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EDUCATION

- 2020
(Expected) Ph.D. Candidate | Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations |
University of Chicago | Dissertation: "Watching Whiteness Work?: The
Racialization of Jewish Women in Iraq and Israel/Palestine, 1941-1966."
Committee: Orit Bashkin (chair), Holly Shissler (UChicago, NELC), Bryan Roby
(University of Michigan, Judaic Studies)
- 2013 M.A. | Near Eastern and Judaic Studies | Brandeis University
- 2011 B.A. | Middle Eastern-North African Studies | University of California, Los
Angeles | Study Abroad: Hebrew University of Jerusalem

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern Middle East history, gender analytics, race analytics, intersectionality
gender and race in the Middle East, the woman question, Islamic feminism, Iraqi
history, Arab Jews, history of Jews in the Middle East, Mizrahi studies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed/ In Press Articles

- 2018 "'Girls of the Eastern Communities': The Intersectionality of Female Arab
Jewish Immigrants, Israel-Palestine 1947-1960." *The Journal of Jewish Identities*.

Submitted for Publication

- 2018 "Not a Figure in the Past': A History of Race and Gender in Iraqi Zionism and
Communism, 1941-1951"

Book Reviews

- 2017 *Gender in Judaism and Islam: Common Lives, Uncommon Heritage* eds.
Firoozeh Kashani-Sabet and Beth S. Wenger. New York, New York: NYU
Press, 2014. *Religious Studies Review* 43:3.

- 2014 *Rhinestones, Religion, and the Republic: Fashioning Jewishness in France*
by Kimberly A. Arkin. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2014.
Sephardic Horizons.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

- 2019 Readings in World Literature: Autobiography
2018 Readings in World Literature: Epic
2018 Arab America
2018 History of Iraq, 1917-2015

Pedagogy Training, University of Chicago

- 2018 Critical Pedagogies in the University Classroom, Chicago Center for Teaching
2018 Inclusive Pedagogy Training, Writing Program & Chicago Center for Teaching
2018 Writing Intern Training, Writing Program at UChicago
2016 Course Design and College Teaching, Chicago Center for Teaching

TUTORING

Writing Program, University of Chicago

- 2018-2019 Undergraduate Academic Writing Tutor

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECT)

- 2017 "'A Girl So Quiet Will Do Everything We Tell Her:' The Authority of Emotions
for Zionism in 1940s Iraq." Middle East Studies Association Conference,
Washington, D.C.. November 19, 2017.

- 2016 Co-organized panel for this paper with Dr. Bryan Roby: "Intersectionality, Belonging and the Immigration of Arab Jewish Women: Reading Louise Cohen, Shoshana Levy and Shoshana Almoslino between Iraq and Israel." Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts. November 18, 2016.
- "Girls of the Eastern Communities': The Intersectionality of Female Arab Jewish Immigrants, Israel-Palestine 1947-1960." Association for Jewish Studies Conference, San Diego, California. December 18, 2016.
- 2015 "On A Contemporary Notion of Arab Jewish Identity: Reading Haviva Pedaya Intersectionally." Middle East Studies Association Conference, Denver, Colorado. November 23, 2015.
- "Levantinism, Youth Aliyah, and the Image of Jacqueline Kahanoff: The Authorship of Ramat-Hadassah-Szold: Youth Aliyah and Classification Centre." Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, Massachusetts. December 13, 2015.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grants

- 2018 Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago
- 2017 Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, The University of Chicago
- 2017 Nicholson Graduate Fellowship, The University of Chicago
- 2015 Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, The University of Chicago

Travel Grants

- 2017 Graduate Council Travel Fund Award, University of Chicago
- 2015 Rosalie Katchen Travel Award, The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute

LANGUAGES

Modern Hebrew: full proficiency
 Modern Standard Arabic: proficient
 French: reading/ translation proficiency
 Turkish: beginner

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2018-2019 Inclusive Pedagogy Grant Pilot Program Intern
- 2016-2017 Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop Co-Coordinator

REFERENCES

- Dr. Orit Bashkin, Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History, E: oritb@uchicago.edu
 University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- Dr. Ghenwa Hayek, Assistant Professor of Modern Arabic Literature, E: ghenwa@uchicago.edu
 University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (teaching reference)
- Dr. Bryan Roby, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies, E: robbyb@umich.edu
 University of Michigan, Department of Judaic Studies
- Dr. Holly Shissler, Associate Professor of Ottoman and Modern Turkish History, E: ashissle@uchicago.edu
 University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations