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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. Candidate, expected 2015, History of Science

Dissertation: *What does a nation want? Attitude measurement in Palestine/Israel and the global history of the behavioral revolution* (working title)

Committee: Anne Harrington (advisor), Steven Shapin, Roger Owen, Rebecca Lemov

General examination fields: the modern human and social sciences (history of science field); power, politics and expertise (STS field);

European imperialism and decolonization in the Middle East (history field)

Tel Aviv University, Israel

M.A. *summa cum laude* 2007, History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas

The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, and the Cohn Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas. Areas of focus: philosophy, psychology, WGS studies, and European intellectual history (18th-20th centuries)

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, Mahindra Humanities Center's Mellon Seminar on Violence/Non-Violence. Harvard University. 2014-15

Member, Human Sciences Working Group. Convener: Erika Milam. Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science. 2013-15

Visiting Scholar, Department of History, Columbia University. Sponsor: Marwa Elshakry. 2012-13

Visiting Researcher (pre-doctoral), Center for Philosophy and History of Science, Boston University. 2005-06

Research Fellow, *Israel-Palestine, A Catastrophe In The Making*. An interdisciplinary group research project. Academic director: Adi Ophir. The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. 2004-07

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Presidential Scholar Dissertation Completion Fellowship, GSAS, Harvard University, 2013-14

Study and Research Fellowship, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, 2012

Hiebert Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Harvard Department of the History of Science, 2011-12

Summer Grant for Dissertation Research, The Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, 2011

Presidential Scholarship, GSAS, Harvard University, 2007

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Center for Philosophy and History of Science, Boston University, 2005

Zalman Aran Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies, Graduate School of History, Tel Aviv University, 2004

Excellence Scholarship, the Cohn Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University, 2004

Scholarship for undergraduate studies, Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University, 1999-2003

PAPERS PRESENTED (SELECTION)

"Self-government for the fittest: Stuart C. Dodd, the trusteeship system, and the internationalization of public opinion research," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 22-25, 2014.

"*What does the soldier think*": American morale surveys and the 1948 Palestine War," The Israeli Society for History & Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, December 22, 2013.

"*Organization Man*": Administrative authority and scientific credibility in postwar survey research" History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 21-24, 2013.

"*Knowing a world in crisis*": The cultural politics of *wertfreiheit* in Mandate Palestine," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 15-18, 2012.

"German neo-humanism and its Others: Social science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1935-1955," *More Atlantic Crossings? Europe's Role in an Entangled History of the Atlantic World, 1950s-1970s*, international workshop, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., June 7-9, 2012.

"Habitats of organized science: The case of the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, November 3-6, 2011.

"The right man for the job: Daniel Kahneman, military personnel selection, and the psychology of prediction," *Soldiering: the Afterlife of a Modern Experience*, Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, the Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University, April 22-23, 2011.

"*Love without Borders*": The moral economy of global pride," *Doing Queer Studies Now*, Rackham Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop, University of Michigan, October 21-23, 2010.

“The Properest Means: Plague preparedness and public reason in early eighteenth century Britain,” *Nature in International History*, Harvard Graduate Student Annual Conference in International History, March 13-14, 2009.

“Mobility Regimes and the King’s Head,” *Chechnya, Iraq and Palestine: Governing Zones of Emergency*, International Workshop, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, February 2006.

CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED

“Technoscience in a ‘New Nation’: Locality and Universality in Israel of the 1950s and 1960s” (with Tamar Novick, Tel Aviv University), ISHPS, 2013.

“Social Organization and Labor Relations in the American Human Sciences” (with Jason Oakes, University of Pennsylvania), HSS, 2013. Session sponsored by the Forum for History of Human Science (FHUS)

“European Knowledge Cultures in Twentieth Century Middle East & North Africa” (with Daniela Helbig, University of Sydney), HSS, 2012

Soldiering: The Afterlife of a Modern Experience, Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University, 2011.

(An)other Sex, The Annual LGBT Studies and Queer Theory Conference at Tel Aviv University, 2002-2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University, fall 2009 – spring 2012

Taught a yearlong sophomore tutorial on modern European social theory (Social Studies 10). Was responsible for assignments, grading, and individual writing mentorship. Served as academic advisor for concentrators, guiding the design of individual study programs. Supervised the writing of honors theses and conducted general oral exams.

Course designed and taught:

‘Standing Reserve’: Continental Critiques of Technological Modernity, Philosophy & The Cohn Institute, TAU, Spring 2005

Courses assisted:

Culture and Belief 34, *Madness and Medicine: Themes in the History of Psychiatry* (Anne Harrington), Harvard, Fall 2014

History of Science 176, *Brainwashing and Modern Techniques of Mind Control* (Rebecca Lemov), Harvard, Spring 2010

Introduction to Critical Theory of Culture (Adi Ophir), The Cohn Institute, Tel Aviv University, Fall 2004

Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Menachem Fisch), Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, Spring 2003, Fall 2004

Narratives of Power and Pleasure: Reading the Diving Marquis (Amalia Ziv), Comparative Literature, Tel Aviv University, Fall 2003

Readings in Queer Theory (Amalia Ziv), The Lafer Center for Women and Gender Studies, The Hebrew University, Fall 2002

Honors theses supervised:

Theodore Guild, *The End of Amputation: F. H. Albee and the Making of the American Orthopedic Surgeon* (History & Science), 2012-13. Hoopes Prize nominee

Katharine Vidt, *Marx and Ideology* (Social Studies), 2012-13

Alexander When, *Rethinking the Performativity of Economics* (Social Studies), 2010-11

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Coordinator, *Dissertation Writers Working Group*, History of Science, Harvard, 2008-2010

Member, Steering Committee, *The LGBT Studies and Queer Theory Forum*, Tel Aviv University, 2002-2010

Book Reviews Editor, *Teoriya ve-Bikoret* (Theory and Criticism), an interdisciplinary journal of Israeli culture and society, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Hakibbutz Hameuchad Publishing House, 2004-2006

MEDIA AND LITERARY CRITICISM (SELECTION)

“Haim Hecht is fixing Israel.” *The Seventh Eye*, The Israel Democracy Institute, March 2007

“Frequencies: The poetry of Maya Bejerano.” *Ha’aretz Books*. September 14, 2005

“Longing, regret, minor consolations: *Lonely People Operas* by Ethan Nahmias-Glass. *Ha’aretz Books*. February 28, 2005

“Who cares about the poor? Financial analysts and the Poverty and Income Distribution Report.” *The Seventh Eye*, January 2005.

Reprinted in *Where Did We Go Wrong? Selected Articles from Issues of the Seventh Eye* (Jerusalem: IDI, 2008)

“Native orientalism: the new Israeli Arab affairs experts.” *The Seventh Eye*, November 2004

“Sleeping with the enemy: Tali Fahima and other foolish women.” *The Seventh Eye*, September 2004

“Politics of marginality: the poetry of Dalia Fallah.” *Haaretz Books*, July 28, 2004

“No lettuce, no mercy: Miri Belkin’s diet show.” *The Seventh Eye*, July 2004

“*‘Forever I’d fly this plane that did not finish flying to the Land of Israel’*: The poetry of Amira Hess.” *Ha’aretz Books*. March 1, 2004

“Varda Raziell: Portrait of a National Psychologist,” in *Lords of Culture: Anatomy of Israeli Culture Producers*, ed. Nir Bar’am (Tel Aviv: Am Oved Publishers, 2003)

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (native); English (fluent); French and German (reading knowledge); Arabic (beginner)