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Education:

1967-1971 The City College of New York B.Acum laude (History)  
1971-1973 Columbia University M. A. (Jewish History)  
1971-1974 Columbia University M. Phil. (Jewish History)  
1971-1977 Columbia University Ph.D. (Jewish History)  
2015 – Recipient of CCNY’s Townsend Harris Medal for outstanding postgraduate achievements.

Teaching Career

Spring, 2012, College of Charleston, Arnold Distinguished Visiting Chair in Jewish Studies  
Fall, 2007 Harvard University, Joseph Engel Visiting Professor of American Jewish History  
Fall, 2002 College of William and Mary, Andrea and Charles Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies.  
Spring, 2002 Temple University, Distinguished Visiting Professor of American Jewish History  
1988-1991 Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, Professor of Jewish History  
Fall, 1986 Appointed to the Libby M. Klaperman Chair of Jewish History, Yeshiva University  
Fall, 1985 Yale University, Visiting Associate Professor of Religious Studies  
1978 -1987 Teaching also at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University  
Summer 1982, 1985 Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Visiting Associate Professor of American Jewish History  
1980-1987 Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, Associate Professor of Jewish History. Tenure Awarded 1983  
1977 -1987 School of Sacred Music, Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion, Visiting Associate Professor  
1977-1980 Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, Assistant Professor of Jewish History  
1975-1976 York College of CUNY, Adjunct Lecturer in History  
Spring, 1975 Ohio State University, Lecturer in History

Academic and Professional Organizational Affiliations:

Fellow, New York Academy of History, 2012-



University Press, 2005).  
Orthodox Jews in America (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009)  
Finalist, National Jewish Book Award, American Jewish Studies, Jewish  
Book Council, 2009  
Jews in Gotham: New York Jews in a Changing City, ~~2010~~ (New York: NYU Press,  
2012) Winner, Everett Family Foundation Award, Jewish Book of the Year, Jewish  
Book Council 2012  
The Wide World of Central Synagogue (New York: Central Synagogue, 2014) Recipient,  
Award for Excellence, Greater Hudson Heritage Network, 2015.  
The Holocaust Averted: An Alternate History of American Jewry, ~~1987~~ (Rutgers  
University, Press, 2015).

“From Fluidity to Rigidity: The Religious Worlds of Conservative and Orthodox Jews in Twentieth Century America,” David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs, University of Michigan (2000), republished in American Jewish Identity Politics, Deborah Dash Moore, ed. (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2008), pp.159-206.

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"Twentieth-Century American Orthodoxy's Era of Non-Observance, 1900-1960," *The Torah u-Madda Journal* IX (2000):87-107.

"Jewish Commitment and Continuity in Interwar Brooklyn," *Jews of Brooklyn* Ilana Abramovitch and Sean Galvin, eds. (Hanover: University Press of New England, 2002), pp.231-241.

"Baseball, the High Holidays and American Jewish Status and Survival." *What is Jewish about America's "Favorite Pastime"?*, Marc Lee Raphael and Judith Z. Abrams, eds. (William and Mary Press,2006):27-34.

"The Late Friday Night Orthodox Service: An Exercise in Religious Accommodation." *Jewish Social Studies* (Spring/Summer, 2006):137-156.

"The American Orthodox Athlete: From Contradiction in Terms to Institutional Standard Bearer." *Jews, Sports and the Rites of Citizenship*, Jack Kugel, ed. (University of Illinois Press, 2006)93-218.

"Sports and the Yeshiva World in America, 1920-1970," *Orthodox Judaism: New Perspectives* Y. Salmon, A. Ravitzky and A. Ferziger, eds. (Jerusalem: Hebrew University, 2006), pp.555-574.

"Immigrant Jews and American Sports Values," [French translation] *Les Cahiers de la* 004 9Le



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Robert P. Swierenga, The Forerunners: Dutch Jewry in the North American Diaspora, *The International History Review*(August, 1995): 591-592.

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Steven Riess, Sports and the American Jew, *Sports Illustrated*(Spring, 2000) :184-185 .

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- Victoria Saker Woeste, Henry Ford's War on Jews and the Legal Battle Against Free Speech. American Jewish History (June, 2013): 331-32.
- Exhibit Review, "Passages through the Fire: Jews and the Civil War," Southern Jewish History 16 (2013): 251-55.
- Derek J. Penslar, Jews and the Military Journal of World History (March, 2015): 191-93.
- Richard Breitman and Allan J. Lichtman, FDR and the Jews. AJS Review (2016): 204-06.
- Deborah Lipstadt, Holocaust: An American Understanding Antisemitism Studies (April, 2017):231-35.
- Rachel Kranson, Ambivalent Embrace: Jewish Upward Mobility in Postwar America, American Historical Review (December, 2018):1698-99.
- Eli Lederhendler, American Jewry: A New History, Studies in Contemporary Jewry (2020):303-04.
- Anne C. Schenderlein, Germany on their Minds: German Jewish Refugees in the United States and their Relationship with Germany, 1928-1988, American Jewish History (October, 2020) 652-654.
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"Land Use Maps and Census Tracts: Reconstructing the Physical Character and Economic Profile of a New York Jewish Neighborhood," YIVO Workshop on New York Jews, February 19, 1978.

Commentator, 'New York Neighborhoods in Transition,' Organization of American Historians Conference, April 13, 1978, New York, New York.

"Out of Ghetto Migration: The Case of Immigrant Jews 1890," College Conference on New York History, April 20, 1979.

"New Perspectives on the Writing of American Jewish Communal History," Yiddish Studies Seminar, YIVO, December 14, 1979.

"Need to Preserve Our Posterity," Conference of the Council of Archives and Research Libraries in Jewish Studies, May 13, 1981.

"Jewish Immigrants, Social Reformers and Christian Missionaries in New York City," Lecture Series in Jewish-Christian Relations, Indiana University, November 5, 1981.

"Problems of Identifying Missionary Activity on the Lower East Side," Yiddish Studies Seminar, YIVO, November 11, 1981.

"The New York Kehillah: Why Albert Lucas Did Not Serve In It," Annual Meeting of the American Academy for Jewish Research, November 21, 1982

"The Americanization Continuum and Jewish Responses to Christian Influences on the Lower East Side, 1900-1910," Conference on "Apostates and Missionaries: An Historical Perspective," Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University, December 4, 1983.

"Orthodox Judaism: Challenge Beyond the Tercentenary," Conference on American Judaism: Beyond the Tercentenary, Ohio State University, April 9, 1984.

"When Harlem Was Jewish", Symposium on Harlem: Past, Present, Future, The City College of New York, February 28, 1985.

"The Emergence of the Americanized Synagogue, 1920," Jewish History Seminar Columbia University, March 20, 1985.

"A Lost Generation: Orthodox Activism in America, 1900-1920" University of Maryland Colloquium on Jewish Studies, November 1, 1987.

"Time, Place and Movement in Immigrant Jewish Historiography." Bernard Revel Graduate School, Yeshiva University Academic Congress, March 16, 1988

Discussant, Conference on New Perspectives in Immigrant Jewish History, Columbia University, March 4, 1990.

"American Orthodoxy in Support of Zionism," Conference on Zionism and Religion, Brandeis University, April 3, 1990.

"A Community of Interest," Symposium on New York's Jews: Then and Now, YIVO, November 15, 1990.

"Indifferent Jewry and Ancestral Faith: Consensus Building and Conflict over the Young People's Synagogue of the Lower East Side, 1900-1905," Conference on Jews in America: Dreams and Realities, Graduate Center of CUNY and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, April 23, 1991.

"The Rise of Jewish Sponsored Universities," Symposium on Higher Education and American Jewish Life, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, June 1991.

Commentator, "American Jewish History in the World War II Period in the West", American Historical Association Conference, December 28, 1991.

"Change to Survive: The Common Experience of Transplanted Jewish Identities in America", Conference on What is American about American Jewish History, College of William and Mary, April 26-27, 1992.

"A New Look at our Founding Writers: Perspectives on the History of the Publications of the American Jewish Historical Society", Harry Elson Memorial Lecture at the 1992 Centennial Conference of the American Jewish Historical Society, May 10, 1992.

"Archival Resources and the Writing of the Social History of American Judaism, 1890-1910." Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, June 28, 1993.

Commentator, "Religious Lives of American Jewish Women," Conference on the History of Jewish Women in America, University of Maryland, October 31, 1993.

"A Modern Heretic and the Traditional Community: Mordecai M. Kaplan and American Orthodoxy, 1900-1920," Symposium on Jewish Orthodoxy, Leo Baeck Institute, March 6, 1994.

"Mordecai Kaplan and American Orthodoxy", First Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 2, 1994.

"Synagogue Strife on the West Side in the 1920s," New York Historical Society, March 10, 1996.

"The Path from Yeshiva to JTSA," Second Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 12, 1996. "Religion, Ethnicity and American Jewish Identity, Colloquium on Mennonites and Jews: Religious Minorities and the Search for Identity in America," University of Maryland, April 6, 1997.

"From Fluidity to Rigidity: The Religious Worlds of Conservative and Orthodox Jews in Twentieth Century America," Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs, University of Michigan, March 16, 1998.

"Jacob Rader Marcus, Salo W. Baron and the Public's Need to Know American Jewish History," Third Biennial Scholars' Conference, American Jewish Historical Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 11, 1998.

"Inter-War Brooklyn: Commitment and Continuity in a Jewish Community in Decline," Conference on the History of Brooklyn, 1898 to the Present, Bar Ilan and Hebrew Universities, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel, November 26, 1998

"Different Streams Into a River Yet to Be': Movement towards an Inclusive American Judaism, 1920-1945." Consultation on Who is 'In' and Who is 'Out' in Modern Jewish History, College of William and Mary, April 30, 2000.

"The American Orthodox Athlete: From Contradiction in Terms to Institutional Standard Bearer." Conference on Jews, Sports and the Rites of Citizenship, " Arizona State

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Jerusalem Institute, December 30, 2003.

"Orthodoxy in America on Display in the Arena of Sports 1920-2000," Imagining the American Jewish Community, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, March 22, 2004.

"Skirting and Ad(dressing) the Issue of Modesty: American Orthodoxy and the Culture of Sports, 2004," Biennial Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 8, 2004.

"The World of American Sports and the New York Jewish Experience," Conference on New York Jewish History and Heritage, Graduate Center of CUNY, September 7, 2004.

"The Crowning of a 'Jewish Jordan': Tamir Goodman, The American Sports Media and Modern Orthodox Jewry's Fantasy World" Symposium on American Judaism and Popular Culture, Creighton University, October 24, 2004.

"Immigrant Jews and the Challenge of Athleticism," Conference on Why America is Different, Boston University, October 25, 2004.

"A Commentary on a Synagogue's History: Congregation Brith Sholom Beth Israel and American Jewish History," Southern Jewish Historical Society Conference, October 31, 2004.

"American Orthodox Social Norms as Viewed through the Vista of Sports," American Academy of Religion Meeting, November 21, 2004.

"The Fate of Small City Communities in an Era of Orthodox Triumphalism, 1920-2000," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 21, 2004.

"The Challenge of a New World of American Sports," Conference on The Jewish Immigrant Experience in America, University of Western Ontario, March 17, 2005.

"Resisters and Accommodators Revisited: Reflections on the Study of Orthodoxy in America," Conference on 350 Years of American Jewry, 1654

“Forest Hills, Queens, N.Y., 1920-1979: Creating and Maintaining an Urban Space”  
Conference on “Portrait of the City,” Dublin, Ireland, December 9, 2010.

“Continuity and Cachet among New York’s Jews in an Era of Suburbanization, 1945-79,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 19, 2010.

“Jews as Outsiders in Interwar America: A Sports Perspective,” Symposium on Sports, Body and Totalitarian Regimes, Memorial de la Shoah, Paris, France, November 13, 2011.

“Pacificism vs. Preparedness at CCNY, 1939-1941.” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 20, 2011.

Respondent, “Motivated by Faith: Jews as Progressive Activists,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 21, 2011.

Panelist, “The Promised City? 1924-present,” Conference on New York City and the Jews, Center for Jewish History, April 29, 2012.

Panelist, “A New History of New York Jewry,” Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, June 13, 2012.

“Eruv: A Gateway into Orthodoxy in Gotham in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries”

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