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EMPLOYMENT

<u>Associate Professor of History</u> <i>The George Washington University, Washington, District of Columbia</i>	2013-
<u>Director of Judaic Studies Program</u> <i>GWU, Washington, DC</i>	2014-
<u>Assistant Professor of History</u> <i>GWU, Washington, DC</i>	2007-2013
<u>Postdoctoral Fellow in History</u> <i>Colgate University, Hamilton, New York</i>	2006-07

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, New York
Degrees Earned: Ph.D. (2007); M.Phil. (2002); M.A. (2000)
Program of Study: History
Dissertation Title: “The Spinoza Image in Jewish Culture, 1656-1956”

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Degree Earned: A.B. (1997), Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Major: Comparative Literature

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Articles

The First Modern Jew: Spinoza and the History of an Image. Princeton University Press, 2012.

- Co-winner of 2012 Salo W. Baron Prize for best first book in Jewish studies
- Finalist for 2012 National Jewish Book Award (History)
- Rated “Essential” by *Choice Reviews Online*
- Reviewed in: *Times Literary Supplement*, *Choice Reviews Online*, *Jewish Review of Books*, *Jewish Forward*, *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Journal of Religion*, *Shofar*, *The European Legacy*, *Anales del Seminario de Historia de la Filosofia*

Ghetto: The History of a Word. Harvard University Press, 2019.

Spinoza’s Challenge to Jewish Thought: Writings on His Life, Philosophy, and Legacy. Brandeis University Press, 2019.

“‘Our Rabbi Baruch’: Spinoza and Radical Jewish Enlightenment.” In *Secularism and Its Discontents: Rethinking an Organizing Principle of Modern Jewish Life*, ed. Alexander Joskowicz and Ethan Katz. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015.

“Spinoza,” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Judaic Studies*, ed. David Biale (Oxford University Press, 2012).
<http://oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/obo/page/jewish-studies>.

“An Icon for Iconoclasts: Spinoza and the Faith of Jewish Secularism,” in *AJS Perspectives* (Spring, 2011), 13-14.

Reviews

Review of *Leopold Zunz: Creativity in Adversity*, by Ismar Schorsch. *The American Historical Review* 123 (December 2018)

Review of *Modernism Without Jews? German-Jewish Subjects and Histories*, by Scott Spector, and *German-Jewish Thought and Its Afterlife*, by Vivian Liska. *Modern Intellectual History* (September 2018).

Review of *German Jewry and the Allure of the Sephardic*, by John M. Efron. *Jewish Review of Books* (Spring 2017).

Review of *Jewish Philosophical Politics in Germany, 1789-1848*, by Sven-Erik Rose, *AJS Review* 40 (April 2016): 182-185.

Review of *The Genius: Elijah of Vilna and the Making of Modern Judaism*, by Eliyahu Stern. *The Marginalia Review of Books*, January 13, 2014 <http://themarginaliareview.com/archives/5200>

Review of *Haskalah: The Romantic Movement in Judaism*, by Olga Litvak. *Jewish Review of Books* (Summer 2013).

Review of *The Origins of Jewish Secularization in the Eighteenth Century*, by Shmuel Feiner, and *Not in the Heavens: The Tradition of Jewish Secular Thought*, by David Biale. *American Historical Review* (December 2012).

Review of *Betraying Spinoza: The Renegade Jew Who Gave Us Modernity*, by Rebecca Goldstein. *The Jewish Daily Forward*, June 30, 2006, 6.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

“Ghetto: The History of a Word.”
UC-Davis, Davis, CA, April 2019.

“Ghetto: The Biography of a Word.”
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, March 2019.

“Between Regression and Rupture: Nazi Ghettoization and the Perception of a ‘Return to the Middle Ages.’”
Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA, December 2018.

“Should Spinoza Have Been Excommunicated? Reflections on an Age-Old Dilemma”
Baruch College, New York, NY, April 2018.

“Citizen #1: Benedictus Spinoza.”
University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, September 2017.

“Towards a History of Jewish Anti-Spinozism.”
Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy.
University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 2017.

“The Ghetto in the Modern Jewish Imagination.”
The Ghetto and Beyond: Italian Jews in the Age of the Medici.
Center for Jewish History, NY, September 2016.

“Hermann Cohen’s Spinoza Problem—and Ours.”

Judaism in Modern Philosophy—Spinoza, Hermann Cohen, and the Legacies of German Idealism.
Princeton University, NJ, April 2016.

“Ghetto: Metamorphoses of a Concept.”
University of Pennsylvania, PA, February 2016.

“Why Ghetto and Not Gasse? The Significance of Rome in the Conceptual History of ‘Ghetto’”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2015.

“From Jewish to Black: The Strange Career of the Word ‘Ghetto.’”
University of Pittsburgh, PA, October, 2015.

“What’s in a Name? The Word ‘Ghetto’ Comes to America.”
Early Modern/Modern Jewish History Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 2015.
Tauber Institute Jewish Studies Colloquium, Brandeis University, Waltham, NH, November 2013.
Library of Congress, Washington, DC, May 2013.

“Ghetto Times: Premodern, Early Modern, and Modern.”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, December 2014.

“From Jewish to Black: The Word ‘Ghetto’ in Postwar America.”
2014 Biennial Conference on American Jewish History, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, June 2014.

“From Venice to Harlem: The Economics of the Ghetto in History.”
Titans of Industry, Center for Jewish History, New York, NY, June 2014.

“Trading Places: The Word ‘Ghetto’ Comes to America.”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2013.

“The Contemporary Spinoza Revival and Its Historical Antecedents.”
16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, July 2013.

“The Ghetto and the Modern Jewish Imaginary.”
The Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, May 2013.

“The First Modern Jew: Spinoza and the History of an Image.”
Library of Congress, Washington, DC, April 2012.

“‘Our Rabbi Baruch’: Spinoza and Radical (Jewish) Enlightenment.”
4th Annual Conference on Jewish Enlightenment: Haskalah and Religion.
Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, July 2011.

“The Eighteenth Century: Spinoza between Moses Mendelssohn and Salomon Maimon.”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 2010.

“Spinoza’s Jewish Children: Profiles in Jewish Secularism of the Modern Era.”
Lecture Series: The Secular and the Sacred in the Modern Jewish World
Center for Jewish History, New York, NY, March 25, 2010.

“The First Radical Mask? Spinoza’s Shadow and the Jewish Enlightenment.”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 2009.

“Spinoza and the Master Narratives of Jewish Secularization: A Very Short History.”
Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, October 2009.

“Mendelssohn’s Coattails and the German Jewish Rehabilitation of Spinoza.”

Junior Scholars Conference on the Future of German-Jewish History
German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, May 2009.

“A New Guide? The ‘Modern Maimonides’ Motif in the Maskilic Reception of Spinoza.”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC, December 2008.

“Spinoza as a Middleman between Jewish Enlightenment and Jewish Mysticism.”
Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA, December 2006.

“Spinoza, the First ‘Modern Jew’: Metamorphoses of an Image.”
From Heretic to Hero: A Symposium on the Impact of Baruch Spinoza on the 350th Anniversary of his
Excommunication 1656-2006, YIVO
New York, New York, October 29, 2006.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Sosland Fellow Spring-Summer 2018
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC

University Facilitating Fund (\$10,000) 2017-2018
George Washington University, Washington, DC

John W. Kluge Fellow Spring 2013
Library of Congress, Washington, DC

Salo Baron Prize for Best First Book in Jewish Studies 2012
American Academy for Jewish Research

National Jewish Book Award Finalist (History) 2012
Jewish Book Council, New York, NY

2010 Musher Prize for Outstanding First Book in Jewish Studies March 2011
Foundation for Jewish Culture, New York, NY

Louis and Bessie Stern Fellow Fall 2009
Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, PA

Salo and Jeanette Baron Dissertation Prize (Finalist) Spring 2007
Columbia University, New York, New York

Lane Cooper/Whiting Dissertation Fellowship 2005-2006
Columbia University, New York, New York

National Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2004-2005
National Foundation for Jewish Culture, New York, New York

Center for Jewish History Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2004-2005
Center for Jewish History, New York, New York

COMMITTEES, SCHOLARLY COLLABORATIONS, AND WORKING GROUPS

GW

Faculty senate 2018-2021

Dispute Resolution Committee 2019-2022

University and Urban Affairs Committee	2018-2021
Search committee, Tenure-track professor of early modern European history	2017-2018
Search committee, Tenure-track professor of Hebrew literature	2016-2017
Search committee, Max Ticktin Professorship of Israel Studies (Chair)	2015-2016
Search committee, Tenure-track professor of early/medieval Islamic history	2015-2016
CCAS General curriculum requirements committee	2008-2009

Non-GW

Center for Jewish History, Academic Advisory Committee	2018-2021
“Reconceiving Key Terminology and Concepts in Antisemitism Studies” Tel-Aviv University-University of Toronto Working Group	2016-2018
ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Reviewer	2017
NEH Scholarly Editions/Translations Reviewer	2016
“The Ghetto and Beyond: Italian Jews in the Age of the Medici” (Co-chair of organizing committee for September 2016 conference)	2015-2016
Subject editor, Modern Jewish History, <i>The Marginalia Review of Books</i>	2015-2017
“Secularism and Its Discontents” Center for Advanced Judaic Studies Working Group, Philadelphia, PA	2009-2010

DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED

Robert Isaacson, “From ‘Brave Little Israel’ to ‘An Elite and Domineering People’: The Image of Israel in France, 1944-1974 (George Washington University, 2017).

LANGUAGES

Hebrew
French
German
Yiddish
Italian