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Research interests:

Jewish history; medieval Near Eastern and Mediterranean history; heresy and methods of exclusion; religious conversion; chanceries, courts, and government administration in medieval Iraq, Syria, and Egypt; medieval Jewish courtiers; documentary sources in Arabic, Judeo-Arabic, and Hebrew, especially letters, petitions and decrees; archives, *genizot*, and the afterlives of documents.

Academic positions:

April 2009–present: Associate Professor, Department of History, Emory University. Joint appointment in the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies; associated faculty in the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies; member of the Program in Medieval Studies.

August 2003–April 2009: Assistant Professor, Department of History, Emory University. Joint appointment in the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies; Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies; member of the Program in Medieval Studies.

Winter 2003: Instructor, Department of History, University of Washington, Seattle.

Visiting appointments:

2009–2010: Visiting Professor, Dipartimento di Studi Eurasiatici, Ca' Foscari University, Venice.

May–June 2006: Visiting Instructor, Dipartimento di Studi Eurasiatici, Ca' Foscari University.

Education:

Ph.D. in History with distinction, Columbia University, 2004. *Dissertation:* “Rabbanite–Karaites Relations in Fatimid Egypt and Syria: A Study Based on Documents from the Cairo Geniza.” Advisor: Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi

M. Phil in History, Columbia University, 1999

M.A. in History, Columbia University, 1998

M.A. in Religion, Columbia University, 1998

Yale College, B.A. in Literature *magna cum laude*, 1990. Distinction in the Literature Major; Alvin B. Kernan Award for Best Senior Essay in Literature

Books:

Heresy and the Politics of Community: The Jews of the Fatimid Caliphate. Conjunctions of Religion and Power in the Medieval Past. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2008

Reviews: *Times Literary Supplement*, 20 February 2009 (Stefan Reif)

Patronage and Politics: Islamic Empire and the Medieval Jewish Community. In process; expected submission August 2010

Edited volumes:

Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of History and Anthropology: Tradition, Authority, Diaspora, co-editor with Raʿanan Boustan and Oren Kosansky. University of Pennsylvania Press (Jewish Culture and Contexts), forthcoming 2010

The Cambridge History of Judaism, volumes 5 and 6: *The Medieval Era*, co-editor with Robert Chazan. Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Histories). In process; expected submission August 2010

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

- “Literacy, Orality, and Book Culture among Medieval Jews.” *Jewish Quarterly Review*, forthcoming
- “A Petition to a Woman at the Fatimid Court.” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, forthcoming 2010
- “At the Limits of Communal Autonomy: Jewish Bids for Government Interference.” *Mamlūk Studies Review* 13 (2009): 1–27 (special issue: Religion and Religious Culture of Muslims, Christians, and Jews in the Mamluk Period, edited by Johannes Pahlitzsch), in press
- “Formal and Informal Patronage in the Islamic East: Geniza Evidence.” *Al-Qantara: Revista de Estudios Árabes* 29 (2008): 81–122 (special issue: Patronage in the Medieval Islamic World, edited by María Esperanza Alfonso)
- “Karaites Real and Imagined: Three Cases of Jewish Heresy.” *Past and Present* 197 (2007): 35–74.
- “Karaites at the Rabbinical Court: A Legal Deed from Mahdiyya Dated 1073.” Co-author: Benjamin Hary. *Genzei Qedem: Geniza Research Annual* 2 (2006): 9–36.

Articles in peer-reviewed conference proceedings:

- “The Genizah and Jewish Communal History.” In Siam Bhayro and Ben Outhwaite (eds.), *Cambridge Genizah Studies I: Proceedings of the First International Conference on Genizah Studies, Westminster College, Cambridge 2007*. Études sur le Judaïsme Médiéval. Leiden: Brill, in process
- “The Qaraites as Sect: The Tyranny of a Construct.” In Sacha Stern (ed.), *Sects and Sectarianism in Jewish History*. IJS (University of London) Studies in Judaica. Leiden: Brill, in process
- “Fatimid Decrees and Jewish Communal Politics.” In María Ángeles Gallego (ed.), *Reason and Faith in Medieval Judaism and Islam*, Commentaria. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming
- “Benefaction (*ni‘ma*), Gratitude (*shukr*), and the Politics of Giving and Receiving in Letters from the Cairo Geniza.” In Miriam Frenkel and Yaacov Lev (eds.), *Giving in Monotheistic Religions* (Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients). 343–68. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009
- “Laity vs. Leadership in Eleventh-Century Jerusalem: Karaites, Rabbanites, and the Affair of the Ban on the Mount of Olives.” In Daniel Frank and Matt Goldish (eds.), *Rabbinic Culture and Its Critics: Jewish Authority and Dissent in Medieval and Early Modern Times*. 195–248. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Press, 2008

Peer-reviewed book chapters:

- “A Record of Obligation (*dhikr b‘aqq*) Dated 242 AH (856–857).” In Werner Diem, Geoffrey Khan, and Petra Sijpesteijn (eds.), *Arabische Urkunden*, Corpus Papyrorum Raineri. Berlin: Walter De Gruyter, under review
- “Judaism and Tradition: Continuity, Change and Innovation.” Co-authored with Albert I. Baumgarten. In Ra‘anan Boustan, Oren Kosansky, and Marina Rustow (eds.), *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of History and Anthropology: Tradition, Authority, Diaspora*. Jewish Culture and Contexts. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming 2010

Encyclopedia articles:

- The Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages*, ed. Robert E. Bjork (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- “Eviatar ha-Kohen ben Elijah,” “Literacy, Jewish (female and male),” “Nagid,” “Poverty, and Jewish care for.”
- The Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, ed. Norman Stillman (Brill, forthcoming). *Major surveys:*
- “History of the Jews of Iraq, medieval to 1500,” “Gaon and gaonate,” “Yeshivot of Babylonia/Iraq,”
- “History of the Jews of Syria, medieval.” *Shorter entries:* “Haver (Fellow of the Palestinian Yeshivah),”
- “Ibn al-Dastur, Samuel b. Ali,” “Ibn al-Qazzaz, Manasseh b. Ibrahim,” “Isaac ben Samuel ha-Sefaradi,” “Joseph ben Phinehas,” “Mevorakh ben Saadya,” “Moses ben Mevorakh,” “Moses (Mesharisha) Kahana ben Jacob Gaon,” “Mubashshir ben Nissi ha-Levi,” “Nethanel ben Isaiah,”
- “Rosh ha-seder,” “Saadya ben Judah,” “Said ben Hasan (al-Ruzbihan),” “Sahlan b. Abraham,” “Samuel b. Daniel b. Azariah,” “Samuel ben David” “Samuel ben Hoshana,” “Sar Sahlom ben Boaz,” “Sar

Shalom ben Moses ha-Levi,” “Semah Sedeq ben Isaac,” “Shemaryah ben Elhanan,” “Solomon ben Judah,” “Tahirti family,” “Tustari family” (total 19,500 words).
Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought, eds. G. Böwering, P. Crone, W. al-Qadi, D. Stewart, and M. Q. Zaman (Princeton University Press, in process). “Intercession,” “Loyalty” (total 1,200 words).
The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion, History, and Culture, ed. Judith Baskin (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming). “Egypt, from the Islamic Period on” (500 words).

Public scholarship and non-peer reviewed writings:

“Chancery Deeds.” *Genizah Fragments* (Cambridge University Library) 56 (2008): 2–3
Preface to Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, “*Servants of Kings and not Servants of Servants*”: *Some Aspects of the Political History of the Jews*. Tenenbaum Family Lecture Series in Judaic Studies at Emory University. Atlanta: Emory University, 2007
Scripture and Schism: Samaritan and Karaite Treasures from the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Exhibition catalogue, with the participation of Elka Deitsch and Sharon Lieberman Mintz. New York: Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2000

Panel and conference organizing:

2009 “Manuscripts and History in the Jewish Middle Ages.” Co-organizer with Piero Capelli (Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia), European Association for Jewish Studies International Summer Colloquium, University of Oxford
2006 “The Bonds that Fray: Solidarity and Conflict in the World of the Cairo Geniza.” Panel organizer, 9th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association, Università di Genova
2004 Organizing Committee, Tenth Annual Gruss Colloquium, “History and Anthropology,” Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
2003 “The Cairo Geniza: New Directions in Historical Research.” Panel organizer, 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston
“Beyond Spain: Teaching the History of the Jews in the Medieval Islamic World.” Special pedagogical session, co-organizer with Elka Klein and Mark Kligman. 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies

Invited lectures, seminars, and conference papers:

2009 “From the Palace in Cairo to the Synagogue in Fustat: In Search of the Lost Arabic Archive.” The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
“Heresy, History and Power in Medieval Judaism.” University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
2008 “From the Palace in Cairo to the Synagogue in Fustat: In Search of Lost Egyptian Archives.” Central European University, Budapest
“Jewish Crusaders to Palestine in the Twelfth Century?” New England Medieval Conference: Crusade, Jihad, and Identity in the Medieval World, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
“The Qaraites as Sect: The Tyranny of a Construct.” International Conference on Sects and Sectarianism in Jewish History, University College London
2007 “What the Genizah Has Taught us about the Shape of the Medieval Jewish Community.” International Conference in Honour of Professor Stefan Reif, Cambridge University
“*Ni’ma* and *Shukr* (Benefaction and Gratitude) in Letters from the Geniza.” Symposium on Piety and Charity in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2006 “Patronage and Politics: Rabbinic Judaism and Islamic Empire.” Humanities Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
“Orality, Literacy, and Book Culture among Jews in the Medieval Islamic World.” Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

- “Converts to Judaism in the Geniza.” Symposium on Conversion and Reversion to Judaism from the Crusades to the Enlightenment, Touro College Graduate School of Jewish Studies and the Center for Jewish History, New York City
- “The Social and Institutional History of Rabbanite-Karaite Relations in the Eleventh Century and its Implications for the History of the Medieval Jewish Community.” International Workshop on Rationalism and Sacred Text, 10th–12th Centuries, Instituto de Filología, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid
- 2005 “Karaites Real and Imagined: Three Cases of Jewish Heresy.” History Department Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
- “Rabbis and Heretics from Baghdad to Cairo.” Part of the all-day symposium Beginnings: The Jewish Communities of the Mediterranean. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- 2003 “Fences and Neighbors: Jews and Muslims at the Turn of the Last Millennium.” Department of History, University of Pennsylvania

Submitted conference papers:

- 2009 “Heresy, Orthodoxy, and the So-Called Nomethetic Religions.” Panel on Heresy and the History of Religion (with Mark Gregory Pegg and R. I. Moore), International Medieval Congress, Leeds.
- “Language, Power, and Cultural Transmission: Sicilian Jews and the Polyglot Phenomenon.” Convivencia: Representations, Knowledge and Identities (500–1600 A.D.), co-organized by the Max Planck Gesellschaft and the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid
- “Arabic Chancery Documents from the Cairo Geniza: Typologies, Reuses, and Modes of Survival.” Fourth International Society for Arabic Papyrology Conference, Vienna
- “Language, Power, and the Polyglot Phenomenon: Sicilian Jews and the Survival of Arabic.” Tenth Mediterranean Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence and Montecatini Terme
- 2008 “Jewish Crusaders to Palestine in the Twelfth Century?” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York
- 2007 “Religious Conversion in Medieval Egypt and Syria: Evidence from the Cairo Geniza.” Panel on Religious Conversion and Communal Identity in the Medieval Middle East, organized by Tamer el-Leithy. Middle East Studies Association, Montreal
- “An Unpublished Fatimid Chancery Petition.” 13th International Conference of the Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Córdoba
- 2006 “Rabbanites and Karaites under the Fatimid Caliphs: Toward a New Model of Religious Sectarianism.” 8th Quadriennial Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Moscow
- “Etiquette and Its Abuse in Medieval Rabbinic Politics.” 9th Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association, Università di Genova
- 2005 “Toledan Conversos and Egyptian Karaites in Late Mamluk Cairo.” 37th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC
- “Yisḥaq ibn Khalaf ibn ‘Allun: A Karaite Governor in Jerusalem (ca. 1060)” (in Hebrew; with Benjamin Hary). 12th International Conference of the Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies, University of Haifa
- 2004 “Toledan Conversos in Late Medieval Cairo” (with Tamer el-Leithy) 79th Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy, Seattle
- “Tradition as Discourse.” Panel response, 10th Annual Gruss Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- 2003 “Rabbanite-Karaite Relations in Medieval Egypt and Syria: Beyond Church–Sect Typology.” 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston
- “Beyond Spain: The Study of Medieval Jewry in the Islamic Mediterranean and Middle East.” 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies

“Literacy in the Medieval Judeo-Islamic World: An Agenda for Research.” 11th International Conference of the Society for Judaic Studies, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia

Fellowships and grants (post-doctoral only):

(* = declined)

ACLS Ryskamp Fellowship, 2011–2012

European Seminar on Advanced Jewish Studies, Center for Hebrew and Judaic Studies, University of Oxford (“The Material Texts of the Geniza Collection at the Bodleian Library”), Spring 2011

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2009–2010

American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant, 2009

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2008

Book subvention, Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University (for *Heresy and the Politics of Community*), 2007

Short-term visiting fellowship, research group on Charity and Piety in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, Institute for Advanced Studies, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2007

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Post-Doctoral Rome Prize in Medieval Studies, American Academy in Rome, 2006–2007

* Mellon Junior Membership, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2006–2007

* Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, MA, 2006–2007

* Fellowship, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2006–2007

Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, National Humanities Center SIAS Summer Institute “Hierarchy, Marginality, and Ethnicity in Muslim Societies (7th Century to Second World War),” Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2004–2006

* Postdoctoral Fellowship, American Academy for Jewish Research, 2003–2004

Michael R. Steinhardt Fellowship, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, fall semester 2003

Hazel D. Cole Fellowship, Jewish Studies Program, University of Washington, 2002–2003

Participation in text workshops:

International Arabic Papyrology Webclass, University of Zurich: the Qusayr archive, 2007; Mamluk petitions and decrees, 2009

International Summer School in Arabic Papyrology, Austrian National Library, Vienna, 2007

The First Oxford Workshop in Arabic Epigraphy, University of Oxford, 2006

Graduate teaching:

Readings in Judeo-Arabic: Geniza Letters (Emory University; text seminar)

Introduction to Advanced Historical Study (Emory University; required first-year seminar in history)

Approaches to Jewish History (Emory University; required of graduate students in Jewish studies)

Heresy as a Historical Problem (Emory University; research seminar)

Undergraduate teaching:

Survey of Jewish History (Emory University; introductory lecture course)

Jews under Crescent and Cross from Constantine to the Spanish Expulsion (Emory University; upper-level lecture course)

The Crusades: Religions in Confrontation (Emory University; upper-level colloquium, writing intensive)

Introduction to Historical Interpretation (Emory University; history honors seminar)

Graduate supervision:

Craig Perry (Department of History, Emory University), PhD work on medieval long-distance trade as reflected in Geniza documents

Nathan Hofer (Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University), dissertation on Jewish Sufis in Egypt; also served on MA and PhD exam committees

Prospectus committees:

Jane Hooper (Department of History, Emory University), “Local Beaches, Global Shores: The Transformation of the Indian Ocean during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.”

Kate McGrath (Department of History, Emory University), “Medieval Atrocities: Rage and Outrage in English and French Historical Narratives and Crusading Chronicles, c. 1000–c. 1250.”

Uri Rosenheck (Department of History, Emory University), “Fighting for Home Abroad: Remembrance and Oblivion of World War II in Brazil.”

Daniel Spillman (Department of History, Emory University), “From Bloomington to Washington: Second Generation Conservative Intellectuals in America, 1967–2001.”

Undergraduate thesis supervision:

Jeffrey Beer (Department of History, Emory University), “The First Crusade and the Siege of Jerusalem.”

Board and academic society memberships (elected only):

Secretary-Treasurer, Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies (Jerusalem), 2009–

Board of directors, Association for Jewish Studies, 2008–

Editorial Board, *The Middle Ages* (general editors Frances Andrews, Piotr Gorecki, and Ian Johnson), 2008–

Scientific advisory committee, *Reason and Faith in Medieval Judaism and Islam*, ed. María Ángeles Gallego, 2008–

Researcher and consultant, The Rylands Geniza Project (University of Manchester), 2008–

Member, Advisory Board, The Princeton Geniza Project (Princeton University), 2007–

Member, Editorial Board, *The Cambridge History of Judaism*, volumes 5 and 6 (The Middle Ages), general editor Robert Chazan, 2007–2008

Socia ordinaria, Associazione Italiana per lo Studio del Giudaismo (University of Bologna, Ravenna), 2006–

Member and Team Leader, Associates’ Forum, Friedberg Genizah Project (Jerusalem), 2006–

Member, International Society for Arabic Papyrology (University of Zurich), 2003–

Member, Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies (Jerusalem), 2003–

Languages:

English (native); Hebrew, Arabic, French, and Italian (written and spoken); Judeo-Arabic, Aramaic (Jewish Babylonian, Palestinian, and medieval rabbinic), Spanish, Portuguese, Latin, German (reading knowledge); ancient Greek (dormant)