

CHELSIE MAY

Curriculum vitae

EDUCATION

- 2021
(defense: May 2021) **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" (committee: Orit Bashkin (advisor), Holly Shissler (UChicago), Bryan Roby (University of Michigan))
- 2013 **M.A.** | Near Eastern and Judaic Studies | Brandeis University
Thesis: "'It's Easier to Serve Bagels than Baba Ganoush:' Iraqi Jewish Women Articulate an Arab Jewish Subjectivity" (committee: Jonathan Decter, ChaeRan Freeze)
- 2011 **B.A.** | Middle Eastern-North African Studies | University of California, Los Angeles | Study Abroad: Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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*. 16 (1): 41-61.
- 2018 "'Girls of the Eastern Communities': The Intersectionality of Female Arab Jewish Immigrants, Israel-Palestine 1947-1960." *The Journal of Jewish Identities*. 11 (2): 245-266.

Book Reviews

- 2020 *Arabs and Jews in Ottoman Palestine: Two Worlds Collide* by Alan Dowty. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2019. *AAR's Reading Religion*. January 2020.
- 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*.

Further Scholarly Writing

- 2020 *Shalvi/Hyman Encyclopedia of Jewish Women*. "Jewish Women in the Iraqi Communist Party." Entry. (forthcoming, Winter 2020)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

- Fellowships** - University of Chicago
2020-2021 Franke Institute for the Humanities Dissertation Fellowship

2020 Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
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
2018 Humanities Division Writing Training Compensation
2017 Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture
2015 Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture

Awards

2020 Women Historians of the Middle East Graduate Student Article Prize
2019 Journal of Middle East Women's Studies Graduate Student Paper Prize

Conference Travel Grants

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

TEACHING

Instructor of Record - University of Chicago

2019 Reading Cultures: Collection, Humanities Core
2019 Fundamentals of Teaching in the Humanities (co-taught)

Teaching Assistant - University of Chicago

2020 Writing for Research
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

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & ORGANIZED PANELS (SELECT)

Panels Organized

2019 "A Racialized Modern: Race as a Category of Analysis Throughout Modern Middle East Histories." Middle East Studies Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November 17.

2016 "Arab Jewish Belonging in the Middle East after Israel's War of 1948." Middle East Studies Association Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. November 18. (co-organizer).

Papers Presented

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 17.

2019 "What Kind of Agreement Was Even Possible?" Zionist Imperial Whiteness, The Iraqi Communist Party, and the Disparate Future of Iraq's Jews." Middle East Studies Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. November 17.

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 "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.

"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

2020 Area Studies Book Club Co-Founder

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 AND INTERNING

Writing Program - University of Chicago

2018-2019 Undergraduate Academic Writing Tutor

2013 Graduate Student Intern: Project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law; The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute

LANGUAGES

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Jewish Studies | Middle East Studies Association

REFERENCES

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University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Pick Hall for International Studies 5828 South University Ave., Room 228 Chicago, Illinois 60637 (teaching reference)

Jessica Kirzane, Lecturer in Yiddish, E: jkirzane@uchicago.edu
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501 Chicago, Illinois 60637 (teaching reference)