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#### Education

New York University - Ph.D. in History, 1994

- M.A. in History, 1985

- Certificate in Archival Management, 1986.

Dissertation: "Jewish Landsmanshaftn (Hometown Associations) in New York, 1880s to 1924."

Oberlin College - A.B. in Government, 1979.

Union College - Attended, 1975-1976.

Columbia University, Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture - Attended, 1975-1976, 1978.

#### **Current Positions**

Fall 1997 – Present – Assistant Professor (1997-2003), Associate Professor (2003-2009), Professor (2009-Present) of History, Fordham University

- -- "Introduction to Modern American History"
- -- "Ethnic America"
- -- "The City in American History" (undergraduate and graduate versions)
- -- "New York City: History and Culture" (graduate course)
- -- "New York City: People and Communities (undergraduate seminar)
- --"U.S. Immigration and Ethnicity" (undergraduate and graduate versions)
- --"Jazz Age to Hard Times: U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s"
- -- "US Ethnic Politics" (undergraduate seminar)
- -- "September 11 in New York City History"
- -- "Proseminar/Seminar in US History" (graduate seminar)
- --"New York City Politics" (undergraduate and graduate versions)
- -- "History of New York City"
- --"New York as a Catholic and Jewish City" (co-taught)
- --"Jewish People in the Modern World"

# **Other Teaching Experience**

- Summer 2017 Faculty, Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research --"Yiddish New York" (three lectures and walking tour, in Yiddish)
- Fall 1996 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Brooklyn College, C.U.N.Y. (Adult Extension) -- "The History of New York City."
- Spring 1995 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin Madison
  - -- "The Jewish People in America"
  - -- "Eastern European Jewish Immigrant Experience, 1880s-1920s."
- Fall 1994 Guest Faculty (Unranked), Sarah Lawrence College -- "Jewish Identities in the Modern World."
- Summer 1985 Adjunct Lecturer, Fiorello H. La Guardia Community College, C.U.N.Y. -- "Neighborhood History."

#### **Scholarly Publications**

#### **Books**

Co-author (with Deborah Dash Moore, et al.), *Jewish New York: The Remarkable Story of a City and a People* (New York: New York University Press, 2017). One volume version of *The Emerging Metropolis*.

Co-author (with Annie Polland), *The Emerging Metropolis: New York Jews in the Age of Immigration, 1840-1920* (volume 2, *City of Promises*, Deborah Dash Moore, general editor, New York: New York University Press, 2012).

- \* Everett Family Foundation Jewish Book of the Year, National Jewish Book Award (*City of Promises*)
- \* Choice Outstanding Academic Title Top 25 (City of Promises)
- \* Finalist, JDC-Herbert Katzki Award for Writing Based on Archival Research, National Jewish Book Award (*Emerging Metropolis*)
- \* 100 Best Non-Fiction Book List, *Kirkus Reviews (City of Promises)*

Co-editor and co-translator (with Jocelyn Cohen), *My Future Is in America: Autobiographies of East European Jewish Immigrants* (New York: New York University Press, 2006; paperback, 2008), with introduction and annotations.

Editor, A Coat of Many Colors: Immigration, Globalism, and Reform in the New York City Garment Industry (New York: Fordham University Press, 2005), with introduction.

## **Books, Continued**

Jewish Immigrant Associations and American Identity in New York, 1880-1939. (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1997; paperback: Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2001).

\*Co-winner, Saul Viener Book Prize of the American Jewish Historical Society for best book in American Jewish history in previous two years.

\*Thomas J. Wilson Prize of Harvard University Press for best first-book manuscript accepted in 1995.

Contributing editor and translator, *Jewish Workers in the Modern Diaspora*, Nancy Green, et al., eds. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998).

#### Journals

January 2017-Present – Co-editor, *American Jewish History* 

Guest Editor, "Irving Howe's World of Our Fathers, Twenty-Five Years Later" (with introduction), special issue, American Jewish History (December 2000).

## **Articles and Book Chapters**

"The Soviet Union, Jewish Concerns, and the New York Electoral Left, 1939-1944," in *Jews and the Left*, ed. Jack Jacobs (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

"Executed Bundists, Soviet Delegates and the Wartime Jewish Popular Front in New York," *American Communist History* 15:3 (2016): 293-332.

"Support the Fair Deal in the Nation; Abolish the Raw Deal in the City': The Liberal Party in 1949," *New York History* 92:3 (Spring 2012).

"Making Peace with Capitalism? Jewish Socialism Enters the Mainstream, 1933-1944," in *Chosen Capital: The Jewish Encounter with American Capitalism*, ed. Rebecca Kobrin (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2012).

"Transnationalism and Mutual Influence: American and East European Jewries in the 1920s and 1930s," in *Rethinking European Jewry*, ed. Jeremy Cohen and Moshe Rosman (London: Littman, 2009).

\*Book is winner, National Jewish Book Award – Anthologies and Collections

"Yiddish Scholars Meet the Yiddish-Speaking Masses: Language, the Americanization of Yivo, and the Autobiography Contest of 1942," *Secular Yiddishism in America*, ed. Edward Shapiro (Scranton, Pa.: University of Scranton Press, 2008).

## Articles, Continued

- "Transnationalism and Americanization in East European Jewish Immigrant Public Life," in *Imagining the American Jewish Community*, Jack Wertheimer, ed. (Waltham, Mass. and Hannover, N.H., Brandeis University Press and University Press of New England, 2007).
- "Mutual Aid Societies and Fraternal Orders," *Blackwell Companion to American Immigration*, Reed Ueda, ed. (New York: Blackwell, 2006).
- "Soviet Travel and the Making of an American Jewish Communist: Moissaye Olgin's Trip to Russia, 1920-1921," *American Communist History* (June 2005).
- "Cockroach Capitalists: Jewish Garment Contractors at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," in *A Coat of Many Colors: Immigration, Globalism, and Reform in the New York City Garment Industry*, Daniel Soyer, ed. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2005).
- "Revisiting the Old World: American Jewish Tourists in Interwar Eastern Europe," in *Forging Modern Jewish Identities*, ed. Michael Berkowitz, Susan Tananbaum and Sam Bloom (London: Valentine-Mitchell, 2003).
- "Abraham Cahan's Travels in Jewish Homelands: Palestine in 1925 and the Soviet Union in 1927," in *Yiddish and the Left: Papers of the Third Mendel Friedman International Conference*, ed. Gennady Estraikh and Mikhail Krutikov (Studies in Yiddish 3, Oxford: Legenda, 2001).
- "Class Conscious Workers as Immigrant Entrepreneurs: The Ambiguity of Class among Eastern European Jewish Immigrants to the Unites States at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," *Labor History* (February 2001).
- "Brownstones and Brownsville: Elite Philanthropists and Immigrant Constituents at the Hebrew Educational Society of Brooklyn, 1899-1929," *American Jewish History* (June 2000). Shorter version as "The Hebrew Educational Society in Brooklyn," in Sean Galvin and Ilana Abramovitch, *The Jews of Brooklyn* (University Press of New England, 2001).
- "Back to the Future: American Jews Visit the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 1930s," *Jewish Social Studies* (Spring-Summer 2000).
- "Documenting Immigrant Lives at an Immigrant Institution: YIVO's Autobiography Contest of 1942," *Jewish Social Studies* (Summer 1999).
- "Entering the Tent of Abraham: Fraternal Ritual and American Jewish Identity, 1880-1920," *Religion and American Culture* (Summer 1999).

## **Articles, Continued**

"Garment Sweatshops Then and Now," New Labor Forum (Spring-Summer 1999).

"The Voices of Jewish Immigrant Mothers in the YIVO American Jewish Autobiography Collection," *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Summer 1998).

"The Immigrant Travel Agent as Broker Between Old World and New: The Case of Gustave Eisner," *YIVO Annual* 21 (1993).

"Landsmanshaftn and the Jewish Labor Movement: Cooperation, Conflict, and the Building of Community," *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Spring 1988). Reprinted in *American Immigration and Ethnicity: Volume 7, Unions and Immigrants*, ed. George E. Pozzetta (New York: Garland Publishing, 1990), and *American Jewish History: Volume 2, The Arrival and Adjustment of East European Jews in America, 1880-1920*, ed. Jeffrey S. Gurock (New York: Carlson Publishing, 1996).

"Jewish Archives in New York City: An Overview," *Judaica Librarianship* (Fall 1987-Winter 1988).

"Between Two Worlds: Jewish <u>Landsmanshaftn</u> and Immigrant Identity," *American Jewish History* (September 1986).

# **Short Articles and Encyclopedia Entries**

"Journalism, Yiddish (North America)," and "United States: Labor Movement," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, ed. Judith Baskin (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011).

"Ephemera of September 11<sup>th</sup>," *Encyclopedia of New York State*, ed. Peter Eisenstadt (Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 2005).

"Bertha Kalish," in *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*, ed. Paula Hyman and Deborah Dash Moore (New York: Routledge, 1997).

"Fraternal Orders and Mutual Aid Societies," "Fraternities and Sororities," in *Encyclopedia of African-American History and Culture*. (New York: Macmillan, 1996).

"Landsmanshaftn," "Zvi Hirsh Masliansky," "Yosele Rosenblat," "United Hebrew Trades," "Workmen's Circle," "Baruch Charney Vladeck," "YIVO Institute for Jewish Research," "Haym Zhitlovsky," in *Encyclopedia of New York City*, ed. Kenneth Jackson. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995).

"Workmen's Circle," in *Encyclopedia of the American Left*, ed. Mary Jo Buhle, Paul Buhle and Dan Georgakas. (New York: Garland Publishing Co., 1990).

#### **Short Articles, Continued**

"Jewish Socialism in Eastern Europe: A Bibliography," *Jewish Socialist Critique* (Fall 1980).

#### **Book and Film Reviews**

*Immigrants against the State: Yiddish and Italian Anarchism in America*, by Kenyon Zimmer, *H-Net*, January 2016.

Roads Taken: The Great Jewish Migrations to the New World and the Peddlers Who Forged the Way, by Hasia Diner, Shofar, 34:1 (Fall 2015).

The Rag Race: How Jews Sewed Their Way to Success in America and the British Empire, by Adam Mendelsohn, American Historical Review 120:5 (2015).

American Jewish Political Culture and the Liberal Persuasion, by Henry L. Feingold, AJS Review 39:2 (November 2015).

After They Closed the Gates: Jewish Illegal Immigration to the United States, 1921-1965, by Libby Garland, AJS Review 39:1 (April 2015).

Men of the Cloth, film by Vicki Vasilopoulos, Italian American Review 4:1 (Winter 2014).

*Sundays at Sinai: A Jewish Congregation in Chicago*, by Tobias Brinkmann, *H-Judaic* (November 2013) <a href="https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=37965">https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=37965</a>.

History Lessons: The Creation of American Jewish Heritage, by Beth Wenger, Journal of American Ethnic History 32:2 (Winter 2013).

Gentile New York: Images of Non-Jews among Jewish Immigrants, by Gil Ribak, American Jewish History 97:2 (April 2013).

The Independent Orders of B'nai B'rith and True Sisters: Pioneers of a New Jewish Identity, 1843-1914, by Cornelia Wilhelm, Journal of American History (September 2012).

Jewish Immigrants and American Capitalism, 1880–1920: From Caste to Class, by Eli Lederhendler, Labor History 52:4 (Summer 2011).

A Power among Them: Bessie Abramowitz Hillman and the Making of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, by Karen Pastorello, Business History Review 82:3 (November 2009).

## **Reviews, Continued**

(Review Essay) "Take a Letter...," Reviews in American History (March 2007).

The Master of Seventh Avenue: David Dubinsky and the American Labor Movement, by Robert D. Parmet, New York History (Spring 2006).

*Inauthentic: The Anxiety over Culture and Identity*, by Vincent Cheng, *Journal of American Ethnic History* (August 2005).

America, Its Jews, and the Rise of Nazism, by Gulie Ne'eman Arad, AJS Review (April 2003).

Jewish Immigrant Entrepreneurship in London and New York: Enterprise and Culture, by Andrew Godley, Journal of Economic History (March 2003).

Yiddish Proletarian Theatre: The Art and Politics of the Artef, 1925-1940, by Edna Nahshon, Studies in Contemporary Jewry (2002).

Brownsville, Brooklyn: Blacks, Jews, and the Changing Face of the Ghetto, by Wendell Pritchett, New York History (Fall 2002).

(Review essay) "Beyond the Synagogue Gallery... and Beyond," *Reviews in American History* (March 2002).

Barbarian Virtues: The United States Encounters Foreign Peoples at Home and Abroad, 1876-1917, by Matthew Frye Jacobson, Journal of American Ethnic History (Summer 2001).

Quest for Inclusion: Jews and Liberalism in Modern America, by Marc Dollinger, Labor History (August 2001).

Jacob H. Schiff: A Study in American Jewish Leadership, by Naomi W. Cohen, Journal of American Ethnic History (Spring 2001).

Of Moses and Marx: Folk Ideology and Folk History in the Jewish Labor Movement, by David Shuldiner, Labor History (August 2000).

Dispersing the Ghetto: The Relocation of Jewish Immigrants across America, by Jack Glazier, American Jewish History (March 2000).

Catskill Culture: A Mountain Rat's Memories of the Great Jewish Resort Area, by Phil Brown, CultureFront (Spring 1999).

## **Reviews, Continued**

New York Jews and the Great Depression: Uncertain Promise, by Beth S. Wenger, and Unfinished People: Eastern European Jews Encounter America, By Ruth Gay, AJS Review 23:2 (1998).

These Are Our Children: Jewish Orphanages in the United States, 1880-1925, by Reena Sigman Friedman, Studies in Contemporary Jewry 13 (1997).

Memories of Migration: Gender, Ethnicity, and Work in the Lives of Jewish and Italian Women in New York, 1870-1924, by Kathie Friedman-Kasaba, International Migration Review (Fall 1997).

Gateway to the Promised Land: Ethnic Cultures in New York's Lower East Side, by Mario Maffi, and The Jewish East Side, 1881-1924, ed. Milton Hindus, Journal of American Ethnic History (Spring 1997).

Jewish Hometown Associations and Family Circles in New York, ed. Hannah Kliger, and Bridges to an American City: A Guide to Chicago's Landsmanshaften, by Sidney Sorkin, American Jewish History 82 (1994).

## **Scholarly Conference Papers**

"Jewish Transnational Concerns and the New York Electoral Left in the World War II Era," Conference on Re-Framing American Jewish History and Thought: New Transnational Perspectives," University of Potsdam, School of Jewish Theology, Potsdam, Germany, July 21, 2016.

"The Soviet Union, Local Politics and the Jewish Popular Front in Wartime New York," Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, New York, June 21, 2016.

"Internationalism, Local Politics, and Dissension on the New York Jewish Left in the World War II Era," Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 11, 2014.

"Between East Broadway and East Fourteenth Street: Socialism, Tammany Hall, and Jewish Politics in New York, 1886-1920," Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 17, 2012.

"Support the Fair Deal in the Nation, Oppose the Raw Deal in the City': The Liberal Party in 1949," Conference on The World of Governor Lehman: New York City and State in Depression and War, Columbia University, June 6, 2008.

"Making Peace with Capitalism? Jewish Socialism Enters the Mainstream," Conference on Jews and American Capitalism, New York University and Columbia University, March 2, 2008.

# Papers, Continued

- "Jewish Socialism in the Mainstream: The *Forward* and the Liberal Party," Conference on the *Forward* and Abraham Cahan, New York University, April 15, 2007.
- "Transnationalism and Mutual Influences: American and East European Jewries in the 1920s and 1930s," International Conference on Rethinking European Jewish History, The Goldstein-Goren Diaspora Research Center, Tel Aviv University, Israel, January 6, 2005.
- "Transnationalism and Americanization in East European Jewish Immigrant Public Life," Imagining the American Jewish Community: An Academic Conference, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, March 22, 2004.
- "Lost in Translation: Problems of Multilingualism and Multiculturalism in Yiddish Immigrant Autobiographies," American Historical Association, Chicago, January 4, 2003.
- "Soviet Travel and the Making of a American Jewish Communist: Moissaye Olgin's Trip to Russia in 1920," Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, Albany, New York, June 9, 2002.
- "Abraham Cahan's Travels in Jewish Homelands: Palestine in 1925 and the Soviet Union in 1927," Mendel Friedman International Conference: Yiddish and the Left, Oxford Institute for Yiddish Studies, Oxford, England, July 4-6, 2000.
- "Class Conscious Workers and Immigrant Entrepreneurs: The Ambiguity of Class among Eastern European Jewish Immigrants, 1880-1930," Social Science History Association, Fort Worth, November 11-14, 1999.
- "Documenting Immigrant Lives: YIVO's American-Jewish Autobiography Contest of 1942," American Historical Association, Seattle, January 8-11, 1998.
- "Back to the Future: American Jews Visit the Soviet Union in the Interwar Period," Drench Lecture, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, December 8, 1997.
- "Entering the 'Tent of Abraham': Fraternal Ritual and Ethnic Identity Among Eastern European Jewish Immigrants, 1880-1920," Workshop on "Constructing and Contesting Modern Jewish Identities in Comparative Perspective," Fifth International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Utrecht, the Netherlands, August 19-24, 1996.
- "Landsmanshaftn in New York; Jewish Hometown Societies in the New World," Conference on Jewish Workers: Integration and Jewish Movements; A Comparative Approach, Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen, Amsterdam, March 27, 1992.

# Papers, Continued

"The Travel Agent as Ethnic Leader: The Case of Gustave Eisner," YIVO Yiddish Studies Seminar, October 23, 1990.

"Landsmanshaftn and the Jewish Labor Movement," YIVO Yiddish Studies Seminar, Fall 1987.

## **Other Conference Participation**

Chair and commentator, "Central or Marginal? The Fraternal Jewish Left and American Jewish History," Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 19, 2016.

Chair and commentator, "Eastern European Immigrants [in Popular Yiddish Literature and Press], Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, New York, June 21, 2016.

Panel member, "Is New York a Liberal City," Researching New York, Albany, November 21, 2014.

Panel member, "A New History of New York Jewry: Roundtable," Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, New York, June 13, 2012.

Exhibit Tour, "New York Places, Jewish Spaces: New York Jews 1700-2012," Center for Jewish History, Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, New York, June 11, 2012.

Session chair, Ezra Mendelsohn keynote address, Conference on Jews and the Left, Center for Jewish History, New York, May 7, 2012.

Panel chair, "The Great Jewish Migration and New York City in the Long Nineteenth Century, 1820-1920," Symposium on New York City and the Jews, Center for Jewish History, April 29, 2012.

Chair and Commentator, "The Yiddish Press as a Kaleidoscope of American Jewish Life," Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History," American Jewish Historical Society, New York, June 15-17, 2010.

Commentator, "Homeland and Heritage: The Implications of Transnational Communities," At Home in Academia? Conference, sponsored by the American Jewish Historical Society and Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University, New York, May 15, 2005.

#### Other Conference Participation, continued

Commentator, "Yiddish Schools in America and the Problem of Secular Jewish Identity," Posen Conference on Jewishness and Secularism in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Frankel Center for Jewish Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 18, 2005.

Panel Member, "The Crisis of Relevance for American Jewish History: Toward 2054," Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society and American Jewish Archives, Washington, |DC, June 6, 2004.

Panel Member, "New York/Utopia: The Labor Cooperative Housing Movement, 1919-1972, Part I: Three Bronx Utopias," Conference on New York City History, Gotham Center, CUNY, October 6-7, 2001.

Panel Organizer and Chair, "World of Our Fathers after a Quarter of a Century, A Roundtable Discussion," Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, Denver, June 4-6, 2000.

Chair and Commentator, session on "Visualizing the Lower East Side," Conference on Remembering the Lower East Side: American Jewish Reflections, New York University, May 10-11, 1998.

#### **Invited Academic Lectures and Presentations**

"Executed Bundists, Soviet Delegates and the Wartime Jewish Popular Front in New York," Fellows' Seminar, Center for Jewish History, November 18, 2015.

"American Responses to Immigration: Melting Pot, Nativism, Pluralism," Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University, New York,

- --June 19, 2017
- --June 23, 2016
- --June 22, 2015.

Panel: "'University for All': YIVO, Scholarship and Jewish Education," Building a Future in America: YIVO's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, May 3, 2015.

"Immigration and Cultural Conflict: Irish, Jews and Political Conflict in New York," Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University, New York, June 25, 2014.

"Roundtable: American Jews from Central Europe," America's Central Europeans: Migration and Memory, NEH Summer Institute, Columbia University, New York, June 11, 2014.

#### **Invited Lectures, Continued**

- "The Emerging Metropolis: New York Jews in the Age of Immigration, 1840-1920," Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University, New York, October 25, 2012.
- "The American Labor and Liberal Parties and New York Jewish Liberalism," session on Jews and New York City Politics: *The Promised City* Revisited, Working Group on New York Jewish History, Center for Jewish History, New York, December 9, 2011.
- "Jewish Immigrant Associations and American Identity," Home Away from Home: Immigrants and Associational Culture, colloquium, Glucksman Ireland House, New York University, June 10, 2011.
- "The Built Spaces of New York Jews" (with Anne Polland), Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University, March 2, 2011.
- "Jewish Politics in New York," Working Group on New York Jewish History, Center for Jewish History, New York, February 25, 2011.
- "New York's Major Minor Parties," American Age Lecture Series, Fordham University, Bronx, New York, November 19, 2009.
- "Yidish un alt-naye veltn," keynote address, graduation ceremony, Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research-New York University, August 7, 2009.
- "Di yidishe sotsializm in hoyptshtrom fun der Amerikaner politik," Forverts Seminar, Department of Judaic Studies, New York University, New York, December 6, 2007.
- "My Future Is in America: East European Jewish Immigrant Autobiographies," faculty and graduate seminar, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, April 24, 2006.
- "'Ikh vil zayn fray tsu kumen in Rusland': Moyshe Olgin's bazukh in sovetn farband in 1920-1921," Yiddish-Language Seminar, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, March 17, 2006.
- "Immigration and American National Identity," Fulbright Institute on the Civilization of the United States, Multinational Institute of American Studies, NYU, New York, July 5, 2005.
- "American Jewish Travel to Interwar Eastern Europe: The Politics of Homeland and Identity," Graduate Seminar, Makom: Place and Space in Judaism, Moses Mendelsohn Center, University of Potsdam and Graduate Seminar on Travel Literature and Cultural Anthropology, University of Paderborn, Germany, June 21-22, 2004.

## **Invited Lectures, Continued**

"East European Jewish Immigrants in America and the Old Home," EPYC (Educational Program in Yiddish Culture) teachers' seminar, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, June 24, 2003.

"'To Unburden My Heart': The YIVO Collection of Immigrant Autobiographies," YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Yiddish-language seminar, March 30, 2001.

Panelist, "Ethnicity, Race and Gender in American Politics," Fulbright Program, New York University, School of Education, Multinational Institute of American Studies, July 26, 1999.

"Landsmanshaftn in the New World," Columbia University, Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, July 19, 1994.

# **Public Lectures and Presentations**

- "World War I and Immigrant New York City, St. Paul's Historic Site, Mt. Vernon, New York, October 9, 2017.
- "Yidish in amolikn Nyu York, dos amolike Nyu York in Yidish," Sholem Aleichem Cultural Center, Bronx, New York, September 10, 2017.
- "A Century of Change: The Immigrant Workforce over Time," panel discussion, conference on "Sweat Equity: Women in the Garment Industry, New-York Historical Society, New York, March 6, 2016.
- "Migration in History," panel discussion, History Day, Fordham University, Bronx, New York, January 26, 2016.
- "Religious Perspectives on the Global Migrant Crisis," panel discussion, Study Abroad Office, Fordham University, Bronx, New York, January 26, 2016.
- "Behind the Lens: New York Jews between the Wars," panel discussion in conjunction with exhibit "Letters to Afar," Museum of the City of New York, New York, January 21, 2015.
- "Roots of New York Socialism: Meyer London," panel discussion, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, October 29, 2014.
- "Strangers in a Strange Land: How We Ended Up in Brooklyn," panel discussion, Institute for Living Judaism, Brooklyn, June 1, 2014.
- "American Zionism," Park Slope Jewish Center, Brooklyn, December 18, 2013.

Moderator and commenter, Tony Michels, "The "Reconquest" of Jewishness in Postwar America: Will Herberg and Irving Howe," Ruth Gay Seminar, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, November 26, 2013.

Walking tour of the Lower East Side, Fordham Alumni group, New York, October 8, 2013.

"Ethnic Politics in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: The Jewish Angle," Office of Small Business Services, New York, June 20, 2013.

Discussant, Tony Michels, *Jewish Radicals: A Documentary Reader*, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, December 5, 2012.

"New York's Major Minor Parties," Park Slope Jewish Center, Brooklyn, November 6, 2012.

Talks Related to City of Promises: A History of Jews of New York

- --Riverdale Temple, Bronx, NY, June 7, 2015
- --Sid Jacobson JCC, East Hills, New York, October 21, 2014
- -- Temple Beth Israel, Port Washington, New York, May 7, 2014
- --International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Boston, August 6, 2013
- --New York Public Library, Mid-Manhattan Branch, New York, May 9, 2013
- --Park Slope Jewish Center, Brooklyn, April 12, 2013
- --Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, February 3, 2013 (broadcast: C-SPAN)
- --Stern College, Yeshiva University, New York, November 27, 2012
- --Miami International Book Festival, Miami, Florida, November 18, 2012
- -- History Forum, Gotham Center for New York City, CUNY Graduate Center, October 16, 2012
- --Tenement Talk, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, September 20, 2012
- --92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, New York, September 10, 2012.

"Ellis Island in Historical Context," Park Slope Jewish Center, Brooklyn, New York, September 13, 2011.

"The Lower East Side, the Garment Industry, and *Landsmanshaftn* in 1911," Sagan family reunion, Chatham, New York, July 3, 2011.

"Goldene Medine, Teyfene Medine: Religious Continuity and Disruption in the Migration to America," Museum at Eldridge Street, New York, September 21, 2008.

"Ties that Bind: The Hevrah Kadisha in Europe and America," Hevrah Kadisha (Burial Society) annual dinner, Park Slope Jewish Center, Brooklyn, New York, March 14, 2008.

"My Future Is in America: The East European Jewish Immigrant Experience, 1880-1939," six-session mini-course, Hebrew Home for the Aged, Bronx, New York, July-August, 2007.

Discussant, Margaret Chen, "Sewing Women: Immigrants and the New York City Garment Industry," Yeshiva University Museum, New York, January 25, 2006.

"The Coops and the Farband Houses," walking tour in conjunction with "Radicals in the Bronx," exhibit at Museum of the City of New York, March 13, 2005.

"To Unburden My Heart: East European Jewish Immigrant Autobiographies" (often under the auspices of the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers in the Humanities program):

- --Yiddish New York, New York, December 27, 2016
- --International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, Boston, August 7, 2013
- --YM-YWHA of Washington Heights, New York, May 21, 2012
- --Great Neck Public Library, Great Neck, New York, May 8, 2012
- --Sid Jacobson JCC, East Hills, New York, July 28, 2009
- --Fountainview Residence, Monsey, New York, September 28, 2008.
- -- JASA Warbasse Cares for Seniors, Brooklyn, September 3, 2008.
- --Riverdale YM-YWHA, Bronx, New York, April 25, 2008
- --Bayswater Jewish Center, Far Rockaway, New York, March 9, 2008
- --Mid-Island Y, Plainview, New York, February 27, 2008
- --JCC, Temple Gates of Zion, Valley Stream, New York, November 29, 2006
- --Jewish Genealogical Society/Jewish Historical Society, New York, September 10, 2006
- -- JASA Warbasse Cares for Seniors, Brooklyn, June 27, 2005.
- --Shelter Rock Jewish Center Sisterhood, Roslyn, New York, November 9, 2004.
- --Long Beach Public Library, Long Beach, New York, April 8, 2004.
- --South Shore Y, Oceanside, New York, December 4, 2003.
- -- Congress for Jewish Culture, November 6, 2001.

"Landsmanshaftn: Jewish Hometown Societies in the New World" (often under the auspices of the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers in the Humanities program):

- --Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston, Newton Center, Mass., May 18, 2014
- --Zembrover Society, Brooklyn, January 11, 2009
- --IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, New York, August 16, 2006
- --Samuel Field YM-YWHA, Little Neck, New York, May 24, 2005.

- --Greenburgh Hebrew Center, December 19, 2004.
- --Great Neck Public Library, Great Neck, New York, September 22, 2004.
- --Fountain View, Monsey, New York, August 24, 2003.
- --Mame-Loshn, Program on Yiddish Culture, May 27, 1999.
- -- Long Island Jewish Genealogical Society, November 22, 1998.
- -- Greater Stamford Jewish Historical Society, November 15, 1998.
- --Jewish Historical Society of New York and Jewish Genealogical Society of New York, April 26, 1998.
- --Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, December 14, 1997.
- -- Congress for Jewish Culture, New York, April 8, 1997.
- --Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, January 19, 1997.
- -- Project on Jewish Alternatives, Madison, Wisconsin, March 4, 1995.
- -- Workmen's Circle Center, Bronx, NY, January 12, 1992.

"Sweatshops Then, Sweatshops Now" (often under the auspices of the New York Council for the Humanities Speakers in the Humanities program):

- --New City Library, New City, New York, March 12, 2008
- --Mid-Island Y, Plainview, NY, November 28, 2007
- --Nassau Community College, Jewish Studies Program, Garden City, New York, November 7, 2007
- --St. Bonaventure University, Olean, New York, March 17, 2005.
- --Samuel Field YM-YWHA, Little Neck, New York, December 14, 2004.

Panelist, "Sweatshops Then, Sweatshops Now," Gotham Center for New York City, History Forum, CUNY Graduate Center, March 15, 2001.

"The Bund: A Survey of Its History and Ideas," In Gerangl/In Struggle: Activist Legacies of the Bund, One Hundred Years, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, Jewish Labor Bund, New York, March 1, 1998.

"Sweatshops in Historical Perspective," Keynote Address, A Call to Action: Jewish Students Respond to Sweatshops, Jewish Student Union, Barnard College, New York, February 6, 1998.

Panel member, "Sweatshops, Decent Jobs and Living Wages," Brownstone Brooklyn Jewish Coalition and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, April 14, 1997.

"Sweatshops," Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, March 13, 1997.

"The World of the Landsmanshaftn," four-part minicourse, KlezKamp: The 11th Annual Yiddish Folk Arts Program, Living Traditions, Inc., Parksville, New York, December 24-29, 1995.

"American Jewish History: An Overview," Temple Beth-El, Madison, Wisconsin, March 10, 1995.

"World War I: A Neglected Turning Point in American Jewish History," Turning Points in Jewish History Series, The Madison Jewish Community Lehrhaus, March 6, 1995. "Family Memories: Transition and Continuity," Judaica Museum at the Hebrew Home for the Aged, Bronx, NY, November 24, 1991.

#### **Exhibits**

Co-curator, "New York Places, Jewish Spaces: Life in the City, 1700-2012," Center for Jewish History, New York, 2012-2013.

Consulting Curator, "Radicals in the Bronx," The Museum of the City of New York, 2004-2005.

Co-curator, "Family Memories: Transition and Continuity," The Judaica Museum at the Hebrew Home for the Aged, Riverdale, New York, 1991-1992.

Associate Curator, "Going Home: How American Jews Invent the Old World," YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 1989-1990.

#### **Professional Activities**

Evaluator on programs, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2016.

Member, Prins Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship Committee, Center for Jewish History, 2016.

Member, Fellowship Application Review Committee, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2001, 2005-2010, 2014-2017.

Member, Academic Council, American Jewish Historical Society, 1998-Present; member, Executive Committee, 2000-2002, 2003-2006.

- \* Member, Lee Max Friedman Award Committee, 2014
- \* Member, Fein and Lapidus Prizes Committee, 2009-2012
- \* Chair, Nominations Committee, 2003-2005
- \* Chair, Saul Viener Book Prize Committee, 2001.

Member, Advisory Committee, Jews and the Russian Revolution documentary project, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2012-2013.

Member, Organizing Committee, Conference on Jews and the Left, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, May 6-7, 2012.

## **Professional Activities, Continued**

Member, Organizing Committee, Symposium on New York City and the Jews, Center for Jewish History, April 29, 2012.

Member, Advisory Board of Editors, American Jewish History, 2007-Present.

Senior Research Fellow, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2001 – 2012.

Member, Board of Directors, Fordham University Press, 2009-2011.

Member, Local Arrangements Committee, American Historical Association 2009 meeting, 2008-2009.

Scholarly consultant, Museum at Eldridge Street, NEH grant for interpretation, 2008.

Historical Consultant, HIAS, "Let My People Go" web documentary project, 2007-2008.

Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Celebrate 350 (consortium celebrating 350 years of Jewish settlement in North America), 2003-2005.

Historical Consultant, United Workers' Cooperative Colony film project, Michal Goldman, filmmaker, 2000-2005.

Member, Historical Advisory Panel, sweatshop exhibit, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 2000-2001.

Member, Historical Advisory Panel, Workmen's Circle centenary, 2000.

Contributing Editor for Archives, Judaica Librarianship, 1988-2000.

Historical Consultant (segment on Eastern European migration to America), Heritage

Interactive Project, WNET, 1997-1998.

Member, Historical Advisory Panel, "Sitting Shivah with the Rogarshevskys," Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 1997-1998.

Archival Consultant, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw, 1997.

Contributing Editor (articles on Judaism), Columbia Encyclopedia, 5th edition, 1993.

# Grants, Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

2012- Member, New York Academy of History

2012 – Littauer Foundation research grant.

2008-2009, 2010-2013 – ILGWU 21<sup>st</sup> Century Heritage Fund grant to carry out oral history project of retired officers and staff of International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.

2008 – Littauer Foundation research grant.

2003, 2008, 2012, 2016 – Faculty Fellowship, Fordham University.

2003 – Littauer Foundation grant to aid publication of book on garment industry.

2000-2001 – Major grant from National Foundation for Jewish Culture to YIVO for production of anthology of immigrant autobiographies.

1998, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008 - Faculty Research Grants, Fordham University.

1997 - Rose and Isidore Drench Fellowship for Research in American Jewish History, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

1996-1997 - Resident Fellow (full-time), The Sweatshop Project -- a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Institute sponsored by the Lower East Side Tenement Museum and UNITE.

1996 - American Council of Learned Societies Grant for Travel to International Meetings Abroad.

1994 - Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Book Preparation Grant.

1993-1994 - National Foundation for Jewish Culture Dissertation Fellowship.

1992 - Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Dissertation Grant.

1987 - Oberlin College Alumni Fellowship.

1987 - University Scholarship, N.Y.U.

#### **Administrative Positions**

2009-2012 – Chair, History Department, Fordham University

2005-2009 -- Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, Fordham University

# **Professional Experience**

2000-2001 – Project Director/Editor, Immigrant Autobiographies Project, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

1987-1996 - Archival consultant, historical researcher, translator.

- ◆ 1995-1996 Congress for Jewish Culture. Editing bilingual newsletter.
- ◆ 1995-1996 Luboml Exhibition Project. Translation, editing.
- ◆ 1993, 1996 Central Synagogue. Archival consultant.
- ◆ 1992-1994, 1996 Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. Archival consultant.
- ◆ 1995 Joel Berliner, filmmaker. Translation.
- ◆ 1995 Eldridge Street Synagogue. Translation.
- ◆ 1994 Wagner Labor Archives, New York University. Archival and library consultant on Jewish Labor Committee records; film research.
- ◆ 1993-1994 YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Translator for Polish Jewish Autobiographies project.
- ◆ 1993 Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Research on immigrant family in 19<sup>th</sup> century New York.
- ◆ 1992-1993 Lucius N. Littauer Foundation. Archival consultant.
- ◆ 1992-1993 Yiddish Radio Documentary Project. Library and archival research.
- ◆ 1991-1992 Berliner Festspiele. Research and technical assistance for exhibit, "Jüdische Lebenswelten."
- ◆ 1991 B'nai B'rith International. Archival survey and report.
- ◆ 1990 Jewish National Fund. Archival survey and report.
- ◆ 1987-1989 The Emma Goldman Papers. Research, translation.

1989-1992 - Curator/Researcher, Museum of Jewish Heritage.

1986-1989 - Associate Archivist, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

1984-1986 - Field Archivist, New York Historical Resources Center, Cornell University.

1984 - Assistant Archivist, Congregation Shearith Israel-The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

1983-1984 - Photo Cataloger, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

1982-1983 - Archival Assistant, New York Stock Exchange Archives.