Kibbutz: Zionist Function and Fantasy for Jewish DP Youth,” Beyond Camps and Forced Labour, London, England, January 2006
- “Jewish DPs in the Wake of the Holocaust: Survival, Displacement, Struggle,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 2005
- “Living in Landsberg, Dreaming of Deganiah: Jewish Youth and Zionism in the Aftermath of the Holocaust,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, Illinois, December 2004
- “Farming ‘Blood-Soaked Soil’: Jewish DPs and Agricultural Training in Post-War Germany,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, December 2003
- “Jewish DPs and Zionism: The Kibbutz in Post-War Germany,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, California, December 2002

Conference Sessions Chaired or Organized

- Session Organizer, 75 Years after the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Lessons and Legacies, 2018
- Session Respondent, “Refugees and Jewish Politics,” AJS 2017, Washington DC
- Session Organizer, AJS 2017, Jewish Comedy after the Holocaust
- Session Chair, December 13-15, 2015, Association for Jewish Studies Conference in Boston, MA, survivor testimony after the Holocaust and moderate another session on Jewish migration in the 20th century
- Session Chair, “The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of America Jewish Fiction,” Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, December 2014
- Session Chair, “Rupture and Reconstruction: The Shoah and the Jewish Family,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2013
- Session Respondent, “Jewish Youth in the 20th Century,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2013
- Session Chair, “Jewish Life in the Aftermath of the Holocaust,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2010
- Roundtable Organizer: “*Mir zaynen doh!*” New Research on the Surviving Remnant after the Holocaust,” Lessons and Legacies Holocaust Conference, Boca Raton, FL, November 2010
- Panel Organizer, “*Return to Sobibor: New Approaches to the Study of a Hidden Death Camp*”, Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 2009
- Panel Organizer and Respondent: “*Survival, Justice, and Rehabilitation: The “Surviving Remnant” after the Holocaust*,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 2009
- Session Chair: “*Jewish Children after the Holocaust*,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 2009

- Invited Panelist: “*Getting the Ph.D. Published,*” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 2009
 - Panel organizer, “*The Construction of Jewish DP Identity after the Holocaust,*” Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, Canada, December 2007
 - Session chair, *New Research on Daily Life in the Nazi Ghetto,* Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, Canada, December 2007
 - Panel Organizer and Chair, “*Media, Memory and the Sacred: Public and Private Memorializations of the Holocaust,*” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, California, December 2006
 - Panel Organizer, “*Geven a sheyres hapleyte*”: *Culture, Politics, and Memory among the Surviving Remnant,* Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, California, December 2006
 - Panel Organizer: *Jewish DPs in the Wake of the Holocaust: Survival, Displacement, Struggle,* Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 2005
 - Invited Presenter, *Beyond the Ivory Tower: Career Opportunities for the Jewish Studies Scholar* (Presented on work at Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, USHMM), Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 2005
 - Organized graduate student conference with Lila Corwin Berman, “*Jewish Diasporas: Jewish Identity in the Modern World,*” held at Yale University, October 2002
- Keynote speakers: Paula Hyman, Ph.D. and Deborah Dash Moore, Ph.D.

Invited Presentations

- July 3, 2019, *The Joint Distribution Committee: A Century of Humanitarianism,* JDC Archives, Jerusalem (Hebrew)
- February 17, 2019, *The Last Laugh: Humor and the Holocaust,* University of Vermont, Jewish/Holocaust Studies program
- February 19, 2019, *Confronting Holocaust Denial in the 21st Century,* University of Hartford Humanities Seminar
- February 10, 2019, *Literature and Film of the Holocaust,* STAJE Holocaust Education Workshop, Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC (organizer and speaker)
- January 16, 2019, *Jewish Life in the Aftermath,* for Freeman’s Auction House, Philadelphia
- November 11, 2018, *Voices of Hope 2G Holocaust Conference,* opening speaker and presenter
- July 12, 2018, *The Jewish Refugee Crisis before and during WWII and Jewish Life in the DP Camps,* Professional Development Workshop in Holocaust Education, Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University
- July 11, 2018, *Jewish Responses to the Nazis and Teaching about the Holocaust through Literature,* Museum of Jewish Heritage, Meeting Hate with Humanity workshop for teachers

- February 20, 2018, *The War Against the Jews and Literature and the Holocaust*, at Museum of Jewish Heritage, Teacher Professional Development Workshop
- February 6, 2018, *The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Afterlife of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*, UCONN Judaic Studies Faculty Colloquium
- January 22, 2018, Facing History and Ourselves, *Literature of the Second Generation*, Temple Israel, Newton, MA
- No Place for the Displaced, Jewish DPs after the Holocaust; Post-Holocaust Theology; The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw; Ottawa, November 9-10, 2017 (Ottawa University, Carleton University, Community Presentation organized by Center for Holocaust Education and Scholarship, Carleton)
- *Not Like Sheep to the Slaughter? Writing about Resistance in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*, JTS in the Berkshires, Lenox, MA, August 18, 2017
- July 17, 2017, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, Teacher Workshop, Jewish Youth in Interwar Europe
- July 4-5, 2017 “*The Future of the Jewish People*”: *Youth and Education in the DP Camps*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem
- May 7, 2017, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, STAJE workshop, *Kloster Indersdorf and Jewish Children after the Holocaust*
- April 23, 2017, Rochelle Zell Jewish High School, Chicago, Keynote speaker: *From Destruction to Rebirth: Holocaust Survivors and Israel and Jewish Heroes of Warsaw*, Yom HaShoah day of learning
- March 8, 2017, Seton Hall University, Teacher Study Day, Refugees, Then and Now, *No Place for the Displaced: The Jewish Refugee Crisis Before, During, and After WWII*
- February 14, 2017, University of Hartford Humanities Center, guest lecture, “The Sadism of Ordinary Men: Nazi Monsters or Nazi Humans?”
- January 29, 2017, Keynote Speaker, International Holocaust Remembrance Day Program, Voices of Hope, West Hartford, CT
- November 30, 2016, University of Massachusetts, “Zion in the Aftermath: Holocaust Survivors and the Creation of the State of Israel,” Institute of Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies
- November 8, 2016, Museum of Jewish Heritage, professional development workshop, “Literature and the Holocaust”
- July 11, 2016, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, guest speaker for educators workshop on “The Oneg Shabbes and other secret archives in wartime Europe”
- July 6, 2016, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, guest speaker at STAJE (Shoah Teaching Alternatives in Jewish Education) on “Relief, Rehabilitation, and Resettlement: Jewish DP Politics in Postwar Germany”
- June 26, 2016, Jewish Foundation for the Righteous, Summer Institute for Teachers, “A Coat of Many Colors: Jewish Life in Prewar Europe”

- March 16, 2016, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, guest speaker at STAJE (Shoah Teaching Alternatives in Jewish Education) on Jewish Life in the Aftermath of the Holocaust
- February 10, 2016, Florida Atlantic University, *The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction*
- December 1-2, 2015, University College of London, Litvak Days YIVO's Histories, Contexts, Tensions conference to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, keynote lecture on "Documenting Destruction and Rebirth: YIVO and the Surviving Remnant after the Holocaust"
- December 3, 2015 The Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Antwerp (Belgium), findings of the "In Our Own Words" Oral History Project, *And You Shall Tell Your Children: Examining "Second Generation" Holocaust Testimony* (postponed due to security situation)
- November 8, 2015, guest speaker at the Museum of Jewish Heritage STAJE (Shoah Teaching Alternatives in Jewish Education) workshop on Jewish Youth Groups and the Holocaust, Jewish Youth groups during the WWII
- November 4, 2015 The Gross Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Ramapo College of New Jersey, "Laughter through Tears: Jewish Humor after the Holocaust"
- October 25, 2015, Roman Vishniac Rediscovered Symposium at the Center for Jewish History in New York City, "Roman Vishniac and the Surviving Remnant after the Holocaust" to a new publication on "Roman Vishniac Rediscovered"
- June 7, 2015, *Yizkor Books and the Search for Jewish Memory*, Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut, Godfrey Library, Middletown, CT
- May 18, 2015, *Zionism, Israel, and the BDS Movement*, Loomis-Chafee School, Windsor, CT
- April 15, 2015, *From Hell to Liberation: Jewish Displaced Persons after the Holocaust*, the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research 70th Anniversary Yom HaShoah Commemoration, Center for Jewish History, New York City
- March 26, 2015, *From Destruction to Rebirth: Jewish DPs After the Holocaust and In Our Own Words: Testimonies of Children of Survivors* for Facing History and Ourselves Teachers Workshop, Memphis, TN (virtual presentation)
- February 3, 2015, *Three Lines in History: Writing about Resistance after the Holocaust*, University of Connecticut, Judaic Studies Faculty Colloquium Presentation
- July 16, 2014, *From Destruction to Rebirth: Jewish Life in the DP Camps*, Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC
- May 16, 2014, Teaching the Holocaust and Genocide, UConn Dodd Center Educators Workshop
- *Deadly Deception at Sobibor*, Film screening and discussion at Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York City (October 14, 2013)
- American Academy of Jewish Religion, special initiatives grant with Clark University, seminar on Jewish Responses to the Holocaust (Spring 2013)

- Avinoam Patt, *Reconceptualizing Jewish Responses to Persecution* (January 16, 2013)
- Steven Katz (Boston University), *Wrestling with God: Jewish Theology after the Holocaust* (February 28, 2013)
- Samuel Kassow (Trinity College), *Armed Resistance in Warsaw, Bialystok, Vilna, and Kovno* (April 3, 2013)
- JTS seminar *Jewish Identity Through Text* (January 17, 2013)
- Clark University, Graduate Student Seminar on Jewish Responses to the Holocaust (January 16, 2013), *Beyond Passivity and Resistance: Reconceptualizing Jewish Responses to the Holocaust*
- October 21, 2012, JTS Context, West Hartford
“Israel and the Holocaust: Past, Present, and Future” and
“Jewish Americans, American Jews, and the Future of Jewish Life in America”
- April 4, 2012: Northeast Regional Conference on Social Studies, Sturbridge, MA, *Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Peace Process*
- February 10, 2011: Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University, Jewish Studies Colloquia
Invited Paper presentation: “*The People Must Be Forced to Go to Palestine*”: *A new Assessment of Zionism among the Survivors of the Holocaust*” (organized in conjunction with the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies)
- February 7, 2011: UCLA, Center for Jewish Studies, “1939” Club Seminar in *Holocaust Studies*
Invited Paper presentation: “*From Destruction to Rebirth: The Holocaust and the Creation of the State of Israel, a Reassessment*”
- December 2010: Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, *Teaching Jewish History with Audio, Visual, and Digital Content* (Pedagogy session)
- December 2010: Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC
Invited Seminar presentation for Jewish educators: *Jewish children after the Holocaust*
- July 7, 2010: Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC
Invited to present at seminar for Jewish educators on history of Palestine and the Yishuv during the British Mandate
- April 2010: *Rising from the Ashes*, Brandeis University
Invited to present at conference on Jewish children and families during and after the Holocaust at Brandeis University
Paper: “*A Zionist Home: Jewish Youth and Kibbutzim after the Holocaust*”
- December 27-31, 2009: Limmud, University of Warwick, England
Invited to present six sessions on Modern Jewish History at world’s largest Jewish education conference
- July 2008: Yad Vashem Summer Research Workshop on Jewish Social Life during the Holocaust, Jerusalem, Israel
Paper: *Documenting Life and Destruction: Jewish Responses to Nazi Persecution*
- July 2005: *Survival, Displacement, and Struggle: DPs in the Wake of the Holocaust*

- Coordinated and participated in USHMM Research Workshop on Jewish Displaced Persons
Presented own research: “*Jewish DP Youth and the 1948 War in Israel*”
- July 2005: *The Holocaust in Poland: Antecedents, Execution, Aftermath*
Staffed and participated in USHMM Research Workshop on the Holocaust in Poland (Presented on *Jewish Reactions to Nazi Persecution, Volume Two*)
 - February 2002: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona
“*Stateless Citizens of Israel: Jewish DPs and Zionism in Post-War Germany*”

Recent Presentations

A full list of recent presentations in the community and around the country is available upon request.

Lectures and Presentations

Listed below is a selection of lectures and presentations I have made in the community since my arrival at the University of Hartford in September 2007.

- March 17, 2019, Moderator, closing night Hartford Jewish Film Festival, *Who Will Write Our History* (with Sam Kassow and Roberta Grossmann)
- March 7, 2019, Moderator, Hartford Jewish Film Festival, *Working Woman* post-film discussion
- January 27, 2019, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Keynote speaker, Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford
- August 12, 2018, *The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw*, Santa Fe Yom Limmud in Santa Fe, NM
- April 29, 2018, *Are Jews Still Funny?* Lecture on Jewish humor at Temple Sinai, Newington, CT
- April 15, 2018, *Zakhor, The Meaning of Memory*, Yom HaShoah Lecture, Naragansett, Rhode Island
- March 18, 2018, *Across the Waters*, closing night of Hartford Jewish Film festival discussion on Rescue of Danish Jews during the Holocaust
- March 15, 2018, *Bye Bye Germany*, opening night of Pioneer Valley Jewish Film Festival discussion on Jewish life in postwar Germany at Yiddish Book Center
- December 2, 2017, Jews and Refugee Politics, Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford
- May 22, 2017, Dix Hills Jewish Center, Dix Hills, NY, *American Jews and Israel in the Age of Trump*
- May 16, 2017, Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, *Jewish Heroes of Warsaw*
- March 26, 2017, Hartford Jewish Film Festival, *Fanny’s Journey*, post film Q&A with Margot Jeremias
- February 27, 2017, “American Jews and Israel: A Conversation,” Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford, JTS Fellows presentation (with Prof. Jeremy Pressman, UCONN)

- February 6-7, 2017, Presentations at B'nai Torah (Boca Raton), "Jewish Humor after the Holocaust" and B'nai Aviv (Weston, FLA), "The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw"
- November 16, 2016, Adath Jeshurun, Minnetonka, MN, "The Land I Will Show You: The Jewish Search for Home."
- November 11, 2016, B'nai Tikvoh Sholom, Bloomfield CT, "The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw"
- July 30, 2016, Beth El Temple, West Hartford, Guest Teacher, "Leadership in Transition: Parshat Pinchas"
- April 2016, The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction, Santa Fe, NM
- March 6, 2016, In Our Own Words Interview Project lecture, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv
- February 11, 2016, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, "The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction"
- January 6, 13, 20, 2016, Bnei Sholom, Beth Israel, Manchester, CT, lecture series: The Jewish State and the Jewish Problem, Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and the state of the Jews
- December 20, 2015, Kol Chaverim Synagogue, Glastonbury, CT, "Maurice Sendak and the Holocaust"
- November 13-15, 2015, Nathan Olshin Scholar in Residence at Adath Israel Synagogue in Middletown, CT, three-part lecture series on "Wrestling with Destruction: The Holocaust, The Problem of Evil, and Jewish Memory"
- October 3, 2015, Ohev Sholom National Synagogue, Washington DC, "Kohelet and the Jewish response to tragedy"
- September 9, 2015, Greenfield Jewish Journalism Lecture moderator, Prof. Don Ellis
- September 5, 2015, Selichot Lecture at Emanuel Synagogue
- August 21, 2015, speak for JTS in Berkshires, *The Hidden History of Masada*
- August 3-5, 2015, NewCAJE at UHart
- June 7, 2015, Jewish Genealogical Society of CT, *Yizker Books and Search for Jewish Memory*
- June 1, 2015 Association for Israel Studies, Montreal, Canada
- May 22, 2015, Classical Magnet School, Holocaust Education Program
- May 18, 2015, Loomis Chafee School, *Zionism, Anti-Zionism, and the BDS Movement*
- May 15, 2015, Holocaust and Genocide Education Workshop, UCONN, Dodd Center, *Teaching the Holocaust with Film*
- May 1, 2015, Middle East Teachers Workshop, Hartford Seminary, *1897, 1917, 1948, and 1967: Critical Turning Points in the Arab-Israeli Conflict*
- April 28, 2015, *The Jewish State and the Jewish Problem: On Zionism and the State of the Jews*, Beit Midrash, Hebrew Academy of Greater Hartford

- April 16, 2015, *Laughter Through Tears: Jewish Humor After the Holocaust*, Avery Heights Retirement Home, Hartford, CT
- April 15, 2015, *From Hell to Liberation: Jewish Displaced Persons after the Holocaust*, for YIVO Yom HaShoah Commemoration, Center for Jewish History, New York City
- April 8, 2015, *And You Shall Tell Your Children: Second Generation Holocaust Testimony*, Presentation for Voices of Hope, West Hartford, CT
- March 17, 2015, Tribute: Observations on Survival and Spirit, post-film discussion with Darko Tresnjak, artistic director of Hartford Stage at Mandell JCC Jewish Film Festival
- March 2, 2015, *The New Diaspora: The Changing Landscape of American Jewish Fiction*, moderated panel discussion with Wallant Award winners David Bezmozgis, Joshua Henkin, and Eileen Pollack at Mandell JCC Jewish Book Festival
- January 17, 2015, *Community Conversation on Diversity in Honor of MLK Day*, Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- October 22, 2014, *Relief and Resistance: Jewish Responses to Persecution*, Springfield Museum of History Educators Program
- October 20, 2014, *The Holocaust: Past, Present and Future*, University of St. Joseph
- September 14, 2014, *Israel Update: Gaza War of 2014*, Beth Hillel Synagogue, Bloomfield, CT
- May 13, 2014, *360 Years of Jewish Life in America*, Duncaster, President's College
- May 7, 2014, President's College Moderator, *History of Jewish Hartford*
- May 5, 2014, Congregation Beth Israel Clergy Institute Keynote Speaker
- April 30, 2014, *From Destruction to Rebirth: Jewish DPs and Zionism after the Holocaust*, Center for Jewish History, NYC, Migration after the Holocaust Panel
- April 30, 2014, *Yiddish: Di Gantse Megilleh*, Beth El Temple Chai Society
- April 8, 2014, Teaching Israel and the History of Zionism, New England Region Social Studies Conference, Sturbridge, MA
- March 25, 2014, Hartford Jewish Film Festival *Tribute: Lessons in Survival and Spirit*, 50 Children
- March 14, 2014: *Jewish Theology and the Holocaust*, Hartford Seminary
- February 19, 2014, *From Moses Mendelssohn to Felix Mendelssohn: A Musical and Intellectual Journey*, Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, CT
- February 2, 2014, *The History of Yiddish: A Mayse*, Beth El Men's Club, West Hartford, CT
- January 28, 2014, *Understanding the Pew Study: A Portrait of American Jews*, Farmington Valley Jewish Center, Simsbury, CT
- January 26, 2014, *Maurice Sendak and the Holocaust*, New Britain Museum of American Art
- November 17, 2013, *Teaching the History of Zionism and Israel*, Mitnick Jewish Education Conference, Commission on Jewish Education and Leadership, Hartford

- November 14 and 21, 2013, *Jewish Thought and the Holocaust*, Beth El Temple Lifelong Learning series
- November 5, 2013, *The Future of American Jews*, Jewish community forum on Pew Foundation Report
- October 24, 2013, Master of Ceremonies, Beth El Temple Men's Club Distinguished Service Award Banquet to honor Richard and Eliane Freund
- October 2013, Four session class for President's College on Jewish responses to the Holocaust
- October 8, 2013, Torah on Tap, Hartford Hillel, Discussion on Pew Report
- October 1, 2013, *New Year, Old Problems: Israel and the Peace Process*, Talk at Governor's Mansion for NEXTGen, Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford
- September 23, 2013, *Genocide: Israel Charny and the Scourge of the Twentieth Century*, exhibit opening lecture
- April 3, 2013, *Visions of Israel: The Art and Illustrations of Chaim Gross*, Exhibit Opening Lecture, Museum of Jewish Civilization, University of Hartford
- February 3, 2013, Santa Fe Jewish Film Festival, (via skype), film discussion on *Sholem Aleichem and The Three Tevyes: Tevye on Screen (1939 and 1970) and on the Written Page*
- January 20, 2013, Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut, Temple Emanuel, Waterford, CT
Israel's Elections, 2013
- December 4, 2013, Beth El Temple, *The Golden Land? The Past, Present, and Future of Jewish Life in America*
- November 27, 2012, Beth El Temple, *The Four Most Significant Figures in Modern Jewish History*, Lifelong Learning
- November 14, 2012, Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford, Presentation for *Café Europe*, Holocaust Survivors Group, *Jewish Humor during and after the Holocaust*
- October 14, October 21, and November 5, 2012, The President's College, University of Hartford, *The Problem of Evil*
- October 21, 2012, *JTS Context, West Hartford*
Israel and the Holocaust: Past, Present, and Future and
Jewish Americans, American Jews, and the Future of Jewish Life in America
- October 10, 2012, Hartford Hillel, Torah on Tap, *The Jewish Vote and the 2012 Elections*
- September 9, 2012: University of Hartford, *From Moses Mendelssohn to Felix Mendelssohn: A Musical and Intellectual Journey*
- August 5, 2011: New Mexico Jewish Historical Society, Santa Fe, NM, *Our Chaplain: Rabbi Abraham Klausner and the Surviving Remnant in Germany*
- May 14, 2012: Avon High School, Avon, CT, *The Problem of Evil*
- April 18, 2012: Beth David Synagogue, West Hartford, CT, *From Slavery to Redemption: The Holocaust and Israel*
- March 26, 2012: Tribute: Observations on Survival and Spirit, Lessons from the Holocaust, Hartford Jewish Film Festival
Moderator: *Nicky's Family*, documentary about the Kindertransport

- March 21, 2012: Temple B'nai Abraham, Meriden, CT, *Return to Sobibor: The Holocaust and Jewish Memory*
- January 8 and January 15: Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT
Zionism: Origins, Evolution, Ending?
- January 12, 2012: Emmanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, CT
Autonomy and Autocracy: Jewish Individual and Community in 17th Century Amsterdam
- December 12, 2011: Hebrew High School of New England, West Hartford, CT, *Relief, Resilience, and Resistance: Jewish Responses to the Holocaust*
- December 5, 2011: Farmington Valley Jewish Center, Simsbury, CT, *From Destruction to Rebirth: The Holocaust and the Creation of the State of Israel*
- December 4, 2011: University of Hartford, *Yiddish Film in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*
- November 28, 2011: Hartford Hillel, Torah on Tap, *Antisemitism, Cultural Unity and the new Jewish identity*
- October 27, 2011: Norwich Free Academy, Norwich, CT, *Emma Lazarus and the New Colossus*
- September 8, 2011: New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT, *An Evening with Chaim Gross*, moderator of panel on artist and sculptor, Chaim Gross
- September 7, 2011: Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT, *Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness*, post-film lecture and discussion
- July 2, 2011, Teaching Torah: Parshat Chukat and Parshat Beshalach, Beth El Temple, West Hartford
- June 2011: Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford, Lecture on US/Israel Relations
- March 29, 2011: Tribute: Lessons from the Holocaust, Hartford Jewish Film Festival, Reel Talks audience discussion on French film, *The Round Up*
- March 19, 2011: Emanuel Synagogue of West Hartford
Shabbat Afternoon Adult Education Presentation: “Remember What Amalek Did Unto Thee”: *Anti-Semitism, Anti-Zionism, and the Deligitimization of the State of Israel*
- March 18, 2011: Beth Hillel Synagogue, Bloomfield, CT
Adult education presentation: *Iran and the threat of Contemporary Anti-Semitism*
- January – March 2011: SSDS Adult Education Course
Contemporary Topics in American Jewish Life (6 sessions)
- January 31, 2011: Torah on Tap, Hartford Hillel
- January 2, 2011: New Mexico Jewish Historical Society, Albuquerque, NM, *Rabbi Abraham Klausner and the Survivors of the Holocaust*
- December 12, 2010: University of Hartford, *70 Years of Tevye on Film*
- December 2, 2010: New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT, *Arthur Szyk: An American Jewish Original*
- November 10, 2010: Mittelman Lecture, UConn, Storrs, CT
From the Besht to Borat: Jewish Identity in the Modern World
- November 9, 2010: Kristallnacht Commemoration, Congregation Beth Israel of West Hartford, *Jewish Responses to Kristallnacht*
- October – November 2010: SSDS Adult Education Course
History of Zionism and the State of Israel (5 sessions)
- October 18, 2010, Mandell JCC of Greater Hartford, *Wondering Jews: Dinner and Discussion Program on We are Here: New Approaches to Jewish Displaced Persons after the Holocaust*
- October 2010: Adult Learning Program, Seabury Adult Community, Bloomfield, CT
Jewish Responses to Nazi Persecution, Introduction to the Holocaust
- September 26, 2010: Father Desbois Program discussion with Hartford Hillel
- September 13, 2010: Torah on Tap, Hartford Hillel
- September 2, 2010: Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford
Panel Discussion on Religious Pluralism in Israel, Chair
- July 7, 2010: Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York City

- Presentation for Summer Seminar: *The Yishuv under the Mandate: British Refugee Policy and the Holocaust*
- May 2010: Beth El Men's Club, Beth El Temple, West Hartford, CT
We are Here: New Approaches to Jewish Displaced Persons in Postwar Germany
 - April 13, 2010: Mandell Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford
Jewish Book Festival, Lead book discussion on Chris Bohjalian, *Skeletons at the Feast*
 - March 22, 2010: Tribute: Observations on Survival and Spirit: Lessons from the Holocaust, Hartford Jewish Film Festival, Moderator: evening program of short films on the Holocaust
 - January 11, 2010: Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford
Presentation on Jewish Displaced Persons to Holocaust Survivors group
 - December 6, 2009: Kehillat Chaverim of West Hartford, CT
Would Golda and Ben-Gurion Kvell or Kvetch? Current Trends in Israeli Society
 - November 22, 2009: Jewish Community Center of Sherman, CT
From Destruction to Rebirth: Jewish Displaced Persons and the State of Israel
 - November 12, 2009: Jewish Book Fair, Houston, TX
Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust
 - November 8, 2009: Holocaust Memorial Center of Detroit/Wayne State University
Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust
 - November 5, 2009: University of Hartford College of A&S Faculty Colloquium
Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust
 - November 4, 2009: Temple Beth Israel, West Hartford, CT
Israel Update: Past, Present, and Future
 - November 3, 2009: Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford Community Trustees
Current Challenges Facing our Jewish Community
 - October 27, 2009: Middle East Teachers Workshop, Central Connecticut State University
The Making of Modern Zionism
 - October 26, 2009: Keynote address, Holocaust Educators Workshop, University of Hartford
Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust
 - September 30, 2009: Hoffman-Summerwood Retirement Community, West Hartford, CT
Jewish Displaced Persons after the Holocaust
 - July 16, 2009: JCC of Albany, New York
From Destruction to Rebirth: Jewish Chaplains, GIs, and the Survivors of the Holocaust
 - July 11, 2009: Yad be-Yad, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust
 - June 4, 2009: New Horizons, A Jewish Cultural Celebration, Springfield, MA
A Post-Zionist Israel: Contemporary Israeli Society and Culture
 - May 2, 2009: Temple Beth Sholom, Manchester, CT
Finding Home and Homeland: Jewish Youth and Zionism after the Holocaust
 - March 23, 2009: Tribute Holocaust Film Competition, JCC of Greater Hartford
Moderator of discussion for film competition on Holocaust documentaries
 - March 4, 2009: Greater Hartford Jewish Book Festival Pre-event
Book discussion: Michael Chabon, *The Yiddish Policemen's Union*
 - January 31, 2009: Taste of Honey, New Haven Jewish Federation
The Holocaust and the Creation of the State of Israel
 - January 2009: Temple Beth Sholom, Manchester, CT
Scholar-in-Residence: The Jewish Encounter with the Modern World
 - November 16, 2008: The Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, CT
Israel at 60: Sixty Years of a Jewish State
 - October 27, 2008: University of Hartford, Teaching about the Holocaust and the Middle East, Workshop for High School Teachers, *The Origins of Zionism and the State of Israel*
 - October 26, 2008: University of Hartford, Sobibor Symposium
Zakhor: Jewish Memory and the Creation of a Memorial at Sobibor

- September 14, 2008: University of Hartford and USHMM, *Remembering the St. Louis: Jewish Life in Prewar Europe and Jewish Responses to Nazi Persecution*
- September 11, 2008: Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford, Panel Discussion, *Jewish Identity in the Age of Facebook*
- June 25, 2008: Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, USHMM-IU Yiddish Lecture Series *Jewish Responses to Nazi Persecution, Volume Two*
- June 11, 2008: Jewish Historical Society of Hartford, West Hartford, CT *Documenting Life and Destruction: Emmanuel Ringelblum and the Oneg Shabbes Archive*
- June 4, 2008: New Horizons, A Jewish Cultural Celebration, Springfield, MA *A Coat of Many Colors: Jewish Life and Culture in Prewar Europe*
- June 1, 2008: JCC of Greater Hartford, West Hartford, CT Israel at 60 Celebration, lecture on the Holocaust and creation of the state of Israel
- May 14, 2008: History Detectives, PBS *Filming of episode on Jewish farmers in Connecticut*
http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/investigations/609_farmhouse.html
- May 14, 2008: Beth El Synagogue, West Hartford, CT *Chai Society Luncheon, Israel's 60th and Current Prospects for Peace*
- May 2-4, 2008: Beth Hillel Synagogue, Bloomfield, CT, 2008 *Scholar in Residence*, Presentations: *Jews in the Modern World*, *From Destruction to Rebirth: The Holocaust and Israel*, and *A Brief History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Peace Process*
- April 15, 2008: Hadassah of Greater Hartford, Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford *Zion in the Aftermath: Jewish DPs and the Creation of the State of Israel*
- March 8, 2008: Beth El Synagogue, West Hartford, CT, *Jews in the Modern World*
- January 24, 2008: JCC of Greater Hartford, *The Jewish Americans*
- January 6, 2008: Congregation Beth Israel, West Hartford, CT *A Brief History of the Arab-Israel Conflict*
- November 4, 2007: University of Hartford, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, Exhibition Opening, Keynote Address *Our Greatest Generations: Jewish GIs and the Survivors of the Holocaust*
- October 29, 2007: University of Hartford, Holocaust Educators Workshop *From Destruction to Rebirth: Jewish DPs in the Aftermath of the Holocaust*
Workshop session: How Zionism became Zionism
- September 18, 2007: Beth Hillel Synagogue, Bloomfield, CT *“Zion in the Aftermath: Jewish Displaced Persons and the Creation of the State of Israel”*
- September 10, 2007: University of Hartford, Sherman Museum of Jewish Civilization, Exhibition Opening, Keynote Address *A Tale of Two Cities: Jerusalem in the 19th and 20th Centuries*

Professional Affiliations

Association for Jewish Studies
 Association for Israel Studies
 German Studies Association
 American Jewish Historical Society
 American Historical Association

Current Committees and Board Membership

State of Connecticut, Holocaust and Genocide Education Advisory Committee, tasked with implementing new CT legislation (May 2018)

Founding Member, Connecticut Consortium on Holocaust and Genocide Education
 Core Faculty, Charter Oak State College, Humanities Committee (September 2010)
 Jewish Community Center of Greater Hartford, Board of Directors
 Chair, Jewish Programming Committee;
 Chair, Hartford Jewish Film Festival 2017, 2018, 2019;
 Holocaust commemoration committee; Jewish Book Festival committee
 Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, Re-envisioning the Future of the Federation
 Jewish Community Foundation, Center for Innovative Philanthropy advisory board
 State of Connecticut Holocaust Commemoration Planning Committee
 Voices of Hope, Board of Trustees (planning committee, Descendants Conference)
 Commission on Jewish Education and Leadership of Greater Hartford, May 2008-2015
 Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford, Board of Trustees, head of school
 search committee, head of school support and evaluation committee
 National Jewish Book Award, JDC-Herbert Katzki Prize selection committee

University of Hartford Service

Service to the College of A&S and the University:
 Faculty Advisor, University of Hartford Hillel (chaired search for new Hillel Director,
 September 2018)
 Co-Chair, Philosophy Steering Committee (A&S)
 Presidential Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 Provost's Committee on Academic and Personal Integrity
 First Year Seminar (A&S), Steering Committee
 Curriculum Committee (A&S)
 Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2012-2014)
 Chair, A&S Civil Rights Act Commemoration Committee, Fall 2014
 A&S Marshal, Commencement, 2013-2015

- Chief Marshal, College of Arts and Sciences, May 2014 Commencement

 Honors Committee (A&S), Thesis reader and advisor

- Honors Thesis Advisor, Kelly DeSalvatore, A Comparison of True and Fake Holocaust Memoirs; 2nd reader for Paulina Nastyn, Complexity Theory and the Polish Economy
- Honors Thesis Advisor, Joshua Gischner (2nd reader)
- Honors Thesis Advisor, Elaine Lampert
- Honors Thesis Advisor, Evan Holliday
- Honors Thesis Advisor, reader for Colette Schmidt and Joseph Scianlapore (2017)

 Faculty Advisor, Zeta Beta Tau fraternity
 Hartford Hillel, "Torah on Tap" regular presenter

Language Skills

Complete fluency in English and Hebrew; conversation and reading fluency in French and Yiddish; reading proficiency in German