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POSITION

Director, Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	2019-
Professor of History, American University	2016-

PRIOR APPOINTMENTS

Acting Dean of Academic Affairs and Senior Vice Provost, American University	fall 2018
Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, American University	spring 2018
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, American University	fall 2017
Associate Professor of History, American University	2009-2016
Associate and Assistant Professor of History, Southwestern University	2000-2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	History, University of Chicago	2000
M.A.	History, University of Chicago	1993
B.A. with High Honors	Philosophy and History, Oberlin College	1991

BOOKS

The Panama Affair: Anti-Semitism and Political Scandal in Fin-de-Siècle France (book in progress)

The Archive Thief: The Man Who Salvaged French Jewish History in the Wake of the Holocaust (Oxford University Press, 2015). Awarded the 2016 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature; Finalist for a 2015 National Jewish Book Award

Sacred Bonds of Solidarity: The Rise of Jewish Internationalism in Nineteenth-Century France (Stanford University Press, 2006).

EDITED VOLUMES & SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

Colonialism and the Jews. Co-edited with Ethan Katz and Maud Mandel (Indiana University Press, 2017). Finalist for 2019 National Jewish Book Award.

Jewish Migration and the Archive (Routledge, 2015; paperback 2017). Co-edited with James Jordan and Joachim Schlör. Initially published as a special issue of *Jewish Culture and History* vol. 15, no. 1-2 (June 2014)

Guest Editor, “Histoires d’archives.” Special issue of *Archives Juives: Revue d’histoire des juifs en France*. Vol. 49, no. 1 (1^{er} semestre 2016).

Guest Editor, “Jewish Racial Self-Fashioning in Comparative Perspective.” Special issue of *Jewish History*, vol. 19, no. 1 (January 2005).

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES (selected)

“Saving the Jews of the Diaspora: Jewish Aid Organizations,” in *Oxford Handbook of the Jewish Diaspora*, ed. Hasia Diner. Under contract and submitted to Oxford University Press. Co-authored with Nathaniel Kurz (Oxford University Press, 2021).

“Liberalism and Antisemitism: A Reassessment from the Peripheries,” in *Jews, Liberalism, Antisemitism: A Global History*, ed. Abigail Green and Simon Levis Sullam (Palgave Series in Racism and Antisemitism, 2020)

“A Stone under the Wheel of History,” in *Advancing Holocaust Studies*, ed. Carol Rittner and John Roth (Routledge, 2020)

“Trusting Adolphe Crémieux: Jews and Republicans in Nineteenth-Century France,” in Mitchell Hart and Nina Caputo, eds., *On the Word of a Jew* (Indiana University Press, 2019), pp. 101-116

“Jews and European Imperialism,” in *The Cambridge History of Judaism. Volume 8: The Modern Period (c. 1815- 2000)*, ed. Mitchell Hart and Tony Michaels. Co-authored with Ethan Katz and Maud Mandel. (Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 529-558.

“Zosa Szajkowski: Archivdieb und Pionier der französisch-jüdischen Geschichtsschreibung,” *Simon Dubnow Institut Yearbook* 15 (2016): 447-473.

“Zosa Szajkowski, historien et voleur d’archives juives françaises.” *Archives Juives: Revue d’histoire des juifs en France* 49, 1 (1^{er} semestre 2016): 54-80.

“Post-Holocaust Book Restitutions: How One State Agency Helped Revive Republican Franco-Judaism.” Steven Katz and Sean Hand, eds., *Post-Holocaust France and the Jews, 1945-55* (New York University Press, 2015), pp. 71-84.

“The Jewish Oath and the Making of Secularism in Modern France.” *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook* 58, 1 (2013): 23-34.

“Recue or Theft? Zosa Szajkowski and the Salvaging of French Jewish History.” *Jewish Social Studies* vol. 18 no. 2 (Winter 2012): 1-39.

“L’Histoire des juifs de France vue des Etats-Unis.” *Archives Juives: Revue d’histoire des juifs en France* (March 2010): 126-136.

“The Impact of the Napoleonic Sanhedrin on French Colonial Policy in Algeria.” *CCAR Journal* (Winter 2007): 35-54.

“Jews, Liberals, and the Civilizing Mission in Nineteenth-Century France.” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions historiques* 32, 1 (Spring 2006): 105-28. Republished in Zvi Jonathan Kaplan and Nadia Malinovich, *Re-examining the Jews of Modern France: Images and Identities* (Brill, 2016), pp. 129-153.

“Self-Definition and Self-Defense: Jewish Racial Identity in Nineteenth-Century France.” *Jewish History* vol. 19, no. 1 (January 2005): 7-28.

“‘Jewish Solidarity’ in Nineteenth-Century France: The Evolution of a Concept.” *The Journal of Modern History* 74 (March 2002): 33-61.

WRITING FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE (selected)

“How to Be a Jew in France: Léon Blum and French Anti-Semitism,” *Foreign Affairs* 94, 6 (Nov/Dec 2015): 132-37.

“Iraqi Jewish Treasures Displayed in DC before Being Shipped back... To Iraq?” *Tablet* (published October 7, 2013, URL: <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/147736/iraqi-jewish-treasures>)

“The Book Thief,” *Tablet* (published April 17, 2013, URL: <http://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-arts-and-culture/books/129210/the-book-thief>)

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS (selected)

Elected Fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research	2021-
Scholar-Teacher of the Year (American University’s highest faculty honor)	2017
Visiting Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris	2017
Polonsky Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies	2016-2017
Distinguished Lecturer, Association for Jewish Studies	2015-
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship	2009-2010
Visiting Scholar, Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies, Harvard University	2008-2009
Fellow, University of Chicago Research Center, Paris	2008
Fellow, Columbia University Institute for Scholars at Reid Hall, Paris	2007
Bernadotte E. Schmitt Fellowship, American Historical Association	2001
Woodrow Wilson Foundation’s C.W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship	1998-99
French Government’s Bourse Chateaubriand Fellowship	1996-97

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (selected)

Board Member, Association for Jewish Studies (2021-2022)

Elected Member, Nominating Committee, American Historical Association (2021-24)

Editorial Board Member, *Jewish Social Studies* (2020-2025)

Editorial Board Member, *Jewish Quarterly Review* (2020-2022)

Editorial Board Member, *Archives Juives: Revue d'histoire des Juifs de France* (2008-2021)

Editorial Board Member, *Jewish History* (2020-)

Associate Editor, *Jewish History* (2016-2020)

Academic Advisory Council, Center for Jewish History (2017-20)

Co-President, Society for French Historical Studies (2016-17)

Member, Program Committee of the American Historical Association (2013-2015)

Member, Program Committee of the Association for Jewish Studies (2012-2015)

Board Member, Western Society for French History (2012-2014)