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EDUCATION

- 2003-2008* University of Chicago, PhD in Anthropology
2000-2002 University of Chicago, MA in Anthropology
1994-1998 Harvard University, BA in Socio-Cultural Anthropology, summa cum laude

POSITIONS HELD

- 2011-present* Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Boston University
2009-2011 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Boston University
1999-2000 Research Assistant, American Bar Association Central and Eastern European Law Initiative
1998-1999 Research Assistant, National American Indian Housing Council

HONORS & GRANT AWARDS

- 2016* Association for Jewish Studies 2016 Jordan Schnitzer book award winner
2016-2017 Boston University Center for the Humanities Fellowship
2006-2007 Charlotte F. Newcombe Fellowship for dissertation write-up
2004-2005 Chateaubriand Fellowship for dissertation research in France
2003-2004 Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) Fellowship for dissertation research in Paris
2000-2004 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship for graduate coursework
1998 Phi Beta Kappa
1998 Kluckhohn Prize for the best thesis in Anthropology, Harvard University

1995 Detur Prize for academic excellence, Harvard University

BOOKS

2014 *Rhinestones, Religion, and the Republic: Fashioning Jewishness in France*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (refereed unless otherwise noted)

- Accepted “Talking about Anti-Semitism in France Before and After Charlie Hebdo and Hyper Cacher.” *Jewish History*
- 2018 “Historicity, Peoplehood, and Politics: Holocaust talk in 21st Century France.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 60(4).
- 2017 “Jews, Jesus, and the problem of postcolonial Frenchness,” *Public Culture* 29(3): 457-480.
- 2016 “Defining France and Defending Israel: Romantic Nationalism and the Paradoxes of French Jewish Belonging.” *In Re-examining the Jews of Modern France: Images and Identities*. Kaplan, Zvi and Nadia Malinovich, eds. Boston: Brill.
- 2014 “The Vanishing State: Religious Education and Intolerance in French Jewish Schools.” *In Religious Education and the Challenge of Pluralism*. Seligman, Adam, ed. Oxford University Press.
- 2011 “*Laïcité, Fraternité, and Nationalité*: discontinuities in French Jewish discourse.” *AJS Perspectives*, Spring (non-referreed)
- 2009 “Rhinestone Aesthetics and Religious Essence: Looking Jewish in Paris.” *American Ethnologist* 36(4): 722-734

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Fashioning Secular France through Local Bioethics,” article in preparation

“When Words Can(not) Kill: Making and Unmaking Difference in French Medicine,” article in preparation

“Reading class through religion and race: narratives of neoliberalism, upward mobility, and ontological difference among North African Parisian Jews,” article in preparation

Doctors and the Soul: Transcendence and Personhood in Everyday French Bioethics, book

BOOK REVIEWS

- i.p. The Problem of Belonging in Southern Spain. Review of Mikaela Rogozen-Soltar's *Spain Unmoored: Migration, Conversion, and the Politics of Islam*. *City & Society*.
- 2018 Arab Jazz by Karim Miské. H-France Fiction and Film for French Historians. <http://h-france.net/ffh/maybe-missed/arab-jazz-by-karim-miske/>
- 2016 Jews and Muslims in France: History of a Conflict by Maud Mandel. *French Politics, Culture, and Society* 34(2).
- 2016 Transcultural Teens: Performing Youth Identities in French Cités by Chantal Tetreault. *American Ethnologist* 43(2).
- 2016 Beyond Colonial Classification. A Review of Saharan Jews and the Fate of French Algeria by Sarah Stein. *The Marginalia Review of Books*, January 16.
- 2014 Turkey, the Jews, and the Holocaust by Corry Gutstadt. *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 20(1-2): 151-153.
- 2014 Jewish Families: From Babylon to Brooklyn and Back Again. Review of Jewish Families by Jonathan Boyarin. *Marginalia*, July 9, 2014.
- 2014 Bukharan Jews and the dynamics of global Judaism by Alanna Cooper. *Anthropological Quarterly*, Winter.
- 2011 Deconstruction without destruction: reimagining *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History: Authority, Diaspora, Tradition*. Edited by Ra'anan S. Boustan, Oren Kosansky, Marina Rustow. H-NET Reviews.
- 2010 Judging Mohammed: Juvenile Delinquency, Immigration, and Exclusion at the Paris Palace of Justice by Susan Terrio. *PoLAR* 33(1): 158-161.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
 Ethnicity and Identity
 Contemporary European Ethnography
 Religious Fundamentalism
 Seminar in Ethnography and Anthropological Theory I
 Proposal Writing for Social Science (graduate seminar)
 Social Science Core Curriculum: Religion and secularism
 Social Science Core Curriculum: Inequality
 Social Science Core Curriculum: Power, Political Forms, Economics

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2017 “Neoliberalism, cultural difference, and the production of racialized ‘Jewishness’ in mid-2000s Paris,” American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 2016 “Temporality, Pedagogy, and Politics: Talking about the Holocaust in 21st Century France,” invited participant for Works in Progress, Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2016 “‘It’s Just Skin’: Race as Return in French Assisted Reproduction,” American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 “What and where is “sex” if it can be changed? Contemporary French jurisprudence, biology, and the transcendent,” Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of Religion, Boston and Council for European Studies, Philadelphia
- 2015 Participant in the roundtable “Jews and Muslims in France Before and After Charlie Hebdo and Hyper Cacher,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston
- 2015 “Defining France and Defending Israel: Romantic Nationalism and the Paradoxes of French Jewish Belonging.” Jewish, Armenian, and African Diasporic Identities Constructed and in Formation: The US and Beyond, Boston University.
- 2014 “Sex, ‘anti-secularism,’ and religious pluralism: fighting homosexual marriage in France.” American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC
- 2014 “Beyond tolerance: Jews, Jesus, and pluralism in contemporary France.” Council for European Studies, Washington, DC.
- 2013 “Calling Jesus a ‘dirty Jew:’ renegotiating the Jewish question in Contemporary Paris. American Anthropological Association, Chicago
- 2013 “Calling Jesus a ‘dirty Jew:’ renegotiating the Jewish question in Contemporary Paris. Society for French Historical Studies, Cambridge
- 2012 “Secularizing religious ontologies: French Jewish education and the racialization of religion.” Institute on Culture and World Affairs “Civic Enculturation” conference, Boston University
- 2010 “‘Conversion is impossible!’: secularization and Jewishness in France.” Posen Summer Seminar “Varieties of Jewish Secularism,” Graduate Theological Union and American Anthropological Association, New Orleans
- 2010 “Romancing the nation: French Jews, Israel, and the rehabilitation of Christian France.” Council for European Studies, Montréal
- 2010 “Navigating Jewish-Muslim proximity: day schools, ghettoization, and the racing of religion in Paris.” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston.

- 2008 “Jewish immigrants are not immigrants!: autochthony and Jewish belonging in France.” Council for European Studies, Chicago
- 2008 “Jewish immigrants are not immigrants!: autochthony and Jewish belonging in France.” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston.
- 2003 “Building Jewish community in Paris: race, colonialism, and the holocaust in Jewish discourse.” American Anthropological Association, Chicago.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2017 “(In)visible Catholics, Ventriloquized Muslims, and Spectral Jews: The Ethics of Pluralism in French Biomedical Debates,” London School of Economics, UK
- 2017 “Historicity, Peoplehood, Politics: Holocaust Talk in 21st Century France,” Unité de Recherches Migration et Société, Centre National de Recherches Scientifiques, Université Paris Diderot, France
- 2015 “Temporality, Pedagogy, and Politics: Talking about the Holocaust in 21st Century France,” On the Margins of the Holocaust: Jews, Muslims, and Colonialism in North Africa During the Second World War, UCLA and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Los Angeles, California
- 2012 “Arab/Jew/Arab Jew: Sephardi youth and the racialization of Jewishness in France,” The Other Within lecture series. Centre for Judaic Studies, Boston University
- 2010 “Arab/Jew/Arab Jew: Sephardi youth and the racialization of Jewishness in France,” Department of Judaic and Near Eastern Studies. University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2010 “Thinking beyond the veil: French youth identities, race, and the Republic.” Foreign Languages and Literatures, MIT
- 2009 “Rhinestone aesthetics and religious essence: displaying Jewish diaspora in Paris.” Department for the Study of Religion and the Centre for Diaspora and Transnationalism, University of Toronto
- 2008 “Looking Jewish in Paris: ‘Arab’ Jews and the post-colonial politics of Jewish identity.” Religious Studies Department, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE—REFEREEING

Manuscript referee for University of Nebraska Press and Indiana University Press; *American Ethnologist*; *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*; *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*, *PLOS One*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Ethnos*, *Current Anthropology*, *Identities*

Committee member for Social Science Research Council Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship; Chateaubriand Dissertation Fellowship, Council for European Studies

pre-dissertation research grants; Society for the Anthropology of Europe graduate student paper prize

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies
Council for European Studies
American Anthropological Association
Society for the Anthropology of Europe
Society for French Historical Studies