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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in History, New York University, New York NY, September 1993. Dissertation title: "Pioneers, Prophets, and Pragmatists: American Images of Israel and Jews, 1947-1960." Advisor: Marilyn Young. Thesis committee: David Reimers and Thomas Bender.

M.A. in History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI, August 1988. Major field: post-World War II American and Soviet Studies. Advisor: Bradford Perkins.

B.A. as a College Scholar specializing in American and Soviet Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, June 1986; graduated Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with Distinction in All Subjects, and various honors. Advisor: Walter LaFeber.

College Preparatory and Regents Diplomas, Hunter College High School, New York NY, June 1982, with various honors.

MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Post-World War II Cultural History; U.S. Foreign Relations; Environmental History; American Jewish History.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor, The Pennsylvania State University, Berks campus, Reading PA, July 2003-present.

Assistant Professor, The Pennsylvania State University, Berks-Lehigh Valley College/Berks campus, Reading PA, August 1995-June 2003.

Lecturer, Tufts University, Medford MA, 1993-1995.

Instructor, Regis College, Weston MA, Spring 1992.

Instructor, New York University, Summer 1991.

Instructor, University of Michigan, Winter 1987.

BOOKS:

Pesticides, A Love Story, in progress and under contract with University Press of Kansas.

Eye on Israel: How America Came to View Israel as an Ally, State University of New York Press, 2006, 2007.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS:

"U.S.-Israeli Relations and the Quest for Peace in the Middle East," in Robert McMahon and Thomas Zeiler (Eds.), *A Guide to US Foreign Policy: A Diplomatic History* Washington DC: Congressional Quarterly Press, in press.

"Cultural and Political Images of American Jews in the Mid-Twentieth Century," *Studies in North American History, Politics, and Society*, 29, 2011, 82-105.

- “The Cultural Foundations of the U.S./Israel Alliance,”** *Tikkun magazine*, www.tikkun.org, November 2006.
- “Eleanor Roosevelt, Liberalism, and Israel,”** *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, Spring 2006.
- “The Christianization of Israel and Jews in 1950s America,”** *Religion and American Culture*, Winter 2004.
- “Acceptance and Assimilation: Jews in 1950s American Popular Culture,”** Michael Berkowitz, Susan Tannanbaum, and Sam Bloom (eds.). *Forging Modern Jewish Identities: Public Faces and Private Struggles*. London: Vallentine-Mitchell, 2003.
- “Eleanor Roosevelt and Israel,”** Maurine Beasley and Holly Shulman (eds.). *The Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia*. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
- “Constructing a Universal Ideal: Antisemitism, American Jews, and the Founding of Israel,”** *Modern Judaism*, May 2000.
- “Popular Culture, Gender, and America’s Special Relationship with Israel”/“The Special U.S.-Israeli Relationship: Cultural Affinity and Cold War Alignment,”** Dennis Merrill and Thomas G. Paterson (eds.). *Major Problems in American Foreign Relations, Vol. II*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000, 2010.
- “Constructing Parallel Identities: American Jews and Israel in Popular and Political Culture”** published on CD-rom: Frank Brinkhuis & Sascha Talmor (eds.). *Memory, History and Critique. European Identity at the Millennium. Proceedings of the 6th International ISSEI Conference at the University for Humanist Studies, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 1996*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1998.
- “Tough Guys and American Cold War Policy: Images of Israel, 1948-1960,”** in *Diplomatic History*, Summer 1996.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Matthew Jacobs, *Imagining the Middle East: The Building of an American Foreign Policy, 1918-1967*, on H-Diplo, 2011.
- Richard Immerman, *Empire for Liberty: A History of American Imperialism from Benjamin Franklin to Paul Wolfowitz*, on H-Soz-u-Kult, 2011.
- Ussama Makdisi, *Artillery of Heaven: American Missionaries and the Failed Conversion of the Middle East*, on H-Diplo roundtable, April 2009.
- Michael Thomas, *American Policy Toward Israel: The Power and the Limits of Belief in The Middle East Journal*, Spring 2008.
- Abraham Ben-Zvi, *The Origins of the American-Israeli Alliance: The Jordanian Factor in The Middle East Journal*, Autumn 2007.
- Elizabeth Stephens, *US Policy Toward Israel: The Role of Political Culture in Defining the ‘Special’ Relationship in International History Review*, June 2007.
- Naomi Cohen, *The Americanization of Zionism in The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Winter 2004.
- Robert Dean, *Imperial Brotherhood: Gender and the Making of Cold War Foreign Policy in Pacific Historical Review*, August 2003.
- Egal Feldman, *Catholics and Jews in Twentieth-Century America in The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Summer 2002.
- Isaac Alteras, *Eisenhower and Israel in American Jewish History*, March 1995.

REFEREE

Diplomatic History
European Journal of American Studies
 Bullfrog Films
 Rowman and Littlefield Publishers
 The Teaching Company

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES:

- American Historical Association Annual Meeting**, Boston MA, January 2011, “Public Reception of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*,” and roundtable participant and presenter, “Uses of the Foreign Relations of the United States.”
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations**, Madison WS, June 2010. Comments on one panel on environmentalism and American foreign policy, and chaired another panel on ethnicity and American foreign policy.
- American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting**, Portland OR, March 2010, “The Underside of the Agricultural Revolution.”
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting**, Falls Church VA, June 2009, “Articles of Omission: Agent Orange in the Popular and Political Culture of the 1960s.”
- American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting**, Tallahassee FL, March 2009, “American Public Reaction to Agent Orange Use in Vietnam.”
- Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting**, Bethlehem PA, October 2008, commentator for “Pennsylvania and Its Environment.”
- Universität Erfurt**, Erfurt, Germany, May 2008, “Foundations of the American-Israeli Relationship.” Invited lecture.
- Ninth Krefeld Historical Symposia** on Religion and Politics, Krefeld, Germany, May 2008, “Images of Israel after World War II.” Invited participant.
- International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**, Granada, Spain, July 2007, “The Audubon Society and Pesticide Use in the United States.” (Paper proposal submitted and accepted; presentation cancelled due to family illness.)
- American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting**, Baton Rouge LA, February 2007, “National Audubon Responds to Pesticide Use.”
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting**, Lawrence KS, June 2006, “Eleanor Roosevelt’s Embrace of Israel.”
- Nature and Environmental Writers—College and University Educators Conference and Workshop**, Boothbay Harbor ME, June 2006, “A Reconsideration of *Silent Spring*.”
- Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting**, Boston MA, June 2006, “The Transformation of Agricultural Societies After World War II.”
- American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting**, St. Paul MN, March 2006, “Transforming the Agricultural Landscape: Visions of Industrial Bounty.”
- American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting**, Houston, TX, March 2005, “The Impact of *Silent Spring* in American Popular Culture.”
- Revisiting the Cold War**, Center for the Cold War Conference, University of Santa Barbara, CA, May 2003, commentator on “Jimmy Carter, Human Rights, and the Iranian Revolution.”
- Culture and International History II**, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany, December 2002, “Eleanor Roosevelt, Liberalism, and Israel.”
- Society for the Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting**, Athens, GA, June 2002, “11 September in Context: Arabs and Israelis in Postwar American Cultural Narratives,” and commentator on panel, “Ideology in the Early Cold War.”
- Northeast Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Meeting**, New Haven CT, November 2001, “God, War, and Romance: Biblical Fiction in the 1950s.”
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting**, Toronto, Canada, June 2000, “Americans Look at Israel in the 1960s.”
- Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting**, St. Louis MO, March 2000, “Liberals, Conservatives, and Israel: Shifting American Support in the 1960s.”
- American Historical Association Annual Meeting**, Washington DC, January 1999, “Religious Revival and Approaches to Israel in the Eisenhower Years.”
- American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch**, San Diego CA, August 1998, “Ideology, Foreign Policy, and American Jews in the Early Cold War.”
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting**, Washington DC, June 1998, “Religious Revival and Images of Israel in the Eisenhower Years.”
- Western Jewish Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Tucson AZ, April 1997, “Imagining a Masculine Israel in the Cold War.”

International Society for the Study of European Ideas Conference, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 1996, “Comparing Identities: American Jews and Israel in the Cold War” as part of the workshop “Constructing Modern Jewish Identities in Comparative Perspective.”

Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, March 1996, “Constructing Parallel Identities: Americans, Jews, and Israelis.”

Conference on Christian-Jewish Relations and the Holocaust, Jerusalem, Israel, December 1995, “Christians, Jews, and Israel in American Postwar Culture.”

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Waltham MA, June 1994, “The Twentieth Century David and Goliath: Images of Israel in Postwar American Foreign Policy.”

Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, April 1994. Organized panel: “Gendered Foreign Policy Discourse of the Cold War.” Individual paper: “Tough Guys, and American Cold War Policy: Images of Israel, 1948-1960.”

New England American Studies Association Conference, Waltham MA, May 1993, “Images of Israel in Popular Discourse.”

National Council on Public History Conference, Valley Forge PA, April 1993, “McCarthyism Comes to the University.”

Dusquesne University History Forum, Pittsburgh PA, October 1992. Organized panel: “Cultural Ideology and Recent American Foreign Relations.” Individual paper: “American Fictional Images of the Holocaust and Modern Israel, 1949-1955.”

History of Education Society Conference, Kansas City MO, October 1991, “Radicalism in Academia.”

COURSES TAUGHT:

American Environmental History, upper level; American Foreign Policy Since 1914, upper level; The Sixties; Hollywood Goes to War, first year seminar; Surveys of American history, settlement to the present; Recent American History, upper level seminar; Culture and Politics in Cold War America; Introduction to the Middle East, regular course and honors course; Postwar U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East; First year research seminar; African American History survey; Technology and Society in American History, regular course and first year seminar; America and the Third World; History Writing Colloquium on Revolutionary Elites.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND THE UNIVERSITY:

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations: Holt Dissertation/Hogan Fellowship Committee, 2001-2004; 2003-2004, committee chair; Grants and Fellowship Committee, 2009-present; member Bernath Lecture Committee, 2010-present, chair 2012-2013.

Truman Library Institute: Member of the Committee on Research Scholarship and Academic Relations, and the Grants Subcommittee and Book Prize Subcommittee, 2001-present.

American Jewish Historical Society Academic Council, member, 2008-present.

The Pennsylvania State University, (1995-present): Co-Coordinator, American Studies; Strategic Planning Council (twice); College and campus senates (chair, 2003-4, chair-elect, 2002-2003); Faculty Affairs Committee (chair, 2001-2002); Ad-Hoc Senate and Administrative E-Learning Committee; Committee on Rules, Elections and Committees; Divisional and campus curriculum committees; Faculty evaluation and development task force; Peer reviewer; Faculty work load task force; Chair, history, art history, and communication search committees; Librarian search committee; Division head search committee; Community Service Committee; Liberal Arts Council of Senators (university-wide); Organized series of brown bag history presentations; Numerous peer reviews.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

The Pennsylvania State University, 1995-present: Sabbatical for Research, 2005-2006; Roy C. Buck Fund grant of the College of Liberal Arts; Project Empower grant of the Commonwealth

Education System; Research Development Grants of the Commonwealth Education System, the Berks-Lehigh Valley College, and the Berks campus; Berks Campus Faculty Development Fund grants; Global Fund grants; Berks Lehigh Valley College FIRST grants.

New York University, 1988-1993: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Three Year Fellowship, Penfield Fellowships, University Fellowships, Anonymous Grant.

University of Michigan, 1986-1988: History Department, American Culture Department, and English Composition Board Teaching Fellowships.