

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., History, University of Toronto
 Completed the Collaborative Doctoral Program in Jewish Studies
- Dissertation Title: “Decomposing Identities: Shifting Perceptions of Death and Burial among Jews in Interwar Poland”
Supervisor: Derek Penslar; Dissertation Committee Members: Doris Bergen and Piotr Wróbel
- 2007 Master of Arts, History, University of Toronto
- 2004 Bachelor of Arts (university and departmental honors), History,
The Johns Hopkins University

RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

Jewish and Eastern European Social, Economic, and Cultural History
Jewish-Christian Relations
Historical Intersections of Religious and Secular Law
History of Gender

TEACHING and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014–2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Israeli Inter-university Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies, University of Haifa
- 2013–2014 Course Instructor, Department of History/Jewish Studies Program, University of Western Ontario
- Course taught:
“Jewish History and Culture through 1492” (HIS 2809E)
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Toronto, Scarborough
- Course taught:
“Europe in the Nineteenth Century” (HISB90)
- 2007–2014 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Toronto
- Courses taught:
“The History of the Jewish People” (HIS208)
“The History of East Central Europe” (HIS251)
“Europe in the Twentieth Century” (HIS242)
“Introduction to Russian History” (HIS250)

“Secularism and Strife: The Cultural History of Modern Jews” (HIS352)

2007-2009 Teaching Assistant, Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto, Mississauga

• Courses taught:

“The Holocaust in Nazi Germany and Occupied Europe” (HIS338)

“Britain and the World Wars” (HIS341)

“Introduction to Historical Methods” (HIS101)

PRESENTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

2014 “‘Without an Ideal’: Disillusionment in Formulations of Jewish Selfhood and the Problem of Suicide in 1930s Poland,” Lavy Colloquium, Baltimore, MD

2014 “‘Victims of Seductive and Unfortunate Lives’: Jewish Suicide in Interwar Poland”, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

2014 “Confronting Mass Death: Philanthropy, Public Health, and Jewish Responses to Typhus in Poland, 1914-1921”, Conference on World War I and the Jews, Center for Jewish History, New York, NY

2014 “Burial Baron: Motl Pinkiert and Modern Jewish Identity in Poland”, Canadian Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, St. Catherine’s, ON

2013 "In-Between Graves: Space and Class in Cemetery Conflicts among the Jews of Interwar Poland", Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, MA

2013 “Virtual Representations of Jewish Life and Death: Digital Media and the Vicissitudes of Polish-Jewish History”, International Academic Conference on Holocaust Research, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

2013 Roundtable Participant, “Interdisciplinarity and Jewish Studies,” Centre for Jewish Studies Graduate Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

2013 “Bureaucratic Murder in the Shadow of Auschwitz,” Review of Mary Fulbrook, *A Small Town Near Auschwitz: Ordinary Nazis and the Holocaust*. H-Antisemitism, H-Net Reviews. February 2013.

2012 “Political Bodies: Exhumation and Polish-Jewish Relations in Interwar Poland,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

2012 “Death in Public: Jewish Public Funerals and the Use of Cemetery Grounds in Interwar Warsaw,” University of Toronto Slavic Studies Graduate Symposium, Toronto, ON

2011 “What Do the Statistics on Jewish Suicide in Interwar Poland Mean?” Canadian

Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Fredricton, NB

- 2011 “Far from a ‘Good Place’: Jewish Women, Suicide, and Jewish Public Discourse in Interwar Poland,” Carleton University Jewish Studies Conference, Ottawa, ON
- 2011 “Storming *Olam Ha-Ba*: Jewish Attitudes towards Suicide in Interwar Poland,” University of Toronto Graduate History Symposium, Toronto, ON
- 2009 “Every Jew is a Piece of History: Methodological Approaches to the Earliest Study of Holocaust Survivors in Poland,” University of Toronto Graduate History Symposium, Toronto, ON
- 2007 “German Jewish Women’s Solidarity After the Fall of Weimar: A Historiographical Analysis,” University of Toronto Graduate History Symposium, Toronto, ON

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, and AWARDS

- 2014 Long-term Service Award, Graduate History Society, University of Toronto
- 2013 University of Toronto Dissertation Completion Award
- 2012 Association for Jewish Studies/Center for Jewish History Travel Grant
- 2012 Naim Mahlab Graduate Scholarship in Jewish-Canadian Relations, University of Toronto
- 2012 Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto, Summer Research Grant
- 2011 University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant
- 2011-12 University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant
- 2010 Center for Jewish History Fellowship, New York (declined)
- 2010-12 Canadian Friends of Hebrew University Research Fellowship
- 2009 University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant
- 2009 University of Toronto, Department of History Pre-dissertation Travel Grant
- 2009 Naim Mahlab Graduate Scholarship in Jewish-Canadian Relations, University of Toronto
- 2008 YIVO Yiddish Language Summer Program Scholarship

2007-12 University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship
2007-08 Connaught Tuition Scholarship
2007-10 Naim Mahlab Graduate Scholarship in Jewish-Christian Relations
2000-04 Maryland Distinguished Scholar

LANGUAGES

Aramaic, German, Hebrew, Polish, Spanish, Yiddish