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EMPLOYMENT

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| Fall 2022 2019- | Visiting Professor, History Department, University College London Alan Charles Kors Endowed Term Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania |
| 2008-12 | Chair of Content Committee, Ralph Appelbaum Associates (New York), a museum design firm hired to create the Jewish Museum in Moscow |
| 2007-17 | Ronald S. Lauder Endowed Term Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania |
| Spring 2010 | Visiting Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris |
| 2003-7 | Associate Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania |
| 2000-3 | M. Mark & Esther K. Watkins Assistant Professor of the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania |
| 1998-2000 | Assistant Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania |
| 1995-98 | Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies, Indiana University |
| 1992-95 | Teaching Fellow, Program in History & Literature, Harvard University |
| 1986 | Editorial Assistant, <i>Foreign Policy</i> (published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), Washington, D.C. |
| 1985 | Research Assistant, Wissenschaftlicher Dienst des Bundestags (Research Service of the West German Parliament), Bonn |

EDUCATION

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| 2007-8 | New York University Law School, courses on rights theory (non-degree) |
| 1987-95 | University of California at Berkeley, M.A. (1989), Ph.D. (1995) in History |
| Summer, 1989 | Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel |
| Spring, 1987 | Leningrad State University, USSR |
| 1984-85 | Universität Tübingen, Germany |
| 1980-84 | Yale University, B.A. in History (1984), <i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa, Distinction in the Major |

PUBLICATIONS**Books:**

To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: The Many Lives of the Soviet Dissident Movement
 (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2024) 816 pp., 63 illustrations

Chapter 8 excerpted as "From Circle to Square," *Los Angeles Review of Books* (August 11,
 2024); <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/from-circle-to-square/>

From Europe's East to the Middle East: Israel's Russian and Polish Lineages (Philadelphia: Penn
 Press, 2021) 464 pp. Co-edited and co-introduced with Kenneth Moss and Taro Tsurumi. E-
 book edition: 2021.

Culture Front: Representing Jews in Eastern Europe (Philadelphia: Penn Press, 2008) 323 pp.
 Co-edited and co-introduced with Gabriella Safran. E-book edition: 2014.

Beyond the Pale: The Jewish Encounter with Late Imperial Russia (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002; ppb 2004). [Vol. 45, *Studies on the History of Society and Culture*, Victoria Bonnell & Lynn Hunt, eds.]. 426 pp., 33 illustrations, 2 maps, 14 tables

Koret Book Prize in Jewish History (Koret Foundation, 2003)

Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize in any discipline of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2003)

W. Bruce Lincoln Book Prize in Russian History (Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2004)

Finalist, National Jewish Book Award in History (Jewish Book Council, 2003)

Russian edition (Moscow: Rosspen Publishers, 2007)

Hebrew edition (Jerusalem: Merkaz Zalman Shazar, 2013)

American Council of Learned Societies Humanities e-Book

A Research Guide to Materials on the History of Russian Jewry (19th and Early 20th Centuries) in Selected Archives of the Former Soviet Union [in Russian]. Compiled by G. M. Deych; edited and introduced [in English] by B. Nathans (Moscow: Blagovest, 1994). [vol. 4, *Russian Archive Series*; Gregory Freeze, Chief Editor. Center for Russian & East European Studies, University of Pittsburgh] 149 pp.

In preparation:

Simon Dubnov, *The Book of Life: Memoirs and Reflections* (English translation by Dianne Sattinger; edited, annotated and introduced by Benjamin Nathans and Viktor Kelner; under contract with the University of Wisconsin Press)

Public History:

Chair of Content Committee: The Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center, Moscow (2008-12; scholars from Russia, Israel and the United States), designed by Ralph Appelbaum Associates (New York). This 40,000 square-foot, \$50 million museum explores the history and culture of Jews in the Russian Empire, Soviet Union, and today's Russian Federation. Opened 2012: <http://www.jewish-museum.ru/ru/timeline>

"The new Jewish Museum in Moscow, which is advertised as the largest in the world and, in fact, presents the Jewish experience in sincere, rich, and sophisticated ways, demonstrates that cosmopolitan thinking has found its way even into some of the most resistant environments."

Alexander Etkind and Uilleam Blacker, *Memory and Theory in Eastern Europe* (Palgrave, 2013):12.

Review Essays:

"Go West, Comrade," *Times Literary Supplement* no. 6336 (Sept. 6, 2024):22

"Bureaucrat's Honor," *New York Review of Books* vol. 69, no. 7 (April 21, 2022):10-12

"Bürokratenehrenwort," *Merkur: Deutsche Zeitschrift für europäisches Denken* Heft 878, Jahrgang 76 (July 2022):5-17 [German translation of preceding essay]

"The Many Shades of Soviet Dissidence," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* vol. 23, no. 1 (Winter 2022):185-196

"Stalin's Lawyers at Nuremberg," *New York Review of Books* vol. 68, no. 14 (Sept. 23, 2021):38-41

"Time to Try the Impossible: Fighting Words in the USSR and Putin's Russia," *Times Literary Supplement* no. 6149 (Feb. 5, 2021):22

- "Profiles in Decency," *New York Review of Books* vol. 67, no. 7 (April 23, 2020):50-52
- "Proroki, ne priznannye v svoem otechestve. O dvukh masshtabnykh fil'makh-interv'iu: Arseniia Roginskogo i Mikhaila Gorbacheva," *Uroki istorii. XX vek* (April 21, 2020)
<https://urokiistorii.ru/article/56827> [abridged Russian translation of preceding essay]
- "Portreta stin aksioprepeia," *The Athens Review of Books* (June 13, 2020)
<https://athensreviewofbooks.com/arxeio/teyxos118/4506-portreta-stin-aksioprepeia>
[Greek translation of preceding essay]
- "Rewriting Human Rights," *New York Review of Books* vol. 66, no. 19 (Dec. 5, 2019):44-48
- "Helsinki Syndrome: Human Rights and International Diplomacy," *Times Literary Supplement*
no. 6038/9 (Dec. 21 & 28, 2018), The Human Rights Issue:6-7
- "To Hell and Back," *New York Review of Books* vol. 65, no. 19 (Dec. 6, 2018):34-36
- "Bolshevism's New Believers," *New York Review of Books* vol. 64, no. 18 (Nov. 23, 2017):18-21
- "Nai-novata saga za ruskata revolutsiia," *Kultura* vol. 61, no. 40 (Nov. 24, 2017):10
[Bulgarian translation of preceding essay]
- Reprinted in the Cuban on-line journal *Patrias: Actos y letras* Año IV, Vol. 13 (April/June 2019) <https://www.patrias-actosyletras.com/nathans-bolshevism-s-new-believers>
- "The Ukrainian Famine: The Making of a Mass Murder," *The Economist* vol. 424, no. 9060 (Sept. 30, 2017): 76-77
- "Russia: The Joyful New Activism," *New York Review of Books* vol. 64, no. 13 (August 17, 2017): 51-54
- "The Real Power of Putin," *New York Review of Books* vol. 63, no. 14 (Sept. 29, 2016): 88-92
- "Prawdziwa władza Putina. Czy Rosja to imperium bez końca," *Gazeta Wyborcza* (Oct. 8, 2016) [Polish translation of preceding essay]
- "El verdadero poder de Putin," *Política exterior* (Sept./Oct. 2017):2-8 [Spanish translation of preceding essay]
- "Istinnaiia sila Putina," *Rossiia segodnia* (Sept. 25, 2016)
<http://inosmi.ru/politic/20160925/237913553.html> [Russian translation of preceding essay]
- "I pragmatiki dýnami tou Poútin," *The Athens Review of Books* (November 3, 2016)
<https://athensreviewofbooks.com/arxeio/teyxos78/3595-i-pragmatiki-dynami-tou-poytin> [Greek translation of preceding essay]
- "Like It or Not, They Too Are Fellow Netizens," *Los Angeles Review of Books* (April 18, 2014)
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/review/like-fellow-netizens/>
- "Thawed Selves: A Commentary on the Soviet First Person," *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* vol. 13, no. 1 (Winter 2012):177-183
- "Questioning in the Darkness," *The Jewish Review of Books* (Spring 2012):34-35
- "Uncertainty and Anxiety," *The Nation* vol. 293, no. 13 (Sept. 26, 2011):31-35

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"When Did Your Eyes Open?" *London Review of Books* vol. 32, no. 9 (May 13, 2010):25-26

with Kevin Platt: "Sotsialisticheskaiia po forme, neopredelennaia po soderzhaniiu: pozdnesovetskaia kul'tura i kniga Alekseia Iurchaka, *Vse bylo navechno, poka ne konchilos'*," *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie* no. 101 (2010): 167-184

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"Habermas's 'Public Sphere' in the Era of the French Revolution," *French Historical Studies* vol. 16, no. 3 (Spring 1990):620-644

Articles and Chapters:

"From Circle to Square," *Los Angeles Review of Books* (August 11, 2024) [excerpt from *To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: The Many Lives of the Soviet Dissident Movement*]
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/from-circle-to-square/>

"The *Longue Durée* of Dark Humor," *Ab Imperio* no. 4 (2023): 107-12

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"Refuseniks and Rights-Defenders: Jews and the Soviet Dissident Movement," in Kenneth Moss, Benjamin Nathans, and Taro Tsurumi, eds., *From Europe's East to the Middle East: Israel's Russian and Polish Lineages* (Philadelphia: Penn Press, 2021):362-375

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"Human Rights Defenders within Soviet Politics," in Riccardo Cucciolla, ed., *Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism* [Philosophy and Politics - Critical Explorations Vol. 8] (Cham, Switzerland, 2019):63-72

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"Zagovorivshie ryby: O memuarakh sovetskikh dissidentov," in Anatoly Pinsky, ed., *Posle Stalina: Pozdnesovetskaia sub'ektivnost' (1953-1985)* [After Stalin: Late Soviet Subjectivity (1953-1985)] (St. Petersburg: Izdatel'stvo evropeiskogo universiteta v Sankt-Peterburge, 2018): 398-443 [Russian translation of the preceding article]

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"Samoopredelenie na fone obraza 'drugogo'": Kommentariia [Self-Fashioning Against the Image of "the Other": A Comment], in Jochen Hellbeck, Nikolai Mikhailov et al., eds., *Chelovek i lichnost' v istorii Rossii konets XIX - XX vek* [History and Subjectivity in Russia in the Late 19th and 20th Centuries] (St. Petersburg: Nestor-Istoriia, 2013):386-88

“Coming to Terms with Late Soviet Liberalism,” *Ab Imperio* no. 1 (2013):175-182

“The Disenchantment of Socialism: Soviet Dissidents, Human Rights, and the New Global Morality,” in Jan Eckel and Samuel Moyn, eds., *The Breakthrough: Human Rights in the 1970s* (Philadelphia: Penn Press, 2013):33-48

“Die Entzauberung des Sozialismus: Sowjetische Dissidenten, Menschenrechte und die neue globale Moralität,” in Jan Eckel and Samuel Moyn, eds., *Moral für die Welt? Menschenrechtspolitik in den 1970er Jahren* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2012):100-119 [German translation of the preceding article]

“Soviet Rights-Talk in the Post-Stalin Era,” in Stefan-Ludwig Hoffmann, ed., *Human Rights in the Twentieth Century* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2011):166-190

“Where To: America or Palestine? Simon Dubnov’s Memoir of Emigration Debates in Tsarist Russia,” *The Jewish Review of Books* 4 (Winter, 2011): 49

“Introduction,” in Stefani Hoffman and Ezra Mendelsohn, eds., *The Revolution of 1905 and Russia’s Jews: A Turning Point?* (Philadelphia: Penn Press, 2008):1-12

“The Dictatorship of Reason: Aleksandr Vol’pin and the Idea of Rights under ‘Developed Socialism’,” *Slavic Review* vol. 66, no. 4 (Winter, 2007):630-663

“A ‘Hebrew Drama’: Lilienblum, Dubnow, and the Idea of ‘Crisis’ in East European Jewish History,” *Jahrbuch des Simon-Dubnow-Instituts/Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook* vol. 5 (2006):211-231

“‘Evreiskaia drama’: lichnost’, kollektiv, i problema krizisa v russko-evreiskoi istorii,” in Oleg Budnitskii, ed., *Istoriia i kul’tura rossiiskogo i vostochnoevropenskogo evreistva: novye istochniki, novye podkhody* [The History and Culture of Russian and East European Jewry: New Sources, New Approaches] (Moscow, 2004):10-30 [Russian translation of the preceding article]

“Jews,” in Dominic Lieven, ed., *The Cambridge History of Russia. Vol. 2: Imperial Russia, 1689-1917* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2006):184-201

“In and Out of Class: Reginald Zelnik as Teacher and Mentor,” in Reginald E. Zelnik, *Perils of Pankratova: Some Stories from the Annals of Soviet Historiography: A Memorial Volume* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2005):99-107.

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“Russko-evreiskaia vstrecha,” [The Russian-Jewish Encounter] *Ab Imperio* vol. 4 (2003):21-40

“The Other Modern Jewish Politics: Integration and Modernity in Fin-de-Siècle Russia,” in Zvi Gitelman, ed., *The Emergence of Modern Jewish Politics: Bundism and Zionism in Eastern Europe* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003):20-34

“Die Vereinigten Staaten - das gelobte Land der Osteuropaforschung?” [The United States - Promised Land of Slavic Studies?] *Osteuropa* vol. 49, no. 8 (August 1999):850-858

Reprinted in Stefan Kreuzberger et al., eds., *Wohin steuert die Osteuropaforschung? Eine Diskussion* (Cologne: Verlag Wissenschaft und Politik, 2000):125-133

“On Russian-Jewish Historiography,” in Thomas Sanders, ed., *Historiography of Imperial Russia: The Profession and Writing of History in a Multi-National State* (Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 1999):397-432

“Ob istoriografii rossiiskogo evreistva,” *Vestnik evreiskogo universiteta v Moskve* vol. 6, no.24 (2002):163-206 [slightly expanded Russian translation of preceding article]

“Beyn temis le-klio: ha-historiografiya ha-yehudit ba-imperiya ha-rusit ha-meukheret (1860-1917),” in Avraham Greenbaum, Israel Bartal and Dan Haruv, eds., *Safra ve-sayafa: Shimon Dubnov, historiyon ve-ish tsibur* (Jerusalem: Merkaz Zalman Shazar, 2010):13-46 [Hebrew translation of preceding article]

“Mythologies and Realities of Jewish Life in Pre-Revolutionary St. Petersburg,” in Ezra Mendelsohn, ed., *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* vol. 15 [*People of the City: Jews and the Urban Challenge*] (1999):107-148

Reprinted as “The Jews of Late 19th-Century St. Petersburg,” in George D. Jackson and Alexej Ugrinsky, eds., *St. Petersburg 300: A Biography of the City* (Lima, Peru: Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, 2008):85-134

“Jews, Law, and the Legal Profession in Late Imperial Russia,” in Dmitrii Eliashevich, ed., *Trudy po iudaika: istoriia i kul'tura* vol. 5 (St. Petersburg, Russia: 1998):101-127

“Conflict, Community, and the Jews of Late Nineteenth-Century St. Petersburg,” *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* vol. 44, no. 2 (Spring 1996):178-216

“Za chertoi osedlosti: evrei v dorevoliutsionnom Peterburge,” in *Rossiiskaia imperiia v sovremennoi zarubezhnoi literature* [The Russian Empire in Contemporary Foreign Scholarship], eds. Aleksei Miller, Pëtr Kabytov, and Paul W. Werth (Moscow: Novoe izdatel'stvo, 2005):634-687 [Russian translation of preceding article]

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Online Essays and Blogs:

“1968, Moscow Style: The Demonstration in Red Square,” Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen (August 2018) <https://www.forschungsstelle.uni-bremen.de/de/13/20140605113358/20180822094701/.html>

“The Constant Gardener,” “Coming to Terms,” and “Untidy Thoughts,” part of the blog conversation “Myth, Memory, Trauma” in the *Russian History Blog: An Experiment in Digital Russian History* (May-June 2014) <http://russianhistoryblog.org/author/ben/>

Reference Works:

“Samizdat,” in John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds., *Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction* (Detroit: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2006), vol. 4:2290-2292

“Yehudim ve-liberalizm politi be-imperiya ha-rusi” [Jews and Political Liberalism in the Russian Empire],” in Yirmiyahu Yovel, ed., *Zman yehudi khadash: tarbut yehudit be-idan khiloni* [New Jewish Time – Jewish Culture in a Secular Age - An Encyclopedic View] (Jerusalem: Keter Publishing House, 2007), vol. 2:6-8

“Estate System” and “St. Petersburg,” in Gershon David Hundert, ed., *The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2008), vol. 1:479-481 and vol. 2:1652-1657

Book Reviews:

Jewish Renaissance in the Russian Revolution. By Kenneth B. Moss (Cambridge, MA, 2009), 384 pp. *Russian Review* vol. 69, no.3 (July 2010):537

Jews in the Russian Army, 1827-1917: Drafted into Modernity. By Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern (New York, 2009), 307 pp. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* vol. 40, no. 4 (Spring 2010):611-612

The Cambridge History of Russia. Vol. 3: The Twentieth Century. Edited by Ronald Grigor Suny (Cambridge, 2006), 842 pp. *Journal of Modern History* vol. 81 (September 2009):756-758

Das jüdische Jahrhundert. By Yuri Slezkine (Göttingen, 2006), 420 pp. *Damals: Das Magazin für Geschichte und Kultur* vol. 41, no.1 (January 2009):43-44

Being for Myself Alone: Origins of Jewish Autobiography. By Marcus Moseley (Stanford, 2006), 650 pp. *Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly* vol.31, no.2 (Spring 2008):297-303

From Newspeak to Cyberspeak: A History of Soviet Cybernetics. By Slava Gerovitch (Cambridge, 2002), 369 pp. *Journal of Modern History* vol.78, no.4 (December 2006):1010-1011

The Legacy of Soviet Dissent: Dissidents, Democratisation and Radical Nationalism in Russia. By Robert Horvath (London & New York, 2005), 293 pp. *Slavic Review* vol. 65, no.2 (Summer 2006):397-398

A People Apart: The Jews in Europe, 1789-1939. By David Vital (Oxford, 1999), 944 pp. *Jewish Quarterly Review* vol. 96, no.2 (Spring, 2006):288-295

Evrei i russkaia revoliutsiia: Materialy i issledovaniia. Edited by Oleg V. Budnitskii (Moscow-Jerusalem, 1999), 479 pp. *Russian Review* vol. 59, no. 3 (July 2000):468-469

To the Other Shore: The Russian Jewish Intellectuals Who Came to America. By Steven Cassedy (Princeton, 1997), 197 pp. *Jewish Quarterly Review* vol. 91, nos. 1-2 (2000):243-244

Stalin's Forgotten Zion: Birobidzhan and the Making of a Soviet Jewish Homeland. An Illustrated History, 1928-1996. By Robert Weinberg. With an Introduction by Zvi Gitelman. Photographs edited by Bradley Berman (Berkeley, 1998), 105 pp. *East European Jewish Affairs* vol. 28, no. 2 (Winter 1998-99):120-121

Between Tradition and Modernity: Haim Zhitlowski, Simon Dubnow, Ahad Ha-Am, and the Shaping of Modern Jewish Identity. By David H. Weinberg (New York, 1996), 385 pp. *Nationalities Papers* vol. 26, no. 4 (Dec. 1998):796-798

Founder of Hasidism: A Quest for the Historical Ba'al Shem Tov. By Moshe Rosman (Berkeley, 1996), 303 pp. *Nationalities Papers* vol. 25, no. 4 (Dec. 1997):786-788

Karaite Separatism in Nineteenth-Century Russia. By Philip E. Miller (Cincinnati, 1993), 252 pp. *Slavic Review* vol. 54, no. 1 (Spring 1995):178-179

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[from Russian] Dmitrii Eliashevich, "Censorship of Jewish Publications in the Russian Empire," in Gershon David Hundert, ed., *The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2008), vol. 1:296-297

Opinion Pieces:

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<https://www.moscowtimes.ru/2024/05/21/kak-andrei-saharov-stal-demokratom-a131399>

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<https://penntoday.upenn.edu/news/Penn-experts-discuss-Mikhail-Gorbachev-legacy>

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/12/01/putin-russia-memorial-society-liquidate/>

"The Sakharov Archives: A Vital Record of Human Rights History is in Danger," *International Herald Tribune* (Aug. 29, 2003)
http://www.nytimes.com/2003/08/29/opinion/29iht-edben_ed3_.html

Editorial Consultancy:

New York University Shvidler Project: A six-volume history of Jews in the Soviet Union (2016-21)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Senior Fellow and Marie Curie Fellow of the European Union, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg (Germany), Spring 2020, Spring 2022

Fellow, Shelby Cullom Davis Center, Princeton University, Fall 2019

Open Society Foundation International Scholar, hosted by St. Petersburg State University and the Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia, November 2013 and April 2014

John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, 2012-13

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New Directions Fellowship for study at NYU Law School, 2007-8 (supplemental award, spring 2010)

Soviet Archives Workshop Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford, July 2009

Certificate of Appreciation for Dedication to Teaching, Interfraternity Council at Penn, 2007, 2008

University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation, Faculty Fellowship, 2006

National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant (together with Dr. Dianne Sattinger and Dr. Viktor Kelner), 2005-8

Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Grant for Translation (Hebrew) of *Beyond the Pale*, 2005, 2011

University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 2005

Leonid Nevzlin Center for Research on Russian and East European Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Grant for Translation (Hebrew) of *Beyond the Pale*, 2005

National Council for East European and Eurasian Research (NCEEER), Research Grant, 2003-4
 American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, 2003
 University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 2003
 Residential Fellowship, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2003
 Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Grant for Translation (Russian) of *Beyond the Pale*, 2002
 University of Pennsylvania Research Foundation Faculty Fellowship, 1999
 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Joint Committee on the Soviet Union and its Successor States, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1997-99
 Lucius N. Littauer Foundation, Book Project Grant, Fall 1997
 NCEEER, Research Grant, Spring and Summer 1997
 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (MFJC) Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1996-97
 American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant, Summer 1996
 International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) Short-Term Travel Grant for Research in Russia, Summer 1996
 Russian and East European Institute (REEI/Indiana University) Mellon Faculty Travel Grant for Conference in St. Petersburg, Summer 1996
 Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowship, Summer 1996
 REEI Mellon Faculty Travel Grant, 1995
 MFJC Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93, 1994-95
 SSRC Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93
 U.C. Berkeley Regents Fellowship, 1992-93
 SSRC Research & Development Grant (jointly with Professor G. M. Deych), for preparation of a guide to materials on Russian-Jewish history in Russian archives, 1991-93
 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, 1991-92
 IREX Fellowship for Long-Term Research in the USSR, 1991-92
 SSRC Graduate Training Fellowship, 1989-91
 IREX Developmental Fellowship for study of Yiddish and Hebrew, 1989-90
 U.C. Berkeley Slavic Center Fellowship for study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Summer 1989
 FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Fellowship for study at Middlebury College, Summer 1988
 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1987-89
 Benjamin Goor Graduate Essay Prize in Jewish Studies, 1988 (U.C. Berkeley)
 SSRC Language Training Fellowship for study at Indiana University, Summer 1986
 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship for study in Germany, 1984-85

TALKS DELIVERED

- “To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: The Many Lives of the Soviet Dissident Movement”
 - Politics & Prose Bookstore, Washington, D.C., August 2024
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBTw5yMMIII&ab_channel=PoliticsandProse
 - Hoover Institution, Stanford, CA, August 2024
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFVTYsaLQRw&ab_channel=HooverInstitutionLibrary%26Archives
 - Wende Museum, Los Angeles, August 2024
- “Juden, Dissidenten, Sowjetmenschen: Die Entzauberung des Sozialismus”
 - Simon-Dubnow-Vorlesung, Das Leibniz-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Leipzig, Germany, December 2023 (in German)
- “How to Conduct Yourself: Dissident Advice Manuals in Late Soviet Society”
 - Slavonic Research Seminar, Oxford University, October 2022
 - École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, November 2022

- “Für den Erfolg unserer hoffnungslosen Sache: Zur Geschichte der sowjetischen Dissidentenbewegung”
- Carl-Friedrich-von-Siemens-Stiftung, Munich, Germany, May 2022 (in German)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMWoiAlzfCI&ab_channel=CarlFriedrichvonSiemensStiftung
- “On the Edge: Ukraine and Russia in Historical Perspective”
- Ringvorlesung: Der Krieg in der Ukraine und seine Folgen, Universität Freiburg, Germany, May 2022
- “Simon Dubnov (1860-1941): Stateless History and Sovereign Self,” Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany, April 2022
- “‘Prologue’ and ‘Taking the Initiative’: Works in Progress Seminar
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 - Memorial Society, Moscow, February 2022 (online, in Russian)
- “The Memorial Society of Russia: History and Prospects,”
- Annual Board Meeting, Hoover Institution, Washington, D.C., February 2022
- “To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: The Many Lives of the Soviet Dissident Movement”
- Russian/Soviet History Workshop, University of California at Berkeley, February 2022
 - Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen (Germany), January 2022
 - Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, September 2021
<https://soundcloud.com/user-601521000/to-the-success-of-our-hopeless-cause-the-many-lives-of-soviet-dissidents-ben-nathans>
- “Andrei Sakharov’s Politics of Human Rights”
- Sakharov Centenary Seminar: Sakharov’s Legacy in Russia and Beyond, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, May 2021
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AXGodf2x9mU>
- “Law, Rights, and Dissent under Soviet Socialism”
- Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, October 2019
- “Refuseniks and Rights-Defenders: Jews and the Soviet Dissident Movement”
- Center for Jewish Studies, University of California at Berkeley, February 2022
 - Jewish History Colloquium, George Washington University, October 2020
 - Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University in Bloomington, October 2019
 - Lecture Series on “Totalitarianism, Dissent and Democratic Institutions,” Jewish Studies Program and Melikian Center for Russian, Eurasian & East European Studies, Arizona State University, March 2019
 - International Conference: Mediating Israeli History and East European History, Saitama University, Tokyo, Japan, January 2015
 - International Conference: Jewish Rights, Minority Rights, Human Rights? Towards a Historical Genealogy of the Human Rights Discourse in the Twentieth Century, Tel Aviv University, Israel, March 2015
- “Torah, Tanks, and Tech: Moscow’s Jewish Museum”
- The Reading Room, on-line lecture series sponsored by the National Library of Israel, October 2020 <https://live-events.nli.org.il/english#vids>
 - From Ibrahim ibn Yakub to 6 Anielewicz Street: International Conference to Mark the Opening of the Core Exhibition of POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, Poland, May 2015

“To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: A History of the Soviet Dissident Movement”

- Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg, May 2020 [via Zoom]
- Da’at Hamakom, Van Leer Institute and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, July 2019
- Annual Law & Literature Symposium, University of Southern California Law School, February 2016
- University of Michigan Russian/Soviet History Colloquium, November 2015
- Chicago Area Russian History Colloquium, University of Chicago, October 2015

“Simon Dubnov: History, Autobiography, Crisis”

- Hebrew University in Jerusalem, July 2019

“There is No Such Thing as Putinism, and Western Pundits Created It”

- International Conference, “Russia Under Putin,” Fritt Ord Foundation, Oslo (Norway), November 2018

“Russian Nationalism Today”

- Workshop on “The Global Order in a New Age of Nationalism,” Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, April 2018

“Circle, Square, Network, Movement: Dissident Formations in Late Soviet Socialism”

- Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, February 2018
- Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen (Germany), December 2015
- Institut für Osteuropäische Geschichte, Universität Tübingen (Germany), December 2015
- Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2015

“Human Rights Defenders within Soviet Politics”

- International Workshop on Dimensions and Challenges of Russian Liberalism, University of Turin (Italy), October 2017

“A Movement of a New Type”

- Posen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, April 2017

“Chain Reaction: From Protest to Movement”

- Jordan Center Colloquium Series, New York University, February 2017
- Washington D.C. Russian History Workshop, Georgetown University, October 2016

“The Moscow Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in the Context of Putin’s Russia,”

- Center for Jewish History, New York City, January 2016 - <http://cjh.org/p/45> [select “Jan 10, 2016: Jewish Museums in the 21st Century”; paper begins at 160:00]
Covered by Elizabeth Denlinger, “Jewish Museums Leave Nostalgia in the Dust,” *The Jewish Week* (January 13, 2016)
<http://jewishweek.timesofisrael.com/jewish-museums-leave-nostalgia-in-the-dust/>

“Trust, Networks, Dissent: Revisiting the Sinyavsky/Daniel Affair”

- “Abschied von der Gewalt: Das Tauwetter in der Sowjetunion und im Ostblock,” Humboldt University, Berlin, December 2013 [in German]
- Keynote Address, “Mobilization & Movement in Eastern Europe & Eurasia,” Rutgers University, March 2014

“Talking Fish: On Soviet Dissident Memoirs”

- International Conference: Subjectivity in the Late Soviet Union (1953-1985), European University in St. Petersburg, April 2014 [in Russian]
- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 2013

- Conference in Memory of Prof. Nicholas Riasanovsky, University of California at Berkeley, October 2012
- Workshop (kruzhok) on Russian history and culture, University of Pennsylvania, April 2012
- International Conference: The End of the Soviet Union? Origins and Legacies of 1991, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen (Germany), May 2011

"From the Other Shore: Amnesty International and Soviet Dissidents"

- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 2017
- Conference in honor of Michael Geyer: Does Human Rights Have a History? University of Chicago, April 2015
- Cummings Center for Russian and East-Central European Studies, Tel Aviv University (Israel), March 2015
- Seminar on "Boundaries of History," Department of History, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg (Russia), November 2013 <http://spb.hse.ru/history/news/117461472.html>
- Department of History, Ohio State University (Columbus), April 2013
- Department of Politics, University of Manchester (UK), March 2013
- Distinguished Lectures in European History Series, Rutgers University (New Brunswick), November 2012
- Workshop on Human Rights, University of California at Berkeley, October 2012

"Civil Rights under Soviet Socialism"

- Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 2013

"The Legacy of Elena Bonner and Andrei Sakharov in Russia Today"

- Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, April 2013

"Rights and Resistance," in the series "Resistance in Russia and Eastern Europe"

- Department of Slavonic Studies, Cambridge University (UK), March 2013

"Civil Rights under Soviet Socialism: Revisiting the 1966 Sinyavsky/Daniel Trial"

- Human Rights Seminar, University of California at Berkeley, October 2012

"History and Genealogy"

- Keynote address, joint conference of the Russian National Institute for Genealogical Research (St. Petersburg) and the International Institute of Jewish Genealogy (Jerusalem), Russian National Library, St. Petersburg, September 2012 [in Russian]

"Soviet Dissidents and the Transnational History of the Cold War"

- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C., November 2011

"Documenting and Researching the Soviet Dissident Movement"

- International Conference: Nonconformism and Dissent in the Soviet Bloc: Guiding Legacy or Passing Memory?, Columbia University, Harriman Institute, Ukrainian Studies Program, March 2011 http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEmD_tm7LJ4, starting at 52:14

"Human Rights and Jewish History in the Long Twentieth Century"

- Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2010

"Was Dubnov an Ideological Thinker?"

- Conference: Simon Dubnov on the 150th Anniversary of his Birth, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Center for Jewish History, NYC, October 2010

"Soviet Dissidents and Human Rights"

- International Conference, “A New Global Morality? The Politics of Human Rights and Humanitarianism in the 1970s,” Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Universität Freiburg (Germany), June 2010
- “Socialism Demagnetized: New Approaches to the Post-Totalitarian Era of Soviet History”
- Keynote Address, International Symposium, “The Thaw: Visual Culture and Beyond,” University of Pennsylvania, April 2010
- “Soviet Rights-Talk in the Post-Stalin Era”
- CCNY Human Rights Seminar, April 2018
 - Triangle Intellectual History Seminar, Duke University, May 2011
 - Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen (Germany), November 2010
 - École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 2010
 - Russian/Soviet History Workshop, University of California at Berkeley, December 2009
 - International Conference, “The Decline of the West? The Fate of the Atlantic Community after the Cold War,” University of Pennsylvania, October 2009
 - Annenberg Seminar, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, September 2009
 - Center for European Studies and Stanford Law School, Stanford University, Feb. 2009
 - International Workshop, “Human Rights in History,” Temple University, December 2008
 - International Workshop, “Human Rights in the Twentieth Century: Concepts and Conflicts,” Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (Germany), June 2008
 - History Workshop, Georgetown University, May 2008
- “The Soviet Dissident Movement in Historical Perspective”
- Department of History, Ohio State University (Newark), April 2013
 - Humanities Center, University of Virginia, March 2011
 - École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 2010
 - Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of California at Berkeley, December 2009
 - Soviet History Workshop, Hoover Institution Archives, July 2009
 - Department of History, Universität Potsdam (Germany), June 2008
- “Soviet Dissidents, the Cold War, and the Problem of Human Rights”
- Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University of Ohio, April 2008
- “Historicizing Soviet Dissent: Between Embeddedness and Seclusion”
- 25th Anniversary Conference, “The Other Europe,” Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Universität Bremen (Germany), June 2007
- “The Legacy of Human Rights in Russia”
- International symposium, “Human Rights and Political Prisoners in Russia: A View from the Khodorkovsky Case,” Penn Law School, Dec. 2006
- “The Cold War, Soviet Dissent, and the Andrei Sakharov Archive”
- Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, March 2006
- “A ‘Hebrew Drama’: The Individual, the Collective, and the Problem of Crisis in Russian-Jewish History”
- Petersburg Judaica, European University, St. Petersburg (Russia), September 2012 [in Russian]
 - École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March 2010
 - Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Universität Leipzig (Germany), May 2006 [in German]
 - Jewish Studies Program, SUNY Binghamton, April 2006
 - Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, April 2005

- Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, February 2003
- Department of History, Northwestern University, February 2003
- Center for Research on Russian and East European Jewry, Moscow, December 2003 [in Russian]

“Beyond Mercurians and Appolonians: On Yuri Slezkine’s *The Jewish Century*”

- International Conference, “How General is Jewish History?,” Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Universität Leipzig (Germany), September 2005

“Aleksandr Vol’pin and the Origins of the Soviet Human Rights Movement”

- International Conference on the “Thaw,” University of California at Berkeley, May 2005
- Department of History, Stanford University, May 2005
- Slavic Studies *khruzhok*, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, April 2005
- Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, April 2004
- Faculty Symposium, LaSalle University, October 2004
- International Conference “Intelligentsia: Russian and Soviet Science on the World Stage, 1860-1960,” University of Georgia, Athens, October 2004
- CUNY Graduate Center, April 2004
- Department of History, University of Delaware, April 2003
- Department of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 2003
- Davis Center for Russian Studies, Harvard University, February 2003

Respondant, forum on *Beyond the Pale: The Jewish Encounter with Late Imperial Russia*

- Jewish Studies Program, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, April 2005

“Lawyers and Socialist Legality under the Thaw”

- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, December 2004
- Department of History and Law School, Stanford University, May 2005

“The State of American Research on Samizdat”

- International Conference, “Samizdat in Research and Archives - Taking Stock,” Budapest (Hungary), sponsored by the Forschungsstelle Osteuropa (University of Bremen, Germany), May 2004

“Beyond the Pale: How Jews Became Modern in Tsarist Russia”

- Bryn Mawr College, April 2005
- YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Center for Jewish History, NYC, November 2002
- Lafayette College, Easton, PA, November 2002

“Historicizing Soviet Dissent”

- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Denver, November 2000

“Beyond the Pale: Jewish Life in St. Petersburg”

- Series on St. Petersburg at 300 and the Program in Jewish Studies, University of Michigan, September 2003
- St. Petersburg 300th Anniversary Conference, Hofstra University, November 2003

“Higher Education and Empire in Fin-de-Siècle Russia: Jews, Russians, and the Imperial University”

- Jewish Studies Program, Yale University, February 2003
- Jewish Studies Colloquium, Cornell University, April 2002
- Colloquium on Modern Russian History, Stanford University, February 1999

- Center for Slavic and East European Studies, University of California at Berkeley, February 1999
 - Seminar on Slavic History and Culture, Columbia University, November 1999
- “Petersburg and the Pale: The Geography of Russian-Jewish Politics”
- Interdisciplinary Conference on “Urban Diasporas,” Princeton University, April 2002
- “Andrei Sakharov: Science and Dissent in the Soviet Union”
- “Twentieth-Century Lives” public lecture series, University of Pennsylvania, March 2002
- “Pale Lines: Russians, Jews, and the Boundaries of Historical Knowledge, 1860-1930”
- Interdisciplinary Conference on “Borderlines,” Syracuse University, April 2002
- “Russian Jewry in the European Mirror: Emancipation Revisited”
- Princeton University, March 2001
 - University of Maryland, November 2000
- “The Russian-Jewish Encounter: Beginnings and Endings”
- Conference on “Religion, Spirituality, and Identity in Modern Russia and Eurasia,” University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, June 1999
- “Civil Society and Empire in Fin-de-Siècle Russia: The Case of the Legal Profession”
- Colloquium on European History, Cornell University, October 1998
- “Birobidzhan in Russian-Jewish History”
- Judah Magnes Museum/University of California at Berkeley, May 1998
- “The Other Modern Jewish Politics: Integration and Modernity in Fin-de-Siècle Russia”
- International Conference, “A Century of Modern Jewish Politics: The Bund and Zionism in Poland and Eastern Europe,” University of Michigan, February 1998
- “Jewish Life in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union”
- The Butler University Seminar on Religion and the Future of Europe, Indianapolis, March 1997
- “Education and National Identity in Late Imperial and Early Soviet Russia”
- Roundtable on the Russian-Jewish Intelligentsia, Annual Conference of the American Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 1996
- “Jews and the Rule of Law in Late Imperial Russia”
- International Conference, “The Jews of Eastern Europe,” St. Petersburg (Russia), July 1996 [in Russian]
 - Association of Polish-Jewish Studies, Cambridge, Mass, October 1996
 - History Department Faculty Seminar, Indiana University at Bloomington, October 1996
- “The Problem of Jewish Emancipation in Imperial Russia”
- Department of History, Brandeis University, October 1993
 - Russian Research Center, Harvard University, November 1993
 - Department of History, Indiana University at Bloomington, February 1994
- “Beyond the Pale: The Jews of St. Petersburg in Late Imperial Russia”
- Center for European Studies, Harvard University, November 1994
 - Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, March 1995

“Lawyers, Jews, and Other Russians: Ethnicity and the Legal Profession in Late Imperial Russia”

- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 1994

“Jews, Russians, and the ‘Jewish Question’ in St. Petersburg, 1855-1880”

- Annual Conference of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., December 1992

“Archival Materials from the Department of Police and Government Jewish Committees as Sources for the History of the Jews in Late Imperial Russia”

- International Conference, “The Jews in Russia,” St. Petersburg (Russia), June 1992 [in Russian]

PARTICIPATION AS DISCUSSANT IN SCHOLARLY PANELS

“Encouraging Open Inquiry in the Classroom”

- Penn Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Innovation, March 2024

“Jews and Political Authority: Citizenship, Homeland, and Diaspora”

- Penn Jewish Studies Graduate Student Conference, March 2024

“History Journals in the Twenty-First Century,”

- History Department, University of Pennsylvania, February 2024

“Nationalism as Practice: The Soviet Politics of Republican Industrialization, 1935-1965,”
paper delivered by Jonathan Raspe

- Northeast Corridor Workshop in Russian and Soviet History, Columbia University, April 2023

“Jews and Citizenship in a Global Context”

- Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, March 2023

Fascism Comes to America: A Century of Obsession in Politics and Culture, book conversation
with author Bruce Kuklick

- History Department, University of Pennsylvania, March 2023

“Jewish Law in Consular Courts: Morocco, 1830-1912,” paper delivered by Jessica Marglin

- Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, February 2023

“Socialism and its Master Narratives”

- Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (online), October 2022

“The Situation of the Jewish Population in Ukraine”

- FRIAS weekly monitor Ukraine@War, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany, June 2022

“The Leningrad Hijacking and the Jewish Emigration Movement”

- Film screening, “Operation Wedding,” directed by Anat Zalmanson-Kuznetsov, Indiana University, Bloomington, February 2021

“Arsenii Borisovich Roginskii: A Dissident and Beyond”

- Film screening, "The Right to Memory," directed by Ludmila Gordon, Davis Center, Harvard University, April 2019
- "Tamizdat Practices and Institutions"
 - Tamizdat: Publishing Russian Literature in the Cold War, Hunter College, December 2018
- "The Socialist in 'Dissident' Milieus"
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Chicago, November 2017
- "The Russian Revolutions and the Jewish Question"
 - Two Revolutions and Beyond: The 1917 Centennial, Columbia University, November 2017
- "Being a Jew in the Soviet Union: Findings from the *Comprehensive History of the Jews in the Soviet Union*"
 - Joint symposium, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, May 2017
- "Russian American Relations in Historical Perspective"
 - Joint symposium, European University of St. Petersburg and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, February 2016
- "Literary Readings of Trial Narratives"
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 2015
- "Life-Worlds of Late Soviet Socialism"
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, November 2013
- "On *Anti-Jewish Violence: Rethinking the Pogrom in East European History*"
 - Symposium, YIVO/Center for Jewish History, New York, March 2012
- "On Paweł Maciejko's *The Mixed Multitude: Jacob Frank and the Frankist Movement, 1755-1816*"
 - Symposium, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2011
- "History and Subjectivity in Russia (late 19th – 20th Centuries)"
 - International Colloquium, Institute of History, Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, June 2010
- "Soviet Selves In and Beyond Russia: New Themes, Problematics, and Approaches"
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008
- "Intersections of Law, History and Identity Politics: Human Rights, Genocide, and 'Colored Revolutions' in the USSR/FSU"
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008
- "Anti-Semitism in Freud's Case Histories"
 - Freud, Franklin, and Beyond, University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Institute, September 2008
- "Beyond Eastern Europe: Jewish Cultures in Israel and the United States"

- International Conference, Rutgers University, March 2007
- “The Jewish Book: Material Texts and Comparative Contexts”
 - Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 2006
- “Modern Jewish Literatures: Language, Identity, Writing”
 - Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 2005
- “Russian Musical Culture of the 19th and 20th Centuries: An Interdisciplinary Symposium”
 - University of Pennsylvania, Department of Slavic Languages & Literatures, March 2004
- “Jewish History and Culture in Eastern Europe”
 - Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 2003
- “Political Violence in Russia and the Soviet Union”
 - *Kritika* Workshop on New Approaches to Russian and Soviet History, May 2002
- “East European Jews in the City: Community and Identity,”
 - Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 2001
- “Ideology and the Propaganda of Health”
 - Conference on “Inventing the Soviet Union: Language, Power, and Representation, 1917-1945,” Indiana University at Bloomington, November 1997
- “Associational Life Among Jews in the Weimar Republic”
 - International Conference, “Circles of Community: Collective Jewish Identities in Germany and Austria, 1918-1932,” Indiana University at Bloomington, March 1996
- “Continuity and Change in Russian History”
 - Workshop on New Approaches to Russian and Soviet History, New York University, October 1995

INTERVIEWS and PODCASTS

- Foreign Policy Research Institute: “To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause” (Sept. 10, 2024)
<https://www.fpri.org/event/2024/to-the-success-of-our-hopeless-cause-the-many-lives-of-the-soviet-dissident-movement/> [video]
- Radio Liberty/Radio svoboda: “Mezhdu smelost’iu i otchayaniem. Kniga o sovetskikh dissidentakh” (August 16, 2024)
<https://www.svoboda.org/a/mezhdu-smelostjyu-i-otchayaniem-kniga-o-sovetskikh-dissidentah/33059273.html> [text]
- New Books Network: “To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause” (July 30, 2024)
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/to-the-success-of-our-hopeless-cause> [audio]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WELLGc1n98&ab_channel=NewBooksNetworkBookoftheDay [audio]
- Lawfare: “What is Alexei Navalny's legacy?” (March 27, 2024)
<https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/the-lawfare-podcast-benjamin-nathans>

-on-alexei-navalny [audio]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnMLYeFHWI4&ab_channel=Lawfare [video]

“Mittagsmagazin: Hat Putin mehr Angst vor der Demokratie als vor der NATO?” (with Prof. Stefan Kreuzberger), Radio Südtirol (April 7, 2022)

<http://www.raibz.rai.it/podcast/deu/mittagsmagazin/mittagsmagazin.xml> [audio]

“Le motivazioni deliranti di Putin,” *La Repubblica*, special issue “La Falsificazioni della Storia dall’Urss a Putin” (March 24, 2022) [text]

“Nazi Rhetoric about Ukraine,” *The World* with Marco Werman (Public Radio International - March 21, 2022) <https://theworld.org/media/2022-03-21/nazi-rhetoric-about-ukraine> [audio]

“Ghosts of the Past in the Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” *Then & Now* (UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy - March 2, 2022) <https://www.buzzsprout.com/952522/10174126> [audio]

“Russia’s Attack on Ukraine Through the Lens of History,” *Penn Today* (Feb. 28, 2022) <https://penntoday.upenn.edu/news/russias-attack-ukraine-through-lens-history> [text]

“Exploring the Russian Courts’ Ruling to Liquidate the Memorial Society,” broadcast on January 28, 2022 by the Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia)

<https://blubrry.com/ponars/83794062/exploring-the-russian-courts-ruling-to-liquidate-the-memorial-society/> [audio]

“Putin’s Attempt to Hide the Crimes of Stalinism,” podcast broadcast on Dec. 30, 2021 by the New Books Network

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/putins-attempt-to-hide-the-crimes-of-stalinism> [audio]

“Rights in Russia,” video interview broadcast on Nov. 22, 2021 by “Rights in Russia” <https://www.rightsinrussia.org/rights-in-russia-interview-19/> [video]

“Russian Book World,” radio interview broadcast on March 18, 2012 on “The Voice of Russia” http://english.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/28742746/69001153.html [audio]

“Crimea and a New Truman Doctrine,” radio interview broadcast in Russian on March 15, 2014 on “Radio Free Europe” <http://www.svoboda.org/audio/audio/1101445.html> [audio]

“Za chertoi, na ploshchadi, na bolotakh,” interview published in *Lekhaim* 2/262 (February, 2014) <http://www.lechaim.ru/ARHIV/262/inreview.htm> [text]

PUBLIC TALKS

“Andrei Sakharov, Democracy, and Human Rights: Then and Now”

· Global Democracy Coalition (online), March 2024

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVUb9RFRcUc&ab_channel=RussophoneDiaspora4HumanRights%28RCC-ARA-Vypuskai%29

“Surviving and Thriving in Your History Courses”

· Lunch seminar with Penn undergraduates, History Department, September 2023

- “Ukraine and Russia: How did We Get Here?”
· Levinson Lecturer and Scholar-in-Residence, St. Andrew’s School, Middletown, DE, April 2023
- “The Destruction of Andrei Sakharov’s Legacy in Russia”
· Sakharov Seminar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, April 2023
- “Semyon Gluzman: Soviet Dissident Psychiatrist”
· Shabbat Seminar, Penn Hillel, March 2023
- “Elusive Emancipation: Jews in the Russian Empire, the Soviet Union, and Beyond”
· Center for Jewish History, New York, February 2023
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RS-DTCKhQT4&ab_channel=CenterforJewishHistory
- “Ukraine and Russia: The End of the Post-Cold-War Era”
· Cosmopolitan Club, Philadelphia, September 2022
- “Cold War or Cold Peace? America, Russia, and the New World Disorder”
· “History Speaking,” Penn History Department, December 2021
<https://www.history.upenn.edu/history-speaking>
- “How to Give a Lecture”
· Graduate Student Workshop on Teaching, Penn History Department, October 2021
- “Defying Putin: The Danger & Opportunity in Opposing Russia’s President”
· Free Library of Philadelphia, October 2020
<https://www.crowdcast.io/e/defying-putin-the-danger>
- “Vladimir Putin’s Russia and the New World Disorder”
· Cosmopolitan Club, Philadelphia, June 2019
- “‘For Your Freedom and Ours’: Remembering the Red Square Protest of August 1968”
· Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., September 2018
<https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/for-your-freedom-and-ours-remembering-the-red-square-protest-august-1968>
- “Russia Beyond the Headlines”
· Harrison House, student-faculty dinner, March 2019
· Penn’s Village, June 2018
· New College House, Penn (part of the History Department series, “History Matters Now”), March 2018
· Free Library of Philadelphia, October 2017
- “Russia in the 20th and 21st Centuries”
· Naval ROTC Unit, University of Pennsylvania, September 2014
- “To the Success of Our Hopeless Cause: Soviet Dissidents and Human Rights”
· Free Library of Philadelphia, “Thinking with the Past,” March 2014
- “The Soviet Dissident Movement in Historical Perspective”
· Camden County College, Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility, April 2013

“Comparing the American and Soviet Civil Rights Movements”

- Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah, 19th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration, January 2013 (via skype)

On Tadeusz Słobodzianek’s play “Our Class”

- Wilma Theater, Philadelphia, panel discussion after the performance, October 2011

“The Dissident’s Dilemma: Human Rights, the Cold War, and Soviet History”

- *Knowledge by the Slice*, Penn SAS External Affairs, April 2011
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rMka3BnH2w>

“One Damn Thing After Another: Why We Study History”

- Keynote Address, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, January 2010

“A Report on the Archives of the Former Soviet Union”

- International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Philadelphia, August 2009
- International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Los Angeles, July 2010

“On the Documentary Film *Refusenik*”

- Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival, February 2009

“A Trip to the Digital Dark-Side: Confessions of a Bibliophile”

- Orrery Society, University of Pennsylvania Libraries, November 2008

“Soviet Jewry and State-Sponsored Violence”

- Jewish Studies Bassini Interns Program, University of Pennsylvania, December 2007

“Beyond the Pale: The Jews of Tsarist Russia”

- John C. Livingston Memorial Lecture, Department of History, Denver University (supplemented by three faculty seminars on East European Jewish Cultural History), May 2007
- International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Philadelphia, August 2009
- International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, Los Angeles, July 2010

“On Barukh Mordekhai Lifshits’s *Zikhroynos fun gulag* [Memoirs of the Gulag]”

- Lubavitch House, University of Pennsylvania, November 2005

“Modern Jewish History Through Three Critical Texts” (mini-course)

- Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA, May 2008
- Jewish Community Center, Cherry Hill, NJ, September-October 2005
- Temple Beth Am, Penn Valley, PA, February 2004

“Revolutionary Russia” (mini-course)

- Jewish Community Center, Cherry Hill, NJ, September-October 2003

“The Promise and Peril of Emancipation”

- Temple Beth Am, Penn Valley, PA, October 2002

“Jewish Underground Writings from the Holocaust”

- Temple Har Zion, Penn Valley, PA, October 2002
- CAJS Board of Trustees Retreat, October 2002
- Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA, November 2001

“*As If You Were Slaves: The Shtetl Looks Back*” and “*Elusive Emancipation: The Shtetl Looks Forward*”

- Lower Merion Reform Temple, PA, April 2003
- Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA March 2001
- Temple Emanuel, Baltimore, MD, March 1999

“The Jews of Odessa on the Edge of the Modern World”

- Congregation Beth-Or, Maple Glen, PA, March 2003
- Temple Har Zion, Penn Valley, PA, March 2000

“The Holocaust as History and as Art”

- University of Pennsylvania, Center for Italian Studies, public conference on “Roberto Benigni’s *Life is Beautiful*, In Context, In Depth,” October 1999

“Documenting the Holocaust”

- University of Pennsylvania College Alumni Society, National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia, PA, April 1999

“Routes to Roots: Re-Discovering East European Jewry” and “Back to the Future: East European Jews During and After Communism”

- Temple Beth Tefillah, Philadelphia, PA, February 2000
- Temple Rodeph Shalom, Philadelphia, PA, October 1999
- Temple Beth Torah, Philadelphia, PA, March 1999

“Jewish Life in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union”

- Temple Beth Shalom, Bloomington, IN, January 1998

DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED

Rebecca Kobrin (co-chaired with Prof. Beth Wenger), “*Conflicting Diasporas, Shifting Centers: Migration and Identity in a Transnational Polish Jewish Community, 1878-1952*” (2002)

Elisa Becker, “*Medicine, Law, and the State: The Emergence of Forensic Psychiatry in Imperial Russia*” (2003)

Julie Lieber, “*Imagining and Living Gender: Rabbis and Jewish women in fin de siècle Vienna, 1867-1914*” (2008)

Ellie Schainker, “*Imperial Hybrids: Russian-Jewish Converts in the Nineteenth Century*” (2010)

Cornelia Aust, “*Commercial Cosmopolitans: Networks of Jewish Merchants Between Warsaw and Amsterdam, 1750-1820*” (2010)

Alex Hazanov, “*Porous Empire: Soviet Institutions and Foreign Visitors after Stalin*” (2016)

Yakov Feygin, “*Building a Ruin: Economic Thought, Internationalization, and the Politics of Soviet Reform 1955-1990*” (2017)

Samuel Casper, “*The Bolshevik Afterlife: Posthumous Rehabilitation in the Post-Stalin Soviet Union, 1953-1970*” (2018)

Iuliia Skubytska, “*It Takes a Union to Raise a Soviet: Children’s Summer Camps as a Reflection of Late Soviet Society*” (2018)

Kelsey Norris, “*The Ties that Bind: World War II-Era Population Displacement and the Politics of Family Reunification in the USSR, 1941-1975*” (2020)

Samuel Finkelman, “*Ghetto, Gulag, Geulah: The Soviet Jewish Movement’s Russian and Ukrainian Encounters, 1953-1991*” (2023)

Michael Brinley, “*Model Cities and Mobilized Citizens: Contesting Soviet Urban Growth in the Era of Developed Socialism, 1955-1985*” (2024)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE***In the History Department:***

Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Modern Transnational European History, (2024-25)
 Founding Member, Bringing Students to History Committee (2021-23)
 Member, Search Committee for the Joseph Meyerhoff Chair in Modern Jewish History (2021-22)
 Member, Graduate Committee (2001-2, 2020-21, 2022-23)
 Director of Graduate Studies (2013-16, 2018-19)
 Placement Officer (2017-18)
 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Transnational European History (2010-11)
 Member, Executive Committee (2001-2, 2008-10, 2013-16, 2018-19)
 Coordinator, Annenberg Visiting Speaker Series (2000-1; 2008-9 with Kathy Brown)
 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Imperial Russian/Soviet History, (2004-5)
 Member, Undergraduate History Prizes Selection Committee (2005, 2009, 2011, 2023)
 Co-Founder and Co-Convener (with Warren Breckman), Annenberg Colloquium in European History (2002-4)
 Member, Committee on European Hiring Priorities (Spring 2001)
 Member, Committee on Teaching Assistant Allocation (1999)
 Member, Search Committee for Annenberg Chair in Modern European History (1998-99)

In the University:

Member, University Research Foundation Humanities Review Panel (2023-24)
 Member, Advisory Board, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (1998-)
 Member, Fellowship Committee, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (1999-2000, 2002-3, 2007-8, 2021-22)
 Member, School of Arts and Sciences Committee on Graduate Education (2011-12, 2017-19)
 Member, School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Awards Selection Committee (2018-19)
 Member, University Task Force on Global Human Rights (2015-2016)
 Guest speaker, Academic Career Conference: "Putting Together a Strong Job Talk – Humanities and Social Sciences" (2013)
 Co-Chair, Search Committee for Director of the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (2012-13)
 Member, Penn Campus and Community Life Committee (2011-12)
 SAS Faculty Coordinator, Global Human Rights Certificate (2011-12)
 Member, Integrated Studies Planning Committee (2010-15)
 Member, Search Committee for Coordinator of Humanities Collections & Humanities Librarian, Penn Libraries (2008, 2010, 2011)
 Member, Council of University Scholars (2008-17)
 Member, Fulbright Fellowship Committee (2008, 2014, 2017, 2020-22)
 Co-coordinator (with Peter Holquist), Penn Russian/Soviet History & Culture Workshop (2006-)
 Faculty Liaison, Committee on Student Life of the Board of Trustees (2006-10)
 Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Dolce Suono Chamber Music Concert Series (2005-9)
 Member, Faculty Editorial Board, Penn Press (2004-7)
 Discussion Leader, Penn Reading Project (2004, 2005, 2013, 2014)
 Co-Convener, "Jewish History and Culture in Eastern Europe, 1600-2000," year-long interdisciplinary seminar, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (2002-3)
 Acting Associate Director, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies (2002-3)

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Russian Literature (2004-5)
 Member, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Russian Literature (2002-3)
 Member, Search Committee for Chair of the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures (2000-1)
 Member, Search Committee for Language Coordinator, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures (1998-99)
 Coordinator, "Twentieth-Century Lives" Lecture Series (2001-2)
 Eight public lectures by members of Penn's Department of History on significant individuals from the past century
 Member, Advisory Board, Penn Humanities Forum (1999-2005; 2007-2013)
 Member, Graduate Group in the History and Sociology of Science (2018-)
 Member, Graduate Group in Comparative Literature (1999-)
 Member, Graduate Group in Germanic Languages and Literatures (2002-)
 Faculty Representative, Committee for Manufacturers' Responsibility (2002-2005)
 Guest Speaker, University of Pennsylvania College Alumni Society (April 1999)
 Guest Speaker, Round Table on Theory Seminar (September 2000)
 Guest Speaker, KafkaFest (October 2000)
 Guest Speaker, Jewish Studies Senior Honors Seminar (March 1999)

Beyond the University:

Instructor, Teachers Institute of Philadelphia, 10-week seminar for Philadelphia high-school teachers, "The Soviet Century: Russia, Socialism, and the Modern World" (spring 2024)
 Member, NEH Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship Selection Committee, Center for Jewish History, New York (2024)
 Member, Advisory Board, Blavatnik Archive, New York (2023-)
 Member, Advisory Board, Andrei Sakharov Foundation, New York/Berlin/Moscow (2011-)
 Member, Board of Editors, Electronic Archive Project for the Study of Dissidence and Samizdat (2014 -)
 Member, Academic Advisory Committee, J-Doc (Nadav Foundation, Israel) (2021 -)
 Member, Board of Editors, *American Historical Review* (2007-10)
 Member, Wissenschaftlicher Beirat, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa [Academic Advisory Council, Center for Research on Eastern Europe], Universität Bremen, Germany (2010-18)
 Member, Uchenyi sovet Evreiskogo muzeia i Tsentra tolerantnosti [Academic Advisory Board, Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center (Moscow)] (2013-)
 Fellowship Reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies (2013-14)
 Member, Board of Editors, *Studia Judeo-Slavica* (2018 -)
 Member, Board of Editors, *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* (2009 -)
 Member, Board of Editors, *Jewish Social Studies* (2009 - 2021)
 Member, Honors and Awards Committee, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (2009-12)
 Expert witness, legal asylum cases (from Russia), Federal District Court, Philadelphia (2000, 2010)
 Fellowship evaluator, American Philosophical Society (2007-10)
 Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (2008-10)
 Member, Fellowship Selection Committee, Social Science Research Council, Program on Eurasia (2004-7)
 Member, International Academic Advisory Board, Center for Research on Russian and East European Jewry [Moscow] (2003-10)
 Manuscript and proposal reviewer for *American Historical Review*, *Jewish Social Studies*, *Kritika*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Contemporary European History*, *Acta Slavica Iaponica*, *Cahiers du monde russe*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Zion*

[*Tsiyon*], *Jewish Quarterly Review*, Harvard UP, Yale UP, Princeton UP, Cambridge UP, Oxford UP, Northwestern UP, University of California Press, Penn Press, Bloomsbury Books, Indiana UP, Northern Illinois UP, Slavica Publishers, Woodrow Wilson Center Press, American Council of Learned Societies, Koret Foundation (San Francisco), National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Primary Source Microfilms
Member, Editorial Board, *Vestnik evreiskogo universiteta v Moskve* (1999-2009)
Member, Advisory Board, St. Petersburg Jewish University (1995-2005)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

French, German, Hebrew, Russian, Yiddish