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EDUCATION

Ph.D (2000, Columbia University), dissertation: “The Jews in the Legislation and the Teachings of the Catholic Church in Poland 1648-1772.” Distinction. In 2001 awarded the **Salo and Jeanette Baron Prize** for the best dissertation in Jewish Studies at Columbia University between 1995 and 2001.

M.Phil. (1996, Columbia University)

M.A. (1994, Columbia University)

M.A. (1993, The Institute of Oriental Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland), thesis: “The Bible: Its Mongolian Translation and the Hebrew Original.” Summa Cum Laude.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2007-present, Wesleyan University, Department of History

Associate Professor of History, and since 2008 Associate Professor of Feminism, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

2007-2008, Emeline Bigelow Conland Fellow, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University

2000-2007, Wesleyan University, Department of History

Assistant Professor of History, teaching Jewish history and early modern European history

2002-2003, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies

Adjunct Fellow

2002, Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies

Harry Starr Fellow and Visiting Scholar

1999-2000, Columbia University, Columbia College

Preceptor of “Contemporary Civilization,” a course focused on close reading of major works in philosophy and political theory from antiquity to the modern period

Fall, 1998, Fordham University, Department of History

Adjunct Instructor, “Introduction to the Middle Ages”

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Jews and Heretics in Catholic Poland: A Beleaguered Church in the Post-Reformation Era (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006; paperback 2009)

Coedited with Adam Teller, *Polin: Social and Cultural Boundaries in Early Modern Poland*, vol. 22, (Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, to be released in November 2009)

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Articles:

- “‘There Should Be No Love between Us and Them’: Social Life and the Bounds of Jewish and Canon Law in Early Modern Poland,” *Polin: Social and Cultural Boundaries in Early Modern Poland* (Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, to be launched in November 2009), 249-270.
- With Adam Teller, “Introduction: Borders and Boundaries in the Historiography of the Jews in the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth,” *Polin: Social and Cultural Boundaries in Early Modern Poland* (Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, to be released in November 2009), 3-46.
- Crime and Sacred Spaces: Robberies of Churches and Synagogues in Pre-modern Poland,” a chapter in a book *Religion – Symbol – Communication: The Kingdom of Poland-Lithuania in the Early Modern Period*, ed. Yvonne Kleimann (Simon Dubnow Institute: Leipzig, Germany; in press)
- Article on the “Ritual Murder Accusation” for *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion, History, and Culture* edited by Judith Baskin (in press)
- With Debra Kaplan (Yeshiva University), “Out of the (Historiographic) Ghetto: Methodological Remarks on Jews in Early Modern Europe” in *Sixteenth Century Journal* 40 no. 2 (2009): 365-393.
- The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe*: articles: “Ger Zedek,” “Katarzyna Malcherowa Weigel,” “The Helicz Family,” “The Ezofowicz Family,” “Conversions,” “Judaizers.” (New Haven: Yale University Press, in 2008).
- “Negotiating the internal and the external, or on the contextualization of pre-modern Ashkenazi Jewry”: Review essay on Joseph M. Davis, *Yom-Tov Lipmann Heller: Portrait of a Seventeenth Century Rabbi* in *Jewish History* 21 no. (2007): 217-232.
- With Edward Fram, “Apostasy, Fraud and the Beginnings of Hebrew Printing in Cracow,” *AJS Review* 30 no. 1 (2006): 31-66
- “The Legend of *Ger Zedek* (Righteous Convert) of Wilno as Polemic and Reassurance,” *AJS Review* 29 no. 2 (2005): 237-263
- With Edward Fram, “Matai nosad ha-defus ha-`ivri be-Qraqov?” [Hebrew: When Did Hebrew Printing Begin in Cracow?], *Gal-`Ed* 20 (2005): 144-149
- “Kilka uwag na temat podziałów społecznych i religijnych pomiędzy Żydami i Chrześcijanami we wschodnich miastach dawnej Rzeczypospolitej” [Polish: Some Remarks on the Social and Religious Divisions between Jews and Christians in Eastern Towns of Premodern Poland], *Kwartalnik Historii Żydów* [Quarterly of Jewish History, Warsaw, Poland] 207 no. 3 (September, 2003): 327-336
- “Jewish Conversions to Catholicism in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries,” *Jewish History* 17 no. 3 (2003): 257-283
- “Lost in Translation: The London Missionary Society and the Nineteenth Century Translation of the

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Pentateuch” in *Biblical Translations in Context*, ed. Frederick Knobloch (College Park: University of Maryland Press, 2002): 145-154

“Catholic Reform” in *History of the Modern World* (Tarrytown: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1999), vol. 2: *Religion and Change in Europe*

“Przemoc w stosunku do kobiet w Biblii hebrajskiej” [Polish: Violence against Women in the Hebrew Bible], *Pełnym głosem* (With Full Voice) 4 (1996): 71-88. Also translated into Slovak, “Násilie páchané na ženách v Biblii,” *Aspekt 2* (1997): 91-97.

Articles published regularly in Polish/Yiddish magazine *Dos Yidishe Vort* (1991-1993).

CURRENT PROJECTS

A book project titled “From Bread to Blood, From Sin to Crime: Sacrilege and Jews after the Reformation” (under contract with Harvard University Press, under review)

A book project on ritual murder accusations in Catholic and Eastern Orthodox areas of Poland-Lithuania (research almost completed)

A book project exploring the transmission and translation of cultural values between early modern eastern Europe and Italy based on a number of early modern Italian editions of a manual for Jewish women on how to observe their commandments (preliminary research stage).

BOOK REVIEWS

Edward Fram, *My Dear Daughter: Rabbi Benjamin Slonik and the Education of Jewish Women in Sixteenth-Century Poland* (Hebrew Union College Press, 2007); reviewed for *Canadian American Slavic Studies*, in press.

Kenneth Austin, *From Judaism to Calvinism: The Life and Writings of Immanuel Tremellius* (c. 1510-1580) (Ashgate, 2007); reviewed for *The American Historical Review* 114 no. 1 (2009): 202-3

Dean Phillip Bell, Stephen Burnett, eds., *Jews, Judaism, and the Reformation in Sixteenth-Century Germany* (Brill, 2006); H-Net: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=289371209479923>

Dror Ze’evi, *Producing Desire: Changing Sexual Discourse in Ottoman Middle East, 1500-1900* (University of California Press, 2006); reviewed for *Sixteenth Century Journal* 40 no.3 (2009): forthcoming.

J.L. Vives, *De officio mariti*, Introduction, Critical Edition, Translation and Notes, Edited by C. Fantazzi and C. Matheussen. Translated by C. Fantazzi (Brill, 2006); reviewed for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Sixteenth Century Journal* 40 no. 2 (2009): 490-1.

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Dean Phillip Bell, *Jews in the Early Modern World* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008); reviewed for *Shofar: Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 27, no. 2 (2009).

http://www.case.edu/artsci/rosenthal/reviews/Early_Modern.htm

Stephanie Siegmund, *The Medici State and the Ghetto of Florence* (Stanford, 2006); reviewed for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 38 no. 3 (2007), 897-9.

Anna Michałowska, *Między demokracją a oligarchia: władze gmin żydowskich w Poznaniu i Swarzędzu* [Polish: Between Oligarchy and Democracy: Jewish Communal Authorities in Poznań and Swarzędz] (Warsaw: Dialog, 2000); reviewed for *Polin: The Shtetl: Myth and Reality, Studies in Polish Jewry* (2004): 419-422.

Michael C. Steinlauf, *Bondage to the Dead: Poland and the Memory of the Holocaust*, H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews, 1999, URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=21916933606599>

Dan Miron, *A Traveler Disguised: The Rise of Modern Yiddish Fiction in the Nineteenth Century*, H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews, 1997, URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=14691869000964>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and GRANTS

Fellowships:

2007-8 , Radcliffe Institute Fellowship at Harvard University

2007, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship

2004-5, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research (New York), The Dina Abramowicz Emerging Scholar Fellowship

2003-4, Yad Hanadiv/Berakha Foundation (Israel) Postdoctoral sabbatical fellowship

2003-4, Lady Davis Fellowship Trust (Israel), Postdoctoral Fellowship at Hebrew University, Israel (declined; Yad Hanadiv/Berakha fellowship accepted)

2003, The Koret Foundation (San Francisco), Jewish Studies Publication Prize for the manuscript published by Cambridge University Press as *Jews and Heretics in Catholic Poland: A Beleaguered Church in the Post-Reformation Era*

2002-3, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (New York), The Ephraim Urbach Postdoctoral Fellowship

2002, Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies, Harry Starr Postdoctoral Fellow in the topic "Popular Religion in Early Modern Times"

2000-2, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (New York), Postdoctoral Fellowship

2000, American Academy for Jewish Research, Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined; position at Wesleyan University accepted)

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1998-9, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (New York), Doctoral Fellowship

1997-8, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (New York), Mark Uveeler Doctoral Fellowship

1997-8, Columbia University, Louise Hoffman Memorial Scholar

1994-8, Columbia University, President's Fellowship

1993-4, Columbia University Richard Hofstadter Fellowship

1994-2000, Columbia University, Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship

Grants:

2008, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Grant in support of the Early Modern Workshop in 2009 and 2010.

2008, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University, Summer Exploratory Workshop Grant in support of an interdisciplinary workshop on "Reading across Cultures: Jewish Book and Its Readers in the Early Modern Period" to be held at the Radcliffe Institute in the Summer of 2009.

2006, Wesleyan University, Center for Faculty Development grant for a joint project with Prof. Adam Teller "Polin: Borders and Boundaries in Jewish History in Early Modern Poland-Lithuania" and for the Early Modern Workshop

2006, Yeshiva University and University of Maryland, in support of the Early Modern Workshop to be held at Wesleyan University, August 20-22, 2006

2006, Wesleyan University, Seed Grant in support of the Early Modern Workshop to be held at Wesleyan University, August 20-22, 2006

2005-6, Wesleyan University, Project Grant

2005, Wesleyan University, The Snowdon Fund Grant to support the conference "Women, Bodies, and Rituals" in 2006

2004, Wesleyan University, Mellon Center for Faculty Development grant for a joint project with Prof. Edward Fram of Ben-Gurion University: "Apostasy, Fraud and the Beginning of Hebrew Printing in Cracow"

2003, Mellon Workshop Grant in support of an international faculty workshop on early modern Jewish history held at Wesleyan University, August 23-26, 2004

2002-3, Wesleyan University, Project Grant

2001-2, Wesleyan University, Meigs Fund grant in support of research on "Crime and Punishment: Jewish-Christian Relations and Criminal Justice in Early Modern Poland"

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PAPERS (Conference and Invited Talks)

- 2009, Association for Jewish Studies**, “Contested Sacred Spaces: The Aftermath of the Expulsion of Jews from Bochnia, 1606” (forthcoming, December, 2009)
- 2009, Columbia University**, “Robberies as Sacrilege: Jews and the Handling of Christian Sacred Objects” (October 14)
- 2009, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference**, "The Historian and the Internet: The Early Modern Workshop as a Resource and Model for Scholarly Communication in the Digital Age" (Geneva, Switzerland)
- 2009, Duke University**, Carolina Seminars: “The Politics of Sacrilege and the Jews in Post-Reformation Poland”
- 2008, Association for Jewish Studies**, panelist on “A Politicized Academe: Reactions to Ariel Toaff’s *Pasque di Sangue* and Other Treatments of Blood Libels”
- 2008, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa (Italy)**, “Sacrilege and the Sacred and Profane Spaces: Jews and Christians in Early Modern Poland” at an international conference “Brotherhood and Boundaries”
- 2008, Early Modern Workshop**, Round-Table discussion “How Do Legal Texts Talk History?”
- 2008, Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies and the Humanities Center**, “Sacrilege and Host Desecrations: Politics and Power in Early Modern Poland,” Leon I Mirell Lecture
- 2008, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University**, “Sacrilege”: Jews, Crime, and Religious Boundaries in Early Modern Poland
- 2007, Center for Jewish History**, “The Marketplace in History: Jews and Christians, and the Underworld”
- 2007, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference**, “Tortured Witnesses: Judicial Violence and Justice in Early Modern Poland”
- 2007, University of Maryland (College Park)**, “Material Possessions and Religious Boundaries in Early Modern Poland” as part of the Early Modern Workshop (www.earlymodern.org)
- 2007, Central European University**, “Transnationalism and Jewish History: Premodern Cosmopolitans from Below”
- 2006, Association for Jewish Studies**, “From Infanticides and Accidents to Anti-Jewish Accusations: Ritual Murder in Context”
- 2006, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference**, “Of Crime, Bleeding Hosts, and Historical Periodization”
- 2005, University of Kansas**, The Hall Center for the Humanities, "Social Life and the Bounds of Jewish and

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Canon Law in Early Modern Poland"

- 2005, World Congress of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem, Israel)**, "Jewish Law and Canon Law: Dealing with the Other"
- 2005, University of Maryland (College Park)**, "Law, Boundaries, and City Life in Early Modern Poland-Lithuania" as part of the Early Modern Workshop (www.earlymodern.org)
- 2005, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference**, "Did the Counter Reformation Triumph in Poland? Methodological Remarks" [a talk distinct from similarly titled talks listed below]
- 2005, Association for Jewish Studies**, "Studying Early Modern Jewish History"
- 2004, Wesleyan University**, respondent to Daniel Boyarin in a symposium "Borders of Jewish and Christian Identity from Antiquity till Today"
- 2004, Wesleyan University**, "Anti-Jewish Accusations in Poland: A Medieval or Early Modern Phenomenon?" as part of the Early Modern Workshop (www.earlymodern.org)
- 2004, Hebrew University in Jerusalem**, "Did the Counter Reformation Triumph in Poland?"
A shorter version presented in 2004 in Athens, Greece, at the **Athens Institute for Education and Research**
- 2004, Hebrew University in Jerusalem**, "Change of Attitudes toward Proselytes: The Tale of Ger Zedek of Wilno" (Early Modern Study Group). Also presented at **Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel** in April 2004 and an early version "The Eighteenth-Century Legend of the Righteous Convert to Judaism [Ger Zedek] in Poland and Its Historical Context," presented at the **University of Groningen, Holland** in 2003 at an International Conference "Cultures of Conversion: Paradigms, Poetics and Politics"
- 2003, Hebrew University in Jerusalem**, "Law, Boundaries and Mutual Attitudes: Churchmen, Rabbis and the People in Early Modern Poland"
- 2002, Association for Jewish Studies**, "Crossing the Social and Religious Boundaries: Christian Converts to Judaism in Early Modern Poland"
- 2002, German Historical Institute (Warsaw, Poland)**, "Kilka uwag na temat podziałów społecznych i religijnych pomiędzy Żydami i Chrześcijanami we wschodnich miastach dawnej Rzeczypospolitej" [Reconsidering Social and Religious Boundaries between Jews and Christians in the Eastern Territories of Premodern Poland] at an International Conference "Jews and Burghers in the Nobles' Republic"
- 2002, European Association for Jewish Studies**, "Jewish Conversions to Catholicism in Early Modern Poland" (Amsterdam). An earlier version presented at Wesleyan University in 2001.
- 2002, Harvard University, Center for Jewish Studies**, "(Jewish) History from Crime: Beliefs, Boundaries and Power in Early Modern Poland-Lithuania"

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2000, Columbia University, “Medieval Philosophy and the Three Religions: Thomas Aquinas, Al-Ghazali and Maimonides”

1999, Association for Jewish Studies, “The Counter-Image: Attitudes of Polish Jews toward the Catholic Church in Early Modern Poland”

1999, University of San Francisco, Swig Center for Jewish Studies, “Beyond *Adversus Judaeos*”

1998, Association for Jewish Studies, "Jews and Others in Polemical and Controversial Literature in Early Modern Poland"

1998, American Catholic Historical Association, "Jews in the Official Documents of the Catholic Church in Poland (1648-1772)"

1996, Western Jewish Studies Association, "The Chmielnicki Uprising: Perception of Causality, Kingship and Suffering in the Polish, Ukrainian and Hebrew Chronicles"

1995, American Catholic Historical Association, "Jews within the Historiography of the Catholic Church in Poland"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2009, consultant on the Museum of Jewish History in Warsaw, Poland, responsible for the gallery about the Catholic Church and Jews

2009-present Member of the Editorial Board of *Sixteenth Century Journal*

2008-present Member of the Editorial Board of *AJS Review*

2006-2007, Center for Online Judaic Studies, editor of the early modern section (with Miriam Bodian)

2004-present, Co-founder and editor of the Early Modern Workshop: Resources in Jewish History (www.earlymodern.org)

2005, Consultant for a BBC documentary *Unorthodox Vows* on non-Orthodox marriages in Israel, produced/directed by Suzie Brown

Peer reviewer for Cambridge University Press, University of Wisconsin Press, University of Chicago Press, and the *AJS Review*, *Jewish Social Studies*, and *Sixteenth Century Journal*.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committees:

2009-10, Member of the Search Committee, Russian History.

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2009-present, Member of the Middle Eastern Studies Exploratory Committee.

2008-present, Advisory Committee (Wesleyan University's promotion and tenure committee).

2008-present, Academic Technology Advisory Committee.

2008-9, Member of the Search Committee in Jewish Studies.

2006-2007, 2008-present, Member of the board of Wesleyan University's Center for Faculty Career Development.

2006-2007, Member of the Pedagogical Renewal Committee

2006-7, Member of the Information Technology Committee for Division II (social sciences)

2004-7, History Department, Honors Committee

2006, Faculty participant in discussions on open curricula for the Teagle Foundation

2005-6, Ad hoc Educational Policy Committee workgroup on Information Literacy capability

2004-6, Academic Review Committee, a subcommittee of the Educational Policy Committee

2004-6, Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities

2003-7, Faculty representative on the Student Judicial Board and Honor Board Panel at the Frosh Orientation, responsible for discussing plagiarism and academic dishonesty from a faculty perspective

2002-present, History Department, faculty advisor to *Historical Narratives*, an undergraduate journal published by Wesleyan history majors

2002-2003, Faculty Mentor in the University Scholarship Program

2000-present, Core Faculty Member of the Jewish and Israel Studies Certificate Program

Conferences and Talks Organized at Wesleyan University:

Organized and raised funds for the third annual session of the "Early Modern Workshop: Resources in Jewish History" entitled "Gender, Family, and Social Structures" (August 2006)

Conceived, raised funds, and organized the conference "Women, Bodies, and Rituals" to accompany an exhibition by an Israeli artist Hagit Molgan at the Zilkha Gallery (January 29, 2006); the event was covered by the *Hartford Courant*, January 27, 2006 and the *Chicago Tribune*, February 8, 2006.

Conceived, raised funds, and organized a Mellon international faculty workshop "Early Modern Jewries: Paradigms of Change" in August 2004

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“Studying Religion,” Snowden Lecture Series: Advising Committee for History and Jewish Studies (2001-2002)

Brought the following speakers to campus (independent of the Early Modern Workshop):

- David Biale (University of California, Davis)
- Miriam Bodian (Touro College, New York)
- Lois Dubin (Smith College)
- Marc Epstein (Vassar College)
- Lawrence Fine (Mt. Holyoke)
- Edward Fram (Ben-Gurion University, Israel)
- Alma Gottlieb (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
- John Klier (University College, London, UK)
- Daniel Levy (a peace negotiator in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process in Oslo B and Taba).
- Sara Lipton (SUNY, Stony Brook)
- Ivan Marcus (Yale University)
- Peggy McCracken (University of Michigan)
- Hagit Molgan (an Israeli artist)
- Derek Penslar (University of Toronto)
- Kenneth Stow (Haifa University, Israel)

Senior Theses:

Dan Gelbtuch '03, “Tension and Paradox: Jewish Messianism in a Time of Power” (received Honors)

Zeb Zankel '05, “A New Past: Eastern Europe, Popular Media and Jewish Memory” (received Honors)

Tal Beery '06, “For the Instruction of Weak Christians and the Convincing of Blind Jews': Pamphlets and Politics in the 'Year of Jewish Hope,' 1665-1667” (received Honors)

Chloe Safier '06, “‘The Best Men to the Airforce and the Best Women to the Pilots:’ Sexual Harassment and Gender Issues in the Israeli Defense Force” (received Honors)

Jeremy Gillick '07 "The Rebbe's Revolution: Political Messianism in the Promised Land" (received High Honors)

Nitzan Ziv '07 “Bridging Bavel: The Construction of Jewish History and Identity through the Writings of an Iraqi Zionist” (received High Honors)

Daniella Schmidt '07 “Between the Goddess and the Demon: The Re-Appropriation of Menstrual Ritual among Newly Orthodox Jewish Women” (received Honors)

Lucy Delacourt '07, “Nunca Mas and the Politics of History-Telling” (received Honors)

Students' Achievements:

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The following students published their papers written in my classes:

Joseph Berman '04, "A Modern Jewish Dilemma: Jewish Movements Respond to Gay and Lesbian Issues," *The Queens College Journal of Jewish Studies* 4 (2002), paper written for HIST 248

Ilana Cohn '05, "Building on Tradition: The Role and Portrayal of Women in Traditional and Hasidic Society," *The Queens College Journal of Jewish Studies* 4 (2002), paper written for HIST 156

Emily Seife '06, *The Queens College Journal of Jewish Studies* 7 (2005), and "Paradox and Conflict as a Source for Creativity in Jewish Andalusian Poetry," *Historical Narratives* 3 (2005), paper written for HIST 301

Rosina Belcourt '08, "The Devastation of the Post-World War II Jewish Community in Poland," *Historical Narratives* 3 (2005), paper written for HIST 248

Courses:

HIST 105: Jewish Tradition: Texts and Contexts (First Year Initiative Course)

HIST 156: Eastern European Jewish Experience: History and Historiography (Sophomore Seminar focus on the medieval/early modern period)

HIST 202: Early Modern Europe

HIST 247: Jewish History I: From Biblical Israelites to Diaspora Jews (covering the period from Antiquity to the Early Modern Period)

HIST 248: Jewish History II: Thinking beyond the Ghetto (From the Early Modern Period to contemporary times)

HIST 301: Jews in Christian and Muslim Lands in the Middle Ages (Upper Level Seminar)

HIST 362: Issues in Contemporary Historiography

HIST 386: Jews and Modernity: History and Historiography (Upper Level Seminar)

RELI 396: Performing Jewish Studies: Theories, Methods, and Models

LANGUAGES (of reading and/or speaking competency, in alphabetical order)

English, French, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Yiddish