

CHELSIE MAY
Curriculum vitae

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

History: Modern Middle East, Middle East, Islamic, Iraqi, Arab Jewish, Mizrahi; Analytics: gender, race, intersectionality

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2020 "‘Not a Figure in the Past’: Zionist Imperial Whiteness, The Iraqi
Communist Party, and Their Reverberating Histories of Race and Gender,
1941-1951." *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*. (forthcoming, Spring 2020)
- 2018 "'Girls of the Eastern Communities': The Intersectionality of Female Arab
Jewish Immigrants, Israel-Palestine 1947-1960." *The Journal of Jewish Identities*,
pp. 245-266.

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.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record - University of Chicago

2019 Reading Cultures: Collection, Humanities Core

Teaching Assistant - University of Chicago

2020 Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations
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 (10 week-long courses) - University of Chicago

2018 Critical Pedagogies in the University Classroom
2018 Pedagogies of Writing
2016 Course Design and College Teaching

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Fellowships - University of Chicago

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

Research Grants - University of Chicago

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

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, 17. Paper: "What Kind of Agreement Was Even Possible?" Zionist Imperial Whiteness, The Iraqi Communist Party, and the Disparate Future of Iraq's Jews." (on program)

2019 "What Kind of Agreement Was Even Possible?" Zionist Imperial Whiteness, The Iraqi Communist Party, and the Disparate Future of Iraq's Jews." Association for Jewish Studies Conference, San Diego, CA. December 15-17. (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.
- 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.
- 2016 ***Co-organized panel** w/ Dr. Bryan Roby: “Arab Jewish Belonging in the Middle East after Israel’s War of 1948.” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts. November 18. Paper: "Intersectionality, Belonging and the Immigration of Arab Jewish Women: Reading Louise Cohen, Shoshana Levy and Shoshana Almoslino between Iraq and Israel."
 "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.
- 2015 "On A Contemporary Notion of Arab Jewish Identity: Reading Haviva Pedaya Intersectionally." Middle East Studies Association Conference, Denver, Colorado. November 23.
 "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.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019-2020 Humanities Division Dean’s Student Advisory Board Department Representative
- 2019-2020 Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations Student-Faculty Committee Representative
- 2016-2017 Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop Co-Coordinator

TUTORING

- Writing Program** - University of Chicago
 2018-2019 Undergraduate Academic Writing Tutor

LANGUAGES

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Middle East Studies Association | Association for Jewish Studies

REFERENCES

Orit Bashkin, Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History, E: oritb@uchicago.edu
University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Pick Hall for International Studies 5828 South University Ave., Room 223 Chicago, Illinois 60637

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Jessica Kirzane, Lecturer in Yiddish, E: jkirzane@uchicago.edu
University of Chicago, Department of Germanic Studies, Cobb Hall 1050 East 59th Street, Room 501 Chicago, Illinois 60637 (teaching reference)