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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA
Associate Professor of Law

July 2025 – Present

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D. in History, 2025; A.M., 2017

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2021

Princeton University, M.A. in Near Eastern Studies, 2014

Brandeis University, B.A. in History, *summa cum laude* with Highest Honors, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

The Lost English Roots of Notice-and-Comment Rulemaking, 134 YALE L.J. 1955 (2025)

- Irving Oberman Prize for Best Paper on Constitutional Law, Harvard Law School

A Part of Asia or Apart from Asia: Zionist Perceptions of Asia, 1947 – 1956, in UNACKNOWLEDGED KINSHIPS: POSTCOLONIAL STUDIES AND THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF ZIONISM 233 (Stefan Vogt et al. eds., 2024) (with Arie Dubnov)

To Save Democracy from Juristocracy: J.B. Thayer and Congressional Power after the Civil War, 38 CONST. COMMENT. 315 (2023) (with Samuel Moyn)

Uncertain Comparisons: Zionist and Israeli Links to India and Pakistan in the Age of Partition and Decolonization, 39 L. & HIST. REV. 451 (2021)

- Best Legal History Article Award, Israeli History and Law Association

Legal Liminalities: Diverging Jurisdictional Claims in the Transition from British Mandate Palestine to the State of Israel, 62 COMPAR. STUD. SOC'Y & HIST. 359 (2020)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Bruce M. Selya, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

2023 – 2024

SELECTED HONORS & GRANTS

Krupp Foundation Graduate Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center for European Studies, Harvard University	2021
Fellowship in Law and Graduate Studies, Law School and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University	2018 – 2021
Posen Society of Fellows, Posen Foundation	2018 – 2020
Princeton University Near Eastern Studies M.A. Thesis Prize	2015
Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic Study	2012 – 2014
Two-Year Master's Fellowship, Princeton Near Eastern Studies Department	2012 – 2014
Clarendon Scholarship, Oxford University (declined)	2012
Junior Phi Beta Kappa, Brandeis University	2010

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

- “Constructing Israel’s Legal and Jurisdictional Space, 1948-1950,” presented at
- Junior International Law Scholars Association Summer Workshop, July 2025
 - Joint Oxford, Cambridge, and Harvard Conference on Israel Studies, June 2025
- “The Lost English Roots of Notice-and-Comment Rulemaking,” presented at
- Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, October 2024
- “To Save Democracy from Juristocracy: J.B. Thayer and the Tragic Origins of Constitutional Theory,” presented at
- Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, October 2023
 - New York Legal History Workshop, March 2023
- “Israeli Law in the Age of Decolonization,” Julis-Rabinowitz Program on Jewish and Israeli Law, Harvard Law School, April 2023
- “Israeli Law, the British Mandatory Past, and the Search for Post-Colonial Sovereignty,” presented at
- Legal History Colloquium, NYU School of Law, November 2022
 - Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, November 2022
 - Jewish Questions and the Global South: Between Sovereignty and Human Rights, Hebrew University, May 2022
- “The British Origins of Informal Rulemaking: A Lost History of Anglo-American Administrative Law,” Administrative Law New Scholarship Roundtable, Yale University, September 2021
- “Uncertain Comparisons: Zionist and Israeli Views of India and Pakistan in the Age of Partition and Decolonization,” presented at
- Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 2017

- Annual Meeting of the Israeli History and Law Association, October 2017

Panels Organized

Organizer, panel on “Foundations of the Modern Administrative State” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, October 2024

Organizer, panel on “The Search for Order: Law, the State, and Democracy in the Progressive Era” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, October 2023

Organizer, panel on “Law, Time, and the Life of States” at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, November 2022

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard College

Teaching Fellow, What is International History? (Spring 2022)

- Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

Teaching Fellow, Jews in the Modern World (Fall 2021)

- Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

Teaching Fellow, War, State, and Society (Spring 2018)

Teaching Fellow, The State of Israel in Comparative Perspective (Fall 2017)

- Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Harvard Law School , Cambridge, MA	2024 – 2025
<i>Raoul Berger-Mark DeWolfe Howe Fellow in Legal History</i>	

New York University School of Law , New York, NY	2022 – 2023
<i>Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History</i>	

Hon. Juan R. Torruella , United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (deceased)	2020
<i>Judicial Extern</i>	

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom , Boston, MA	2020
<i>Summer Associate</i>	

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (fluent), Arabic (advanced), German (proficient), French (proficient in reading)