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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."
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 & race in the Middle East, intersectionality, Iraqi history, Arab Jews, 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

- 2019 *Arabs and Jews in Ottoman Palestine: Two Worlds Collide*
by Alan Dowty. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2019. (forthcoming in
American Academy of Religion's *Reading Religion*)
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.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Fellowships

- 2019-2020 Chicago Center for Teaching Fellows Program, University of Chicago
2017 Nicholson Center for British Studies Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago

Research Grants

- 2018 Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago
2018 Humanities Division Writing Training Compensation, University of Chicago
2017 Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago
2015 Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago

Conference Travel Grants

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

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

- 2019 Islamic History and Society-3: The Modern Middle East
2019 Readings in World Literature: Can We Read World Literature?
2019 Readings in World Literature: Autobiography
2018 Readings in World Literature: Epics
2018 Arab America
2018 History of Iraq, 1917-2015

Pedagogy Training (quarter-long courses), University of Chicago

- 2018 Critical Pedagogies in the University Classroom, Chicago Center for Teaching
2018 Pedagogies of Writing, Writing Program
2016 Course Design and College Teaching, Chicago Center for Teaching

TUTORING

Writing Program, University of Chicago

2018-2019 Undergraduate Academic Writing Tutor

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & ORGANIZED PANELS (SELECT)

- 2019 *Organized panel: "A Racialized Modern: Race as a Category of Analysis Throughout Modern Middle East Histories." Middle East Studies Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November 14-17, 2019. (on program)
- 2019 "Intersectionality in 20th Century Middle East History Writing." International Intersectionality Conference at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. March 8, 2019.
- 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 w/ 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.

LANGUAGES

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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. Jessica Kirzane, Lecturer in Yiddish, E: jkirzane@uchicago.edu
University of Chicago, Department of Germanic Studies (teaching reference)

Dr. Bryan Roby, Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies, E: robyb@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