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Current Position:

Professor of Political Science
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Education:

Columbia University	Ph.D.	1983
Columbia University	M.Phil.	1978
Columbia University	M.A.	1976
S.U.N.Y. Binghamton	B.A.	1974

Teaching Experience:

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies	2016
Vilnius University	Fulbright Fellow	2009
The Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y.	Professor	2005-
John Jay College, C.U.N.Y.	Professor Associate Professor Assistant Professor	2000- 1991-1999 1986-1990
Tel Aviv University	Fulbright Fellow and Visiting Associate Professor	1996-1997
Hunter College, C.U.N.Y.	Visiting Associate Professor	1992
Columbia University	Adjunct Assistant Professor Assistant Professor Preceptor	1990 1983-1986 1979-1983
Marymount College	Adjunct Lecturer	1979

Queens College, C.U.N.Y.	Adjunct Lecturer	1978
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Administrative Experience:

The Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y.	Acting Associate Provost and Dean for Academic Affairs	2008-2009
The Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y.	Acting Executive Officer Ph.D./M.A. Program in Political Science	2006-2007
The Graduate Center, C.U.N.Y.	Deputy Executive Officer Ph.D./M.A. Program in Political Science	2003-2006

Honors:

Associate, Pears institute for the study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck, University of London	2019-
Visiting Scholar, Simon-Dubnow-Institut für jüdische Geschichte und Kultur, Universität Leipzig	1998
United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, John Jay College -- Special award for contribution to Jewish scholarship	1995
Phi Beta Kappa	1974

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships:

PSC-CUNY Research Award	2020-2021
British Academy Visiting Fellowship	2018
Jacob Kronhill Visiting Scholar, YIVO Institute	2017
Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	2016
Fulbright Award	2009
PSC-CUNY Research Award	2004-2005
Workmen's Circle/Dr. Emanuel Pat Visiting Professorship, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research	2003-2004

PSC-CUNY Research Award	2003-2004
PSC-CUNY Research Award	1999-2000
The Forward Association	1999
The Arthur Zygielbaum Memorial Fund	1999
PSC-CUNY Research Award	1998-1999
Fulbright Award	1996-1997
PSC-CUNY Research Award	1996-1997
Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Grant	1993-1994
German Academic Exchange Service Study Visit Grant	1993-1994
PSC-CUNY Research Award	1993-1994
Rose and Isidore Drench Fellowship, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research	1991
Friedrich Ebert Foundation Grant	1990-1991
American Council of Learned Societies, Travel Grant	1989
National Endowment for the Humanities, Travel to Collections Grant	1988
Leo Baeck Institute/ German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship	1985
Columbia University, Council for Research in the Social Sciences	1985
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture	1982-1983
Dean Harry J. Carman Fellowship	1982-1983
Lawrence H. Chamberlain Fellowship	1982
President's Fellowship, Columbia University	1976-1977 1975-1976 1974-1975

Publications:

Books:

The Frankfurt School, Jewish Lives, and Antisemitism. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Bundist Counterculture in Interwar Poland. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, in cooperation with the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, 2009.

On Socialists and "the Jewish Question" after Marx. New York: New York University Press, 1992. [German translation: Sozialisten und die "jüdische Frage" nach Marx. Foreword by Susanne Miller. Translated by Cornelia Dieckmann. Mainz: Decaton Verlag, 1994].

Edited Books:

Jews and Leftist Politics. Judaism, Israel, Antisemitism, and Gender. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Jewish Politics in Eastern Europe: the Bund at 100. New York: New York University Press, in association with the Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw, 2001.

Edited Journal Issue:

and Gertrud Pickhan. New Research on the Bund. [A dedicated issue of East European Jewish Affairs, XLIII, 3, December 2013.]

Articles and Book Chapters:

"The General Jewish Workers' Bund." The Cambridge History of Socialism, I. Edited by Marcel van der Linden. New York: Cambridge University Press, under contract.

"Marxism, Socialism, and Antisemitism." The Cambridge Companion to Antisemitism. Edited by Steven T. Katz, New York: Cambridge University Press, under contract.

and Gertrud Pickhan. "The General Jewish Workers' Bund." Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies. Edited by Naomi Seidman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.
<https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199840731/obo-9780199840731-0199.xml?rskey=5oXm0E&result=1&q=Bund#firstMatch>

"Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Racism in the Era of Donald Trump: The Relevance of Critical Theory." Berlin Journal of Critical Theory, III, 1, January 2019, pp. 5-18. [Reprinted in: Clockwork Enemy: Intolerance in the Era of Neo-nationalism. Edited by Alfredo Alietti and Dario Padovan. Milan: Mimesis International, forthcoming, 2020.]

"The Frankfurt School and Antisemitism." In: The Routledge Companion to the Frankfurt School. Edited by Espen Hammer, Peter Gordon, and Axel Honneth. New York and London: Routledge, 2019, pp. 178-192.

"Jews and the Left." In: The Cambridge History of Judaism, VIII. Edited by Mitchell B. Hart and Tony Michels. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017, pp. 390-413. [German translation: "Auf ein Neues: Juden und die Linke." In Judentum und Arbeiterbewegung. Das Ringen um Emanzipation in der ersten Hälfte des 20. Jahrhunderts. Edited by Markus Börner, Anja Jungfer, and Jakob Stürmann. Europäisch-jüdische Studien, XXX. Berlin: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 2018, pp. 7-31.]

"Liebmann Hersch in the Era of the Second World War." In: Lebenskunst: Erkundungen zu Biographie, Lebenswelt, und Erinnerung. Festschrift für Jacques Picard. Edited by Konrad J. Kuhn, Katrin Sontag and Walter Leimgruber. Cologne, Weimar, Vienna: Böhlau Verlag, 2017, pp. 331-336.

"Review Forum." German Quarterly, LXXXIX, 1, Winter 2016, pp. 97-100.

“Jews and the Left Reconsidered.” Detroit Jewish News, November 24, 2016, pp. 5-6.

“The Bund in Vilna, 1918-1939.” Polin, XXV, 2013, pp. 263-292.

and Gertrud Pickhan. “Introduction.” East European Jewish Affairs, XLIII, 3, December 2013, pp. 233-235.

“Jewish Labor in Interwar Poland.” AJS Perspectives. The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies, Fall 2013, pp. 18-20.

“Jewish Workers’ Sports Movements in Inter-War Poland: Stern and Morgnshtern in Comparative Perspective.” In Jews, Sports and the Rites of Citizenship. Edited by Jack Kugelmass. Urbana and Chicago, Illinois: University of Illinois Press, 2007, pp. 114-128. [French translation: “Les mouvements sportifs des ouvriers juif en Pologne dans l’entre-deux-guerres: Shtern et Morgnshtern, etude comparative.” In: Sport, corps et sociétés de masse. Le projet d’un homme nouveau. Edited by Georges Bensoussan, Paul Dietschy, Caroline François, and Hubert Strouk. Paris: Armand Colin, 2012, pp. 59-71.

“Jews and Sport in Interwar Vilna.” In Jewish Space in Central and Eastern Europe. Edited by Jurgita Šiaučiūnaitė-Verbickienė and Larisa Lempertienė. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007, pp. 165-173.

“The Politics of Jewish Sports Movements in Interwar Poland.” In Emancipation Through Muscles: Jews and Sports in Europe. Edited by Michael Brenner and Gideon Reuveni. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 2006, pp. 93-105. [German translation: “Die Politik in der jüdischen Sportbewegung in Polen zwischen den Weltkriegen,” in: Emanzipation durch Muskelkraft. Juden und Sport in Europa. Edited by Gideon Reuveni and Michael Brenner. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2006, pp. 97-110].

“Horkheimer, Adorno, and the Significance of Antisemitism: The Exile Years.” In Exile, Science, and Bildung: The Contested Legacies of German Emigre Intellectuals. Edited by David Kettler and Gerhard Lauer. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005, pp. 157-168.

“Communist Questions, Jewish Answers: Polish Jewish Dissident Communists of the Inter-War Era.” Polin. Studies in Polish Jewry, XVIII, 2005, pp. 369-379.

“Bundist Anti-Zionism in Interwar Poland.” Tel Aviver Jahrbuch für deutsche Geschichte, 2005, pp. 239-259. [Republished in: Rebels Against Zion. Edited by August Grabski. Warsaw: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny, 2011, pp. 67-88].

“The Politics of the *Forverts* – Past and Present.” Work History News, XXV, 1, Winter 2005, pp. 3-4.

“I movimenti *Bundisti* per bambini: verso una prospettiva comparata.” Annali dell’Istituto Gramsci Emilia-Romagna, 4-5, 2000-2001, pp. 239-248.

“Próba wytworzenia bundowskiej kontrkultury; Morgensztern a waga hegemonii kulturalnej.” In Bund 100 lat: historii 1897-1997. Edited by Feliks Tych and Juergen Hensel. Warsaw: Erich Brost Foundation, 2000, pp. 39-48.

“Tempest in a Teapot? Yiddish Socialist Periodicals in the Austrian First Republic.” In Jüdische Identitäten. Einblicke in die Bewusstseinslandschaft des österreichischen Judentums. Edited by Klaus Hödl. Schriften des David-Herzogs-Centrums für jüdische Studien, I. Innsbruck, Vienna and Munich: Studienverlag, 2000, pp. 171-187.

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"It's My Party and I'll Cry If I Want To. The Bund: Vision and Reality." Humanistic Judaism, XXVIII, 1-2, Winter/Spring, 2000, pp. 31-36.

"Friedrich Engels and 'the Jewish Question' Reconsidered." MEGA-Studien, 2, 1998, pp. 3-23.

"Written Out of History. Bundists in Vienna and the Varieties of Jewish Experience in the Austrian First Republic." In In Search of Jewish Community. Jewish Identities in Germany and Austria, 1918-1933. Edited by Michael Brenner and Derek J. Penslar. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1998, pp. 115-133.

"A 'Most Remarkable 'Jewish Sect' "? Jewish Identity and the Institute of Social Research in the Years of the Weimar Republic." Archiv für Sozialgeschichte, XXXVII, 1997, pp. 73-92.

"1939: Max Horkheimer's 'Die Juden und Europa' appears." In Yale Companion to Jewish Writing and Thought in German Culture 1096-1996. Edited by Sander L. Gilman and Jack Zipes. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1997, pp. 571-576.

"Karl Kautsky: Between Baden and Luxemburg." In Essential Papers on Jews and the Left. Edited by Ezra Mendelsohn. New York and London: New York University Press, 1997, pp. 483-528.

"Sozialismus oder Disneyland. Von Rosa Luxemburg zur Kritischen Theorie." In Reform -- Demokratie -- Revolution. Edited by Theodor Bergmann and Wolfgang Haible. Supplement to Sozialismus, 5/97, pp. 36-41.

"Die Sozialistische Internationale, der Antisemitismus und die jüdisch-sozialistische Parteien des Russischen Reiches." In Ausblicke auf das vergangene Jahrhundert. Die Politik der internationalen Arbeiterbewegung von 1900 bis 2000. Festschrift für Theodor Bergmann. Edited by Wladislaw Hedeler, Mario Kessler, and Gert Schäfer. Hamburg: VSA-Verlag, 1996, pp. 156-168.

"Vom Vater geprägt. Rosa Luxemburg, die polnischen Maskilim und die Ursprünge ihrer Ansichten." In Die Freiheit der Andersdenkenden. Rosa Luxemburg und das Problem der Demokratie. Edited by Theodor Bergmann, Jürgen Rojahn, and Fritz Weber. Hamburg: VSA-Verlag, 1995, pp. 137-158.

"The Genossinnen and the Khaverim: Socialist Women from the German-Speaking Lands and the American Jewish Labor Movement, 1933-1945." In Between Sorrow and Strength: Women Refugees of the Nazi Period. Edited by Sibylle Quack. Publications of the German Historical Institute Washington D.C. Cambridge, New York: German Historical Institute and Cambridge University Press, 1995, pp. 205-214.

"Encounter in Beijing." Jewish Currents, February, 1995, pp. 8-9.

"The Jewish Labor Movement and Fritz Adler." Archiv. Jahrbuch des Vereins für Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung, IX, 1993, pp. 169-176.

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Ein Freund in Not. Das Jüdische Arbeiterkomitee in New York und die Flüchtlinge aus den deutschsprachigen Ländern, 1933-1945. Bonn: Forschungsinstitut der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, 1993, 38pp. [Abridged English translation: "A Friend in Need. The Jewish Labor Committee and Refugees from the German-Speaking Lands, 1933-1945," YIVO Annual, XXIII, 1996, pp. 391-417].

"Evreiskie sotsialisticheskie partii v rossiiskoi imperii: natsional'nyi vopros i problema evreiskoi avtonomii (1905-1914 gg.)." [The Jewish Socialist Parties of the Russian Empire, the National Question, and the Question of Jewish Autonomy, 1905-1914] In Istoricheskie sud'by evreev v Rosii i SSR: nachalo dialoga

[Historical Fortunes of Jews in Russia and the USSR: Beginning the Dialogue]. Edited by I. Krupnik. Novaia evreiskaia biblioteka. Moscow: Svododnyi evreiskii universitet v Moskve, 1992, pp. 134-145.

"Each Took in Accord with his Needs. The Reception of Kautsky's Ideas on the Jewish and National Questions by the Jewish Socialist Intelligentsia of the Russian Empire." In Marxismus und Demokratie. Karl Kautskys Bedeutung in der sozialistischen Arbeiterbewegung. Edited by Jürgen Rojahn, Till Schelz, and Hans-Josef Steinberg. Quellen und Studien zur Sozialgeschichte, 9. Frankfurt, New York: Campus Verlag, 1991, pp. 287-295.

"Victor Adler, Jewish National Identity, and the Jewish Socialist Parties of the Russian and Austro-Hungarian Empires." Archiv. Jahrbuch des Vereins für Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegung, VI, 1990, pp. 123-135.

On the Verge of Apocalypse: German Jewry, Social Democracy, and the Nazi Threat, 1928-1933. Occasional Paper 5. Center on Violence and Human Survival, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York, 1989, 19pp.

"Sozialdemokratie und Antisemitismus." Der Standard, 39, (December 15, 1988), p. 27.

"On German Socialists and German Jews: Kautsky, Bernstein and their Reception, 1914-1922." Studies in Contemporary Jewry. An Annual, IV, The Jews and the European Crisis, 1914-1921. Edited by Jonathan Frankel. New York, Oxford: Published for the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, by Oxford University Press, 1988, pp. 67-83.

"Marxism and Anti-Semitism. Kautsky's Perspective." International Review of Social History, XXX, 3, (1985), pp. 400-430.

"Austrian Social Democracy and the Jewish Question during the First Republic." In The Austrian Socialist Experiment: Social Democracy and Austro-Marxism, 1918-1934. Edited by Anson Rabinbach. Boulder and London: Westview Press, in cooperation with the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 1985, pp. 157-168.

Contributions to Encyclopedias and Dictionaries:

Entries on Ben Adir, on Shtern and on Sport. In The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe. Edited by Gershon David Hundert. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008, pp. 146-147; 1729; 1794-1798.

Entry on the Workmen's Circle. In Encyclopedia of American Jewish History, volume 1. Edited by Stephen H. Norwood and Eunice G. Pollack. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2008, pp. 235-238.

Entries on Aaron Lieberman and on Vladimir Medem. In New Jewish Time – Jewish Culture in a Secular Age – An Encyclopedic View. Edited by Yirmiyahu Yovel. Ramat Gan: Keter Publishing House, 2007. [In Hebrew].

Entry on the Bund. In Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia. Edited by Paula E. Hyman and Dalia Ofer. Jerusalem: Shalvi, 2006 [CD-Rom].

Entries on Karl Marx and on socialists. In: Antisemitism. A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution. Edited by Richard S. Levy. II. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2005, pp. 446-447; 666-669.

Entry on the Judenfrage. In: Historisch-kritisches Wörterbuch des Marxismus. Edited by Wolfgang Fritz Haug. VI, 2. Hamburg: Argument, 2005, cols. 1685-1694.

Entries on Eugene Debs, Daniel De Leon, Emma Goldman, Morris Hillquit, and on the Allgemeiner Jüdischer Arbeiterbund. In: Lexikon des Sozialismus. Edited by Thomas Meyer, Karl-Heinz Klär, Susanne Miller, Klaus Novy and Heinz Timmermann. Cologne: Bund-Verlag, 1986, pp. 16-17; 116-117; 239; 254.

Entries on Vladimir Kosovsky and Vladimir Medem. In: Biographical Dictionary of Neo-Marxism. Edited by Robert A. Gorman. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1985, pp. 242-244; 290-292.

Reviews:

Review of Susie Linfield, *The Lions' Den. Zionism and the Left from Hannah Arendt to Noam Chomsky*. The Middle East Journal, LXXIII, 4. (Winter, 2019), pp. 684-686..

Review of Robert Fine and Philip Spencer. *Antisemitism and the Left. On the return of the Jewish question*. European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology, V, 3, (2018), <https://doi.org/10.1080/23254823.2018.1495401>.

Review of Lars Rensmann, *The Politics of Unreason. The Frankfurt School and the Origins of Modern Antisemitism*. Contemporary Political Theory, (2018), <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-018-0240-5>.

Review of Cecile Kuznitz, *YIVO and the Making of Modern Jewish Culture. Scholarship for the Yiddish Nation*. East European Jewish Affairs, XLVI, 2, (2016), pp. 221-223.

Review of Robert S. Wistrich. *From Ambivalence to Betrayal: The Left, the Jews and Israel*. Shofar, XXXII, 4, (Summer, 2014), pp. 162-164.

Review of Gertrud Pickhan, "Gegen den Strom". *Der Allgemeine Jüdische Arbeiterbund "Bund" in Polen 1918-1939*, Polin, XVII, (2004), pp. 438-440.

Review of Gennady Estraikh and Mikhail Krutikov, eds., *Yiddish and the Left*, Jewish Culture and History, V, 1, (Summer, 2002), pp. 137-139.

Review of Haddasa Kosak, *Cultures of Opposition: Jewish Immigrant Workers, New York City, 1881-1905*, Jewish Culture and History, IV, 1, (Summer, 2001), pp.114-116.

Review of David P. Shuldiner, *Of Moses and Marx. Folk Ideology and Folk History in the Jewish Labor Movement*, Studies in Contemporary Jewry. An Annual, XVII, *Who Owns Judaism? Public Religion and Private Faith in America and Israel*. Edited by Eli Lederhendler. Oxford: Published for the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, by Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 266-267.

Review of Nancy L. Green, ed., *Jewish Workers in the Modern Diaspora*, Studies in Contemporary Jewry. An Annual, XVI, *Jews and Gender. The Challenge to Hierarchy*. Edited by Jonathan Frankel. Oxford: Published for the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, by Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. 343-344.

Review of Adam M. Weisberger, *The Jewish Ethic and the Spirit of Socialism*, Shofar, XVIII, 2, (Winter, 2000), pp. 134-137.

Review of Mario Kessler, *Antisemitismus, Zionismus und Sozialismus*, Archiv für Sozialgeschichte, XXXV, 1995, p. 605.

Review of Michael Berkowitz, *Zionist Culture and West European Jewry before the First World War*, Archiv für Sozialgeschichte, XXXV, 1995, pp. 671-672.

Review of Ludger Heid and Arnold Paucker, *Juden und deutsche Arbeiterbewegung bis 1933. Soziale Utopien und religiös-kulturelle Traditionen*, *Archiv für Sozialgeschichte*, XXXIV, 1994, pp. 525-526.

Review of Jonathan Frankel and Steven J. Zipperstein, editors, *Assimilation and community. The Jews in nineteenth-century Europe*, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, XXIV, 2, (Autumn 1993), pp. 315-316.

Review of R. Wistrich, *Socialism and the Jews. The Dilemmas of Assimilation in Germany and Austria-Hungary*, *Studies in Contemporary Jewry. An Annual*, III, Jews and Other Ethnic Groups in a Multi-ethnic World. Edited by Ezra Mendelsohn. New York, Oxford: Published for the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, by Oxford University Press, 1987, pp. 334-336.

Review of N. Levin, *While Messiah Tarried. Jewish Socialist Movements, 1871-1917*, *Yiddish*, III, 2, (Spring 1978), pp. 81-83.

Significant Papers Presented (Selected list of locations):

November 2019:

"Jews, the Left, and Antisemitism: A Case of British Exceptionalism?" College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.

August 2019:

"Antisemitism and Racism in the Era of Donald Trump: The Relevance of Critical Theory," American Sociological Association Conference, NY.

May 2019:

"Bundist Counterculture in Interwar Poland." Conference on Poland and the Jews, Hunter College, CUNY.

December 2018:

"The Jewish Labor Bund: Jewish Counterculture in Interwar Period." Lund University, Lund, Sweden.

December 2018:

"Jews and the Left: A Case of British Exceptionalism?" Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck, University of London.

November 2018:

"Bundism, Zionism and Israel in the Post-Holocaust Era: The Case of Emanuel Scherer." Free University, Berlin.

May 2018:

"Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Racism in the Era of Donald Trump: The Relevance of Critical Theory," Eleventh International Critical Theory Conference, Rome, Italy.

August 2017:

"Bundism, Zionism and Israel in the Post-Holocaust Era," Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden.

April, 2017:

Conference on "Racism, Antisemitism, Theory," Pears Institute for the Study of Antisemitism, Birkbeck, University of London.

May, 2016:

"Antisemitism and Other Racisms," University of California – San Diego.

February, 2016:

Conference on "Streben nach Emanzipation? Judentum und Arbeiterbewegung im 20. Jahrhundert," Berlin. [Keynote speaker]

December, 2015:

"The Frankfurt School and Antisemitism: Past and Present," official residence of the German Consul General, New York.

May, 2015:

Eighth International Critical Theory Conference, Rome, Italy.

January, 2015:

Invited lectures, in conjunction with the publication of The Frankfurt School, Jewish Lives, and Antisemitism: Tel Aviv University, Haifa University, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

March, 2014:

Symposium on "The Messianic Impulse: Jews and Utopian Thought in Modern Europe," University of Wisconsin - Madison.

October, 2013:

"The Frankfurt School on Israel," University of Glasgow.

November, 2012:

"Herbert Marcuse on Israel: A Comparative Perspective," University College London.

November, 2011:

"Jewish Workers' Sports Movements in Inter-War Poland," Conference on "Sport, corps, régimes autoritaires et totalitaires", Memorial de la Shoah, Paris.

October, 2011:

"Rosa Luxemburg, Israel, Palestine, and the Viability of Two State Solutions," Conference of the International Rosa Luxemburg Society, Russian State Archive of Social-Political History, Moscow.

June, 2010:

Colloquium on "The Frankfurt School and Antisemitism Revisited," Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge, England,

June, 2009:

"Bundist Counterculture in Interwar Poland," Jewish Museum, Berlin.

May, 2009:

"Bundist Counterculture in Interwar Poland," University College London.

April, 2007:

Conference on "Jewish Politics in Central and Eastern Europe: From Shtadlanut to Mass Parties," Center for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews, Vilnius, Lithuania.

April, 2007:

Conference on "Abraham Cahan and the *Forverts*," New York University.

March, 2007:

Conference on "Immigration and Cultural Exchange," New York University.

December, 2006:

Conference on "The Cultural Geography of Modern Yiddish," University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel.

July, 2006:

International Sociological Association World Congress, Durban, South Africa.

May, 2006:

Conference on "Jewish Space in Central and Eastern Europe: Day-to-Day History," Center for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews, Vilnius, Lithuania.

February, 2005:

Conference on "Antisemitism in the Contemporary World", Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.
[Keynote speaker]

November, 2004:

Conference on "The Fruits of Exile: Central European Intellectual Emigration to America in the Age of Fascism," College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina.

February, 2003:

Conference on "What is New About the New Anti-Semitism?" Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

August, 2002:

Conference on "Contested Legacies: The German-Speaking Intellectual and Cultural Emigration to the US and UK, 1933-1945," Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

May, 2002:

Conference on "Jews in European Sport: Between Integration and Exclusion," University of Munich, Germany.

November, 2001:

Conference on "Jewish Questions – Communist Answers," Simon-Dubnow-Institut, Leipzig, Germany.

February, 2001:

Conference on "Jews, Sports and the Rites of Citizenship," Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.

October, 2000:

Australasian Political Studies Association Conference, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

February, 2000:

Seminar on Russian Jewry, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales, Paris, France.

December, 1999:

Conference on "Polish Jewry 1918-1939," Simon-Dubnow-Institut, Leipzig, Germany.

December, 1999:

31st Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, Illinois.

July, 1998:

Invited paper on "Critical Theory and the image of the Jew," University of Leipzig, Germany.

June, 1998:

Conference on "Critical Theory in Contexts," Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

June, 1998:

Panel on the Bund, Musuem der Arbeit, Hamburg, Germany.

June, 1998:

Seminar, Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg, Germany.

November, 1997:

Conference on the hundredth anniversary of the Bund, Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw, Poland.

September, 1996:

Conference on "Rosa Luxemburg Today," Warsaw, Poland.

March, 1996:

Conference on "Collective Jewish Identities in Germany and Austria, 1918-1932," Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

December, 1995:

Conference on "Social Democracy, National Identity, and Jewish Emancipation," Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

December, 1994:

26th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Massachusetts.

November, 1994:

Conference on Rosa Luxemburg, Institute of International Development and Cooperation, Beijing, China.

March, 1993:

Colloquium on "Jewish Politics: Socialism and Zionism," University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

November, 1991:

Conference on "Women in the Emigration after 1933," German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

December, 1990:

22nd Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, Ma.

December, 1989:

Conference on "The Historical Destiny of Russian Jewry" sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Moscow and the Jewish Scientific Centre of the Soviet Sociological Association, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

September, 1989:

Conference on "Jewish Politics and Political Culture in Eastern Europe," YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, N.Y.

September, 1989:

25th International Conference of Historians of the Labour Movement (ITH), Linz, Austria.

October, 1988:

Conference on "Karl Kautskys Bedeutung in der Geschichte der sozialistischen Arbeiterbewegung" sponsored by University of Bremen, Bremen, West Germany.

May, 1988:

Conference entitled "On the Verge of Apocalypse" sponsored by the CUNY Academy for Humanities and Sciences and by the Center on Violence and Human Survival, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, C.U.N.Y.

March, 1988:

Fritz Bamberger Faculty Seminar, Leo Baeck Institute, N.Y.

November, 1987:

Harvard University, Center for European Studies.

November, 1987:

Max Weinreich Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, N.Y.

October, 1987:

Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium of the Doctoral Program in Political Science, Graduate School and University Center, C.U.N.Y.

February, 1986:

University Seminar on Legal and Political Thought, Columbia University.

February, 1986:

Symposium on Religion in Contemporary Society, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

March, 1985:

Symposium entitled "Marx, Marxism and the Jews -- A Problematic Legacy?" sponsored by the Mazer Institute, Graduate School and University Center, C.U.N.Y.

Editorial Boards

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Additional Activities (Selected list):

Chair, NEH Fellowship Selection Committee, Center for Jewish History, 2015-2016.

Chair, Conference organizing committee, International conference on "Jews and the Left", New York, 2012.

Co-organizer, Workshop on new research on the Bund, Warsaw, 2012.

Member, Editorial Collegium, The YIVO Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe, published by Yale University Press, 2003-2008.

Vice-President, Forward Association [Publisher of newspapers in English and Yiddish], 2003-2007.

Member, Academic Advisory Council, David-Herzog-Centrum für Jüdische Studien, University of Graz, Austria, 2000- .

Commentator, International Human Rights Festival, Sponsored by the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, United Nations, New York, 1999.

Co-organizer, International conference on “Critical Theory in Contexts”, Tel Aviv, 1998.

Member, Committee of Experts, Varian Fry Foundation Project, International Rescue Committee, 1997.

Member, Board of Advisors, Video entitled “They Were Not Silent: The Jewish Labor Movement and the Holocaust”, Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, Tamiment Institute Library, New York University, 1994-1997.

Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Research Programs, 1994.

Member, Academic Council, Leo Baeck Institute, New York, 1993.

Consultant, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, exhibition entitled “Assignment Rescue: The Story of Varian Fry and the Emergency Rescue Committee”, 1992.

Academic advisor, Exhibit on the history of Austrian Social Democracy, Vienna, 1988.

Consulting faculty, International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism, 1987.

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