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**POSITION:**

**Professor**, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2017-present).

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**Associate Professor**, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2006-2017).

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2000-2006).

\*with Adjunct status in the Departments of History (2003-2006) and Spanish and Portuguese (2001-2006).

**EDUCATION:**

**Armenian Virtual College** (Summer 2025-present)

**Non-Degree Graduate Student, University of Massachusetts** (2018-Spring 2021; Spring 2023; Spring 2024).

\*Courses in Arabic (6 semesters), Art History (3 courses), and Farsi (1 semester).

**Baghdadi Judeo-Arabic, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Oxford University** (one quarter, 2021).

**Brandeis University** Ph.D., Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, 1998.

\**Where Diasporas Met: Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews in the City of New York-A Study in Intra-Ethnic Relations, 1880-1950*. Ph.D. Dissertation (1998).

**Columbia University** M.Phil., Jewish History, 1994.

\*Minor in Women's Medieval History and Feminist Scholarship.

**Columbia University** M.A., Jewish History, 1992.

\**Slippery Palace Floors-Hasdai ibn Shaprut: The Dual World of a Jewish Courtier in Muslim Spain*. Master of Arts Thesis (1992).

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Israel (One Year Graduate Program, 1990-1991).

**Wellesley College** B.A., 1990 (Summa Cum Laude with Honors in Major).

\*Concentration: Jewish Studies and Latin American Studies.

\**Ploys, Shams and Masquerade: The Subterfuges of Spanish Medieval Crypto Jewry*. Senior Honors Thesis (1990).

**University of Córdoba**, Spain (Junior Semester Abroad, Spring 1989).

**Tel Aviv University**, Israel (Junior Semester Abroad, Fall 1988).

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship Grant (2025-2026; \$7,500)

- Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Research Award (2025; \$5,000)
- Jewish Historical Society of England Research Award (July 2023 for Summer 2024; £4,000 [\$4,732.73]).
- Brandeis University, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Summer Institute for Israel Studies (June-July 2023; \$2,500 stipend, library access for 3 years, roundtrip transportation to and within Israel and the West Bank, activity fees, lodging in U.S. and Israel, most meals).
- Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship for “Patriotic Pariahs: Middle Eastern Immigrants and the Struggle for Citizenship in Interwar Europe” (2019-2020; deferred to 2021-2022 and again to 2022-2023 due to the pandemic; \$9,291).
- Leiden University, Institute for History, conference subsidy grant for “Beyond the ‘Slave Community’ and ‘Resistance’ Paradigms: Alternative Approaches to the Social Lives of Bondpeople in the Atlantic World,” Leiden University (awarded in 2016 for Spring 2017; €1,000).
- Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen (Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences), Leiden University, conference subsidy for aforementioned conference (awarded in 2016 for Spring 2017; €2,000).
- Leids Universiteits Fonds (Leiden University Fund), conference subsidy for aforementioned conference (awarded in 2016 for Spring 2017; €1,000).
- N.W. Posthumus Institute (NWP), the Research School for Economic and Social History in the Netherlands and Flanders, conference subsidy for aforementioned conference (awarded for Spring 2017; €1,250).
- U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program, Grant to the Netherlands, Leiden University (awarded in 2016 for Spring 2017; €12,000 plus transportation and residence fees).
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (awarded in 2014 for 2015-2016; \$50,400).
- Loewenstein-Wiener Fellow, American Jewish Archives Marcus Center (2015-2016; \$2,500).
- Duke University Research Fellowship, co-sponsored by the Duke Center for Jewish Studies and Duke Libraries (2014; \$3,452.40).
- KITLV (Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde) [Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies Research] Grant, Leiden, the Netherlands (awarded for June-August 2014; airfare, office space, administrative support; resultant article: “Relative Property,” *vide infra*).
- Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Research Award, Senior Grant in History (2013; \$5,000).
- Fellow, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS) (Spring 2013; €19,000, subsidized housing, office space, administrative support).
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Instructors: “Roots: African Dimensions of the History and Cultures of the Americas (Through the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade);” directed by Joseph C. Miller (June 8-July 10, 2009; \$3,800).
- American Council of Learned Societies/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship (2007-2008; \$40,000).
- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship (2007-2008; \$7,500).
- Sid and Ruth Lapidus Fellowship, American Jewish Historical Society (2007; \$6,000).
- Touro National Heritage Trust Fellow, John Carter Brown Library, Brown

University (Spring 2004; \$8,000).  
 American Academy for Jewish Research Publication Subvention for *Remnant Stones* (2004; \$2,500).  
 Reed Foundation Publication Subvention for *Remnant Stones* (2003; \$25,000).  
 National University of Ireland, Galway Visiting Fellow of the Faculty of Arts, Department of History (Fall 2002).  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars (1999-2000).  
 Hazel D. Cole Fellowship in Jewish Studies at the University of Washington (1999-2000).  
 American Jewish Archives Bernard and Audre Rapoport Fellowship (1999).  
 Mitrani Family Foundation Fellowship for cemetery research in Suriname (1998 and 1999).  
 Lucius Littauer Foundation Fellowship for Research on Suriname (1999).  
 Temple University Center for American Jewish History Dissertation Fellowship (1998).  
 American Jewish Archives Ethel Marcus Memorial Fellowship in American Jewish Studies (1997-1998).  
 New York Jewish Historical Society Malcolm H. Stern Memorial Fellowship (1995-1996).  
 Temple University Center for American Jewish History Summer Fellowship (1995).  
 Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities (1990).  
 Fulbright Fellowship (1990).  
 Phi Beta Kappa (1990).  
 Ford Foundation Grant (1990).  
 Sigma Delta Pi Fellowship for summer study in Salamanca, Spain (1990, declined).  
 Sigma Delta Pi National Hispanic Honor Society (1989).

#### **INTERNAL AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

Humanities and Fine Arts Research Grant for “Before Israel: Palestinian Citizens Under British Mandate Rule, June 2026 University of Massachusetts Amherst (2024-2025; \$3,000)  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst MSP Research Support Fund (2024-2025; \$1,000).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development (2024-2025; \$500).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst MSP Research Support Fund (2023-2024; \$1,000).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development (2023-2024; \$500).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst MSP Research Support Fund (2022-2023; \$1,000).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development (2022-2023; \$500).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst, Periodic Multi-Year Review (PMYR), Professional Development Grant (2021-2022; \$2,000).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst, Center for Teaching, Periodic Multi-Year Review (PMYR) Grants for Professional Development in Teaching (2021-2022; \$3,000).  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst, Center for Teaching “Flex Grant” (2021-2022;

- \$500).
- University of Massachusetts Amherst Faculty Research Grant for “Ottoman Immigrants and the Struggle for Citizenship in the West” (awarded for 2019-2020; deferred until 2021-2022 due to the pandemic; \$12,715).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Center for Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development, Periodic Multi-Year Review (PMYR) Grants for Professional Development in Teaching (2018-2019; \$3,000).
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Research Support Fund award, 2018 (\$1,000).
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Publication Subvention Award for *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, 2017 (\$2,500).
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, College of Humanities and Fine Arts salary supplementation for Fulbright grant (Spring 2017).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, College of Humanities and Fine Arts salary supplementation for NEH grant (2015-2016).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Center for Teaching “Flex Grant” for archival research and oral history digitization (2014-2016).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Massachusetts Society of Professors Research Support Fund for archival research and oral history digitization (2014-2016).
- Sustainability Curriculum Initiative (SCI) grant, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2014-2015).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Center for Teaching, Periodic Multi-Year Review Grant for Professional Development in Teaching (2015).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Periodical Multi-Year Review Professional Development Grant (2014).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Exceptional Merit Award, Office of the Provost (2014 and 2011).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Enhanced Sabbatical Funding Award (2013).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Center for Teaching, Flex Grant for Teaching/Faculty Development for development of the new course “Sustainability in Comparative Religious Perspective” (2012).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, “seed grant” from the Integrative Experience (“IE”) Steering Committee to develop the new IE course “Jews in Graeco-Roman Antiquity” (2011).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Associate Professor Research Renewal Pilot Program, for the production and purchase of Microfilms from the National Archives of the Netherlands (2010).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Publication Subvention Grant for *Remnant Stones* 2010).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, salary supplementation for ACLS grant (2007-2008).
- University of Massachusetts, Center for Teaching Course Enhancement Grant (2002-2003).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Faculty Research Grant for Research in Suriname (2001-2002).
- University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Lilly Teaching Fellowship (2001-2002).
- Fellow of the Five College Center for Crossroads in the Study of the Americas (2000-2002).

Brandeis University 1997-1998 Nahum and Anne Glatzer Endowed Prize in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies for Best Dissertation (1998).  
 Columbia University Presidents Award (1994-1995 and 1992).  
 Columbia University Tuition Fellowship (1993-1994).  
 Summa Cum Laude, Wellesley College (1990).  
 Fanny Bullock Workman Fellowship, Wellesley College (1990).  
 Justina Ruiz de Conde Award, Wellesley College (1990).  
 First-Year Student Distinction, Wellesley College (1987).

### BOOKS:

- “Being Ottoman at the End of Empire” (book manuscript underway).
- Aviva Ben-Ur and Wim Klooster, eds., *Jewish Entanglements in the Atlantic World* (Cornell University Press, 2023).
- *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society: Suriname in the Atlantic World* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, “The Early Modern Americas” series, 2020).  
 Reviewed in *American Jewish History*; *Association for Jewish Studies Review*; *Journal of Early American History*; *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*; *Nederlands Theologisch Tijdschrift (NTT) Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion*; *New West India Guide*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Studia Rosenthaliana*; *The Times of Israel*; *The William and Mary Quarterly*.
- (with Rachel Frankel), *Remnant Stones: The Jewish Cemeteries and Synagogues of Suriname: Essays* (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 2012).  
 Reviewed in *American Jewish History*; *Ars Judaica* (Israel); *Misjopog* (the Netherlands); Samuel Gruber’s *Jewish Art & Monuments* (blog with news, articles and information about Jewish art, architecture, and historic sites).
- (and Rachel Frankel), *Remnant Stones: The Jewish Cemeteries of Suriname: Epitaphs* (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 2009).
- *Sephardic Jews in America: A Diasporic History* (New York: New York University Press, 2009; paperback: 2011).  
 Reviewed in *American Academy of Religion*; *American Historical Review*; *American Jewish Archives*; *American Jewish History*; *Moment Magazine*; *Journal of American Ethnic History*; *The Journal of American History*; *Dialectology & Geolinguistics*; *Sefarad*; *Sephardic Horizons*; *Shofar*.
- *A Ladino Legacy: The Judeo-Spanish Collection of Louis N. Levy* (Alexander, N.C.: Alexander Books, 2001).

### EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

- Guest Editor, *Journal of Global Slavery* 3: 3 (2018), comprising selected papers from the Leiden University international conference “Beyond the ‘Slave Community’ and ‘Resistance’ Paradigms: Alternative Approaches to the Social Lives of Bondpeople in the Atlantic World.”

### JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- “Business on the Floor: Ottoman Immigrants in Britain’s Oriental Carpet Trade” (underway).

- “Rethinking Monuments After ‘Black Lives Matter:’ A View From the Graveyard,” special issue: “Sculpture, Iconoclasm and Facing History,” *Sculpture Journal* 31.3 (August 2022): 331-51.
- “Surrender to a Slave Society: Fighting the Illegal Slave Trade in Nineteenth-Century Suriname,” *Slavery & Abolition* 43: 1 (2022): 205-28.
- (with Jessica Hammerman), “What Did Sephardic Jews Eat? Myth, Memory, and Reality,” *Food and History* 17:2 (2019): 223-50.
- “Bound Together?: Reassessing the ‘Slave Community’ and ‘Resistance’ Paradigms,” *Journal of Global Slavery* 3: 3 (Fall 2018). Special issue comprising selected papers from the Leiden University international conference “Beyond the ‘Slave Community’ and ‘Resistance’ Paradigms: Alternative Approaches to the Social Lives of Bondpeople in the Atlantic World.”
- “Relative Property: Close-Kin Ownership in American Slave Societies,” *New West India Guide* 89: 1-2 (June 2015): 1-29.
- “Kabbalistic Pharmacopeia: Wellbeing in the Atlantic Jewish World,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 105: 2 (Spring 2015): 145-153.
- “Purim in the Public Eye: Leisure, Violence, and Cultural Convergence in the Dutch Atlantic,” *Jewish Social Studies* 20: 1 (Fall 2014): 32-76.
- “Identity Imperative: Ottoman Jews in Wartime and Interwar Britain,” *Immigrants & Minorities* 33: 2 (May 2014): 165-195 (electronic version). (Print: June 2015.)
- “Still Life: Sephardi, Ashkenazi and West African Art and Form in Suriname’s Jewish Cemeteries,” *American Jewish History* 92: 1 (March 2004 issue; published Summer 2005): 31-79.
- “Funny, You Don’t Look Jewish!: ‘Passing’ and the Elasticity of Ethnic Identity among Levantine Sephardic Immigrants in Early Twentieth Century America,” *Kolor: Journal on Moving Communities* 2 (2002): 9-18.
- “Ladino in Print: Towards a Comprehensive Bibliography,” *Jewish History* 16:3 (2002): 309-326.
- “In Search of the American Ladino Press: A Bibliographical Survey, 1910-1948,” *Studies in Bibliography and Booklore* 21 (Winter 2001): 10-52; reprinted in *Neue Romania* 28 (2003): 177-234.
- “‘We Speak and Write This Language Against Our Will’: Jews, Hispanics, and the Dilemma of Ladino-Speaking Sephardim in Early 20th Century New York,” *American Jewish Archives* 50: 1&2 (1998): 131-142.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS:

- “A Jewish Home in a Slave Society: The Caza de Ets Haim of Suriname,” in Federica Francesconi, Leora Auslander, and Joshua Teplitsky, eds., *Domestic Diaspora* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2026).
- “The ‘Native Advantage’: Ottoman Immigrants and the Oriental Carpet Trade in the West,” in D Gershon Lewental and Franck Salameh, eds., *Hahambaşı on the River Charles: Studies in Ottoman, Jewish, and modern Middle Eastern history in memory of Avigdor Levy* (Leiden: Brill, 2026).
- “The Jews of Suriname and Brazil,” in Edith Bruder, et al., eds., *Jews from Elsewhere: Forgotten Diasporas and Singular Jewish Identities* (New York: Oxford

- University Press, 2025). (Revised version of chapter that appeared in *Juifs d'Ailleurs*, 2020).
- “The Legacy of Marranism,” in Edith Bruder, et al., eds., *Jews from Elsewhere: Forgotten Diasporas and Singular Jewish Identities* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2025). (Revised version of chapter that appeared in *Juifs d'Ailleurs*, 2020).
  - “Sex with Slaves: evidence from the minutes of the Barbadian Jewish community, 1810-1812,” in Elisa Bemporad, Dina Danon, Federica Francesconi, and Elizabeth Imber, eds., *Jewish Women and Gender in Global Perspective* (Oxford University Press, 2025).
  - “Abolitionist Grandstanding: Resisting the Illegal Slave Trade in Nineteenth Century Suriname,” in Camilla De Koning, Karwan Fatah Black, and Jessica den Oudsten, eds., *The Dutch Slave Trade: New Data and New Perspectives* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2025).
  - “American Jewish History in Atlantic Perspective,” in Michael R. Cohen and Shari Rabin, eds., *Oxford Handbook of American Jewish History* (Oxford University Press, 2025).
  - (with Wim Klooster), “Introduction: The Revolutionary Potential of Atlantic Jewish History,” in Aviva Ben-Ur and Wim Klooster, eds., *Jewish Entanglements in the Atlantic World* (Cornell University Press, 2023).
  - “Sex With Slaves and the Business of Governance,” in Aviva Ben-Ur and Wim Klooster, eds., *Jewish Entanglements in the Atlantic World* (Cornell University Press, 2023).
  - “‘They Can Ship Me Anywhere:’ An Ottoman Jewish Immigrant in Midland America” and “La América: The Oriental Spanish Jewish Journal (1913/14),” transcribed and translated from Ladino (soletreo paleography), in Mark Raider and Gary Phillip Zola, eds., *New Perspectives in American Jewish History: A Documentary Tribute to Jonathan D. Sarna* (Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2021).
  - “The Jews of Suriname, Amazonia, and the Bnei Anusim of Brazil” (translated to French as “Les Juifs du Suriname, d’Amazone, et les Bnei Anusim du Brésil”), in Edith Bruder et al., eds., *Jews from Elsewhere/Juifs d’ailleurs* (Paris: Editions Albin Michel, 2020), 199-207.
  - “The Legacy of Marranism” (translated to French as “L’héritage du marranisme”), in Edith Bruder et als., ed., *Jews from Elsewhere/Juifs d’ailleurs* (Paris: Editions Albin Michel, 2020), 230-38.
  - “Not Your Conventional Gringos: Recovering the Sephardic/Latino Matrix,” in Antonia Castaneda and Clara Lomas, eds., *Writing/Righting History: Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Volume of the Recovery Project* (Houston: Arte Público Press, 2019), 49-56.
  - “Jewish Savannah in Atlantic Perspective: A Reconsideration of the First Intentional Jewish Community of North America,” in Sina Rauschenbach and Jonathan Schorsch, eds., *The Sephardic Atlantic: Colonial Histories and Postcolonial Perspectives* (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), 183-213.
  - “The Absorption of Outsiders in London’s Portuguese Jewish Community,” in

- Federica Francesconi, Stanley Mirvis, and Brian Smollett, eds., *From Catalonia to the Caribbean: The Sephardic Orbit from Medieval to Modern Times: Essays in Honor of Jane S. Gerber* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 255-78.
- Aviva Ben-Ur and Julie-Marthe Cohen, “Unworthy of their Ancestors: Representing Caribbean Jewry in 1954 and 2015,” in David Bunis, Corinna Deppner, and Ivana Vučina Simović, eds., *Jubilee Volume in Honor of Michael Studemund-Halévy*, 2 vols. (Barcelona: Tirocinio, 2018), 1: 52-84.
  - “‘Jerusalem on the Riverside:’ Jewish Political Autonomy in the Caribbean,” revised Keynote Lecture, in Michael Studemund-Halevy, ed., *A Sefardic Pepper-Pot in the Caribbean: History, Language, Literature, and Art* (Barcelona: Tirocinio, 2016), 30-54.
  - “The ‘Spanish Jewish Project:’ Reciprocity in an Age of Westernization,” in Joshua Miller and Anita Norich, eds., *The Languages of Modern Jewish Cultures: Comparative Perspectives* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016), 174-203.
  - “Diasporic Reunions: Sephardi/Ashkenazi Tensions in Historical Perspective,” in Saba Soomekh, ed., *Casden Annual Review* (West Lafayette, Ind.: Purdue University Press for the University of Southern California Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life, 2015). (This is a slightly revised version of an article that appeared in *Conversations* in 2012.)
  - “Jewish Communities,” in Joseph C. Miller, ed., *The Princeton Companion to Atlantic History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), 263-67.
  - “Een joods dorp in een slavenmaatschappij: Jodensavanne in de Nederlandse kolonie Suriname,” in Julie-Marthe Cohen, ed., *Joden in de Cariben* (Amsterdam: Joods Historisch Museum, 2015), 131-54. (English title: “A Jewish Village in a Slave Society: Jodensavanne in the Dutch Colony of Suriname.”)
  - “Can a Sephardi-Ashkenazi romance survive? A Russian Jewish woman in New York seeks advice (1916)” and “When Spanish is no longer a Jewish language: Immigrant encounters on the streets of New York City (1928),” translated texts from the Ladino, in Julia Phillips Cohen and Sarah Abrevaya Stein, eds., *Sephardi Lives: A Documentary History, 1700–1950* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2014), 347-48 and 362-64. Winner of the National Jewish Book Award in Sephardic Culture (Mimi S. Frank Award in Memory of Becky Levy); Honorable Mention in the 2015 Judaica Reference Award, sponsored by the Association of Jewish Libraries.
  - “Atlantic Jewish History: A Conceptual Reorientation,” in Arthur Kiron, ed., *Constellations of Atlantic Jewish History, 1555-1890: The Arnold and Deanne Kaplan Collection of Early American Judaica* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014), 25-46. Winner of the 2014 Arline Custer Memorial award in the category of books.
  - (and Jessica Vance Roitman), “Adultery Here and There: Crossing Sexual Boundaries in the Dutch Jewish Atlantic,” in Gert Oostindie and Jessica Roitman, ed., *Dutch Atlantic Connections, 1680-1800* (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 185-223.
  - “The Cultural Heritage of Eurafrikan Sephardi Jews in Suriname,” in Jane S. Gerber, ed., *The Jewish Diaspora in the Caribbean* (Jerusalem: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2013), 169-93.
  - with Rachel Frankel, “Architecture of Autonomy: The Blessing and Peace

- Synagogue of Suriname,” in Jonathan Sarna, et al., *New Essays in American Jewish History: To Commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The American Jewish Archives Journal and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Jewish Archives Under the Direction of Dr. Gary P. Zola* (New York: Ktav Press, 2010), 51-77.
- “A Matriarchal Matter: Slavery, Conversion, and Upward Mobility in Colonial Suriname,” in Richard L. Kagan and Philip D. Morgan, eds., *Atlantic Diasporas: Jews, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in the Age of Mercantilism, 1500-1800* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009), 152-69 and 270-79.
  - “A Bridge of Communication: Spaniards and Ottoman Sephardic Jews in the City of New York (1880-1950),” in Nicolás Kanellos, ed., *Recovering Hispanic Religious Thought of the United States* (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007), 25-56.
  - “Peripheral Inclusion: Communal Belonging in Suriname’s Sephardic Community,” in Alexandra Cuffel and Brian Britt, eds., *Religion, gender, and culture in the pre-modern world* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 185-210.
  - “‘Distingués des autres Juifs:’ les Séfarades des Caraïbes,” in Shmuel Trigano, ed., *Le Monde sépharade: histoire et civilization*, 2 vols. (Paris: Les Editions du Seuil, 2006) I: 279-328. (Translated from the English, “Distinguished from Other Jews: Sephardim in the Caribbean.”)
  - “Embracing the Hispanic: Jews, Puerto Ricans, and Spaniards in Immigrant New York (1880-1950),” in Lanin Gyurko and Mary G. Berg, eds., *Studies in Honor of Denah Lida* (Potomac, Maryland: Scripta Humanistica, 2005), 403-413.
  - “The Exceptional and the Mundane: A Biographical Portrait of Rebecca Machado Phillips, 1746-1831,” in Jonathan D. Sarna and Pamela Nadell, eds., *Women and American Judaism: Historical Perspectives* (Hanover, NH: Brandeis University Press/University Press of New England, 2001), 46-80.
  - “The Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) Press in the United States, 1910-1948,” in Werner Sollors, ed., *Multilingual America: Transnationalism, Ethnicity, and The Languages of American Literature* (New York: New York University Press, 1998), 64- 77.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

- “Mair José Benardete,” in Norman Stillman, ed., *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World* (Leiden: Brill, 2010), 403-404.
- “Sephardic Jews in America,” in Stephen H. Norwood and Eunice G. Pollack, eds., *Encyclopedia of American Jewish History*, 2 vol. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2007), I: 1-9.
- “Rebecca Machado Phillips,” in Paula Hyman and Dalia Ofer, eds., *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia* (Jerusalem: Shalvi Publishing, 2005).
- “Jews in Latin America,” in C. Ember, M. Ember, and I. Skoggard, eds., *Encyclopedia of Diasporas: Immigrant and Refugee Cultures Around the World*, vol. 2 (New York: Springer Science & Business Media, 2004), 950-965.
- “Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) Press;” “Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) Theater;” and biographical entries on Judith Peixotto and Rebecca Machado Phillips, in Deborah Dash Moore and Paula Hyman, eds., *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia* (New York and London: Routledge, 1997), 781-788; 1041-1042 and 1056-1057.

**MAGAZINE, NEWSPAPER AND ONLINE ARTICLES (NON-REFEREED):**

- \*“Celebrating Purim in a Slave Society,” *Jewish Book Council* (February 26, 2021; <https://www.jewishbookcouncil.org/pb-daily/celebrating-purim-in-a-slave-society>).
- \*“La centralidad de la esclavitud: Los judíos en el mundo Atlántico,” *KolSefardim: News and features about Jews in the Sefardic World* (February 7, 2021; <https://www.kolsekardim.net/post/la-centralidad-de-la-esclavitud-los-judios-en-el-mundo-atlantico>).
- \*“The Centrality of Slavery: Jews in the Atlantic World,” *Hasepharadi* (<https://hasepharadi.com/?s=slavery>; November 17, 2019).
- \*“Archival Practices: The Creation of a Portuguese Jewish Identity,” *Kristòf: Revista Sociokultural* XVI: 2 (2015): 17-25 (published in Curaçao).
- \*“Diasporic Reunions: Sephardi/Ashkenazi Tensions in Historical Perspective,” *Conversations* (Institute for Jewish Ideas and Ideals) 13 (Spring 2012): 107-127. Slightly revised version in *Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in America Life Annual Review* 13 (December 2015), special edition, Saba Soomekh, ed., *Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews in America*.
- \*“Ladino: A Precious Legacy,” *Pakn Treger* (National Yiddish Book Center) No. 32 and No. 33 (Spring and Summer 2000), 34-39.
- \*“La Prensa en Ladino en Estados-Unidos, 1910-1948,” *Aki Yerushalayim* 60 (May 1999): 25-28 (in Ladino).
- \*“The Sephardic-Chasidic Connection: A Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) Collection Discovered in the Library of Agudas Chassidei Chabad,” *Hasidic Historical Review* 2:1 (June/July 1997): 5-11.
- \*“History of the Library of Agudas Chassidei Chabad,” *Concord* (U.K.) 24: 3 (April 1996): 10-11.
- \*“Penseros de Nieta,” English and Ladino advice column published under the pseudonym, “Amiga Serena,” in the *Sephardic House Newsletter* (New York) and *Los Muestrros* (Brussels; Fall 1996-2002).
- \*Reviews of “The Ladino Players” in the *Sephardic House Newsletter* and the *A.A.J.F.T. Newsletter* (American Association of Jewish Friends of Turkey). (Fall 1996-1998).
- \*“A Journey Through Jewish Curaçao,” *The Jewish Advocate*, Aug. 9, 1990; revised version of same article in *The Boston Globe*, Sunday, Sept. 23, 1990, pp. B7-B8.

**REPORTS:**

- \*“Americanization in a Sephardic Immigrant Community: Two Advice Columns from the New York Ladino Press,” *News from the Myers and Rosalie Weinstein Center for American Jewish History* 1:3 (May 1996): 3 (published by Temple University and the American Jewish Committee).
- \**Nuestra Colonia: A Report on the Sephardic Community of the Lower East Side as Conveyed Through the Judeo-Spanish Press, 1910-1925*. Researched and prepared under the direction of Dr. Jane S. Gerber for the “Komunidad Project” of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum (May 1995).

**BOOK AND CD REVIEWS:**

- \*Francisco Bethencourt, *Strangers Within: The Rise and Fall of the New Christian*

- Trading Elite* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2024), in *Journal of Religion* 106 (2026; submitted July 2024).
- \*Kerem Tinaz and Oscar Aguirre-Mandujano, eds., *Sephardic Trajectories: Archives, Objects, and the Ottoman Jewish Past in the United States* (Istanbul: Koç University, 2021), in *Review of Middle East Studies* (2025), 1-5.
- \*Sarah Abrevaya Stein, *Extraterritorial Dreams: European citizenship, Sephardi Jews and the Ottoman twentieth century* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016), in *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 18: 2 (Summer 2017), online: <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/665759>.
- \*Ronnie Perelis, *Narratives from the Sephardic Atlantic: Blood and Faith* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2016), in *American Jewish History* 101 (2017): 581-584.
- \*Tudor Parfitt, *Black Jews in Africa and the Americas* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2013), in *The American Historical Review* 118: 13 (December 2013).
- \*Peter Mark and José da Silva Horta, *The Forgotten Diaspora: Jewish Communities in West Africa and the Making of the Atlantic World*, in *Interdisciplinary Journal of Portuguese Diaspora* 1 (2012): 197-200.
- \*Wieke Vink, *Creole Jews: Negotiating Community in Colonial Suriname* (KITLV Press, 2010), in *New West India Guide* 86: 3&4 (2012): 377-79.
- \*Josette Capriles Goldish, *Once Jews: Stories of Caribbean Sephardim*, in *New West Indian Guide* 85: 1 (2011): 142-44.
- \*Abigail Green, *Moses Montefiore: Jewish Liberator, Imperial Hero*, in *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 29: 3 (Spring 2011): 171-73.
- \*Seth Daniel Kunin, *Juggling Identities: Identity and Authenticity among the Crypto-Jews*, in H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews (August 16, 2010).
- \*Judith R. Cohen, "Empezar Quiero Contar": Canciones de Seafarad/Sefarad en Diáspora," *Musica Judaica Online Reviews* (June 2010).
- \*Stanley M. Hordes, *To the End of the Earth: A History of the Crypto-Jews of New Mexico*, in *American Jewish History* 93:2 (2007): 264-68.
- \*Alan F. Benjamin, *Jews of the Dutch Caribbean: Exploring Ethnic Identity on Curaçao*, in H-Atlantic (May 2006)
- \*Emily Bingham, *Mordecai: An Early American Family*, in *Journal of Southern History* 70: 4 (November 2004): 896-898.
- \*Judith Laikin Elkin, *The Jews of Latin America*, in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 51:1 (Fall 2000): 351-354.
- \*David Sheinin and Lois Baer Barr, eds., *The Jewish Diaspora in Latin America: New Studies on History and Literature*, in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 50:2 (Fall 1999): 349-352.
- \*Adina Cimet, *Ashkenazi Jews in Mexico*, in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 50:1 (Spring 1999): 174-176.
- \*Paul Wexler, *The Non-Jewish Origins of the Sephardic Jews*, in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 49:2 (Fall 1998): 379-381.
- \*Jane S. Gerber, ed., *Sephardic Studies in the University*, in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 49:2 (Fall 1998): 382.

**ARTICLE AND BOOK MANUSCRIPT, AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION  
REVIEWS:**

- *In geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies* (2025)
- Swiss National Science Foundation (2024)
- “Ambizione” fellowship, Swiss National Science Foundation (2023)
- *Bikoret u-Parshanut (Criticism and Interpretation: Journal for Literature Linguistics History and Aesthetics*, manuscript in Hebrew; 2022)
- *Studia Rosenthaliana* (2022)
- *Jewish Social Studies* (2020; 2021)
- Post-DocTrack fellowship application for the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, application materials in German; 2019)
- *Ler História* (manuscript in Portuguese; 2019)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends (2018)
- Fulbright Peer Review for History (2017, 2018)
- *Canadian Jewish History* (2017)
- *Cadernos de Estudos Sefarditas* (2017)
- *Religion* (2017)
- *Immigrants & Minorities* (2016)
- *Journal of Modern History* (2015)
- *Journal of Levantine Studies* (2015)
- *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* (2013; 2019)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press (2011)
- *Journal of the Early Republic* (2011)
- *Association for Jewish Studies Review* (2011)
- Pickering & Chatto Publishers (2011)
- *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* (2011)
- Ben-Zvi Institute (manuscript in Hebrew; 2010)
- *Journal of Sephardi and Mizrahi Studies* (2010)
- Sage Press (2010)
- *Jewish Quarterly Review* (2009, 2010, 2017)
- Brill (2009)
- Indiana University Press (2009)
- *American Jewish Archives* (2009)
- *American Jewish History* (2007, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018)
- Editorial Advisor for *Southwest Journal of Linguistics* (2003-2004)
- *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* (Fall 2003)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Organizer and convener, “Beyond the ‘Slave Community’ and ‘Resistance’ Paradigms: Alternative Approaches to the Social Lives of Bondpeople in the Atlantic World,” international mini-conference, Leiden University, March 2017. (Selected papers were published in a special issue of *Global Slavery Studies*.)

Editor/Moderator, Association for Jewish Studies Sephardi/Mizrahi Studies Caucus Discussion List (1997-2010).

Hazel D. Cole Fellow in Jewish Studies, University of Washington (1999-2000).

Handler Adjunct Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Queens College (1999).

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology, Queens College (1998-1999).

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies, Queens College (1998).  
 Advisory Board Member, H-Judaic (1998-2010).  
 Editor/Moderator, H-Judaic Academic List for Jewish Studies (1998-1999).  
 Hebrew and Portuguese Translator, Project on Suriname's Jewish Cemeteries, directed by Rachel Frankel, A.I.A. (Summer 1998 and 1999).  
 Hebrew/Portuguese/Spanish/Ladino Translator and Historical Consultant, *The Woman Who Defied Kings: The Life and Times of Doña Gracia Nasi, a Jewish Woman Leader During the Renaissance*, by Andrée Aelion Brooks, Paragon Books, 2002 (Summer 1998-2001).  
 Freelance Translator and Transliterator of Hebrew and Ladino manuscripts and documents (1998-1999).  
 Conference Coordinator, First International Conference on the Jews in Modern Egypt, Columbia University (1997).  
 Instructor, mini-course on Sephardic history, Young Israel of Avenue J (March-April 1997).  
 Teaching Assistant, Jewish history at Brandeis University (1995-1996).  
 Adjunct Assistant Professor, American Jewish history, Touro College (1995).  
 Researcher, "Komunidad" Lower East Side Tenement Museum Project (1994-1995).

#### **COURSES:**

**"The Land of Israel Through the Ages: A Global History from Antiquity to 1948"** (Spring 2025)  
**"Mediterranean Mosaic,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2023; Fall 2019)  
**"The Jewish Experience in the Atlantic World,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2019)  
**"Jewish Food in Historical Perspective,"** University of Massachusetts (Fall 2024; Spring 2021; Fall 2018)  
**"Slavery and Abolition in the Dutch Caribbean"** ("Slavernij en manumissie in de Nederlandse Caraïben, 1733-1863"), Institute for History, Leiden University, co-taught with Professor Karwan Fatah-Black (Spring 2017).  
**"Sustainability in Comparative Religious Perspective,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2024; Fall 2020; Fall 2017; Fall 2014)  
**"Jews in Greco-Roman Antiquity"** (co-taught with Professor Debbie Felton), University of Massachusetts (Fall 2013)  
**"American Diversity,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2018; Spring 2015; Fall 2012)  
**"Slavery in Comparative Religious Perspective,"** University of Massachusetts (Fall 2022; Fall 2016; Spring 2014 and Spring 2012)  
**"Jews in the Age of the Atlantic Slave Trade,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2011)  
**"Jewish History Through Biography,"** University of Massachusetts (Fall 2010)  
**"Jewish Utopia/Dystopia,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2009)  
**"American Jewish Diversity,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2007)  
**"Jewish Travelers and Travel Liars: Exploration and Imagination, Ancient to Modern Times,"** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2006; Spring 2010)

- “Sephardic Cultures and Literatures of the Spanish Diaspora,”** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2009; Fall 2006; Spring 2005; Fall 2003; Spring 2001)
- “The Jewish Experience II: Medieval to Modern Times,”** University of Massachusetts (Fall 2024; Spring 2024; Spring 2023; Fall 2022; Spring 2021; Spring-Fall 2020; Spring-Fall 2019; Spring-Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Fall 2016 [two sections]; Spring 2015; Spring-Fall 2014; Fall 2013; Spring-Fall 2012; Spring-Fall 2011; Spring-Fall 2010; Spring 2007; Fall 2006; Spring, 2005; Spring-Fall, 2004; Spring-Fall, 2003; Fall-Spring, 2000-2002)
- “New Views on the Jews: Ethnic and Racial Identity and Interaction in American Jewish History,”** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2003) and Department of History, University of Washington (Fall 1999)
- “Jewish Communities of New York: From Ethnic Enclaves to Melting Pots,”** Department of History, National University of Ireland Galway (Fall 2002)
- “Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Medieval World,”** University of Massachusetts (Spring 2002; Fall 2011)
- “The Jewish Experience in America,”** University of Massachusetts (Fall 2004 and 2000)
- “In Search of Sephardic History,”** High School for Jewish Studies and Sephardic Religious School, Seattle (Spring 2000)
- “The Sephardic Jews of the United States: Influence Beyond Number,”** Temple Beth Am Mini-University, Seattle (February 2000)
- “American Jewish Community,”** Department of Sociology, Queens College (Spring 1999)
- “Sephardic Literature and Culture,”** World Studies Program, Queens College (Spring 1999)
- “Immigration and Ethnicity in the United States,”** Department of Sociology, Queens College (Fall 1998)
- “Sociology of Jewish Women,”** T.A., Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University (Spring 1996)
- “American Jewish History,”** T.A., Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University (Fall 1996)
- “A History of Anti-Semitism,”** T.A., Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University (Fall 1995)
- “American Jewish History,”** Touro College (Spring 1995)

#### LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- \*“Tan Judío Como Hispano/As Jewish as Hispanic: Sephardim in Immigrant America,” The Sue and Leonard Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies, University of Miami (March 2025).
- \*“Sephardi Ancestry among Ashkenazi Jews: Fantasy Heritage or Genealogical Reality?,” The Israel Genealogy Research Association (on Zoom; January 2025).
- \*“Rethinking Monuments After Black Lives Matter: A View from the Graveyard “Jewish Monumentality,” the 16th Lavy Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University (Spring 2024).
- \*“The “Native Advantage:” Jewish Immigrants and the Oriental Carpet Trade in the West,” Temple Sinai, Brookline, Massachusetts (Spring 2024).
- \*“Jewish Education among Unfree People in a Slave Society: The Case of Early Modern Suriname,” one of two keynote speakers, International Workshop: “Esclaves et

- domestiques dans les sociétés chrétienne et juive à l'époque modern (XVIe-XIXe siècle)"/"Slaves and Domestic in Modern Christian and Jewish Societies (16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Centuries): Education, Integration, Controversies," Université libre de Bruxelles/Vrije Universiteit Brussels (October 2022).
- \*"Ottoman Jews of Iberian Origin," Temple Sinai, Brookline, Massachusetts (October 2022 due to Family and Medical Leave).
  - \*"A Jewish Community in a Slave Society-the Dutch Colony of Suriname," Synagoge Groningen (Groningen Synagogue), the Netherlands (June 2022).
  - \*"Surrender to a Slave Society," Limmud Festival, Birmingham, UK, online (scheduled for December 2021; canceled due to Family and Medical Leave).
  - \*"The Jews of Suriname," for the series "From the City of Vlissingen to Nieuw Walcheren: The Dutch in the West Indies," sponsored by The Scarborough Harbour Project /1677 Rockley Bay Research in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Port-of -Spain, Trinidad (online, December 2021).
  - \*"Critical Race Theory and Atlantic Jewish Worlds—Pathways and Roadblocks," Katz Center, University of Pennsylvania, online (online, November 2021).
  - \*book launch for Aviva Ben-Ur, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, Congregation Bnai Jeshurun, Northampton, Massachusetts (online, November 2021).
  - \*"A Jewish Community in a Slave Society—the Dutch Colony of Suriname," Fleischman Lecture in Jewish Studies, George Washington University (online, October 2021).
  - \*"A Jewish Community in a Slave Society," The Center for Jewish Studies, and the History Ph.D. program, CUNY Graduate Center, New York (online, October 2021).
  - \*"A Jewish Community in a Slave Society—the Dutch Colony of Suriname," book launch with Marjoleine Kars and Stan Mirvis, commentators, Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, UMass Amherst (online, September 2021).
  - \*"A Jewish Community in a Slave Society—the Dutch Colony of Suriname," Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto (online, September 2021).
  - \*"Western Sephardim' in American Jewish History: Savannah as a case study," guest lecture for Professor Pamela Nadell's class "American Jewish History" (online, September 2021).
  - \*Keynote, "The Jews of South America in the Long Eighteenth Century: Suriname," Latin American Jewish Studies Association Conference (online, June 2021).
  - \*Keynote, "Sex with Slaves and the Business of Governance," "Atlantic Jewish Worlds" conference, University of Pennsylvania (online, April 2021).
  - \*book launch for Aviva Ben-Ur, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, University of California, Irvine (online, April 2021).
  - \*book launch for Aviva Ben-Ur, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, Penn State University (online, April 2021).
  - \*book launch for Aviva Ben-Ur, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, Institute of Jewish Experience, New York City (online, December 2020).
  - \*"Centering Slavery: The Jewish Community of Suriname, 1651-1825," The Edinburgh Jewish Literary Society/University of Edinburgh, Scotland (online, October 2020).
  - \*"The problem with slave memorials: a perspective from Jewish history," invited presentation at Limmud Festival, UK (online, December 2020).
  - \*Book launch, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, "The Sephardic World" (via Zoom, London and Amsterdam), July 11, 2020.
  - \*Book launch, *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society*, Bevis Marks Synagogue, The

- Spanish & Portuguese Sephardi Community (online, London), June 23, 2020.
- \*“Being Jewish in a Slave Society,” Program in Jewish Studies, University of Albany (March 2020).
  - \*three invited presentations at Limmud Festival, Birmingham, UK: “Isaac Bashevis Singer’s ‘Sabbath in Portugal’: Medieval Persecution, Modern Angst;” “The Struggle for Citizenship: Ottoman Jewish Immigrants in Interwar Britain;” and “‘Jerusalem on the Riverside?’: A Jewish Village in a Slave Society” (December 2019).
  - \*“What Did Iberian Jews Eat?: Challenging the Scholarly Consensus,” panel, co-organized with Jessica Hammerman: “‘Sephardi’ Food and Foodways: Debunking Scholarly and Popular Assumptions,” Association for Jewish Studies (December 2019).
  - \*several lectures on Suriname and Ottoman immigrants and class visits for the Department of History and Program in Jewish Studies, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington (November 2019).
  - \*keynote, “From ‘Portuguese’ to ‘Sephardi’: The Transformation of Atlantic Jews,” Society for Sephardic Studies, University of Lisbon (June 2019).
  - \*“Ottoman Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Interwar and Wartime Britain,” Concordia University, Montreal (September 2018).
  - \*“Identity Imperative: Ottoman Jews and Christians in Interwar and Wartime Britain,” session: “Analysis of Migration Dynamics,” European Social Science History Conference, Belfast (April 2018).
  - \*“Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society: The Eurafrican Jews of Suriname, South America,” 2018 Sephardic Studies Visiting Scholar, Program in Jewish Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder (March 2018).
  - \*“Creolization in a Caribbean Slave Society: Jews, Africans, and the Languages of Suriname,” Leiden International Seminar on the Atlantic, Leiden University (May 2017).
  - \*“The Power of the Archives: The Case of Suriname’s Jews,” Nationaal Archief Nederland (The National Archives of the Netherlands), conference and ceremony for the “Teruggave Archieven Suriname” project (January 2017).
  - \*“Under no Authority: Communal Jurisdiction and Early American Jews,” American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio (March 2016).
  - \*“Surrender to a Slave Society: The Adjustment of European Newcomers to Suriname,” Duke University-University of North Carolina Jewish Studies Seminar, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies (November 2015).
  - \*“South and Further South: American Jewry and the Atlantic World,” Margolis Lecture on the Jewish Experience in the American South,” Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, Duke University (November 2015).
  - \*“Archives, Communal Memory, and Historians,” Congregation Mikvé-Israel, Curaçao (November 2014).
  - \*Keynote Lecture, “‘Jerusalem on the Riverside’: Territorial Autonomy in the Jewish Caribbean,” Mapping the Western Sefardi Diaspora in the Caribbean International Conference, Institute for the History of the Jews in Germany and the Université de Bordeaux Montaigne/AMERIBER (Hamburg, November 2014).
  - \*(and Jessica Roitman), “Adultery Here and There: Crossing Sexual Boundaries in the Dutch Jewish Atlantic,” Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, New Orleans (February 2014).
  - \*“Atlantic Jews: A Conceptual Reorientation,” Symposium for the Launching of the

- Kaplan Catalogue and Opening of the Kaplan Exhibition, University of Pennsylvania (February 2014).
- \*“Identity Imperative: Ottoman-born Jews and the Quest for Citizenship in Interwar England,” Lecture Series: ‘Sephardim: The Jews of Spain, 1492 and Beyond,’ University of St. Cloud, Minneapolis (December 2013).
  - \*“Portuguese among Suriname’s African-origin Jews: An Archival Case Study in Language Transmission,” panel: *Portuguese Jews and Africans within a connected world: can we speak of “racial thought” with regard to late sixteenth and early seventeenth-century Guiné do Cabo Verde and Amsterdam?*,” convened by Peter Mark and José da Silva Horta, Fifth European Conference on African Studies: African dynamics in a multipolar world, Lisbon (June 2013).
  - \*“Eurafrican Identity in a Jewish Society: Suriname in the 18th and 19th centuries,” 6<sup>th</sup> Contact Day Jewish Studies on the Low Countries, Antwerp University (May 2013).
  - \*“Autonomous Minority: The Jewish Community of Suriname,” Genootschap voor de Joodse Wetenschap in Nederland, Amsterdam (May 2013).
  - \*Lecture and discussion of *Sephardic Jews in America: A Diasporic History*, “Meet the Author” series, Temple Reyim, Newton, Massachusetts (October 2012).
  - \*(with Rachel Frankel), joint presentation and book launch, “Remnant Stones: The Jewish Cemeteries and Synagogues of Suriname,” The John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island (May 2012).
  - \*“Eurafrican Identity in a Jewish Society: Suriname in the 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Association of Caribbean Historians, Curaçao (May 2012).
  - \*(panelist with Hasia Diner), “Intersecting Streams: Jews in Emma Lazarus’ New York,” Jewish Museum of New York (January 2012).
  - \*“My Father, My Slave: Close-Kin Ownership in Eighteenth-Century Suriname and the U.S. South,” Panel: “The Relativity of Freedom in Atlantic and U.S. Slavery,” American Historical Association (January 2011).
  - \*“Commotion in the Colony: Being Black and Jewish in Suriname,” University of California Los Angeles (May 2010).
  - \*“Sephardic Jews in America,” Jewish Book Fair, Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts, Springfield Jewish Community Center, Springfield, Massachusetts (November 2009).
  - \*“Sephardic Jews in America: Impact and Marginality,” book launch, Pioneer Valley Jewish Film and Arts Festival, co-sponsored by Congregation B’nai Israel and Jewish Community of Amherst (March 2009).
  - \*“Sephardic Jews in America,” book launch, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York, NY (February 2009).
  - \*“Eurafrican Women and Boundary-Crossing in a Slave Society: Suriname, 1650-1863,” panel: “‘Identity’ and Free People of African Descent in the Americas,” American Historical Association (January 2008).
  - \*“How the Jews Became Black Folks: The Case of Suriname,” First Lavy Colloquium in “Atlantic Jewry in an Age of Mercantilism,” Johns Hopkins University (March 2005).
  - \*“The Jews Who Weren’t There: Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews in American Jewish History,” Walter P. Zenner Memorial Lecture, State University of New York Albany (December 2004).
  - \*“Speaking This Language Against Our Will:” Ladino, Latinos, and Sephardic

- Jews in the U.S.," Brandeis University (February 2004).
- \*"A Walk Through Spanish Harlem/Little Jerusalem: Encounters between Catholic Puerto Ricans and Ladino-Speaking Jews in the Early Twentieth Century," Recovering Hispanic Religious Thought in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries Conference, University of Houston (May 2003).
- \*"The Jewish Agricultural Community of Suriname: Retrospective Utopia," at the symposium, "Slavery: Linking Literary and Historical Perspectives," Centre for the Study of Human Settlement and Historical Change, National University of Ireland, Galway (November 2002).
- \*"Jews in the Jungle: The Afro-Sephardic Community of Suriname, South America," State University of New York Albany (December 2004); Western Massachusetts Jewish Genealogical Society (September 2004); B'nai Shalom Reform Congregation in Albany, New York (April 2004); Rhode Island College (March 2004); Trinity College, Dublin (November 2002); Florida International University (April 2002); Wellesley College (February 2002); Modern Languages Association (December 1999).
- \*"In 'Another Environment': The Afro-Sephardic Community of Suriname, South America," Association for Jewish Studies (December 2000).
- \*"Ladino in Print: Towards a Comprehensive Bibliography," Ladino in Print Symposium, University of Washington (May 2001).
- \*"The Hispanic/Sephardic Connection: Jews, Latinos and the Legacy of Spain in Early Twentieth Century America," SUNY Albany Judaic Studies Faculty Lecture (April 2001).
- \*"Ladino: A Precious Legacy," National Yiddish Book Center (March 2001).
- \*"The Sephardic Jews of New York in the Early Twentieth Century," Sephardic History and Civilization Seminar at the Institute for Sephardic Studies, CUNY (January 2001).
- \*"Rebecca Machado Phillips: a Colonial and Early American Woman Rediscovered," Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia (September 2000).
- \*"Spain Was Nothing But Pain: Jews, Hispanics and the Ethnic/Racial Identity of Sephardim in Twentieth Century America," Association for Jewish Studies (December 1999).
- \*Co-Chair and/or Co-Organizer of the Sephardi/Mizrahi Studies Caucus, Association for Jewish Studies (December 1998-December 2002).
- \*"The Sephardic Jews of Seattle: Influence Beyond Numbers," University of Washington Jewish Studies Colloquium (November 1999).
- \*"Sephardim or Oriental Jews?" The Ethnic/Racial Debate Between the 'Grandees' and the 'Turkish Jews' in Early 20th Century New York City," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference (November 1999).
- \*"Sephardic Jews and Hispanics in the City of New York: A New Dimension of the Spanish Diaspora," Western Jewish Studies Association (March 1999).
- \*"The Ladino Language: Its Impact on the Jewish People," University of Washington Hillel, Seattle (March 1999).
- \*"Close Encounters of the Ethnic Kind: Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews in Early Twentieth-Century New York City," Association for Jewish Studies (December 1998).
- \*"A Rocky Reunion: Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews in the City of New York,"

- New York Jewish Historical Society Lecture (December 1998).
- \*“The Hispanic/Sephardic Connection: Ladino-Speaking Jews in the City of New York,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Montreal (November 1998).
  - \*“New Discoveries from Suriname’s Forgotten Jewish and African Jungle Cemeteries,” a slide/lecture presentation with Rachel Frankel, A.I.A., Brandeis University (October 1998); Foundation for Jodensavanne, Paramaribo, South America (August 1998).
  - \*“American Zionism and the Ashkenazic/Sephardic Connection,” Leon Levy Lecture, Queens College, New York (October 1998).
  - \*“Women as Transmitters of Secret Judaism in Marrano Communities,” The Jewish Cultural Experience at Circle Lodge, The Workmen’s Circle, New York (July 1998).
  - \*“The Exceptional and the Mundane: Rebecca Machado Phillips, 1746-1831,” Consultation on the Religious Lives of American Jewish Women,” The Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University, Philadelphia (March 1998).
  - \*“The Making of *Jewish Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia*,” Jewish Historical Society of New York (March 1998).
  - \*“Sephardim and the Land of Israel: Jewish Nationalism and Hebrew Education Among the Ladino-Speaking Jews of New York,” Association for Jewish Studies (December 1997).
  - \*“The Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) Collection of the Lubavitcher Rebbes,” Association for Jewish Studies (December 1996).
  - \*“Sephardim in More Than Just Name: The Ladino-Speaking Jews of New York,” Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Sephardic Jewish Brotherhood of America, New York (June 1996).
  - \*“Acculturation and Cultural Preservation of a Sephardic Immigrant Community: The Ladino-Speaking Jews of New York,” Jewish Historical Society of New York (March 1996).

#### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS:**

- \* interview on *Jewish Entanglements in the Atlantic World*, with my co-editor Wim Klooster and interviewer Drora Arussy, “New Books Network Jewish Studies channel” (January 10, 2024). <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/new-books-in-jewish-studies/id425369034?i=1000641517213>.
- \*interview on *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society* with Drora Arussy, “New Books Network Jewish Studies channel” (September 13, 2022).
- \*interview on *Jewish Autonomy in a Slave Society* with Nachi Weinstein, “SeforimChatter” podcast (New Jersey), August 2, 2022.
- \*“Society Forum: Interview with Professor Aviva Ben-Ur on Jewish autonomy in historical Suriname,” with Professor Lomarsh Roopnarine, *Guyana Chronicle: The Nation’s Paper* (February 27, 2022), <https://guyanachronicle.com/2022/02/27/interview-with-professor-aviva-ben-ur-on-jewish-autonomy-in-historical-suriname/>.
- \*“Geschiedenis joods Curaçao in kaart,” in *Ñapa*, the weekend section of *Amigoe*, a national newspaper of the island country of Curaçao (6 December 2014): 12-13.

- \*NIAS Fellow interview, *Wassenaarse Krant*, Wassenaar, The Netherlands (July 2013).
- \*Author interview, *Sephardic Jews in America: A Diasporic History*, Jewish Life TV, Los Angeles (May 2010).
- \*Cited from an interview by *The New York Times* in Paul Vitello, “Syrian Sephardic Communities Shaken by Charges Against a Leading Rabbi,” July 24, 2009.
- \*Cited from an interview by *The Jewish Daily Forward* in Talia Bloch, “The Other Jewish Genetic Diseases,” August 19, 2009.
- \*Author interview, “The Syrian Jewish Community: Our Journey Through History, Episode 2: Coming to America 1900-1919, documentary directed by Lisa Ades (2009).
- \*“The Hispanic Jewish Question,” *Latino U.S.A.: The Radio Journal of News and Culture* (Program 649, September 2005).
- \*“Ladino and Ladino-Speaking Jews in New York City,” *Jews for Racial and Economic Justice*, WBAI 99.5 FM (June 1999).
- \*“The Sephardic Cemetery of Jodensavanne, Suriname,” *Radio Shalom*, 94.5 FM, Paramaribo, Suriname, South America (August 1998).

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Editorial Board, *Studia Rosenthaliana, Journal of the History, Culture and Heritage of the Jews in the Netherlands* (2017- ).
- American Historical Association (2007- 2024).
- Academic Advisory Committee, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute (2005- ).
- Advisory Board Member, *Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Heritage* (2003- ).
- Organizing Committee, Fifth Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History (2001-2002).
- Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society (2001-2004; 2010-2013).
- Academic Council of the American Sephardi Federation (2001- ).
- Advisory Board Member, Sephardic House (1997- ).
- Association for Jewish Studies (1992-2000; 2003-2004; 2010-2013; 2019-2020).
- (past member of Association for Caribbean Historians [2012-2013]; Modern Language Association; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion).

#### **RESEARCH LANGUAGES:**

Armenian (Western; Summer 2025-present), Arabic (three consecutive years completed by Spring 2021), Baghdadi Judeo-Arabic (Michaelmas Term 2021 only, due to Family and Medical Leave), Aramaic, Dutch, Farsi (elementary, Spring 2024), French, German, Hebrew, Ladino (merubá, Rashi, and soletreo), Portuguese, Spanish, Sranan Tongo, Yiddish.