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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of History and the Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern University, 2003—present
The Sensibar Visiting Professor, Spertus College, 2007-2008
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Fall, 2007
Northwestern Summer Holocaust Institute, 2005—2007
Lecturer, Judaic and Slavic Studies, Tufts University, 2000—2003
Lecturer, Hebrew College, Boston, 1999—2003
Lecturer, Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, summer trimester and summer school, 1995
Chair, Department of Judaic Studies, International Solomon University, Kyiv, 1993—1995
Senior Research Fellow, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, 1992—1995
Lecturer, Comparative Literature Department, Kyiv State University, 1988—1993

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Brandeis University, 2001 (Modern Jewish History)
Dissertation: “Jews in the Russian Army, 1827—1914”
Adviser: Antony Polonsky. Readers: Michael Stanislawski, Gregory Freeze.
Ph.D., Comparative Literature, Moscow University (*MGU*), 1988
Dissertation: “The Poetics of Gabriel García Márquez”
Adviser: Svetlana Eremina-Piskunova. Readers: Eleazar Meletinsky, Natalia Malinovsky.
M.A., Philology of German and Romance Languages, Kiev University (*KGU*), 1984

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

East European Jewish History and Culture (studied with Antony Polonsky, Moshe Rosman and Shaul Stampfer)
Jewish Social History, Archives and Documents (studied with Jonathan Sarna)
Jewish Mysticism and Kabbalah (studied with Arthur Green)
Spanish-Jewish and Jewish intellectual history (courses taken with Yosef Kaplan, Emmanuel Etkes, and Isador Twersky)
Jewish Liturgy (studied with Reuven Kimelman)
Jewish Paleography (Institute of Judaic Studies, Jerusalem, intensive course, Summer, 2003)
Rabbinics (studied the Talmud at *Yeshivat Ohr Somayach*, Israeli Division, Jerusalem, July—August, 1993; September, 1995—July, 1996; *havruta*/continuing studies: with Prof. David Kazhdan, Boston, 1997—2001; with Rabbi Ochs, Boston, 2000—2003; with Rabbi Beider, Chicago, 2004—present)
Slavic Cultures (informal studies with Miron Petrovsky and Vadym Skuratovs'kyi)
Theory of Culture (spiritual mentors, no personal contacts: Iuri Lotman, Aleksei Losev, Sergei Averintsev)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Visiting Scholar Fellowship, 2007
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Grant, 2007
Cohn Scholars Fund, Spertus College, 2007
Faculty Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2007
National Endowment for Humanities Summer Grant, 2006
Faculty Reading Group in Central and East European Jewish History, 2006
Fellow Assistant Researcher Award, Northwestern University, 2006
Faculty Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2006

The Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, Fellow, 2003—2006
University of Illinois Russian and the U.S. Department of State Title VIII Program, Summer Fellowship, 2004
Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Visiting Fellowship, Paris, 1995 and 2003
Ephraim E. Urbach Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2002—2003
Nachum Glatzer Prize for the Dissertation, Brandeis University, 2001
Doctoral Scholarship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 1997—1998; 1998—1999
Ruth Ann Perlmutter Scholarship, Brandeis University, 1996—2000
Rothschild Fellowship, Yad Hanadiv/Barecha Foundation, Jerusalem, 1995—1996
Jerusalem Fellows/Amite Yerushalayim, Jerusalem, 1995—96 (declined)
Grant for Social Leadership, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, 1994
Research Fellowship, Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies (CREES), University of Toronto, 1993

PUBLICATIONS IN JEWISH STUDIES

BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS

The Anti-Imperial Choice: the Making and Unmaking of the Ukrainian Jew, under contract, forthcoming with Yale University Press.

Jews in the Russian Army (1827—1917): Drafted into Modernity, under contract, forthcoming with Cambridge University Press.

Evrei v russkoi armii, 1827—1914 [Jews in the Russian Army]. Moscow: book series *Historia Rossica*; Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie Publ., 2003.—555 p.

Reviews: Oleh Maievs'kyi, [review], in *KRYTYKA*, no. 11 (85) (2004), 20; Aleksandr Melikhov, "Evrei i russkaia armia—sto let vmeste," *Znamia*, no. 8 (2004), <http://magazines.russ.ru/znamia/2004/8/mel20.html>; Aleksandr Ostrogorskii, "David na sluzhbe u Goliafa," *Knizhnoe obozrenie* (August 1, 2003), <http://book-review.ru/news/news867.html>; Andrei Gromov, "Zhizn za tsaria," *Ezhenedelnyi zhurnal*, no. 076 (July 1, 2003), <http://prev.ej.ru/076/life/litera/03/index.html>; Vadim Nesterov, "Kogda evreiskoe kazachestvo vosstalo," *Gazeta* (July 1, 2003); Aleksandr Lakshin, *Ab Imperio*, no. 4 (2003), 659—666; Valerii Dymshits, "Igra v soldatiki," *Narod knigi v mire knig*, 9—11; Mark Shteinberg, "Chto zhe delali evrei v russkoi armii?," *Mezhdunarodnaia evreiskaia gazeta* no. 49 (2003), http://www.jig.ru/meadle_east/049.html; V. Akunov, "Evrei v russkoi armii i unter Trumpeldor," *Reitar: voenno-istoricheskii zhurnal*, no. 13 (2005)

Shtetl As It Was, 1790—1830, a book project on the shtetl's material culture under construction. Tentative date for submission: December, 2008.

Practical Kabbalah in Eastern Europe, 1660—1750, a book project under construction. Tentative date for submission: October, 2009.

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS (*--peer-reviewed publications)

"Ba'alei Shem," "Demons," "Ukrainian literature," "Military Service in Russia," "Yakov Brafman," in *The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008).*

"From the Shtetl with Love: an Episode in Ukrainian-Jewish Literary History," a book chapter in *Jewish Literature and History: An Interdisciplinary Conversation*, Eliyana Adler and Sheila Jelen (Bethesda: University of Maryland Press, 2008), forthcoming.*

"Two subalterns in an imperial context: the 1907 Ukrainian-Jewish electoral coalition," submitted to *Ukrainian Quarterly* (written together with Joshua Shanes).*

"The Enemy of the Humanity: the anti-Napoleon paradigm in Russian Mentality and the genesis of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*" (an expanded version of the Russian article published in 2005), submitted for publication to *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion: One Hundred Year Myth and Its Impact*, to be published by Steven Roth Center, Tel-Aviv University Press.*

"Konstruiuvannia neimovirnoi identychnosti: vypadok Hryts'ka Kernerenka" (a Ukrainian version of the essay published by *Ab Imperio* in 2005), *Vidkrytyi Arkhiv* (Instytut "Krytyky" and Ukrainian research Institute at Harvard University, 2006), accepted for publication, forthcoming.

"Jews and the Army: Social and Cultural Aspects," a chapter for the 2nd vol. of Israel Bartal, ed., *A History of*

the Jews in Russia, in 3 vols. (Jerusalem: Zalman Shazar), accepted for publication, forthcoming.*

- “*Hasidei de-ara and hasidei de-kokhvaya: Two Trends in Modern Jewish Historiography*,” *AJS Review*, (Spring, 2008), forthcoming.*
- “The Marketplace in Balta: Aspects of Economic and Cultural Life,” *East European Jewish Affairs*, vol. 37, no. 3 (2007): 277—298.*
- “Novitnii Moisei: ukrains’ko-ievreis’kyi poet u protsessi stanovlennia,” [A New Moses: a Ukrainian-Jewish poet in the making; an expanded Ukrainian version of the 2004 English article published in *East European Jewish Affairs*, *Yehupets*, no. 16 (2006): 100-124.
- “Mertvye evrei: zametki o priemlemom proshlom,” [“The Dead Jews:” an authorized Russian version of my essay previously published in 2004 in *Ab Imperio*], *Problemy istorii Holokostu*, no. 3 (2006): 66-84. available on-line at: <http://tkuma.dp.ua/images/stories/jurnal/z3.pdf>*
- “Russian Legislation and Jewish Self-Governing Institutions: the case of Kamenets-Podol’sk,” essay, and “The Minute-book of the Kamnits (Kamenets) Burial Society,” translated and commented edition of the 1798/99 Hebrew document, *Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe*, no. 1 (56) (2006), 107—130.*
- “‘We Are Too Late:’ Shloyme Ansky and his Paradigm of No Return,” forthcoming in *The Worlds of Ansky: A Russian-Jewish Intellectual at the Turn of the Century*, ed. by Gabriella Safran and Stephen Zipperstein, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), 83—102.*
- “The Expansion of the Visual: reflections on sixteenth century illuminated Yiddish books,” *Jewish History*, vol. 20, no. 2 (2006), 231—241.*
- “On Solzhenitsyn’s ‘Middle Path,’” *Polin*, no. 18 (2005), 381—392.
- The Construction of an Improbable Identity: the case of Hryts’ko Kernerenko,” essay; “From the Literary Legacy of Hryts’ko Kernerenko,” the publication of 1890-1900s Ukrainian literary documents, *Ab Imperio*, no. 1 (2005), 191—241; 241—255.*
- “The Literary and the Historical: Reflections on a Jewish Memoir,” *Jewish Quarterly Review (JQR)*, vol. 95, no. 1 (2005), 91—99.*
- “Vrag roda chelovecheskogo: o ‘protokol’noi’ paradigme v russkom obschestvennom soznanii,” [‘The Enemy of the Humanity:’ On the Paradigm of the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* in Russian Mentality], in Lev Gudkov, ed., *Obraz vraga* [The Image of the Enemy] (Moscow: OGI, 2005), 102—126. (Natsia i kul’tura. Novye Issledovania: Rossiia/Russia).
- “Ukraine Jewish Culture,” “Moisei Fishbein,” *Encyclopedia of Modern Jewish Culture*, ed. by Glenda Abramson. 2 vols. (London and New York: Routledge, 2005), vol. 1: 270—271; vol. 2: 915—921.
- “The Master of an Evil Name: Hillel Ba’al Shem and His *Sefer ha-Heshek*,” *Association of Jewish Studies Review (AJSR)*, vol. 28, no. 2 (2004): 217—248.*
- “The Drama of Berdichev: Levy Yitshak and His Town,” *Polin*, no. 17 (2004), 83—95.
- “‘The Dead Jews:’ A Reflection on Two Models of Useable Past,” *Ab Imperio*, no. 4 (2004): 193—204.*
- “Jews in Ukrainian Thought: Between the 1940s and the 1990s,” *The Ukrainian Quarterly* vol. LX, nos. 3—4 (Fall-Winter 2004): 231—270.*
- “Do ievreis’ko-ukrains’koho dialohu: Roman Rakhmannyi,” [Toward a Ukrainian-Jewish Dialogue: The Case of Roman Rakhmannyi], *Yehupets*, no. 14 (2004), 353—362.
- “Hasidism, *Havurot* and the Jewish Street,” *Jewish Social Studies*, vol. 10, no. 2 (2004): 20—54.*
- “Dual Identity Revisited: The Case of Russian-Jewish Soldiers,” essay, and “The Minute Book of the

Guardians of Faith Society,” translated and commented edition of the 1843 Hebrew document, *Jews in Russia and Eastern Europe*, no. 1 (2004), 130—144.*

“The Coming of a New Moses: Ukrainian-Jewish Poet in the Making,” *East European Jewish Affairs*, vol. 34, no. 1 (2004): 12—28.*

“Reconceptualizing the Alien: Jews in Modern Ukrainian Thought,” *Ab Imperio*, no. 4 (2003): 519—580.*

“Contextualizing the Mystery: Three Approaches to the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*,” *KRITIKA: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, no. 2 (2003): 395—409.*

“In Search of a Lost People: Jews in Present-Day Ukrainian Historiography,” *East European Jewish Affairs*, no. 1 (2003): 67—82.*

“The Revival of Academic Studies of Judaica in Independent Ukraine,” in *Jewish Life After the USSR: A Community in Transition*, ed. by Zvi Gitelman et al. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003), 152—172.*

“Isaak Vavilonskii: iazyk i stil v *Odesskikh rasskazakh* Babelia,” [Isaac of Babylonia: language and style in Babel’s *Odessa Stories*], *Yehupets*, no. 13 (2004): 88—100.

“*The Guardians of Faith*, or Jewish Self-Governing Societies in the Russian Army: the case of Briansk 35th regiment,” in *The Military and Society in Russia, 1450 to 1917*. Edited by Eric Lohr and Marshall Poe (Leiden: Brill, 2002), 413—434.*

“The Jewish Policy of the War Ministry in Late Imperial Russia: the Impact of the Russian Right,” *KRITIKA: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, no. 2 (2002): 217—254.*

“*Russkii Dybbuk*: obrazy i perevoploshchenia,” [The Russian *Dybbuk*: images and metamorphosis], a commented edition of Ansky’s original of *The Dybbuk*, *Yehupets*, no. 10 (2002): 167—247.

“Sud’ba ‘srednei linii,’” [The Fate of the Middle Path: on Solzhenitsyn’s *Two Hundred Years Together*], *Neprikosnovennyi zapas*, no. 4 (18) (2001): 38—49.

“Ulysses among the Centaurs: Jews and Cossacks in Babel’s *Red Cavalry*,” *Yehupets*, no. 9 (2001): 219—228.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Over 70 publications including editions, articles, reviews, and translations such as:

Edition, preface, translation, and commentary in Jorge Luis Borges, *Pismena Boga* [Epistles of God], Moscow: Respublica Publishers, 1992; reprinted: Moscow: Respublica Publishers, 1994; Moscow: OLMA-Press, 2000. – 511 P; multiple partial reprints, 2002-2006.

Edition, preface, translation, and commentary in Jose Ortega y Gasset, *Etiudy ob Ispanii* [Essays on Spain], Kiev: Por Royal Publishers, 1994. – 319 P.

Edition, preface, translation, and commentary in Leonardo Sciascia, *Smert inkvizitora* [The Death of the Inquisitor], Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1994.

Commentaries in Gilbert Keith Chesterton, *Sochinienia v trekh tomakh* [Selected Writings, 3 vols.], (Moscow: Khudozhestvennaia literatura, 1990), 1: 432—445, 2: 447—461, 3: 459—476; partially reprinted in Gilbert Keith Chesterton, *Chelovek, kotoryi byl chetvergom. Vozvrashchenie Don Kikhota. Rasskazy. Stikhotvorenia. Esse* (Moscow; NF “Pushkinskaia biblioteka,” 2006) [Zolotoi fond mirovoi klassiki], 773—797; partial reprints in various editions, 2003-2007.

“Mif i kultura,” [Myth and Culture], *Voprosy literatury*, no. 5 (1990): 249—256.

“Znaki Moskvyy i kolumbiiskaia deistvitel’nost,’” [The Signs of Moscow and the Reality of Colombia: Soviet and Stalin myth in Gabriel García Márquez’s *Autumn of the Patriarch*], *Voprosy literatury*, no. 1 (1990): 112—139.

“Po napravleniu k poetike: Gabriel García Márquez v zarubezhnom literaturovedenii,” [Towards the Poetics: García Márquez in Western Literary Criticism], *Voprosy literatury*, no. 7 (1987): 239—260.

COURSES TAUGHT

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Jews in the Soviet Union (391: lecture course, power-point), Spring, 2007
 Modern Jewish History (391: lecture course), Winter, 2005; Spring, 2006 (Holocaust Institute), Winter, 2007
 Senior Honors Seminar (398: 1-3), Fall, 2006, Winter, 2007, Spring, 2007
 Making of the Shtetl: Cultural History of the Jewish Town in Poland (392/395 senior seminar), Winter, 2007
 Soviet Union Jewish Experiment, 1917—1991 (Alumni Continuing Education School), Fall, 2006
 East European Jewish Experience (391: lecture course), 10th c.—1917, Spring, 2004, Spring, 2006;
 Pre-Modern and Early Modern Jewish History (203: lecture course), 1492—1789, Winter, 2004, Winter, 2006;
 Polish-Jewish Relations, 13-18th century (391: Northwestern Summer School in Krakow), Summer, 2005
 Soviet Union Jewish Experiment, 1917—1991 (391: lecture course), Spring, 2005
 Imperial Russia History (499: graduate students reading course, requested), Spring, 2005
 20th Century Russian-Jewish Literature (438: graduate seminar, Slavic Studies Department), Spring, 2005
 Origins of Zionism (101: freshman seminar), Winter, 2005
 East European Jewish Historiography (499: graduate students reading course), Fall, 2004
 Between History and Memory: Autobiography as a historical source (392/395: senior seminar), Spring, 2004
 The Image of the Jew in Modern Literature (101: freshman seminar), Winter, 2004
 Franz Kafka in History, Culture, and Religion (399: seminar/independent study, requested), Spring, 2004

THESIS SUPERVISED

Daniel Magliocco, “Franz Kafka and Jewish Culture in Prague” (senior honors thesis, 2005-06)
 Elliot Gaynon, “Walter Benjamin and the New Left” (senior honors thesis, 2005-06)

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES/SUMMER SCHOOLS/INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

“The Anti-Colonialist Modernity: Zmitrok Biadulia and the Making of a Belorussian Jew,” presentation at the 39th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, Toronto, December 15, 2007
 Respondent at the Panel “Literature of the 1920s and 1930s,” AATSEEL Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 28, 2007
 “What Did They Read: the Shtetl and Its Hasidic Books,” presentation at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, November 22, 2007.
 Chaired the session “Israel and the Middle East,” at the Symposium in Honor of Jacob Lassner, “The University and the Near East in the 21st Century: Reflections on the Changing Course of Islamic and Jewish Studies,” Northwestern University, May 20-21, 2007
 “*Hasidei de-ara* and *hasidei de-yarkha*: two trends in Modern Jewish Historiography,” presentation at the 38th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, December 17-19, 2006, San Diego
 “Practical Kabbalah and Popular Medicine: the Case of Polish Ba’alei Shem,” VIII Annual Conference of the European Association of Jewish Studies, July 26, 2006, Moscow, Russia
 “An Imperial Court vs. a Colonial Ghetto: East European Jews and Postcolonial Discourse,” paper presented at the International Conference “East European Jewish Modernity: Legacies, Dialogues, Comparisons,” at Tel Aviv University and Weizmann Institute for the Study of Zionism, Tel Aviv, June 5-6, 2006
 “Two Subalterns in an Imperial Context: the 1907 Ukrainian-Jewish electoral coalition,” paper presented at 2006 Borderland Seminar at Brown University, May 24, 2006 (with Joshua Shanes)
 Chaired the panel: “Constructed Identities: Jewish responses to Habsburg Multi-nationalism,” 37th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, December 19—21, 2005, Washington D.C.
 “Jews, Christians, and the Languages of the Practical Kabbalah,” presentation at the 37th Annual Conference of

- the Association of Jewish Studies, December 19—21, 2005, Washington D.C.
- “A Search for a Non-Colonial Framework: Yiddish Writers in Ukrainian Press, 1924-1933,” presentation at Oxford University Conference dedicated to Dovid Bergelson, Oxford, August 24, 2005
- “Love and Hatred: Satirical Origins of Neo-Hasidism,” presentation at the Fourteenth World Congress on Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 3, 2005 (with David Starr)
- “Neo-Colonial Challenges to Post-Revolutionary Ukraine,” presentation at the “Cultures of Democracy” Conference of the Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, April 21-13, 2005
- “Spanish in the *Zohar*,” paper presented at the 36th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 21, 2004
- “‘The Enemy of the Humanity:’ Napoleon Bonaparte and the Genesis of the Protocols,” paper presented at “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion: The 100-years Myth and its Impact,” The Howard Gilman International Conference, Tel-Aviv University, October, 24—26, 2004
- “Visual and Auditory in Early Modern Jewish Culture,” paper presented at the 13th Annual Conference of the Mid-West Association of Jewish Studies, Chicago, October 27, 2004
- “The Construction of the Ukrainian-Jewish Identity: the case of Hryts’ko Kernerenko,” paper presented at the 23rd Annual Conference on Ukrainian Subjects, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, June, 21, 2004
- “The Ukrainian-Jewish Identity: the case of Political, Business, and Cultural Elites,” paper presented at the Rappaport Center Conference “Russian-Speaking Jewry in Global Perspective: Assimilation, Integration, and Community, Building” Bar-Ilan University, June 11—13, 2004
- “Towards a Conceptualization of Jewish memoir,” paper presented at the Meyerhoff Center Conference on “Jewish History and Literature,” University of Maryland, April 25—26, 2004
- “Ukrainian Political Thought on the Holocaust: Two tendencies” (in Ukrainian), paper presented at the International *Tekuma* Center Conference “The Holocaust in Ukraine,” Dnipropetrovs’k, Ukraine, October, 26—29, 2003
- “The Jewish Cantonists: Beyond the Lachrymose Legend: 1827—1871,” paper presented at the Fourteenth World Conference on Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August, 2002
- “Between Two Worlds: An-sky and the Russian-Jewish Culture,” “Between Two Worlds,” paper presented at the International Conference of Judaic and Slavic Department of Stanford University, Stanford, 2001
- “‘The Guardians of Faith,’ or Jewish Traditional Societies in the Russian Army: the Case of the 35th Briansk Regiment,” paper presented at the conference on Military and Society in Russia, 1500—1917, Harvard University, 2000
- “The Revival of Judaic Studies in Post-Communist Ukraine,” paper presented at “Jews in the Post-Communist East Europe,” Davis Center International Conference, Harvard University, 1999
- “Hasidism and *havurot*,” paper presented at the Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, December, 1997
- “The Dybbuk in the Context of Ansky’s 1911—1913 Expedition,” paper presented at Harvard University Graduate Student Conference, “Modern Jewish History, Thought, and Literature,” April 6—7, 1997
- “Russian Legislation and Jewish Self-Government: the Case of Kamenets-Podols’ky,” paper presented at the 28th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, December, 1996

INVITED LECTURES

- “Marranos in Early Modern Spain, 16-17th centuries” and “Franz Kafka and Kabbalah,” two invited lectures, July 16, 2007, Mendeleev Summer School, SEFER Center for Judaica Teaching, Moscow, Russia
- Congregation Beth Israel (Skokie, IL), Presentation on Benedict Spinoza: comments of Rebecca Gladstein’s book *Betraying Spinoza*, January 20, 2007
- Scholar in Residence (three presentations), Egalitarian Congregation of West Rogers Park, February 11-12, 2006, Chicago, IL
- “The Jewish Immigration Experience: Why, when, and how did your ancestors come to America?” Congregation Or Torah, Skokie, IL, December 4, 2005
- “Archival Challenges to Jewish Historical Memory,” guest presentation at Spertus College, Chicago, IL, August 7, 2005
- “Jews in Ukraine: Now and Then,” presentation at Evanston Public Library sponsored by the YIVO Institute, Chicago Branch, June 15, 2005
- “Drafted into Modernity: Jews in the Russian Army, 1827—1914,” lecture at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 14, 2004
- “The Making Construction of the Ukrainian-Jewish Identity: the Case of Hryt’sko Kernerenko,” lecture at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 13, 2004
- “Jews, Ukraine, and National Bolshevism: the case of Ivan Kulyk,” lecture at the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 12, 2004
- “The 18th century Practical Kabbalah: Hillel Ba’al Shem and his *Sefer ha-Heshek*,” lecture at The Hassidic Text Institute, Hebrew College, Newton, MA, October 13, 2004
- “The Making of a Russian Jew: Literary Images of the Jewish Soldiers, 1860s—1920s,” lecture at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 22, 2003
- “The Laughter of Gabriel García Márquez,” lecture at Spanish Language and Literature Department, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, October, 2002
- “Observations on Jews in Modern Ukraine,” presentation at the Meeting of the Representatives of the Ukrainian and Jewish Organizations, Union League, Philadelphia, December 5, 1999
- “Ukrainian Jews and Ukrainian Independence,” Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 4, 1998
- “Jewish Sites of Ukraine, slide presentation,” Harriman Institute, Columbia University, December, 1995
- “Ansky and Harkavy Archive in Kiev,” Paris, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, February 6, 1995
- “Jews in Contemporary Ukraine,” Harriman Institute, Columbia University, December 6, 1994
- “Hope Dies Last: Ukrainian Jews and Ukrainian Independence, 1991-1994,” Toronto, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, November 24, 1994
- “Rediscovered Jewish Literary Treasures in Kiev,” Montreal, Department of Jewish Studies at McGill University, November 23, 1994
- “Newly Discovered Jewish Materials in the Archives of the Vernadsky Library of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev,” Harvard, Centre for European Studies, Harvard University, November 21, 1994
- “Newly Discovered *Pinkasim* in Kiev,” the YIVO Institute, New York, November 29, 1993
- “The Kiev Genizah: The Collection of Jewish Manuscripts and Historical Documents of the Vernadsky Library, Kiev,” New York, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, November 22, 1993

“A New Judaeo-Hellenic Mythology in Thomas Mann’s *Joseph and his Brothers*,” Toronto, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Toronto, November 17, 1993

“Jewish Languages in a Slavic Milieu,” Toronto, The Centre for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Toronto, November 12, 1993

“A Dialogue of Cultures in Joyce’s *Ulysses*: Celts and Jews,” Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto November 11, 1993

“The Hebrew Department of the Vernadsky Library in Kiev: Hebrew and Yiddish Books and Manuscripts from the Firkovich, Harkavy and Ansky Collections,” Jerusalem, Hebrew University, Jewish National and University Library, August 15, 1993

OUTREACH

Temple Jeremiah, Introduction to Jewish Liturgy, series of presentations, Winter, 2007

Congregation Beth Emet (Evanston, IL): series of presentations on the East European Shtetl, 2006—2007

Congregation Hakafah (Glencoe, IL): on-going series of presentations on Spanish Jews, 2006—2007

Congregation Beth Emet (Evanston, IL): series of presentations on Medieval Spanish Jewry, 2005—2006

Congregation Or Torah (Skokie, IL): on-going presentations on the Book of Esther, Winter, 2006

Congregation Temple Jeremiah (Northfield, IL): on-going presentations on the History of Hanukah, Fall, 2005

Congregation Hakafah (Glencoe, IL): on-going series of presentations on the Jewish Ethics, 2005—2006

Congregation Hakafah (Glencoe, IL): Presentation “The Budapest Jewish Community: a history,” June 7, 2005

Temple Jeremiah (Northbrook, IL): series of presentations on the Book of Job, March—April, 2005

Temple Beth Israel (Skokie, IL): series of presentations on the Making of the Shtetl, February-March, 2005

Central Avenue Synagogue (Highland Park, IL): Presentation on the Jewish Shtetls, Hasidic Masters, and Polish Magnates, February 12, 2005

Congregation Hakafah (Glencoe, IL): on-going series of eight presentations on the Book of Ruth, February—April, 2004, and four presentations on the Book of Esther, December, 2004—January 2005

Chicago Down Schumann Institute of Jewish Education, Jewish Young Leadership seminar: Presentation on Sukkot (Holiday of Booths) and Environment, October 12, 2004

Ner Tamid Ezra ha-Bonim Synagogue Men’s Club: Presentation on the Shtetl in History and Memory, Chicago, March 14, 2004

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston: Presentation “Jewish Migrations within and out of Russian Empire, 1850—1914,” August 20, 2003, Wellesley, MA

SHOW BUSINESS AND MASS MEDIA

Appearance on *Extention 720* with Melt Rosenberg at *WGN Radio*: discussion of Matt Goldish’s *The Sabbatean Prophets* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2004), March 25, 2004 at <http://wgnradio.com/shows/ex720/list200403.htm>

Appearance on *Associated Press Radio* with a commentary on the elections fraud in Ukraine, November 23, 2004, <http://newsobserver.com/24hour/world/story/1864333p-9772217c.html>

Appearance on *Chicago Public Radio* “Worldview” with a commentary on fraudulent elections in Ukraine And tensions between the European Union, and Russia; November 24, 2004, available at

http://www.wbez.org/audio_library/wv_ranov04.asp

- Appearance on the *WBUR* “Here and Now” program with a commentary on mass protests and demonstrations in Ukraine, November 26, 2004.
- Interview to *The Chicago Tribune* on the situation in Ukraine, November 26, 2004
- Appearance on the *NPR* “On Point” with Eric Weiner, November 29, 2004, available at http://www.onpointradio.org/shows/2004/11/20041129_a_main.asp
- Appearance on *Chicago Public Radio* “Worldview” with a commentary on revolution in Ukraine, November 30, 2004, available at http://www.chicagopublicradio.org/audio_library/wv_ranov04.asp
- Commentary on Ukrainian elections for Northwestern University *Newsfeed*, available at <http://www.northwestern.edu/univ-relations/broadcast/2004/12/yohanan.html>
- Appearance on the *NPR* “The Conversation” with Ross Reynolds commenting on the preliminary results of the “Orange” revolution in Ukraine, December 8, 2004, available at <http://www.kuow.org/theconversation.asp?Archive=12-08>
- Interview to the *Yiddish Forward*: “Revolutsie in Ukraina; gut far di yidn?” (Revolution in Ukraine: Good for the Jews?), *Forverts*, vol. CV, no. 31,527 (Dec. 10, 2004), available at <http://yiddish.forward.com/>
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- Appearance on the TV show *Chicago Tonight* (WTTW) with Elisabeth Brackett with a commentary on the results of the victory of the opposition leader in Ukraine (December 27, 2004)
- Appearance on *Associated Press Radio* with a commentary on the resignation of the Ukrainian Prime-minister Viktor Yanukovich, Dec., 31, 2004, available at <http://www.phillyburbs.com/pb-dyn/news/89-12312004-425261.html> and <http://www.adn.com/24hours/front/story/1963105p-9969406c.html>
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- Interview to the *Yiddish Forward* (*Forverts*) and publication of an excerpt from the forthcoming book on Ukrainian—Jewish rapprochement: “Dos pintelev yid: Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern” and “Yisroel Kulik—Ivan Kulik—Vasyl Rolenko,” September 29, 2006/Tishri 7, 5767
- Commentary on Radio Freedom/Free Europe on the 1919 Jewish pogroms in Russia (*Dokumenty proshlogo* Program), November 25, 2006, available at: <http://www.svobodanews.ru/Transcript/2006/11/25/20061125230322257.html>
- Commentary on Radio Freedom Free Europe (*Raznitsa vo vremeni* Program) on the book by Joshua Rubenstein and Vladimir Naumov *Stalin’s Secret Pogrom* (2006), January 29, 2007, available at

<http://www.svobodanews.ru/Transcript/2007/01/27/20070127112221673.html>

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Appearance on *Foods of Chicago: A Delicious History* with Geoffrey Baer and Dan Protes with commentaries on Slavic contexts of the traditional Jewish food, WTTW, Channel 11, November 27, 2007

ON-CAMPUS SERVICE

Organizer of the Central and East European History and Culture Faculty Reading Group, 2006/2007
 History Department Undergraduate students Fellowship committee
 Advising Selection Committees in Political Science and Spanish Departments
 Post-doc in Israeli Studies Search Committee, member, 2006
 History Department Colloquia, Head, 2005/06
 Liebmann Fellowship Selection Committee, member, 2006
 Fulbright Fellowship Selection Committee, member, 2005/06, 2006/07
 Search Committee on Jewish Religion, member, 2005/06
 Fellow of the Humanities Residential College, 2005/06/07
 Search Committee on Jewish Literature and/or Philosophy, member, 2004/05
 History Department Graduate School Committee, member, 2004
 History Department Major/Minor Committee Adviser, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06
 Jewish Studies Committee, member, 2004/06
 Religion Department Search Committee, adviser, February, 2005
 Slavic Department Search Committee, adviser, February, 2005

PRESENTATIONS ON CAMPUS

Presentation at Jewish Baccalaureate Graduation, June 15, 2007
 Mediator at Alan Dershowitz's presentation, Hillel Foundation, May 10, 2007
 Mediator at Ra'an an Gissin's presentation, Hillel Foundation, April, 2007
 Presentation on *Jews' Encounter with Communism, 1920-1930: new approaches*, CICS, February 23, 2007
 Presentation on Judaic New Year, Hillel Foundation, September, 2006
 Presentation on the Homiletics of Passover Liturgy, Hillel Foundation, April 2, 2006
 Presentation at Frank Safford Political Science Seminar on Ukraine, CICS, May 17, 2005
 Paper on Jews, Cabbages, and Kings: from Shabbat to Redemption, Chabad House, April 8, 2005
 Paper on the Making of a Historian: Confessions, NU Hillel Foundation, April 27, 2004.
 Paper on the Soviet Army Day and Soviet Popular Mentality, NU Hillel Foundation, February 23, 2004.
 Paper on the Genocide in Ukraine, Penal Discussion, NU Norris Center, February 17, 2004.

ADVISING, EDITORIAL BOARD, AND PEER REVIEWING

Brill Judeo-Slavic Book Series (since 2007, invited)
Canadian Slavonic Papers (since 2006, invited)
The Ukrainian Quarterly: a Journal of Ukrainian and International Affairs (since 2004; invited)
Tkuma International Journal for Holocaust Studies (since 2004; invited)
Ab Imperio (invited editor, no. 3, 2004)
 Israeli Academy of Sciences
 Princeton University Press
 Rowman and Littlefield Publishers
 Bedford/St. Martin's Publishers

Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishers

MEMBERSHIP

Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS) at NU, Evanston, IL
Association of Jewish Studies (AJS), New York
World Association for Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel
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LANGUAGES

Native: Russian, Ukrainian
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OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Chief Janitor, Central Telegraph, Kyiv, 1981—1983
Janitor, “Red Star” Hotel, Kyiv, 1980—1981