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EMPLOYMENT

2006- Ronald S. Lauder Endowed Term Associate Professor of History,
 University of Pennsylvania
 Spring 2010 Professeur invité, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris
 2008- Consultant, Ralph Appelbaum Associates (New York), a museum design
 firm hired to create the Museum of Russian-Jewish History in Moscow;
 since 2010, Chair of Content Committee
 2003-6 Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania
 2000-3 M. Mark & Esther K. Watkins Assistant Professor of the Humanities,
 University of Pennsylvania
 1998-2000 Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania
 1995-98 Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, Indiana University
 1992-95 Teaching Fellow, Program in History & Literature, Harvard University
 1986 Editorial Assistant, Foreign Policy (published by the Carnegie
 Endowment for International Peace), Washington, D.C.
 1985 Research Assistant, Wissenschaftlicher Dienst des Bundestags (Research
 Service of the West German Parliament), Bonn

EDUCATION

1987-95 University of California at Berkeley, M.A. (1989), Ph.D. (1995) in History
 Summer, 1989 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
 Spring, 1987 Leningrad State University, USSR
 1984-85 Universität Tübingen, Germany
 1980-84 Yale University, B.A. in History (1984), *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta
 Kappa, Distinction in the Major

PUBLICATIONS*Books*

Beyond the Pale: The Jewish Encounter with Late Imperial Russia (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002; ppb 2004). [Vol. 45, *Studies on the History of Society and Culture*, Victoria Bonnell & Lynn Hunt, eds.]. xviii + 426 pp., 33 illustrations, 2 maps, 14 tables

Koret Book Prize in Jewish History (Koret Foundation, 2003)
 Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize in any discipline of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2003)
 Finalist, National Jewish Book Award in History (Jewish Book Council, 2003)
 W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize in Russian History (Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2004)

Russian edition (Moscow: Rosspen Publishers, 2007)
 Hebrew edition forthcoming (Jerusalem: Merkaz Zalman Shazar)

Culture Front: Representing Jews in Eastern Europe (Philadelphia: Penn Press, 2008) viii + 323 pp. Co-edited and co-introduced with Gabriella Safran.

A Research Guide to Materials on the History of Russian Jewry (19th and Early 20th Centuries) in Selected Archives of the Former Soviet Union [in Russian]. Compiled by G. M. Deych; edited and introduced [in English] by B. Nathans (Moscow: Blagovest, 1994). [vol. 4, *Russian Archive Series*; Gregory Freeze, Chief Editor. Center for Russian & East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh] xii + 149 pp.

In preparation:

A Curious Kind of Liberty: Soviet Dissidents, Human Rights, and the Soviet Union after Stalin (under contract with Princeton University Press)

Simon Dubnov, The Book of Life: Memoirs and Reflections (English translation by Dianne Sattinger; edited, annotated and introduced by Benjamin Nathans and Viktor Kelner; under contract with the University of Wisconsin Press)

Excerpt published as "Where To: America or Palestine? Simon Dubnov's Memoir of Emigration Debates in Tsarist Russia," *The Jewish Review of Books* 4 (Winter, 2011): 49

Articles and Chapters:

"It is possible to speak to total strangers about these things': Soviet Dissidents, Human Rights, and the New Global Morality," forthcoming in a volume edited by Jan Eckel and Samuel Moyn

"Soviet Rights-Talk in the Post-Stalin Era," in Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann, ed., Human Rights in the Twentieth Century (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2011): 166-190

"Introduction," in Stefani Hoffman and Ezra Mendelsohn, eds., The Revolution of 1905 and Russia's Jews: A Turning Point? (Philadelphia: Penn Press, 2008):1-12

"The Dictatorship of Reason: Aleksandr Vol'pin and the Idea of Rights under 'Developed Socialism'," *Slavic Review* vol. 66, no. 4 (Winter, 2007):630-663

"A 'Hebrew Drama': Lilienblum, Dubnow, and the Idea of 'Crisis' in East European Jewish History," Jahrbuch des Simon-Dubnow-Instituts/Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook vol. 5 (2006):211-231

"'Evreiskaia drama': lichnost', kollektiv, i problema krizisa v russko-evreiskoi istorii," in Oleg Budnitskii, ed., Istoriia i kul'tura rossiiskogo i vostochnoevropenskogo evreistva: novye istochniki, novye podkhody [The History and Culture of Russian and East European Jewry: New Sources, New Approaches] (Moscow, 2004), 10-30 [Russian-language version of preceding article]

- "Jews," in Dominic Lieven, ed., The Cambridge History of Russia. Vol. 2: Imperial Russia, 1689-1917 (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2006):184-201
- "In and Out of Class: Reginald Zelnik as Teacher and Mentor," in Reginald E. Zelnik, Perils of Pankratova: Some Stories from the Annals of Soviet Historiography: A Memorial Volume (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2005):99-107
- "Russko-evreiskaia vstrecha," [The Russian-Jewish Encounter] Ab Imperio vol. 4 (2003):21-40
- "The Other Modern Jewish Politics: Integration and Modernity in Fin-de-Siècle Russia," in Zvi Gitelman, ed., The Emergence of Modern Jewish Politics: Bundism and Zionism in Eastern Europe (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003):20-34
- "Die Vereinigten Staaten - das gelobte Land der Osteuropaforschung?" [The United States - the Promised Land of Slavic Studies?] Osteuropa vol. 49, no. 8 (August 1999):850-858
- Reprinted in Stefan Kreuzberger et al., eds., Wohin steuert die Osteuropaforschung? Eine Diskussion (Cologne: Verlag Wissenschaft und Politik, 2000):125-133
- "On Russian-Jewish Historiography," in Thomas Sanders, ed., Historiography of Imperial Russia: The Profession and Writing of History in a Multi-National State (Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 1999):397-432
- "Ob istoriografii rossiiskogo evreistva," Vestnik evreiskogo universiteta v Moskve vol. 6, no.24 (2002):163-206 [slightly expanded Russian translation of preceding article]
- "Beyn temis le-klio: ha-historiografiya ha-yehudit ba-imperiya ha-rusit ha-meukheret (1860-1917)," in Avraham Greenbaum, Israel Bartal and Dan Haruv, eds., Safra ve-sayafa: Shimon Dubnov, historiyyon ve-ish tsibur (Jerusalem: Merkaz Zalman Shazar, 2010):13-46 [Hebrew translation of preceding article]
- "Mythologies and Realities of Jewish Life in Pre-Revolutionary St. Petersburg," in Ezra Mendelsohn, ed., Studies in Contemporary Jewry vol. 15 [*People of the City: Jews and the Urban Challenge*] (1999):107-148
- Reprinted as "The Jews of Late 19th-Century St. Petersburg," in George D. Jackson and Alexej Ugrinsky, eds., St. Petersburg 300: A Biography of the City (Lima, Peru: Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, 2008):85-134
- "Jews, Law, and the Legal Profession in Late Imperial Russia," in Dmitrii Eliashevich, ed., Trudy po iudaïke: istoriia i kul'tura vol. 5 (St. Petersburg, Russia: 1998):101-127
- "Conflict, Community, and the Jews of Late Nineteenth-Century St. Petersburg," Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas vol. 44, no. 2 (Spring 1996):178-216
- "Za chertoi osedlosti: evrei v dorevoliutsionnom Peterburge," in Rossiiskaia imperiia v sovremennoi zarubezhnoi literature [The Russian Empire in Contemporary Foreign Scholarship], eds. Aleksei Miller, Pëtr Kabytov, and Paul W. Werth (Moscow: Novoe izdatel'stvo, 2005):634-687 [Russian translation of preceding article]

“Evrei, russkie, i ‘evreiskii vopros’ v Peterburge, 1855-1880,” [Jews, Russians, and the ‘Jewish Question’ in St. Petersburg, 1855-1880], Vestnik evreiskogo universiteta v Moskve vol. 2, no. 6 (1994):18-31

Review Essays:

“Uncertainty and Anxiety,” The Nation vol. 293, no. 13 (Sept. 26, 2011):31-35

“The Wild Desire to Leave,” The Nation vol. 291, no. 22 (Nov. 29, 2010):34-36

“When Did Your Eyes Open?” London Review of Books vol. 32, no. 9 (May 13, 2010):25-26

with Kevin Platt: “Sotsialisticheskaia po forme, neopredelennaia po sodержaniuu: pozdnesovetskaia kul’tura i kniga Alekseia Iurchaka, *Vse bylo navechno, poka ne konchilos’*,” Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie no. 101 (2010): 167-184

----, “Socialist in Form, Indeterminate in Content: The Ins and Outs of Late Soviet Culture,” *Ab Imperio* no.2 (2011):301-324 [revised and expanded version of preceding essay]

“Habermas’s ‘Public Sphere’ in the Era of the French Revolution,” French Historical Studies vol. 16, no. 3 (Spring 1990):620-644

Reference Works:

“Samizdat,” in John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds., Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction (Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006), vol. 4:2290-2292

“Yehudim ve-liberalizm politi be-imperiya ha-rusi” [Jews and Political Liberalism in the Russian Empire],” in Yirmiyahu Yovel, ed., Zman yehudi khadash: tarbut yehudit be-idan khiloni [New Jewish Time – Jewish Culture in a Secular Age - An Encyclopedic View] (Jerusalem: Keter Publishing House, 2007), vol. 2:6-8

“Estate System” and “St. Petersburg,” in Gershon David Hundert, ed., The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2008), vol. 1:479-481 and vol. 2:1652-1657

Book Reviews:

Jewish Renaissance in the Russian Revolution. By Kenneth B. Moss (Cambridge, MA, 2009), 384 pp. Russian Review vol. 69, no.3 (July 2010):537

The Cambridge History of Russia. Vol. 3: The Twentieth Century. Edited by Ronald Grigor Suny (Cambridge, 2006), 842 pp. Journal of Modern History vol. 81 (September 2009):756-758

- Jews in the Russian Army, 1827-1917: Drafted into Modernity.* By Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern (New York, 2009), 307 pp. Journal of Interdisciplinary History vol. 40, no. 4 (Spring 2010):611-612
- Das jüdische Jahrhundert.* By Yuri Slezkine (Göttingen, 2006), 420 pp. Damals: Das Magazin für Geschichte und Kultur vol. 41, no.1 (January 2009):43-44
- Being for Myself Alone: Origins of Jewish Autobiography.* By Marcus Moseley (Stanford, 2006), 650 pp. Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly vol.31, no.2 (Spring 2008):297-303
- From Newspeak to Cyberspeak: A History of Soviet Cybernetics.* By Slava Gerovitch (Cambridge, 2002), 369 pp. Journal of Modern History vol.78, no.4 (December 2006):1010-1011
- The Legacy of Soviet Dissent: Dissidents, Democratisation and Radical Nationalism in Russia.* By Robert Horvath (London & New York, 2005), 293 pp. Slavic Review vol. 65, no.2 (Summer 2006):397-398
- A People Apart: The Jews in Europe, 1789-1939.* By David Vital (Oxford, 1999), 944 pp. Jewish Quarterly Review vol. 96, no.2 (Spring, 2006):288-295
- Evrei i russkaia revoliutsiia: Materialy i issledovaniia.* Edited by Oleg V. Budnitskii (Moscow-Jerusalem, 1999), 479 pp. Russian Review vol. 59, no. 3 (July 2000):468-469
- To the Other Shore: The Russian Jewish Intellectuals Who Came to America.* By Steven Cassedy (Princeton, 1997), 197 pp. Jewish Quarterly Review vol. 91, nos. 1-2 (2001):243-244
- Stalin's Forgotten Zion: Birobidzhan and the Making of a Soviet Jewish Homeland. An Illustrated History, 1928-1996.* By Robert Weinberg. With an Introduction by Zvi Gitelman. Photographs edited by Bradley Berman (Berkeley, 1998), 105 pp. East European Jewish Affairs vol. 28, no. 2 (Winter 1998-99):120-121
- Between Tradition and Modernity: Haim Zhitlowski, Simon Dubnow, Ahad Ha-Am, and the Shaping of Modern Jewish Identity.* By David H. Weinberg (New York, 1996), 385 pp. Nationalities Papers vol. 26, no. 4 (Dec. 1998):796-798
- Founder of Hasidism: A Quest for the Historical Ba'al Shem Tov.* By Moshe Rosman (Berkeley, 1996), 303 pp. Nationalities Papers vol. 25, no. 4 (Dec. 1997):786-788
- Karaite Separatism in Nineteenth-Century Russia.* By Philip E. Miller (Cincinnati, 1993), 252 pp. Slavic Review vol. 54, no. 1 (Spring 1995):178-179

Translations:

- [from German] Peter Bender, "The Superpower Squeeze," Foreign Policy vol. 65 (Winter 1986-87):98-113
- [from Russian] Dmitrii Eliashevich, "Censorship of Jewish Publications in the Russian Empire," in Gershon David Hundert, ed., The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2008), vol. 1:296-297

Op-Ed Pieces:

“The Sakharov Archives: A Vital Record of Human Rights History is in Danger,”
International Herald Tribune (Aug. 29, 2003):6

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New Directions Fellowship for study at NYU Law School, 2007-8 (supplemental award, spring 2010)
 Soviet Archives Workshop Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford, July 2009
 Certificate of Appreciation for Dedication to Teaching, Interfraternity Council at Penn, 2007, 2008
 University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, Faculty Fellowship, 2006
 National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant (together with Dr. Dianne Sattinger and Dr. Viktor Kelner), 2005-8
 Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Grant for Translation (Hebrew) of *Beyond the Pale*, 2005, 2011
 University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 2005
 Leonid Nevzlin Center for Research on Russian and East European Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Grant for Translation (Hebrew) of *Beyond the Pale*, 2005
 National Council for East European and Eurasian Research (NCEEER), Research Grant, 2003-4
 American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, 2003
 University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 2003
 Residential Fellowship, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2003
 Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Grant for Translation (Russian) of *Beyond the Pale*, 2002
 University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 1999
 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Joint Committee on the Soviet Union and its Successor States, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1997-99
 Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Book Project Grant, Fall 1997
 NCEEER, Research Grant, Spring and Summer 1997
 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (MFJC) Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1996-97
 American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant, Summer 1996
 International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) Short-Term Travel Grant for Research in Russia, Summer 1996
 Russian and East European Institute (REEI/Indiana University) Mellon Faculty Travel Grant for Conference in St. Petersburg, Summer 1996
 Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowship, Summer 1996
 REEI Mellon Faculty Travel Grant, 1995
 MFJC Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93, 1994-95
 SSRC Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93
 U.C. Berkeley Regents Fellowship, 1992-93
 SSRC Research & Development Grant (jointly with Professor G. M. Deych), for preparation of a guide to materials on Russian-Jewish history in Russian archives, 1991-93 (see publication above)
 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 1991-92
 IREX Fellowship for Long-Term Research in the USSR, 1991-92
 SSRC Graduate Training Fellowship, 1989-91
 IREX Developmental Fellowship for study of Yiddish and Hebrew, 1989-90
 U.C. Berkeley Slavic Center Fellowship for study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Summer 1989
 FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Fellowship for study at Middlebury College, Summer 1988
 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1987-89
 Benjamin Goor Graduate Essay Prize in Jewish Studies, 1988 (U.C. Berkeley)
 SSRC Language Training Fellowship for study at Indiana University, Summer 1986
 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship for study in Germany, 1984-85

PAPERS DELIVERED**“The Self as Other: On Soviet Dissident Memoirs”**

- . International Conference: The End of the Soviet Union? Origins and Legacies of 1991, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen, May 2011

“Documenting and Researching the Soviet Dissident Movement”

- . International Conference: Nonconformism and Dissent in the Soviet Bloc: Guiding Legacy or Passing Memory?, Columbia University, Harriman Institute, Ukrainian Studies Program, March 2011

“Human Rights and Jewish History in the Long Twentieth Century”

- . Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2010

“Was Dubnov an Ideological Thinker?”

- . Conference: Simon Dubnov on the 150th Anniversary of his Birth, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Center for Jewish History, NYC, October 2010

“Soviet Dissidents and Human Rights”

- . International Conference, “A New Global Morality? The Politics of Human Rights and Humanitarianism in the 1970s,” Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Universität Freiburg (Germany), June 2010

“Socialism Demagnetized: New Approaches to the Post-Totalitarian Era of Soviet History”

- . Keynote Address, International Symposium, “The Thaw: Visual Culture and Beyond,” University of Pennsylvania, April 2010

“Soviet Rights-Talk in the Post-Stalin Era”

- . Triangle Intellectual History Seminar, Duke University, May 2011
- . Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen, November 2010
- . École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 2010
- . Russian/Soviet History Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, December 2009
- . International Conference, “The Decline of the West? The Fate of the Atlantic Community after the Cold War,” University of Pennsylvania, October 2009
- . Annenberg Seminar, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, September 2009
- . Center for European Studies and Stanford Law School, Stanford University, Feb. 2009
- . International Workshop, “Human Rights in History,” Temple University, December 2008
- . International Workshop, “Human Rights in the Twentieth Century: Concepts and Conflicts,” Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, June 2008
- . History Workshop, Georgetown University, May 2008

“Talking Fish: Soviet Dissent in Historical Perspective”

- . Humanities Center, University of Virginia, March 2011
- . École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 2010
- . Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, December 2009
- . Soviet History Workshop, Hoover Institution Archives, July 2009
- . Universität Potsdam (Germany), Department of History, June 2008

“Soviet Dissidents, the Cold War, and the Problem of Human Rights”

- . Miami University of Ohio, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, April 2008

“Historicizing Soviet Dissent: Between Embeddedness and Seclusion”

- . 25th Anniversary Conference, "The Other Europe," Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen, June 2007
- "The Legacy of Human Rights in Russia"
 - . International symposium, "Human Rights and Political Prisoners in Russia: A View from the Khodorkovsky Case," Penn Law School, Dec. 2006
- "The Cold War, Soviet Dissent, and the Andrei Sakharov Archive"
 - . Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, March 2006
- "A 'Hebrew Drama': The Individual, the Collective, and the Problem of Crisis in Russian-Jewish History"
 - . École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 2010
 - . [in German] Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Universität Leipzig, May 2006
 - . SUNY Binghamton, Jewish Studies Program, April 2006
 - . University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, April 2005
 - . University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, February 2003
 - . Northwestern University, Department of History, February 2003
 - . [in Russian] Center for Research on Russian and East European Jewry, Moscow, December 2003
- "Beyond Mercurians and Appolonians: On Yuri Slezkine's *The Jewish Century*"
 - . International Conference, "How General is Jewish History?," Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Universität Leipzig (Germany), September 2005
- "Aleksandr Vol'pin and the Origins of the Soviet Human Rights Movement"
 - . University of California at Berkeley, Conference on the "Thaw," May 2005
 - . Stanford University, Department of History, May 2005
 - . University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Slavic Studies *khruzhok*, April 2005
 - . Johns Hopkins University, Department of History, April 2004
 - . Lasalle University, Faculty Symposium, October 2004
 - . University of Georgia, Athens, International Conference "Intelligentsia: Russian and Soviet Science on the World Stage, 1860-1960," October 2004
 - . CUNY Graduate Center, April 2004
 - . University of Delaware, Department of History, April 2003
 - . MIT, Department of History, February 2003
 - . Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian Studies, February 2003
- Respondant, forum on *Beyond the Pale: The Jewish Encounter with Late Imperial Russia*
 - . University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Jewish Studies Program, April 2005
- "Lawyers and Socialist Legality under the Thaw"
 - . Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, December 2004
 - . Stanford University, Department of History and Law School, May 2005
- "The State of American Research on Samizdat"
 - . International Conference, "Samizdat in Research and Archives - Taking Stock," Budapest (Hungary), sponsored by the Forschungsstelle Osteuropa (University of Bremen), May 2004
- "Beyond the Pale: How Jews Became Modern in Tsarist Russia"
 - . Bryn Mawr College, April 2005
 - . YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Center for Jewish History, NYC, November 2002
 - . Lafayette College, Easton, PA, November 2002

“Historicizing Soviet Dissent”

- . Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Denver, November 2000

“Beyond the Pale: Jewish Life in St. Petersburg”

- . University of Michigan, Series on St. Petersburg at 300 and the Program in Jewish Studies, September 2003
- . Hofstra University, St. Petersburg 300th Anniversary Conference, November 2003

“Higher Education and Empire in Fin-de-Siècle Russia: Jews, Russians, and the Imperial University”

- . Yale University, Jewish Studies Program, February 2003
- . Cornell University, Jewish Studies Colloquium, April 2002
- . Stanford University, Colloquium on Modern Russian History, February 1999
- . University of California at Berkeley, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, February 1999
- . Columbia University, Seminar on Slavic History and Culture, November 1999

“Petersburg and the Pale: The Geography of Russian-Jewish Politics”

- . Princeton University, Interdisciplinary Conference on “Urban Diasporas,” April 2002

“Andrei Sakharov: Science and Dissent in the Soviet Union”

- . U. of Pennsylvania, “Twentieth-Century Lives” public lecture series, March 2002

“Pale Lines: Russians, Jews, and the Boundaries of Historical Knowledge, 1860-1930”

- . Syracuse University, Interdisciplinary Conference on “Borderlines,” April 2002

“Russian Jewry in the European Mirror: Emancipation Revisited”

- . Princeton University, March 2001
- . University of Maryland, November 2000

“The Russian-Jewish Encounter: Beginnings and Endings”

- . Conference on “Religion, Spirituality, and Identity in Modern Russia and Eurasia,” University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, June 1999

“Civil Society and Empire in Fin-de-Siècle Russia: The Case of the Legal Profession”

- . Cornell University, Colloquium on European History, October 1998

“Birobidzhan in Russian-Jewish History”

- . Judah Magnes Museum/University of California at Berkeley, May 1998

“The Other Modern Jewish Politics: Integration and Modernity in Fin-de-Siècle Russia”

- . International Conference, “A Century of Modern Jewish Politics: The Bund and Zionism in Poland and Eastern Europe,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 1998

“Jewish Life in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union”

- . The Butler University Seminar on Religion and the Future of Europe, Indianapolis, March 1997

“Education and National Identity in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia”

- . Roundtable on the Russian-Jewish Intelligentsia, Annual Conference of the American Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 1996

“Jews and the Rule of Law in Late Imperial Russia”

- . [in Russian] International Conference, "The Jews of Eastern Europe," St. Petersburg, Russia, July 1996
 - . Association of Polish-Jewish Studies, Cambridge, Mass, October 1996
 - . History Department Faculty Seminar, Indiana University, October 1996
- "The Problem of Jewish Emancipation in Imperial Russia"
- . Department of History, Brandeis University, October 1993
 - . Russian Research Center, Harvard University, November 1993
 - . Department of History, Indiana University at Bloomington, February 1994
- "Beyond the Pale: The Jews of St. Petersburg in Late Imperial Russia"
- . Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 1994
 - . Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, March 1995
- "Lawyers, Jews, and Other Russians: Ethnicity and the Legal Profession in Late Imperial Russia"
- . Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 1994
- "Jews, Russians, and the 'Jewish Question' in St. Petersburg, 1855-1880"
- . Annual Conference of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December 1992
- "Archival Materials from the Department of Police and Government Jewish Committees as Sources for the History of the Jews in Late Imperial Russia" [in Russian]
- . International Conference, "The Jews in Russia," St. Petersburg, Russia, June 1992

PARTICIPATION AS DISCUSSANT IN SCHOLARLY PANELS

- "On Paweł Maciejko's *The Mixed Multitude: Jacob Frank and the Frankist Movement, 1755-1816*"
- . Symposium, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2011
- "History and Subjectivity in Russia (late 19th – 20th Centuries)"
- . International Colloquium, Institute of History, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, June 2010
- "Soviet Selves In and Beyond Russia: New Themes, Problematics, and Approaches"
- . Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008
- "Intersections of Law, History and Identity Politics: Human Rights, Genocide, and 'Colored Revolutions' in the USSR/FSU"
- . Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008
- "Anti-Semitism in Freud's Case Histories"
- . Freud, Franklin, and Beyond, University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute, September 2008
- "Beyond Eastern Europe: Jewish Cultures in Israel and the United States"
- . International Conference, Rutgers University, March 2007
- "The Jewish Book: Material Texts and Comparative Contexts"

- . Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 2006
- “Modern Jewish Literatures: Language, Identity, Writing”
 - . Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 2005
- “Russian Musical Culture of the 19th and 20th Centuries: An Interdisciplinary Symposium”
 - . University of Pennsylvania, Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, March 2004
- “Jewish History and Culture in Eastern Europe”
 - . Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 2003
- “Political Violence in Russia and the Soviet Union”
 - . *Kritika* Workshop on New Approaches to Russian and Soviet History, May 2002
- “East European Jews in the City: Community and Identity,”
 - . Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 2001
- “Ideology and the Propaganda of Health”
 - . Conference on “Inventing the Soviet Union: Language, Power, and Representation, 1917-1945,” Indiana University at Bloomington, November 1997
- “Associational Life Among Jews in the Weimar Republic”
 - . International Conference, “Circles of Community: Collective Jewish Identities in Germany and Austria, 1918-1932,” Indiana University at Bloomington, March 1996
- “Continuity and Change in Russian History”
 - . Workshop on New Approaches to Russian and Soviet History, New York University, October 1995

PUBLIC TALKS

- “The Dissident’s Dilemma: Human Rights, the Cold War, and Soviet History”
 - . *Knowledge by the Slice*, Penn SAS External Affairs, April 2011
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rMka3BnH2w>
- “One Damn Thing After Another: Why We Study History”
 - . Keynote Address, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, January 2010
- “A Report on the Archives of the Former Soviet Union”
 - . International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Philadelphia, August 2009
 - . International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Los Angeles, July 2010
- “On the Documentary Film *Refusenik*”
 - . Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival, February 2009
- “A Trip to the Digital Dark-Side: Confessions of a Bibliophile”
 - . Orrery Society, University of Pennsylvania Libraries, November 2008
- “Soviet Jewry and State-Sponsored Violence”
 - . Jewish Studies Bassini Interns Program, University of Pennsylvania, December 2007
- “Beyond the Pale: The Jews of Tsarist Russia”

- . John C. Livingston Memorial Lecture, Department of History, Denver University
(supplemented by three faculty seminars on East European Jewish Cultural History), May 2007
 - . International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Philadelphia, August 2009
 - . International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Los Angeles, July 2010
- “On Barukh Mordekhai Lifshits’s *Zikhroynos fun gulag* [Memoirs of the Gulag]”
- . Lubavitch House, University of Pennsylvania, November 2005
- “Modern Jewish History Through Three Critical Texts” (mini-course)
- . Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA, May 2008
 - . Jewish Community Center, Cherry Hill, NJ, September-October 2005
 - . Temple Beth Am, Penn Valley, PA, February 2004
- “Revolutionary Russia” (mini-course)
- . Jewish Community Center, Cherry Hill, NJ, September-October 2003
- “The Promise and Peril of Emancipation”
- . Temple Beth Am, Penn Valley, PA, October 2002
- “Jewish Underground Writings from the Holocaust”
- . Temple Har Zion, Penn Valley, PA, October 2002
 - . CAJS Board of Trustees Retreat, October 2002
 - . Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA, November 2001
- “As If You Were Slaves: The Shtetl Looks Back” and “Elusive Emancipation: The Shtetl Looks Forward”
- . Lower Merion Reform Temple, PA, April 2003
 - . Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA March 2001
 - . Temple Emanuel, Baltimore, MD, March 1999
- “The Jews of Odessa on the Edge of the Modern World”
- . Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA, March 2003
 - . Temple Har Zion, Penn Valley, PA, March 2000
- “The Holocaust as History and as Art”
- . University of Pennsylvania, Center for Italian Studies, public conference on “Roberto Benigni’s *Life is Beautiful*, In Context, In Depth,” October 1999
- “Documenting the Holocaust”
- . University of Pennsylvania College Alumni Society, National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia, PA, April 1999
- “Routes to Roots: Re-Discovering East European Jewry” and “Back to the Future: East European Jews During and After Communism”
- . Temple Beth Tefillah, Philadelphia, PA, February 2000
 - . Temple Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, PA, October 1999
 - . Temple Beth Torah, Philadelphia, PA, March 1999
- “Jewish Life in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union”
- . Temple Beth Shalom, Bloomington, IN, January 1998

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

In the History Department:

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Transnational European History (2010-11)
 Member, Executive Committee (2001-2, 2008-10)
 Coordinator, Annenberg Visiting Speaker Series (2000-1; 2008-9 with Kathy Brown)
 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Imperial Russian/Soviet History, (2004-5)
 Member, Undergraduate History Prizes Selection Committee (2005, 2009, 2011)
 Co-Founder and Co-Convener (with Warren Breckman), Annenberg Colloquium in European History (2002-4)
 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (Spring 2001)
 Member, Committee on European Hiring Priorities (Spring 2001)
 Member, Committee on Teaching Assistant Allocation (1999)
 Member, Search Committee for Annenberg Chair in Modern European History (1998-99)

In the University:

SAS Faculty Coordinator, Global Human Rights Certificate (2011-)
 Member, School of Arts and Sciences Committee on Graduate Education (2011-)
 Member, Integrated Studies Planning Committee (2010-)
 Member, Search Committee for Coordinator of Humanities Collections & Humanities Librarian, Penn Libraries (2008, 2010, 2011)
 Member, Council of University Scholars (2008 -)
 Interviewer, Fulbright Fellowship Committee (2008)
 Co-coordinator (with Peter Holquist), Penn Russian/Soviet History & Culture Workshop (2006-)
 Faculty Liaison, Committee on Student Life of the Board of Trustees (2006-10, 2011-12)
 Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Dolce Suono Chamber Music Concert Series (2005-9)
 Member, Faculty Editorial Board, Penn Press (2004-7)
 Discussion Leader, Penn Reading Project (2004, 2005)
 Co-Convener, "Jewish History and Culture in Eastern Europe, 1600-2000," year-long interdisciplinary seminar, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (2002-3)
 Acting Associate Director, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (2002-3)
 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Russian Literature (2004-5)
 Member, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Russian Literature (2002-3)
 Member, Search Committee for Chair of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures (2000-1)
 Member, Search Committee for Language Coordinator, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures (1998-99)
 Coordinator, "Twentieth-Century Lives" Lecture Series (2001-2)
 Eight public lectures by members of Penn's Department of History on significant individuals from the past century
 Member, Advisory Board, Penn Humanities Forum (1999-2005; 2007-)
 Member, Graduate Group in Comparative Literature (1999-)
 Member, Graduate Group in Germanic Languages and Literatures (2002-)
 Member, Advisory Board, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (1998-)
 Member, Fellowship Committee, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (1999-2000, 2002-3, 2007-8)
 Faculty Representative, Committee for Manufacturers' Responsibility (2002-2005)
 Guest Speaker, University of Pennsylvania College Alumni Society (April 1999)
 Guest Speaker, Round Table on Theory Seminar (September 2000)
 Guest Speaker, KafkaFest (October 2000)
 Guest Speaker, Jewish Studies Senior Honors Seminar (March 1999)

Beyond the University:

- Member, Wissenschaftlicher Beirat, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa [Academic Advisory Council, Center for Research on Eastern Europe], Universität Bremen, Germany (2010-)
- Member, Advisory Council, The Andrei Sakharov Foundation, New York/Moscow (2011-)
- Chair, Content Committee, Ralph Appelbaum Associates (New York), a museum design firm hired to create the Museum of Russian-Jewish History in Moscow (2008 -)
- Member, Board of Editors, *American Historical Review* (2007-10)
- Member, Board of Editors, *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* (2009 -)
- Member, Board of Editors, *Jewish Social Studies* (2009 -)
- Member, Honors and Awards Committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (2009-)
- Expert Witness, legal asylum cases (from Russia), Federal District Court, Philadelphia (2000, 2010, 2011)
- Fellowship evaluator, American Philosophical Society (2007-10)
- Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (2008-10)
- Member, Board of Editors, *Studia Judaeslavica* [Brill Academic Publishers/The Hebrew University of Jerusalem] (2007-)
- Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, Social Science Research Council, Program on Eurasia (2004-7)
- Member, International Academic Advisory Board, Center for Research on Russian and East European Jewry [Moscow] (2003-10)
- Manuscript and proposal reviewer for *American Historical Review*, *Jewish Social Studies*, *Kritika*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Contemporary European History*, *Acta Slavica Iaponica*, *Cahiers du monde russe*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Zion [Tsiyon]*, Harvard UP, Yale UP, Princeton UP, Cambridge UP, Oxford UP, University of California Press, Penn Press, Indiana UP, Slavica Publishers, Woodrow Wilson Center Press, Koret Foundation (San Francisco), National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Primary Source Microfilms
- Member, Editorial Board, *Vestnik evreiskogo universiteta v Moskve* (1999-)
- Member, Advisory Board, St. Petersburg Jewish University (1995-2005)