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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
Department of History  
2009-present Assistant Professor of History  
2010-2013 Peter T. Paul Career Development Professor

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
Department of History and Center for Jewish Studies  
2007-2009 Alexander Grass Postdoctoral Associate in Jewish History

### DEGREES RECEIVED

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
Department of History  
2007 *Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative History*  
2003 *Master of Arts in Comparative History*

MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
2001 *Bachelor of Arts in History and Jewish Studies*, First-Class Joint-Honours

### PUBLICATIONS

#### MONOGRAPH

*Jewish Rights, National Rites: Nationalism and Autonomy in Late Imperial and Revolutionary Russia*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press (Stanford Studies in Jewish History and Culture), 2014.

#### EDITED VOLUME

*Jews and Diaspora Nationalism: Writings on Jewish Peoplehood in Europe and the United States*. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press (The Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought), 2012.

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Diaspora, Nation, and Messiah: An Introductory Essay,” in Simon Rabinovitch ed., *Jews and Diaspora Nationalism: Writings on Jewish Peoplehood in Europe and the United States*. Waltham, MA: Brandeis University Press, 2012, xv-xli.

“Russian Jewry Goes to the Polls: An Analysis of Jewish Voting in the All-Russian Constituent Assembly Elections of 1917,” in *East European Jewish Affairs* vol. 39, no. 2 (August 2009): 205-225.

“Jews, Englishmen and Folklorists: The Scholarship of Joseph Jacobs and Moses Gaster,” in Nadia Valman and Eitan Bar-Yosef eds., *The ‘Jew’ in Late-Victorian and Edwardian Culture: Between the East End and East Africa*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 113-130.

“Positivism, Populism and Politics: The Intellectual Foundations of Jewish Ethnography in Late Imperial Russia,” in *Ab Imperio: Theory and History of Nationalism and Empire in the Post-Soviet Space* no. 3 (2005): 227-256.

“The Dawn of a New Diaspora: Simon Dubnov’s Autonomism, from St. Petersburg to Berlin,” in *The Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* vol. 50 (2005): 267-288.

#### ESSAY

“Searching for the Meaning of ‘Russian,’” in *The Marginalia Review of Books* (July 2, 2013). <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/searching-for-the-meaning-of-russian-by-simon-rabinovitch/>

#### BOOK AND EXHIBIT REVIEWS

##### *Journalism*

“Pakistan’s ‘Jewish’ Roots,” a review of Faisal Devji, *Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea*, in *Haaretz* (English online) (October 1, 2013). <http://www.haaretz.com/culture/books/.premium-1.549739>

“Europeans of the Orient,” a review of the exhibit *Les Juifs dans l’orientalisme* at the Musée d’art et d’histoire du Judaïsme, in *Haaretz* (English) monthly book supplement (August 2012), 1, 4, 13. <http://www.haaretz.com/life/books/europe-the-orient-and-the-changing-image-of-the-jews-1.457873>

“In Brief” review of Dana Evan Kaplan, *Contemporary American Judaism: Transformation and Renewal*, in *The Times Literary Supplement* (October 2, 2009), 31.

“Memory Disorder,” a review of Omer Bartov, *Erased*, in *Haaretz* (English) monthly book supplement (September 2008), 10-11.

##### *Academic*

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, *Lenin’s Jewish Question*, in *Revolutionary Russia* vol. 25, no. 2 (November 2012): 223-25.

Stefani Hoffman and Ezra Mendelsohn eds., *The Revolution of 1905 and Russia's Jews*, in *Slavonic and East European Review* vol. 89, no. 2 (April 2011): 367-69.

Olga Litvak, *Conscription and the Search for Modern Russian Jewry*, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers* vol. 50, 3-4 (September-December 2008): 516-17.

#### REFERENCE

“Simon Dubnov,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies*. Edited by Naomi Seidman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. [www.oxfordbibliographies.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com).

“Ethnography,” in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History* (SMERSH), vol. 10. Edited by Bruce Adams, Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2011, 21-29.

“Folklore,” in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History* (SMERSH), vol. 10. Edited by Bruce Adams. Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 2011, 231-39.

#### OTHER

Senior Editor at *The Marginalia Review of Books*  
<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/>

#### **SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

“Where Knowledge and Creativity Meet,” a panel in honor of the installation of Suzanne Fortier as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, November 4, 2013.

“A Bridge to the East: Moses Gaster as a Romanian Folklorist,” at the workshop The Folklore Society and the Continent, 1878-1914, hosted by l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, October 3, 2013.

“Jewish Rights, National Rites: Exploring the Origins of Jewish Nationalism in Eastern Europe,” as a Ruth Gay Seminar in Jewish Studies at the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, January 9, 2013.

“Ukrainian-Jewish-Soviet Relations during the Civil War: A Case-Study” (in Russian) at the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv, Ukraine, June 2011.

“Jewish Autonomy in America or ‘Castles in the Sky?’” at the conference Simon Dubnow's Life, Work, and Legacy, hosted by the Simon Dubnow Institute, Leipzig, Germany, November 5, 2010.

“Diaspora Nationalism in Modern Jewish Thought,” at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, December 2, 2010.

### OTHER ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2011-2012 UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, Research Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies  
Feb/Mar 2012 TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, Visiting Scholar, Goldstein-Goren Center for Diaspora Research,  
2010-present HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Center Associate, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies  
2005-2006 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY AT ST. PETERSBURG, Visiting Doctoral Student

### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

University of Helsinki, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies Research Fellowship, 2011-2012  
Boston University Center for the Humanities Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2011 (declined)  
Boston University Peter T. Paul Career Development Professorship, 2010-2013  
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Scholarship, 2006-2007  
Brandeis University Provost Dissertation Research Grant, 2006-2007  
Center for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews (Vilnius, Lithuania) Doctoral Scholarship, 2005-2006  
Tauber Institute (Brandeis University) Graduate Research Award, 2005  
The American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Graduate Student Essay Prize, 2004  
The New England Slavic Association Graduate Student Essay Prize, 2004  
Brandeis University Sachar Travel Scholarship, 2004  
Brandeis University Doctoral Fellowship in Comparative History, 2002-2006  
McGill University Polly and David Binder Scholarship in Jewish Studies, 2000-2001 and 1999-2000

### TEACHING AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- The Emergence of Modern Europe (CAS HI102)
- The Historian’s Craft (CAS HI200)
- Jews in the Modern World (CAS HI219)
- Russia and Its Empires Since 1900 (CAS HI 273)
- History of the Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe (CAS HI275)
- Revolutionary Russia (CAS HI446)
- Topics in Jewish History Colloquium (CAS HI552)
  - Topic: Jews, Empires, and Nation States
  - Topic: Modern Jewish Politics
- Graduate Seminar in European History (CAS HI719)
  - Topic: Nationalism
- Directed Study in European History (GRS HI902)