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Education

- 2003 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Dissertation Title: *All Dear Unto God: Saints, Pilgrimage, and Textual Practice in Jewish Morocco*. Dissertation Committee: E. Valentine Daniel, Bruce Mannheim, Brinkley Messick, Jeffrey Heath.
- 1994 M.A. in Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1990 M.A.T. in Social Studies, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York.
- 1988 B.A. in Anthropology, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Teaching Positions and Post-Doctoral Fellowships

- 2011- Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lewis & Clark College. Portland, Oregon.
- 2004-11 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Lewis & Clark College. Portland, Oregon.
- 2011 Director, Lewis & Clark Morocco Program
- 2003-04 Fellow, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1999-03 Adjunct Lecturer of Anthropology. Department of Anthropology, Lawrence University. Appleton, Wisconsin.

Major Awards, Grants and Honors

- 2011 “The Rabat Genizah Project.” *Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture*.
- 2010 “Intellectual Property and International Collaboration in the Digital Humanities: The Moroccan Jewish Community Archives.” *National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant*.
- 2004 *Fulbright Scholar Award* for Research in Morocco.
- 2004 Long Term Research Grant, *American Institute for Maghrib Studies*.
- 2004 Malcom H. Kerr Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, Middle East Studies Association.
- 2004 Lady Davis Fellowship, *Hebrew University* (awarded and declined).
- 2004 Kreitman Foundation Fellowship, *Ben-Gurion University* (awarded and declined).
- 1998 Doctoral Scholarship, *Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture*.

- 1996 Field Research Grant, *Research Institute for the Study of Man*,
 1995 *Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship*.
 1994 International Predissertation Fellowship, *Social Science Research Council*.
 1994 *Mellon Fellowship*.
 1993 *Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship*.
 1992 Research Grant, *National Science Foundation*.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Books, Articles, and Chapters

- 2012 The “Jewish Question” in Postcolonial Moroccan Cinema. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44(3): 421- 442.
 2011 *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History: Authority, Tradition, Diaspora*, edited by Ra‘anan S. Boustan, Oren Kosansky, and Marina Rustow. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. Co-author of introduction: “Anthropology, History and the Remaking of Jewish Studies.”
 2011 The Real Morocco Itself: Judeo-Muslim Pilgrimage, Hybridity and the Idea of the Moroccan Nation. In *Jewish Culture and Society in North Africa*, ed. Emily Gottreich and Daniel Schroeter. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press.
 2009 Mahia and the Representation of Morocco’s Jewish Entailments. *Langues et Littératures* 19: 163-178.
 2002 Tourism, Charity and Profit: The Movement of Money in Moroccan Jewish Pilgrimage. *Cultural Anthropology* 17(3): 359-400.

Encyclopedia Articles

- 2010 Abuhasera Family. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v1:39-40. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Azugh, Barukh Kohen. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v1:304-305. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Azugh, David Ben Barukh Ha-Kohen. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v1:305. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 David u-Moshe. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v2:42-43. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Hillula. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v2:420-421. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Holy Shrines – Conceptual. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v2:428-430. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Pilgrimage and Pilgrimage Rituals, Saints’ Tombs in the Modern Period. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v4:50-65. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Pinto, Hayyim. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v4:67. Leiden: Brill.
 2010 Solomon Bel-Hensh. In *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman, v4:398. Leiden: Brill.

Research Reports

- 2005 Beyond Exoticism and Syncretism: Situating Moroccan Jewish Pilgrimage in Jewish Studies. *Perspectives: Newsletter of the Association for Jewish Studies* Spring: 14-16.
- 2001 Reading Jewish Fez: On the Cultural Identity of a Moroccan City. *The Journal of the International Institute, University of Michigan* 8(3): 8-9.

Book Reviews

- 2010 The Mellah of Marrakesh: Jewish and Muslim Space in Morocco's Red City. Emily Gottreich. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 2007. *American Ethnologist* 34(4).
- 2007 Jewish Passages: Cycles of Jewish Life. Harvey E. Goldberg. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003. *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 31(2): 370-72.
- 2006 The Hyena People: Ethiopian Jews in Christian Ethiopia. Hagar Salamon. University of California Press, 1999. *Jewish Culture and History* 8(3): 153-55.
- 2006 The Jews of the Middle East and North Africa in Modern Times. Reeva Spector Simon, Michael Menachem Laskier, and Sara Reguer, eds. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003. *Shofar* 24(3): 196-98.
- 2003 Orphans of Islam: Family, Abandonment, and Secret Adoption in Morocco. Jamila Bargach. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002. *Anthropological Quarterly* 76(4): 807-17.

Other Publications

- 2009 In the Open. *Brown Alumni Magazine*, January/February 2009.
- 2008 De-Centering Jewish Studies. *Sh'ma*, January 2008.
- 2005 *Jafaf*, or After the Drought (poem). *Topos: Poetry International* 7:54.
- 2005 somewhere south of marrakesh (poem). *Topos: Poetry International* 7:55.
- 2004 Pulp Pilgrims. *Challenging Boundaries: History and Anthropology in Jewish Studies*. <http://www.library.upenn.edu/exhibits/cajs/fellows04/intro.html>

Presentations*Invited Lectures and Papers*

- 2011 The Rabat Genizah Project: Institutions, Communities, Agendas. Center for Jewish History, New York, New York.
- 2011 Baraka and Zekhut: Points of Contact and Difference in Judeo-Muslim Pilgrimage. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.
- 2011 Hagiographic Modernity in Jewish Morocco: 1912 – 2012. University College, London, England.

- 2011 Is There a North African Judaism?: Contacts and Boundaries across the Mediterranean. Moroccan American Commission for Education and Cultural Exchange. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2011 Hagiographic Temporality and Colonial History in Jewish Morocco. King's College London. London, England.
- 2011 Moroccan Jewish Identity and International Markets: Alcohol Production from the Derb to the Duty Free. King's College, London, England.
- 2011 What is Judeo-Muslim Pilgrimage? Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.
- 2011 Jews in Africa: Continental Connections and Colonial Diasporas. Africa Consultants International, Dakar, Senegal.
- 2010 Digital Archiving and Textual Practice in Jewish Morocco. *Technology and Culture Series*, Washington State University, Vancouver.
- 2010 When Jews Speak Arabic: Language and the Colonial Encounter in Jewish Morocco. *The Yedida K. Stillman Memorial Lecture*, Jewish Studies Program, University of Oklahoma.
- 2010 Framing the Study of Muslim-Jewish Encounter. Paper presented by invitation at the conference: *Muslims and Jews Together: Seeing from Without; Seeing from Within*, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2010 Invited participant, international colloquium *Migrations, identité et modernité au Maghreb*, Essaouira, Morocco (declined).
- 2009 All Dear Unto God: Shrines and Pilgrimage in Jewish Morocco. Invited lecture, Jewish Studies Program, Ohio State University.
- 2008 Transcribing Jewish Fez: Colonial Linguistics and the Ethnographic Construction of Judeo-Arabic. Paper presented by invitation at the conference: *Fez, Morocco: Crossroads of Power and Knowledge*, University of California, Riverside.
- 2008 *Mahia*: The Distillation of Moroccan/Jewish Identity. Paper presented by invitation at the conference: *Discourses of Jewishness*, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2007 Colonial Syncretism and National Symbiosis: Representing Jewish Pilgrimage in Morocco. Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology, University of Kansas.
- 2005 Saints in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction: Religious Icons and Textual Practice in Jewish Morocco. Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology and Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.
- 2005 The Real Morocco Itself: Jewish Pilgrimage and the Idea of the Moroccan Nation. Invited Lecture, Center For Middle Eastern Studies. University of Arizona.
- 2004 "We are all sons of Adam" and other Stories from Morocco. Invited Lecture, Museum of Anthropology, Wake Forest University.
- 2004 Market Women and Gendered Pilgrimage in Jewish Morocco. Invited Lecture, Department of Anthropology, Temple University.
- 2004 Tools of the Trade: Technology and Ethnographic Research. Invited lecture, Kansas State University.
- 2004 Pilgrimage as Torah Practice. Seminar Lecture, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

- 2004 Anthropology's Jewish Problem. Invited lecture, Jewish Studies Program and Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.

Conference Papers

- 2010 National Nostalgia: Representing Jews in Moroccan Cinema. Northwest Regional Middle East Seminar.
- 2008 Iconographic Modernity in Jewish Morocco. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2008 From *Marock* to *Moche*: The Jewish Question in Contemporary Moroccan Cinema. Annual international meeting of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies. Tunis, Tunisia.
- 2007 *Mahia* or Alcohol and the Distillation of Jewish-Berber Identity. Annual meeting of the Western Jewish Studies Association.
- 2005 The Book, the Saint and the Dead: Burial and Textual Embodiment in Jewish Morocco. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2005 The Real Morocco Itself: Judeo-Muslim Pilgrimage and the Idea of the Moroccan Nation. Maghreb Area Studies Symposium. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2004 The Resilience of Hybridity: Syncretism, Symbiosis and Patrimony in the Moroccan Nation. Annual international meeting of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies. Tangier, Morocco.
- 2004 Time and the Jewish Other: Past and Present in the Anthropology of Judaism. Annual Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2002 The Poetics of Pilgrimage: Saints, Pilgrims and Tourists in Jewish Morocco. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 1999 The Textual Production of Moroccan Jewish Saints. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 1999 Knowledge, Nostalgia, and the Dangerous Jew in Morocco. Annual meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies.
- 1998 Money, Exchange, and the Fixing of Value in Moroccan Pilgrimage. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
- 1998 Narrating Pilgrimage: Migrants, Pilgrims and Judeo-Moroccan Saints in Post-Colonial Diaspora. Annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society.
- 1993 Ethnography of a Word: Rasta *Culture*. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.

Professional Service and Public Scholarship

Reviewer and Referee

- 2011 International Journal of Middle East Study
- 2008 American Anthropologist
- 2008 Religion Compass
- 2007 Current Anthropology
- 2005-07 Cultural Anthropology
- 2005 Jewish Quarterly Review

- 2005 Perspectives: the Newsletter of the Association for Jewish Studies
 2003 Ethnology

Editorial Boards and Conference Leadership

- 2011 Conference Planning Committee. "Libraries, Archives, Museums and Technology." Center For Jewish History, New York.
 2008 Panel Chair. "Jewish and Muslim Neighbors: Narratives of the Past." Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.
 2007 Panel Organizer. "Articulated Others: Jews and Berbers in Modern Morocco." Annual conference of the Western Jewish Studies Association.
 2004-05 Editorial Board. *Perspectives: The Newsletter of the Association for Jewish Studies*.
 2004 Planning Committee. *Tenth Annual Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies*, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

Public Lectures, Presentations, and Outreach

- 2012 Panelist. Israel on College Campus. Portland Hillel, Lewis & Clark College.
 2012 Panel Chair, "Language Marking Difference: The Role of Language in Contemporary Morocco." Undergraduate Student Conference. Portland State University Middle East Studies Center.
 2012 Panel Chair. "Public Image Limited." Gender Studies Symposium, Lewis & Clark College.
 2012 Scholar-in-Residence. "The Modern Moroccan Jewish Experience." Institute for Judaic Studies of the Pacific Northwest.
 2012 "The Rabat Genizah Project." Synagogue Ahavat Achim, Portland Oregon
 2012 "Person, Place, and Peity in Jewish Morocco." Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, Portland, Oregon.
 2012 Collaborator and discussant, "Café Baghdad," Original production of the Jewish Theater Project, Portland, Oregon.
 2012 Panel Chair, "Language Marking Difference: The Role of Language in Contemporary Morocco. Undergraduate Conference on the Middle East, Portland State University. Portland, Oregon.
 2009 Panelist "Nation-Building and Mixed Populations." *Ray Warren Multicultural Symposium*, Lewis & Clark College.
 2009 Discussant, "Journey to Mecca: In the Footsteps of Ibn Battuta" (IMAX film). Muslim Educational Trust, Portland, Oregon.
 2008 Panelist, "Holy Land, Holy City: Islam, Judaism and the Religious Politics of Nationalism," Lewis & Clark College.
 2008 Panelist, "Motivating Action: Culture." Focus the Nation, Lewis & Clark College.
 2007 Discussant, "The State of Anthropology and the Anthropology of the State in the Middle East." Middle East Research and Information Project, Reed College.
 2007 "Lineages, Priests, and Saints: Genealogy and Anthropology in Jewish Morocco." Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon, Portland, Oregon.

- 2007 “Reflections on Fieldwork in Jewish Morocco.” Synagogue Havurah Shalom, Portland, Oregon.
- 2006 Panelist, “The Muhammed Cartoon Controversy.” Lewis & Clark College.
- 2006 “University Life in the United States.” AMIDEAST. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2005 “Religion in the United States.” Partnerships for Learning – EFL Institute Program, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2005 “Fact and Sensation in American Media.” United States Information Service, Casablanca, Morocco.
- 2005 “Comparative Religion: Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.” Center for Cross Cultural Learning. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2005 “Academic Expectations in United States Higher Education.” Moroccan American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2005 “Researching Jewish Morocco.” Reed College, Portland, Oregon.
- 2004 “All Dear Unto God: Pilgrimage and Holiness in Jewish Morocco.” The Jewish Museum, New York, New York.

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