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### ***Education***

- Ph.D., History, University of California, Los Angeles** June 2017  
Dissertation: ‘A Time to Gather’: A History of Jewish Archives in the Twentieth Century  
Committee: David N. Myers (chair), Sarah Abrevaya Stein, David Sabeau, Todd Presner
- M.A., History, University of California, Los Angeles** Dec. 2012
- M.A., Near Eastern & Judaic Studies, Brandeis University** May 2009
- B.A., Near Eastern & Judaic Studies, Computer Science, Brandeis University**  
Awarded *cum laude* with highest honors May 2008

### ***Current Employment and Fellowship Awards***

- Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.** 2018–2019  
Harry Starr Fellowship in Judaic, Center for Jewish Studies
- Leo Baeck Institute, New York, New York** 2018–2019  
Gerald Westheimer Career Development Fellowship

### ***Past Employment***

- University of California, Los Angeles** 2017–2018  
Lecturer, Department of History – Jewish History
- Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles** Fall 2017  
Teaching Fellow

### ***Scholarly Publications***

#### **Book Manuscript Under Preparation**

*A Time To Gather: Archives and the Control of Jewish Culture*

#### **Peer Reviewed**

“Who Are to Be the Successors of European Jewry? The Restitution of German Jewish Communal and Cultural Property.” *Journal of Contemporary History* 52, no. 3 (2017): 519–545. doi:10.1177/0022009416647116. Available online: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0022009416647116>

#### **Book Reviews**

Lisa Leff, *The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), reviewed in *American Jewish Archives Journal* 68, no. 1 (2016): 126–131. Available online: [http://americanjewisharchives.org/publications/journal/PDF/2016\\_68\\_01\\_00.pdf](http://americanjewisharchives.org/publications/journal/PDF/2016_68_01_00.pdf)

Ira Robinson, Naftali S. Cohn, and Lorenzo DiTommaso, eds. *History, Memory, and Jewish Identity* (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2016). *Canadian Jewish Studies* 25 (2017): 207–209. Available online:  
<http://cjs.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/cjs/article/view/40030/36235>

### **Honors, Awards, and Fellowships**

2018–2019	Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies, Harry Starr Fellowship
2018–2019	Leo Baeck Institute, Gerald Westheimer Career Development Fellowship
2016–2017	Association for Jewish Studies, Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016–2017	UCLA Graduate Division, Dissertation Year Fellowship
2014–2015	UCLA Office of Instructional Development, Collegium of University Teaching Fellows
2014–2015	UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Stephen O. Lesser Fellowship
2013–2014	UCLA Department of History, Ralph and Sarah Monkarsh Graduate Fellowship Award
2011	UCLA Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, Fellowship
2010–2016	UCLA Department of History, History Department Fellowship
2008–2009	Brandeis University, Graduate Scholarship
2008	Brandeis University, Ezra Shapiro Family Prize in Near Eastern & Judaic Studies

### **Research and Teaching Grants**

2018	UCLA Office of Instructional Development Teaching Grant
2017–2018	UCLA Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Award
2016	UCLA Department of History, Research Travel Grant
2013–2014	Leo Baeck Institute, Fritz Halbers Fellowship
2013–2014	YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Research Fellowship in East European Jewish Studies
2013–2014	Elka Klein Memorial Grant
2012–2013	American Jewish Archives, Jacob Rader Marcus Fellow
2012	University of California, Berkeley, Institute of European Studies, Predissertation Fellowship
2011, 2012	UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Roter Travel Fellowship
2011	UCLA Graduate Division, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship
2011	UCLA Department of History, Research Travel Grant
2009	Brandeis University, Dept. of Near Eastern & Judaic Studies, Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry Research Grants

### **Conference Presentations (Selected)**

“Epistemologies of the Archive,” Historical Epistemology, UCLA Department of History, Los Angeles, California, May 2018

“Making Jewish History Jewish: Archives and the Paradigms of Jewish History,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington D.C., Dec. 2017

“Collecting at the ‘Jerusalem on the Ohio’: Jacob Rader Marcus’ Archival Vision of America’s Jews,” Southern Jewish Historical Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 2017

“Bernhard Brilling and the Reconstruction of Jewish Archives in Postwar Germany,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, California, Dec. 2016

“The Past is a Foreign Country? Archival Gazes of Jewish Studies Across the Atlantic,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Mass., Dec. 2015

“Must Every People Have an Archive? Jewish Archives and the Problem of Self-Definition and State Power,” American Historical Association, New York City, Jan. 2015

“Between Jerusalem and the ‘Little Jerusalem’: Archives and Identity Politics in Postwar Germany,” Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore, Maryland, Dec. 2014

“Who are to be the Successors of European Jewry? The Restitution of German Jewish Communal Archives,” Looted Art and Restitution in the Twentieth Century: Europe in Transnational and Global Perspective, Newnham College, Cambridge, Sept. 2014

“Can One Own Jewish History? Physicality and Exclusivity in the Archive,” The Materials of Jewish Studies, Columbia University and New York University, May 2014

“Representing the State, Reconstituting the Nation: Israeli Archivists and the Performance of Sovereignty in the 1950s,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, Dec. 2012

“‘Salvaging the Remnants of the Jewish Past in Europe’: The Jewish Historical General Archives and the Construction of an Israeli Archival Project, 1947–1957,” International Conference on the History of Records and Archives, University of Texas, Austin, Aug. 2012

### ***Invited Lectures***

Keynote address at conference “Les «archives juives», miroirs du rapport des Juifs à l’État et à la Nation,” Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcité, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris, France, June 2018

“‘Ordinary Men’ or ‘Willing Executioners’? Debating Perpetrators’ Motivations in the Holocaust.” Guest lecture for “The Third Reich and the Jews,” UCLA, May 2017

Lecture Series at Nanjing University (Nanjing, China), Henan University (Kaifeng, China), Sept. 2014: “*Zakhor*: Jewish Memorial Practices Through the Ages,” “Memory and Impact of the Holocaust,” “Who Are To Be The Successors of European Jewry?”

“The Future of the Sources of Jewish History: Perspectives on Pessimism and the Proliferation of Jewish Archives in the Twentieth Century,” YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, New York, May 2014

“Making History: The Proliferation and Impact of Modern Jewish Archives,” Max Weinreich Fellowship Lecture, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, New York, Sept. 2013

“The Making of American Jewish History: Jacob Rader Marcus and the American Jewish Archives,” American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 2012

### ***Teaching Experience***

**Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion**

Fall 2017

*Teaching Fellow (Assigned to Courses for University of Southern California Undergraduates)*

Jewish History

The Holocaust

**University of California, Los Angeles***Lecturer, Department of History*

2017–2018

Jewish Thought, Politics, and Ethics: From Theory to Practice (Undergraduate Seminar)

Medieval Jewish History: A Global History (Undergraduate Upper Division Lecture)

Modern Jewish History (Undergraduate Upper Division Lecture)

*Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record)*

2014–2015

Hoarders, Buried Alive in the Archive: History, Memory, and Archiving in Modern Times (Undergraduate Upper Division Seminar)

The Jewish Nation, Imagined or Invented? History and the Politics of Peoplehood (Undergraduate Upper Division Seminar)

*Teaching Assistant*

2011–2013

Western Civilization, 1750 to the Present

Holocaust: History and Memory

World History, 500–1750 C.E.

World History to 600 C.E.

*Reader/Grader*

2011, 2017

The Spirit of Secularism: Jewish Cultures in a Secular Age

The Third Reich and the Jews

**Service to Profession**Creator and Host, Jewish History Matters podcast, [www.jewishhistory.fm](http://www.jewishhistory.fm) (2018–Present)

Association for Jewish Studies, Professional Development Task Force, 2018–Present

Session Organizer, “The History of Archives in Jewish Studies: From Object to Subject,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C. (December 2017)

Session Chair, “New Dimensions in Testimony,” Digital Approaches to Genocide Studies, USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, Los Angeles (Oct. 2017)

Session Organizer, “Postwar Reconstruction: The Meanings and Limits of Rebuilding Jewish Life in Europe,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego (December 2016)

Graduate Student Coordinator, UCLA 1939 Society Samuel Goetz Chair in Holocaust Studies Search (2016)

Conference Co-Convener, “Thinking Beyond the Canon: New Themes and Approaches in Jewish Studies,” UCLA Center for Jewish Studies (March 2015)

**Languages**

Speaking, Reading, Writing: Hebrew, German

Reading: Yiddish, Russian, French

**Professional Memberships**

American Historical Association

Association for Jewish Studies

Association for Israel Studies

German Studies Association