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### EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of History, Murray Friedman Professor and Director of Feinstein Center for American Jewish History 2009-  
Mal and Lea Bank Early Career Professor of Jewish Studies and Assistant Professor of History and Religious Studies, Penn State Spring 2005-2009

### EDUCATION:

- Yale University, Ph.D. December 2004, Religious Studies, program in American Religious History
- Amherst College, B.A. May 1998, *Summa Cum Laude* in Religion Department, Phi Beta Kappa
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 1997

Knowledge of Hebrew, Yiddish and French

### PUBLICATIONS:

#### Book

- *Speaking of Jews: Rabbis, Intellectuals, and the Creation of an American Public Identity* (University of California Press, 2009)

#### Articles

- "Sociology, Jews, and Inter-marriage in Twentieth-Century America," *Jewish Social Studies* 14, no. 2 (Winter 2008): 32-60
- "American Jews and the Ambivalence of Middle Classness," *American Jewish History* 93, 4 (December 2007): 409-434
- "On the Grid," *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility*, January 2008
- "On Fellowship," *Jewish Daily Forward*, August 15, 2007
- "Mission to America: The Reform Movement's Missionary Experiments, 1919-1960," *Religion and American Culture* 13, no. 2 (Summer, 2003): 205-239

#### Book Chapters

- "Gendered Journeys: Jewish Migrations and the City in Postwar America," in *Gender and Jewish History*, ed. Marion Kaplan and Deborah Dash Moore (Indiana University Press, forthcoming)
- "Blame, Boundaries, and Birthrights: Jewish Inter-marriage in Mid-Century America," in *The Boundaries of Jewish Identity*, ed. Susan Glenn and Naomi Sokoloff (University of Washington Press, forthcoming)

#### Book Reviews

- Book Review of *Orthodox Jews in America* by Jeffrey Gurock, *American Historical Review* (forthcoming)
- Book Review of *Columbia History of Jews and Judaism in America*, ed. Marc Lee Raphael, *American Jewish History* 94, no 3 (Sept 2008): 248-250
- Book Review of *African Americans and Jews in the Twentieth Century: Studies in Convergence and Conflict*, edited by V.P. Franklin, et. al., *American Studies* 47, no. 3/4 (Fall/Winter 2007): 222-223
- Review of *Jewish Women and the Feminist Revolution* (<http://www.jwa.org/feminism/> website created by the Jewish Women's Archive), *Journal of American History* 93, no. 3 (Dec 2006): 1004-1005

- Book Review of *Bodies and Souls: The Tragic Plight of Three Jewish Women Forced into Prostitution in the Americas*, by Isabel Vincent and *The Man Who Swam into History: The (Mostly) True Story of My Jewish Family*, by Robert A. Rosenstone, *Canadian Journal of History* (Spring/Summer 2006): 206-209
- Book Review of *Making the Bible Modern: Children's Bibles and Jewish Education in Twentieth-Century America* by Penny Schine Gold, *American Jewish Archives Journal* 56, no. 1/2 (2004): 210-213
- Book Review of *Going Greek: Jewish College Fraternities in the United States, 1895-1945* by Marianne Sanua, *Jewish Quarterly* 95, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 400-405
- Book Review of *Homelands: Portraits of the New Jewish Diaspora* by Larry Tye, *Jewish Culture and History* 7. No. 3 (Winter 2004): 136-139
- Book Review of *Mordecai: An Early American Family* by Emily Bingham, *Jewish Quarterly* 94, no. 4 (Fall 2004): 711-715
- Book Review of *Imagining the Holy Land: Maps, Models and Fantasy Travels* by Burke O. Long, *American Jewish History* 90, no. 3 (Sept 2002): 342-345

#### Encyclopedia Entries and Curricula

- Entry on Amy Eilberg, *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, (Jerusalem: Shalvi Publishing [CD-ROM], 2006)
- Entry on Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, *Notable American Women*, vol 5 (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2005)
- Essay on Jewish-American Leisure Practices and Styles, *Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America* (New York, Scribner's, 2004)
- Essay on Twentieth-Century Immigration, *American Years: A Chronology of United States History*, (New York: Scribner's, forthcoming)
- Entries for *The Westminster Dictionary of Women in American Religious History* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming)
- "Multiple and Fragmented Identities: Jews in the Contemporary World," curriculum for Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, 2003
- Entry on the Institute for Advanced Study, *The Dictionary of American History*, (New York: Scribner's, 2003)

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- Fellow at University of Michigan's Frankel Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, 2007-2008
- Recipient of National Foundation for Jewish Culture's Sidney and Hadassah Musher Doctoral Dissertation Publication Prize, 2006
- Recipient of Center for Jewish History's Frederick P. and Sandra P. Rose Young Historian Award, 2005
- Selected for Young Scholars of American Religion Program, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2005-2006
- Robert M. Leylan Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, granted by Yale, 2003
- Wexner Graduate Fellow, Sept, 1999-June 2003
- Bernard and Audre Rapoport Fellow, Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, 2002-2003
- Feinstein Center for American Jewish History grant, Summer 2003
- John F. Enders Fellowship, granted by Yale, Summer 2002
- Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale Fellowship, Summer 2002
- Participant in American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Student Seminar, June, 2001
- Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale Best Graduate Paper Award, May, 2001
- Richard J. Franke Fellow, awarded by Yale, 1999-2001

### CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- “The Politics of Moving: Jews and the American City,” Association for Jewish Studies, Dec 2008
- “Gender Perversions and the Jewish Suburbs,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, June 2008
- “American-Jewish History and Northampton,” (given as part of roundtable entitled, “Funny You Don’t Look American: Integrating American Jewish History into the History of the United States), Association for Jewish Studies, Dec 2007
- “Intermarriage, Children, and the Limits of Jewishness,” University of Washington, May 2007
- “Sociologists and the Politics of Postwar Marriage: From Integration to Intermarriage?” Organization of American Historians, March 2007
- “American Jews and Their Social Scientific Turn,” Association for Jewish Studies, Dec 2006
- “Middle-Class Jews,” Association for Jewish Studies, Dec 2005
- “Endogamy and the Post-Ghetto Jew,” Organization of American Historians, March 2005
- “The Sociological Love Affair with Intermarriage, 1920-1960,” 2004 Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History, June, 2004
- “Jews on Jews: The Politics and Ideologies of Jewish Social Research in the 1950s,” Association for Jewish Studies, Dec, 2003
- “Marriage to the Stars: Jewish Intermarriage and 1950s America,” American Historical Association, Jan, 2003
- “Rabbis on the Road: Race and the Jewish Chautauqua Society,” American Jewish Archives Fellowship Seminar, Oct, 2002
- “Sharing Faith with America: The Jewish Chautauqua Society, 1920-1940,” Fifth Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History, June, 2002
- “Mission to America, 1919-1960,” Association for Jewish Studies, Dec, 2001

### INVITED TALKS:

- “Exit City: Jews, Race, and the Politics of Migration,” Temple University, Feb 10, 2009
- Guest presenter at Princeton’s American Religious History Colloquium, Oct 2008
- “Why the Jews of Detroit Moved and What It Says about Jewish Politics, Culture, and Religion,” Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, Feb 17, 2008.
- “Sprawling Judaism: Authenticity in the American Suburb,” University of Michigan, Feb 7, 2008
- “Detroit’s *Mishkan*? Jews and Their Suburban Journeys,” Temple Beth Israel, Ann Arbor, MI, Feb 3, 2008
- “A New Tale of Jewish Migration: The Spaces and Places of Postwar Detroit Jews,” Michigan State University, Jewish Studies and History, Jan 22, 2008
- “Marilyn Monroe’s Chuppah and Other American-Jewish Romances: Endogamy, Intermarriage and Jewishness, 1920-1960,” Yale University Judaic Studies Colloquium, April 2004
- “A Jewish Mission to America, 1920-1955,” Penn State University, March 2004
- “Measuring Up: Jews and Social Research in Mid-Twentieth Century America,” Penn State Modern History Workshop, Feb, 2004
- “Why I Study Religion,” Yale Religion Department Gerber Program, March, 2001

### TEACHING:

#### Temple University:

- Antisemitism, Holocaust, Racism
- Graduate seminar on religion and ethnicity in American life

#### Penn State University:

- History Research Seminar on Religion in Twentieth-Century American Public Life (Writing Intensive)
- Religion in American Life and Thought (Writing Intensive)
- Theories of Religion

- American Religion and Consumer History
- Modern Judaism
- American Jewish History and Culture
- Seminar in American Judaism
- Memoir and Autobiography in American Jewish History

Yale University:

- Teaching Assistant, “Religion in Modern America, 1865-2000,” taught by Jon Butler

Other:

- “Crafting American-Jewish Ethnicity,” National Havurah Committee Summer Institute, Summer 2004
- Guest lecturer, “Women in Judaism” course, Amherst College, Spring, 2000 and 2002
- “Jewish Time Cycles: The Catechism of the Jews,” West Hartford Beit Midrash Adult Education, Fall, 2000

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE TO THE FIELD:**

- Reviewer for *Journal of American History*, *American Jewish History*, Indiana University Press, New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Blackwell Press
- Panelist for NEH Public Programs Division, 2009
- American Jewish Historical Society:
  - Member of Planning Committee for 2010 Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History
  - Member of Executive Committee and Nominations Committee (2008-present)
  - Member of Academic Council (2005-present)
  - Planning committee member for “At Home in Academia” conference May 2005
- Member of Jewish Women’s Archive Academic Advisory Council (2008-present)
- Member of National Advisory Board for “Grass/Roots: American Jews and Suburbia,” exhibit planned for 2010, Yeshiva University Museum, New York City (2008-present)
- Researcher for Philadelphia National Museum of American Jewish History, Summer, 2003
- Co-Organizer of Yale Graduate Colloquium, “Jewish Diasporas: Jewish Identity in the Modern World,” Oct, 2002 (see Berman and Avinoam Patt, “Jewish Diasporas Conference,” *AJS Perspectives* [Spring/Summer 2003]: 18-19)
- Co-organizer of Wexner Conference “Jews and Non-Jews in America,” Aug, 2001
- Research Assistant to Nancy Cott, Sterling Professor of History, Yale University, Summer, 2001
- Student at YIVO Summer Program in Yiddish at Columbia University, Summer, 2000
- Research Interviewer for study of interfaith families conducted by Sylvia Barack Fishman, Brandeis University, Summer, 2000
- Graduate Assistant for conference on Yiddish and American writer Sholem Asch, held at Yale University, May 13-15, 2000
- Research Assistant to Lynn Davidman, Associate Professor of American Civilization and Judaic Studies, Brown University, Winter, 1999, Fall, 2000

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Penn State

- Member of College Review Committee for Jewish Studies Director (2008-2009)
- Member of History Department’s Politics and Modern Society working group (2004-2009)
  - Workshop co-organizer (2008-2009)
- Member of Religion in History working group (2004-2009)
- Search committees:
  - Co-chair of Jewish Studies postdoctoral search (2008-2009)
  - Members of Jewish Studies postdoctoral search (2005-2006)

- Member of Jewish Studies search committee (2004-2005)
- Advisor of Jewish Studies student organization (2004-2009)
- Member of Jewish Studies Curriculum Committee (2008-2009)
- Jewish Studies lecture series organizer (2006-2007)

References furnished upon request.