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PROFESSIONAL:

- 2010- Chair. Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2001- Professor of Jewish History. Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 1996-2001 Associate Professor of Jewish History. Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles (retroactive to 1995).
- 1992-95 Assistant Professor of Jewish History. Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 1991-92 Lecturer. Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles.

VISITING POSITIONS:

- 2003 (May) Professeur invité. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. Paris, France.
- 1995 (Sept.) Visiting Professor of Jewish History. Russian State University for the Humanities. Moscow, Russia.

EDUCATION:

- 1985-91 Columbia University; New York, NY.
Ph.D (with distinction), May 1991; Department of History (Jewish History).
M.Phil., May 1988; M.A., May 1987.
- 1984-85 Harvard University; Cambridge, MA.
Ph.D candidate; Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.
- 1982-83 Tel-Aviv University; Tel-Aviv, Israel.
M.A. candidate; Department of Jewish History.
- 1981-82 Yale College; New Haven, CT.

- 1978-80 A.B. *cum laude*, May 1982. Near Eastern Languages and Literature.
1977-78 University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

- 2009-10 Ellie and Herbert D. Katz Distinguished Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies,
University of Pennsylvania.
2008- Elected Fellow, American Academy for Jewish Research.
2008-09 Grant, UC/Utrecht University Collaborative Grant Program.
2007-09 Book publication grant, “Europäische Traditionen – Enzyklopädie jüdische Kulturen,” Saxon Academy of Sciences (Collection of sources by Simon Rawidowicz).
2007 Publication subvention, Lucius N. Littauer Foundation.
2004-05: “UCLA in LA” Community Partnership Grant (History of the Jews in Los Angeles).
1997 (fall) Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
1995 (spring) Fellow, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
1994-95 Leo Baeck Institute/DAAD Fellowship in German-Jewish History.
1992-93 Sidney and Hadassah Musher Dissertation Publication Prize, National Foundation for Jewish Culture.
1992- UCLA Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant.
1989-91 Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Grant.
Lady Davis Trust Doctoral Fellowship.
National Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Fellowship.
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Fellowship.
President's Fellowship, Columbia University.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books (Authored)

Re-Inventing the Jewish Past: European Jewish Intellectuals and the Zionist Return to History. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Resisting History: Historicism and its Discontents in German-Jewish Thought. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003.

Between Jew and Arab: The Lost Voice of Simon Rawidowicz. Hanover and London: Brandeis University Press, 2008.

Books (Edited)

David N. Myers and William V. Rowe, eds. *From Ghetto to Emancipation: Historical and Contemporary Reconsiderations of the Jewish Community*, introduction by D. N. Myers. Scranton, PA: University of Scranton Press, 1997.

David N. Myers and David B. Ruderman, eds. *The Jewish Past Revisited: Reflections on Modern Jewish Historians*, introduction by D. N. Myers. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998.

Elisheva Carlebach, John M. Efron, and David N. Myers, eds. *Jewish History and Jewish Memory: Essays in Honor of Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi.* Hanover, NH: University Press of New England, 1998.

Richard Hovannisian and David N. Myers, eds. *Enlightenment and Diaspora: The Armenian and Jewish Cases.* Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999.

Michael Brenner and David N. Myers, *Jüdische Geschichtsschreibung heute: Themen, Positionen, Kontroversen.* Munich: Beck Verlag, 2002.

David N. Myers et. al. *Acculturation and its Discontents: The Italian Jewish Experience between Integration and Exclusion.* Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008.

Articles

[Pini Dunner and David N. Myers, "A Haredi Attack on Rabbi Joseph Ber Soloveitchik: A Battle over the Brisker Legacy," *Jewish Quarterly Review* 105 \(Winter 2010\), 131-138.](#)

["Six Theses on the Sustainability of a Minority Culture in a Majority Society: The Jewish and Muslim Cases" *Muslim World* 104 \(2014\), 397-400](#)

["Introduction,"](#) Issue devoted Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, *Jewish History* (February, 2014)

["'Commanded War': Three Chapters in the 'Military' History of Satmar Hasidism," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2013;doi: 10.1093/jaarel/lfs101](#)

"Reflecting on the Jewish Condition in the Kaffeehaus." *Obsessions: R. B. Kitaj, 1932-2007* (Berlin, 2012), 113-118

La 'Civilisation' après Mordecai Kaplan: Sur l'idée d'une entité juive globale aujourd'hui in Shmuel Trigano, ed. *La civilisation du judaïsme de l'exil à la diaspora* (Paris, 2012), 39-50

"She'elat ha-pelitim: mabat hadash `al zikaron ve-shikhekha" (The Refugee Question: A New Look at Remembrance and Forgetting), in Meir Chazan and Uri Cohen, eds. *Tarbut, zikaron ve-historiesh be-hokarah le-Anita Shapira* (Jerusalem: Shazar Center, 2012), 655-669.

"A Novel Look at Moshe Idel's East-West Problem," *Jewish Quarterly Review* 102:2 (Spring 2012), 289-296.

"Entre Palestinocentrisme et nationalisme diasporique: Le double héritage de Ben-Zion Dinur," *Les cahiers du judaïsme* 31 (2011), 92-96

"Rethinking the Jewish Nation: An Exercise in Applied Jewish Studies," *Havruta* 6 (Winter 2011), 26-33.

"Jenseits des Einflusses: Hin zu einer neuen Kulturgeschichte?", *Aschkenas: Zeitschrift für Geschichte und Kultur der Juden* 18/19 (2009), 495-507.

"Is there still a 'Jerusalem School?'" Reflections on the State of Jewish Historical Scholarship in Israel. *Jewish History* 23 (2009), 389-406

"Philosophy and Kabbalah in Wissenschaft des Judentums: Rethinking the Narrative of Neglect." *Studia Judaica (Cluj-Napoca)* 16 (2008), 56-71.

"Simon Rawidowicz on the Arab Question: A Prescient Gaze into the 'New History.'" Lauren B. Strauss and Michael Brenner, *Mediating Modernity: Challenges and Trends in the Jewish Encounter with the Modern World: Essays in Honor of Michael A. Meyer* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2008), 143-167.

"Discourses of Civilization: The Shifting Course of a Modern Jewish Motif." Jeremy Cohen and Richard I. Cohen, eds. *The Jewish Contribution to Civilization: Reassessing an Idea* (Oxford: Littman Library, 2008), 24-35.

"Glaube und Geschichte: A Vexed Relationship in German-Jewish Culture." *Modern Judaism and Historical Consciousness*, edited by A. Gotzmann and C. Wiese (Leiden: Brill, 2007), 54-72.

"R. B. Kitaj and the State of 'Jew-on-the-Brain.'" *The Jewish Role in American Life* 5 (2007), 69-73.

[“Simon Rawidowicz, ‘Hashpaitis,’ and the Perils of Influence.”](#) Transversal 7 (2006), 13-26, reprinted in Klaus Hödl, Kulturelle Grenzräume in jüdischen Kontext (Innsbruck, 2008), 65-76.

[“Vom Berlin nach Jerusalem: Zionismus, jüdische Wissenschaft und die Mühsal kulterer Dissonanz.”](#) Janusfiguren: Jüdische Heimstätte, Exil und Nation im deutschen Zionismus (Berlin: Metropol Verlag, 2006).

[“Can there be a Principled Anti-Zionism?: On the Nexus between Anti-Historicism and Anti-Zionism in Modern Jewish Thought.”](#) Journal of Israeli History 25 (March 2006), 33-50.

[“A Third Guide for the Perplexed?”](#) Simon Rawidowicz ‘On Interpretation.’” History and Literature: New Readings of Jewish Texts in Honor of Arnold J. Band. Edited by William Cutter and David C. Jacobson. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2002.

[“Selbstreflexion im modernen Erinnerungsdiskurs.”](#) Jüdische Geschichtsschreibung heute: Themen, Positionen, Kontroversen. Munich: Beck Verlag, 2002.

[“Rebel in Frankfurt: The Scholarly Origins of Jacob Katz.”](#) The Pride of Jacob: Essays on Jacob Katz and His Work. Edited by Jay M. Harris. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002.

[The Problem of History in German-Jewish Thought: Observations on a Neglected Tradition](#) (Cohen, Rosenzweig, and Breuer). The Samuel Braun Lecture in the History of the Jews of Prussia. Ramat-Gan: Bar-Ilan University Press. 2001.

[“Between Yiddish and Hebrew—and Greek? Thoughts on the Language\(s\) of Jewish History.”](#)

[“Commentary to roundtable discussion in Jewish Book Annual 55/56 \(1997-1999\), 45-52.”](#)

[“Hazono shel Hazony, or Even If You Will It, It Can Still Be a Dream.”](#) Israel Studies 6 (Summer 2001), 107-117.

[“Hermann Cohen and the Quest for Protestant Judaism.”](#) Leo Baeck Institute Year Book 46 (2001), 195-214.

[“Mehabevin et ha-tsarot’: Crusade Memories and Modern Jewish Martyrologies.”](#) Jewish History 13:2 (Fall 1999), 49-64.

[“Introduction and commentary, Enlightenment and Diaspora: The Armenian and Jewish Cases”](#) (Atlanta, 1999), 1-3, 125-130.

[“Derrida’s Yerushalmi, Yerushalmi’s Freud: History, Memory and Hope in a Post-Holocaust Age.”](#) La Sho’ah tra intrepettazione e memoria (Naples, 1999), 489-507.

[“Response to Jay Harris’ Reading of the Israeli Declaration of Independence.”](#) Textual Reasoning 8 (November) 1998, 1-4.

"Mashber ha-historicism u-misud mada`e ha-Yahadut" (The Crisis of Historicism and the Institutionalization of Jewish Studies). Mada`e ha-Yahadut (Journal of the World Union of Jewish Studies) (Fall 1998).

"Of Marranos and Memory: Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi and the Writing of Jewish History." Jewish History and Jewish Memory: Essays in Honor of Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, (Hanover, NH, 1998), 1-21.

Introduction and "Between Diaspora and Zion: History, Memory and the Jerusalem Scholars." The Jewish Past Revisited, (New Haven, 1998), 1-15 , 88-103.

Introduction and "The Blessing of Assimilation' Reconsidered: An Inquiry into Jewish Cultural Studies," From Ghetto to Emancipation: Historical and Contemporary Reconsiderations of the Jewish Community (Scranton, PA, 1997), vii-xviii, 17-36.

"The Ideology of Wissenschaft des Judentums." Daniel Frank and Oliver Leaman, eds., History of Jewish Philosophy (London, 1997), 706-721.

"A New Scholarly Colony in Jerusalem: The Early History of Jewish Studies." Judaism (Spring 1996), 142-159.

"Distant Relatives Happening onto the Same Inn': The Meeting of East and West as Literary Theme and Cultural Ideal." Jewish Social Studies I:2 (1994/95), 75-100.

"Was there a 'Jerusalem School?': An Inquiry into the First Generation of Historical Researchers at the Hebrew University." Studies in Contemporary Jewry (10) 1994, 66-92.

"Eugen Täubler: The Personification of 'Judaism as Tragic Existence'" Leo Baeck Institute Year Book (39) 1994, 131-150.

"In Search of the "Harmonious Jew": Judah L. Magnes between East and West. John L. Sills Memorial Lecture. Berkeley, 1993.

"The Fall and Rise of Jewish Historicism: The Evolution of the Akademie für die Wissenschaft des Judentums (1919-1934)." Hebrew Union College Annual 63 (1992), 107-144.

"Remembering Zakhor: A Super-Commentary," History and Memory 4 (Fall/Winter 1992), 129-146.

Nomi Maya Stolzenberg and David N. Myers, "Community, Constitution and Culture: The Case of the Jewish Kehilah." Michigan Journal of Law Reform 25 (Spring and Summer 1992), 633-670.

"History as Ideology: The Case of Ben Zion Dinur, Zionist Historian 'Par Excellence'." Modern

Judaism, May 1988, 167-194.

["The Scholem-Kurzweil Debate and Modern Jewish Historiography."](#) Modern Judaism, October 1986, 261-285.

Reviews and Minor Writings

["Between Past and Present, Jew and Arab: An Exchange between Gil Anidjar and David N. Myers."](#) AJS Review 34 (2010), 400-403.

["Victory and Sorrow,"](#) review of Khirbet Khizeh by S. Yizhar. The New Republic, October 22, 2008, 44-47.

Review of The Jewish Century by Yuri Slezkine. Los Angeles Jewish Journal, December 31, 2004.

[Review of Mémoire juive et nationalité allemande: Les juifs berlinois à la Belle Époque by Jacques Ehrenfreund. Jewish History, fall 2003.](#)

"Ha-Yahadut ha-reformit: teguvah yehudit le-modernah." Ha-Doar, 2.24.89, 14-17. (Review essay of Michael A. Meyer, Response to Modernity.)

Review of Fateful Months: Essays on the Emergence of the Final Solution by Christopher Browning. Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Vol. 3, No. 1, 1988.

Review of Political Principles in Maimonidean Halakha (Hebrew) by Gerald J. Blidstein. AJS Review, Fall 1987, 282-290.

[Review of Hitler and the Armenian Genocide by Kevork Bardakjian. Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Vol. 2, No. 1, 1987.](#)

Other

["Geschichte" \(entry\)](#) in *Enzyklopädie jüdische Geschichte und Kultur*, vol. II, 437-450

["Rethinking Secularization Theory: The Case of the Hasidic Public Square,"](#) with Nomi M. Stolzenberg. *AJS Perspectives* Spring 2011, 37-38.

["Rethinking Jewish Collectivity in a Post-Statist World,"](#) Jewish Peoplehood Papers 5 (2010), 8-11.

["What does Kiryas Joel Tell Us about Liberalism in America?"](#) With Nomi M. Stolzenberg. The Chronicle: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 71

(2008), 49-53.

“R. B. Kitaj (1932-2007) and the Jewish Archive.” *American Art* (Summer 2008), 98-100.

“R. B. Kitaj and the Idea of ‘Jewish Art.’” R. B. Kitaj: Passion and Memory (Exhibition catalogue from the Skirball Culture Center, 2008).

Editor’s Introductions in the *Jewish Quarterly Review* [94: 1 \(2004\)](#), [94:4 \(2003\)](#) ; [95: 3 \(2005\)](#), 97:4 (2007), 99:4 (2009).

Section Introduction, *Western State Jewish History* (special issue devoted to Pioneer Jews of Los Angeles in the Nineteenth Century) 38 (Spring/Summer 2006), 154-156.

Roundtable Special Feature: “The Israeli Settlements.” *Yale Israel Journal* 7 (Summer 2005), 34-35.

Interview, “Zu ‘Diaspora’ und den ‘Segnungen der Assimilation.’” *Kalonymus* 4 (2001), 23-27.

Entries in *The Oxford Dictionary of Jewish Religion, Encyclopaedia Judaica*, and [Zeman Yehudi hadash](#).

“Dual Loyalty in a Post-Zionist Era”. *Judaism*, summer 1989, 333-343.

Historical Appendix in Reuven Porat, *The History of the Kibbutz: Collective Education, 1904-1929*. Norwood Editions, Norwood PA: 1985, 150-193.

Opinion pieces in the *Los Angeles Jewish Journal*, the *Jewish Forward*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Agos* (Istanbul).

RECENT LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Between the Deprivatization of Religion and Neo-Secularism: Lessons Learned from Kiryas Joel, New York.” Lecture at workshop on “Ideas of Secularization in Trans-Atlantic Perspective,” Stanford University. June 3, 2010.

Concluding Remarks, conference on “Secularism and its Discontents: The View from Jewish Studies.” Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania. May 4, 2010.

Panel Discussion, Moshe Idel, *Old Worlds, New Mirrors: On Jewish Mysticism and Twentieth-Century Thought*, University of Pennsylvania. April 21, 2010.

“Past and Present: Why History Matters.” Conference, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Tufts University, Medford, MA. April 9, 2010.

“Civilization” after Mordecai Kaplan: On the Prospects of a Global Jewish Collective Today.” Lecture, 150th Anniversary Conference of the Alliance Israélite Universelle. Paris, France. January, 17, 2010.

“Between Sacred and Profane: Jews and the Modern City: Three Snapshots.” Lecture, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. Philadelphia, PA. January 13, 2010. A modified version was given at the Center for Jewish History, New York. February 16, 2010.

Panel discussion, “Jewish History and Jewish Thought.” Session sponsored by the American Academy for Jewish Research, Association for Jewish Studies annual conference. Los Angeles. December 21, 2009.

Conference Summary, “Transforming Berlin’s Urban Space.” Conference, Freie Universität Berlin. October 19, 2009.

“The Political-Theological Origins of Kiryas Joel, New York.” Seminar Presentation, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Philadelphia, PA. November 11, 2009.

“The Kingdom is Divided: Kiryas Joel, *Malkhus Satmar*, and the Legacy of Hungarian Sectarianism.” Lecture, International Conference, Central European University. Budapest, Hungary. October 15, 2009.

“The Concept of Influence in Modern Jewish History: A Response to Moshe Rosman.” Lecture, World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem Israel. August 5, 2009.

“Ha-im kayemet umah yehudit? (Does a Jewish Nation Exist?)” Lecture, World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. August 3, 2009.

“Kiryas Joel between Religion and Politics.” Lecture (with Nomi Stolzenberg), “For God’s Sake: Religion and Politics in the West.” Schloss Elmau, Germany. July 3, 2009.

“The Jewish Question as Arab Question.” The Paul Spiegel Lecture. University of Düsseldorf, Germany. June 29, 2009.

“The Palestinian Refugees as a Jewish Question.” Lecture, Weinstein/Mosse Center for Jewish Studies. University of Wisconsin. March 26, 2009.

“After Gaza: The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process.” Panel Discussion, UCLA Hillel. March 5, 2009.

“Remembrance of Things Past: The Place of History and Historians in Modern Jewish Culture.” The Eckstein Lecture in Jewish Studies. Arizona State University. February 2, 2009.

“Jewish Studies in the University: Provincial or Global?” Arizona State University. February 2, 2009

“The Curious Case of Kiryas Joel.” The Max Weber Forum, The European University Institute, Florence, Italy. December 3, 2008

“An American Shtetl: Politics and Piety in Kiryas Joel.” Lecture series on Synagogue and State. The Menasseh Ben Israel Institute. Amsterdam, Holland. December 1, 2008.

“Von Dubnow zu Rawidowicz. Über eine jüdische Nation jenseits des Nationalstaats.” The Ninth Annual Simon Dubnow Lecture. The Simon Dubnow Institute. Leipzig, Germany. November 27, 2008.

“On the Idea of a Jewish Nation: Before and Beyond Statism.” Presentation at UC-Utrecht Symposium on Jewish Politics and Political Behavior. UCLA. October 12, 2008.

“From ‘Holy Community’ to Modern State.” Presentation at “God, Politics, and the Jewish Tradition” Seminar. The Witherspoon Institute. Princeton University. August 6, 2008.

“The Refugee Question: A New Look at Remembrance and Forgetting.” International conference on “History and Memory” in Honor of Anita Shapira. Tel Aviv University. May 28, 2008.

“Rethinking Jewish Collectivity: What was the Jewish Nation? What is the Jewish Nation?” The Helen and Martin Schwartz Lectures in Judaic Studies. Indiana University. April 8-9, 2008.

“Philosophy and Kabbalah in *Wissenschaft des Judentums*: A Reconsideration.” International Conference on “Philosophy and Kabbalah” at the Babes-Bolyai University. Cluj, Romania. October 16, 2007.

“What does Kiryas Joel Tell us about Liberalism in America?” (with Nomi M. Stolzenberg). The Fritz Bamberger Memorial Lecture. Hebrew Union College, November 21, 2006.

Panel Discussion: “Israel Forum.” The University of Judaism. Los Angeles, CA. November 7, 2006.

“Israel and its Neighbors: The Historical Context and the Future.” New Israel Fund briefing. Santa Monica, CA. October 25, 2006.

“Beyond Statism: Rethinking Jewish Collectivity.” Seminar on Jewish Political Theory. University of Washington. Seattle, WA. October 10, 2006.

Panel Discussion, “Out of the Quagmire: Israel and the Middle East.” Progressive Jewish Alliance. Los Angeles, CA July 24, 2006.

"Two Keys to Jewish Survival." The Richard Franklin Memorial Lecture. Congregation Kol Emet. Palo Alto, CA. July 16, 2006.

Discussant, "The Myth of the People of the Book." People of the Book Festival. Los Angeles, CA. April 30, 2006.

"Post-Zionism and its Roots: Shifting Currents in Israeli Historical Consciousness." Institute for Cultural History, University of Utrecht. Utrecht, Holland. December 1, 2005. (Also presented as the Goldin Lecture at Pomona College, March 29, 2006.)

Discussant, "Hasia Diner: American Jewish Historian." Western Jewish Studies Association Conference. Long Beach, CA. March 19, 2006

"Israel after Gaza: Path to Peace or Dead End? Lecture in "Beyond the Headlines: The World Today" Series. UCLA Extension. January 17, 2006.

Roundtable Panel, "Jewish Masculinities in Germany." Second International Workshop on Gender in German Jewish History. UCSD. La Jolla, California. December 13, 2005.

"Between Segregation and Integration: The Case of Kiryas Joel." World Congress for Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. August 3, 2005.

Introductory remarks and "Recovering the 'Lonely Man': The Significance of Simon Rawidowicz to Modern Jewish History." International symposium on "Babylonia and Jerusalem: The Politics and Thought of Simon Rawidowicz." Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. April 10, 2005

"From the Burden of Segregation to the Blessing of Assimilation: Two Unlikely Keys to Jewish Survival." Lecture at international conference on "What Enabled the Jews to Survive in History?" The Jerusalem Spinoza Institute. Jerusalem, Israel. January 5, 2005.

Chair and Commentator, "German-Jewish Discourses of Ethics and Power." Association for Jewish Studies conference. December 19, 2004. Chicago, IL.

"Response to R. B. Kitaj." Commentary at Jerome Nemer Lecture. USC. Los Angeles, CA. October 20, 2004

"Israel and Antisemitism." Lecture at conference on "Antisemitism and the Contemporary Jewish Condition." The University of Judaism. Los Angeles, CA. October 19, 2004

"An American Shtetl." Lecture at Williams College. Williamstown, MA. October 14, 2004

"Discourses of Civilization: The Shifting Course of a Modern Jewish Motif." Lecture at international conference on "The Jewish Contribution to Civilization." Tel Aviv University. June 2, 2004.

“The Jewish Question as Arab Question: Israel and the Perils of Majoritarianism.” Lecture at conference on “Nations and Identities: Minorities, Majorities, and the Question of Civil Society.” UCLA, May 21, 2004.

“Politics and Piety in Kiryas Joel.” Lecture at conference on “Ethics of the Neighbor.” UCLA, May 16, 2004.

“Beyond a History of ‘Suffering and Learning’: From Text to Texture in Jewish History.” Lecture at Gruss Colloquium on “Challenging Boundaries: History and Anthropology in Jewish Studies” at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. April 26, 2004.

“Beyond Despair: The Israel-Palestine Conflict Today.” The Feinberg Lecture in Jewish Studies at Whittier College. Whittier, CA. April 20, 2004.

“‘Between Jew and Arab’: Simon Rawidowicz and the Jewish Politics of the Arab Question.” The 41st Simon Rawidowicz Memorial Lecture. Brandeis University. March 28, 2004.

“Against Time and Space: Anti-Historicism and Anti-Zionism in Modern Jewish Thought.” Lecture at international symposium on “Convergence and Divergence: Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in Historical Perspective.” Brandeis University. March 24, 2004

“Between False Messiahs and Free Thinkers: Dick Popkin and the Rethinking of Jewish History.” Lecture at Clark Library celebration of Richard Popkin. Los Angeles, CA January 9, 2004.

“Between Insularity and Engagement: Kiryas Joel in Historical Perspective.” Lecture at the 35th Association for Jewish Studies conference. Boston, MA. December 22, 2003.

“Beyond Influence: Toward a New Cultural History?” Keynote address at international conference on “Between Languages: Strategies of Jewish Self-Preservation in Trans-Cultural Processes.” Wessely, Germany. May 26, 2003.

“The Case of Kiryas Joel: Politics and Piety in an American Shtetl” (with Nomi Stolzenberg). Presentation as part of the working group on law and culture sponsored by the Social Science Research Council and the Russell Sage Foundation. New York. March 14, 2003.

“*Mein Leben als Weltjude*: Nahum Goldman as a World Jew.” Commentary at an international conference on “Nahum Goldmann: Statesman without a State.” Tel Aviv University. January 6, 2003.

SELECTED PAST LECTURES

“World Jewry: Retrospective and Prospective.” Lecture at academic symposium on the occasion of Rabbi David Ellenson’s inauguration as President of Hebrew Union College. Cincinnati, Ohio. October 13, 2002.

“The Question of Influence—at the Crossroads of Civilization.” Lecture presented at UCLA conference on “Jewish Civilization and its Discontents.” Los Angeles, CA. November 4, 2001.

“A Case of *Hashpaitis*: Influence and its Discontents in Jewish Historiography.” The 13th World Congress of Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. August 16, 2001.

“From Dream to Nightmare? Israel at a Crossroad.” The Feinberg Lecture in Jewish Studies at Whittier College. Whittier, CA. April 24, 2001.

“The Problem of History in German-Jewish Thought.” The Samuel Braun Lecture in Prussian-Jewish History at Bar-Ilan University. Ramat Gan, Israel. May, 17, 2000.

“Rebel in Frankfurt: The Scholarly Origins of Jacob Katz.” Lecture presented at a plenary session on the legacy of Jacob Katz at the annual Association for Jewish Studies conference. Chicago, IL. December 20, 1999.

“The Culture(s) of Modern Jews: A New Chain of Tradition?” Lecture presented at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA. September 16, 1999. An earlier version delivered at the Skirball Culture Center, Los Angeles. May 11, 1999.

"From Berlin to Jerusalem: Zionism, Jewish Scholarship, and the Travails of Cultural Dissonance." International conference on German Zionism at the Salomon Ludwig Steinheim-Institut, Duisburg, Germany. December 10, 1998.

Introduction and commentary, conference on “Marranos and Modernity.” UCLA. February 1997.

"Historicism and Anti-Historicism in Modern Jewish Studies." Lecture presented at Ben-Gurion and Hebrew Universities and Shalom Hartman Institute, Israel. November-December 1997.

"Mashber ha-historicism u-misud mada`e ha-Yahadut." The 12th World Congress for Jewish Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. August 1997.

"Derrida, Yerushalmi, and Freud: History and Hope in a Post-Holocaust Age." Lecture presented at an international conference on the Holocaust. University of Naples, Naples, Italy. May 8, 1997

"Jews and the University: An Historical Perspective." Lecture presented at UCLA Hillel Faculty Reception. March 3, 1997.

"Zionism and History: A Relationship Reconsidered." Lecture presented at an international conference on the centenary of the Zionist movement, Brandeis University. October 8, 1996.

"Jewish Cultural Vitality in Urban Europe Prior to the Holocaust." Lecture presented to the 1939 Club, Los Angeles, CA. July 14, 1996.

"'Mehabevin et ha-tsarot': Crusades Memories and Modern Jewish Martyrologies." International

Conference on the Crusades and the Jews. Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheva, Israel. June 1996.

"Beyond History: Anti-Historicism in Modern Jewish Thought." Lecture presented at the University Seminar on Jewish Studies, Columbia University, May 26, 1995, and at the Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania. April 12, 1995.

"The Blessings of Assimilation' Reconsidered: An Inquiry into Jewish Cultural Studies." Lecture, Yale University. April 11, 1995. (Paper also delivered at a conference on "From Ghetto to Emancipation?: Historical and Contemporary Reconsiderations of the Jewish Community" which I organized at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA. March 26-27, 1995.)

"Voluntary Community: An Anomaly?" Lecture, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, PA. March 15, 1995.

Introduction and commentary, conference on "Enlightenment and Diaspora: The Armenian and Jewish Cases." UCLA Center for 17th and 18th Century Studies, Clark Library, November 1995.

Commentary, conference on "Enlightenment and Tolerance." UCLA Center for 17th and 18th Century Studies, Clark Library, April 1994.

"The Meeting of Hebrew, Yiddish, and German-Jewish Cultures in Weimar Germany." Lecture, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA. December 13, 1993.

"Prague: The Birthplace of Modern Jewish Historiography?" Lecture, Conference on "The Jewish Presence in Europe: The Prague Experience," Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. July 14, 1993.

RECENT CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

2010 Co-Convener: "Looking Past, Looking Forward: The History and the Future of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." Conference sponsored by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. April 8-9, 2010.

2009 Convener: "Jewish Urban History in the Americas: A Comparative Look at Jewish Buenos Aires and Jewish Los Angeles." A Junior Scholars' Symposium at UCLA. February 8-9, 2009.

2008: Lead convener: "The Jew in French Philosophy after the Holocaust." Symposium at UCLA. December 7, 2008.

2008: Co-Convener. The UC-Utrecht Symposium on Jewish Politics and Political Behavior. UCLA. October 13, 2008.

- 2008: Lead convener. "The Idea of the Arab Jew." International symposium at UCLA. Feb. 3-4, 2008.
- 2008 Convener. "From Past to Present: The State of Research in Polish-Jewish Relations." International conference at UCLA. January 13-14, 2008.
- 2008: Organizer and co-curator. "Portrait of a Jewish Artist: R. B. Kitaj in Text and Image." Exhibit at the Young Research Library Department of Special Collections. January 7, 2008.
- 2007: Co-convener. "History as Reflected in Israeli Literature." Conference at UCLA. March 11-13, 2007.
- 2007: Co-convener. "The Blessing of Assimilation Reconsidered." Conference at Hebrew College. Newton, MA. Feb. 11-12, 2007.
- 2006: Convener. Viterbi Colloquium in Italian Jewish Studies. UCLA. 2005-06.
- 2006: Co-convener. "The *State* of Israel: The Theological-Political Predicament." Conference at UCLA. February 12-13.
- 2005: Co-convener. "Jewish LA: Then and Now." Conference at UCLA and Autry National Center. November 12-14.
- 2005: Co-convener. "Babylonia and Jerusalem: The Politics and Thought of Simon Rawidowicz." Symposium at Brandeis University. April 10.
- 2005: Co-convener. "Jewish Messianism in the Time of Jesus: Historical Echoes, Present Impact." Conference at UCLA. March 13-14.
- 2004-05: Co-convener. "The History of Jews in Los Angeles." Year-long research seminar at UCLA and the Autry National Center.
- 2004-05: Co-convener. "Jewish Question/Muslim Question: The Burden of Assimilation in European Society." Year-long research seminar at UCLA.

SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2010-
2004-2009
1996-2000 Director, UCLA Center for Jewish Studies
- 2002-04 Vice Chair for Academic Personnel, UCLA History Department.
- 2005-07 Member, Academic Personnel Committee, UCLA History Department.

- 2005-06 Chair, Bylaws Committee, UCLA History Department.
2001-02
- 1998-2000 Member, Advisory Committee, Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies.
- 1997- Member, 1939 Club Holocaust Memorial Committee.
- 1997-99 Chair, Maurice Amado Advisory Committee for Sephardic Studies.
- 1996-2000 Chair, Search Committee for Maurice Amado Chair in Sephardic Studies.
- 1992-96 Member, Chancellor's Committee on Religion, Ethics, and Values.
- 1992-2008 Jewish History Field Coordinator, UCLA History Department.
- 1992-95 Chair, Graduate Placement, UCLA History Department.

SELECT EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

- 2002- Co-editor, *Jewish Quarterly Review*.
- Member, editorial boards: *Judaism*, *Simon Dubnow Jahrbuch*, and *transversal*.
- 2010 Co-Chair, Dissertation Fellowship Committee, Foundation for Jewish Culture.
- 2009-10 Academic Advisory Committee, Legacy Heritage Jewish Studies Project. Association for Jewish Studies.
- 2009 North American Scholars' Circle. Shalom Hartman Institute.
- 2009 Instructor. Online Course, "Are Jews a Nation?" Nahum Goldmann Fellowship Program, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. June-July, 2009.
- 2008- Member, Progressive Jewish Alliance State Board.
- 2006- Advisory Council, Princeton University Jewish Studies Program.
- 2003- Member, Progressive Jewish Alliance Regional Council (Southern Calif.).
- 2002-2007 Member, Pressman Academy Educational Cabinet.
- 2002-2004 Member, Hebrew Union College Academic Advisory Board.

- 2001- Member, UCLA Hillel Board.
- 2000-01 Member, Program Committee (History of the Jewish People), Thirteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem.
- 1999-2004 Consultant, Curricular Revision Project (joint Jewish-World History), UCLA-Milken Community High School, Los Angeles.
- 1996-2005 Member, Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies.
- 1996-2004 Member, Board of Academic Advisors, Wilstein Institute of Jewish Policy Studies.
- 2004- Instructor, Wexner Heritage Fellows Program.
1995-97
- 1995: Consultant and author of report on Israel-Diaspora relations, Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles.
- 1994: Referee for scholarly presses including University of California, Cambridge, Chicago, Cornell, Fordham, Indiana, Littman Library, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Rutgers, University Press of New England, University Press of Virginia, Wayne State, and Yale.