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EDUCATION:

- 1983 Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley (History)
- 1977 M.A. University of California, Berkeley (Comparative Literature)
- 1975 B.A. University of Wisconsin, Madison

DEGREES: M.A., Oxford University, 1990 (Special Election); M.A. (*privatim*), Yale, 2015

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2014- Lucy G. Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History, Yale University
- 2011-14 Distinguished Professor of History, City University of New York-Graduate Center
- 1992-2011 Frances and Laurence Weinstein Professor of Jewish Studies and Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1986-92 From Junior Research Fellow to Lecturer in Modern History and Fellow, Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies and St. Antony's College, Oxford University
- 1983-86 Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies, Brown University

VISITING APPOINTMENTS:

- 2009, 2018 Visiting Professor, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
- 1990, 2008 Directeur d'études, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2015-17 Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University
- 2010 Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (Uppsala)
- 2008 Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2005-6 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
- 2003 All Souls College, Oxford University; Visiting Fellow
- 1998-03 Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison, Senior Fellow
- 1998 Max Planck Institut für Geschichte, Göttingen; Summer Fellow
- 1994-5 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers

1991 British Academy Research Travel Grant
 1984 Brown University Faculty Development Fund
 1979-83 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Doctoral Fellowship
 1980-81 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) (declined)
 1979-81 National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Doctoral Fellowship
 1978 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Hebrew)
 1976-77 University of California, Berkeley Graduate Division, Grant-in Aid
 1976-77 Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Fellowship (Alpha of California)
 1975-6/77-8 University of California Graduate Fellowship

PRIZES:

2010 Dorothy and Hsin-Nung Yao Teaching Award (History, UW-Madison)
 2003 National Jewish Book Award for Scholarship
 (Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies)
 2000 "Editor's Choice," Reviews in Religion and Theology
 (The Berlin Haskalah and German Religious Thought)
 1988 Present Tense/Joel H. Cavior Literary Award for History
 (The Transformation of German Jewry)
 1980 History Department Seminar Paper Prize (UC-Berkeley)
 1979 Goor Graduate Essay Prize, Jewish Studies (UC-Berkeley)

SOCIETIES:

2004 American Academy for Jewish Research
 1974 Phi Beta Kappa

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Modern Jewish Politics: A History

PUBLICATIONS:

Books The Transformation of German Jewry, 1780-1840 (Oxford University Press, 1987; pbk 1990; pbk: Wayne State University Press, 1999, 2009) [Present Tense/Joel H. Cavior Literary Award for History, 1988]

Moses Mendelssohn and the Religious Enlightenment (University of California Press, 1996; UK: Peter Halban Publishers, 1996; pbk

reissue, 2004; French: Albin Michel (Paris, 1996); German: Werner Eichbauer Verlag für Wissenschaftliche Literatur (Vienna, 1999); Italian: Edizioni Culturali Internazionali (Genoa, 2000)

The Berlin Haskalah and German Religious Thought (London: Vallentine Mitchell, 2000). Hardcover & paperback. Originally given as the Sherman Lectures, Dept. of Religions and Theology, Manchester University (1997). ["Editor's Choice," Reviews in Religion and Theology vol. 7 issue 3 (June, 2000)]

The Religious Enlightenment: Protestants, Jews and Catholics from London to Vienna (Princeton University Press, 2008; pbk. 2010)

Jewish Emancipation: A History Across Five Centuries (Princeton University Press, 2019)

Text Translation

Co-edited with Edward Breuer; Edward Breuer translator, Moses Mendelssohn's Hebrew Writings (Yale Judaic Studies, Yale University Press; 2018).

Edited Books

Co-editor (with Frances Malino), From East and West: Jews in a Changing Europe, 1750-1870, (Basil Blackwell, 1990) Hardcover and paperback; pbk reissue: Profiles in Diversity: Jews in a Changing Europe, 1750-1870 (Wayne State University Press, 1998)

Co-editor (with Shmuel Feiner), New Perspectives on the Haskalah. (London: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization, 2001; pbk. 2004)

Associate Editor for the Modern period (Martin Goodman, General Editor; Jeremy Cohen, Associate Editor for the Medieval Period) Oxford Handbook of Jewish Studies (Oxford University Press, UK,

2002; pbk 2005) [National Jewish Book Award, 2003]

Co-editor (with Stanley Payne and John Tortorice), "What History Tells": George L. Mosse and the Culture of Modern Europe Hardcover & paperback (University of Wisconsin Press, 2004)

General Editor

"Sources in Modern Jewish History," University of Wisconsin Press. Derek Penslar & Eran Kaplan, The Origins of Israel, 1882-1948 (2011);

"Jewish Communities of the Modern World," University of California Press. Paula Hyman, The Jews of France (1998); Esther Benbassa & Aron Rodrigue, Sephardi Jewry: A History of the Judeo-Spanish Community, 14th-20th Centuries (2000), (pbk); Todd Endelman, The Jews of Britain (2002); Hasia Diner, The Jews of the United States (2004);

"Jewish Society and Culture," Blackwell Publishers (Oxford, UK and Cambridge, MA 1990-1996). Frances Malino, A Jew in the French Revolution: The Life of Zalkind Hourwitz, 1996; Esther Benbassa & Aron Rodrigue, The Jews of the Balkans: The Judeo-Spanish Community, 15th to 20th Centuries, 1995; Tony Kushner, The Holocaust and the Liberal Imagination: A Social and Cultural History, 1994; Simon Schwarzfuchs, A Concise History of the Rabbinate, 1993; Peter Pulzer, Jews and the German State: The Political History of a Minority, 1848-1933, 1992; David Bankier, The Germans and the Final Solution: Public Opinion under Nazism, 1992 (pbk. 1996); Artur Eisenbach, The Emancipation of the Jews in Poland, 1780- 1870, 1991; Ben-Cion Pinchuk, Shtetl Jews under Soviet Rule: Eastern Poland on the Eve of the Holocaust, 1990; David Cesarani ed., The Making of Modern Anglo-Jewry, 1990.

Articles in Journals

"Salo Baron on Emancipation," Association for Jewish Studies Review 38:2 (November 2014) 423-430.

"Four Characteristics of the Religious Enlightenment," De Achttiende

Eeuw 43 (2011) 1, 28-49

"Is American Jewry 'Exceptional'? Comparing Jewish Emancipation in Europe and America," American Jewish History 96 (September 2010) 175-200.

"Beyond the East-West Divide: Rethinking the Narrative of the Jews' Political Status in Europe, 1600-1750," Jewish History 24 (2010) 247-56

"Geneva's 'Enlightened Orthodoxy': The Middle Way of Jacob Vernet, (1698-1789)," Church History 74:2 (June, 2005) 286-305

"Between Messianism and Survival: Secularization and Sacralization in Modern Judaism," Journal of Modern Jewish Studies vol. 3 no.1 (March 2004) 73-86

"Reclaiming Theology for the Enlightenment: The Case of Siegmund Jacob Baumgarten (1706-1757)," Central European History vol. 36 no. 4 (2003) 503-530

"William Warburton: The Middle Way of 'Heroic Moderation'," Dutch Review of Church History 82 no. 2 (July 2002) 262-300.

"Port Jews and the Three Regions of Emancipation," Jewish Culture and History 4 (Winter, 2001) 31-46; also in David Cesarani ed., Port Jews: Jewish Communities in Cosmopolitan and Maritime Trading Centres, 1550-1950 (London: Frank Cass, 2002) 31-46 (simultaneous hardcover and paperback)

"The Émigré Synthesis: An Appraisal," Central European History 34 no. 4 (2001) 531-559

"The Mendelssohn Myth and Its Method," New German Critique
no. 77 (Winter, 1999) 7-28

"The Port Jew: Notes Towards a Social Type," Journal of Jewish
Studies Vol. L no. 1 (Spring, 1999) 87-97

"Reform Catholicism and Religious Enlightenment," Austrian
History Yearbook 30 (1999) 187-219

"Emancipation, Haskalah and Reform: The Contribution of Amos
Funkenstein," Jewish Social Studies 6 no. 1 (Winter, 1999)
98-110

"Religious Reforms and Secular Trends in German Jewish
Life: An Agenda for Research," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 40
(1995) 169-184. Italian: "Riforme religiose e tendenze
secolari nella vita degli ebrei tedeschi. Un programma di ricerca,"
Mario Toscano ed., Integrazione e identità. L'esperienza ebraica in
Germania e Italia dall'Illuminismo al fascismo (Milan: FrancoAngeli,
1998) 133-151.

"The Case for Comparison: Moses Mendelssohn and the religious
Enlightenment," Modern Judaism 14 (1994) 121-38. Abbreviated
German version: "Die zwei Gesichter des Moses Mendelssohn,"
Menora 4 (1993) 275-289.

"Jews, the Enlightenment and the Sources of Toleration: Some
Reflections", in Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 37 (1992), 3-16.
Reprinted in The Jews in European History: Seven Lectures (Hebrew
Union College Press, 1994) 39-56. Abbreviated German version,
"Juden und Aufklärung: Religiöse Quellen der Toleranz," in
Wolfgang Beck ed. Die Juden in der europäischen Geschichte (Beck,
1992), 50-66.

"From Context to Comparison: The German Haskalah and Reform Catholicism," Jahrbuch des Instituts für deutsche Geschichte 20 (1991), 23-58.

"Emancipation and Assimilation: Two Concepts and their Application to the Study of German Jewish History," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 35 (1990), 17-33.

"The Genesis of the Ideology of Emancipation, 1806-1840," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 32 (1987), 11-40.

"Wilhelm von Humboldt: The Theory and Practice of Self-Formation (Bildung), 1791-1810," Journal of the History of Ideas 43 (1983), 55-73.

Articles in Edited Volumes

"Religious Minorities and Citizenship in the Long Nineteenth-Century: Some Contexts of Jewish Emancipation," in Politics of Religious Freedom, Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Saba Mahmood & Peter G. Danchin eds., (University of Chicago Press, 2015) 115-126.

"Merchant Colonies: Resettlement in Italy, France, Holland and England, 1550-1700," in Brian Smollett & Christian Wiese eds., Reappraisals and New Studies of the Modern Jewish Experience: Essays in Honor of Robert M. Seltzer (Leiden: Brill, 2015) 123-44.

"'Enraptured Reason': Rousseau's Presence in Moses Mendelssohn's Thought," in Helena Rosenblatt & Paul Schweigert eds., Thinking with Rousseau: From Machiavelli to Schmitt (Cambridge University Press, 2017) 92-114.

“Mendelssohn and the Religious Enlightenment: Recovering the 18th-Century Religious Setting,” in Michah Gottlieb & Charles Manekin eds., Moses Mendelssohn: Enlightenment, Religion, Politics, Nationalism (University Press of Maryland, 2015) 319-330.

“Haskalah ve-Emanzipazia: Din ve-Heshbon beinayim,” (The Haskalah and Emancipation: A Provisional Report) in Shmuel Feiner & Zohar Shavit eds., Ha-Sifriya shel Tenuat ha-Haskalah: Yezirata shel Republikat ha-Sefarim be-Hevra ha-yehudit be-Merhav ha-Doveir Germanit (The Library of the Haskalah: The Creation of the Modern Republic of Letters in Jewish Society in the German-Speaking Sphere (Tel Aviv: Am Oved, 2014) 63-78.

“The Kiss of Lamourette’: ‘Possibilism’ or ‘Christian Democracy’?” in Warren Breckman, Peter Gordon, D. Moses, Samuel Moyn, E. Neaman eds., The Modernist Imagination: Intellectual History and Critical Theory (Festschrift for Martin Jay) (Berghahn Press, 2009) 3-23.

“The Vienna Rite in the Nineteenth Century,” in Jost Hermand ed., Positive Dialektik: Hoffnungsvolle Momente in der deutschen Kultur. Festschrift für Klaus L. Berghahn zum 70. Geburtstag (Bern: Peter Lang, 2007) 119-26.

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“Ha-Haskalah be-Berlin: Perspektiva Hashva’atit [The Berlin Haskalah: A Comparative Perspective],” in Israel Bartal and Shmuel

Feiner eds., Ha-Haskalah li-Gevaneha [The Varieties of Haskalah] (Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 2005) 3-11.

"The Jewish Question in Eighteenth-Century Germany," in Hans-Eric Bödeker, Clorinda Donato & Peter Hanns Reill eds., Discourses of Tolerance and Intolerance in the European Enlightenment (University of Toronto Press, 2009) 144-152

"The New 'Mosaik': Jews and European Culture, 1750-1940," Dutch Jewry in a Cultural Maelstrom, 1880-1940 eds., Judith Frishman & Hetty Berg (Amsterdam: Aksant, 2007) 11-29.

"The Early Haskalah," in Shmuel Feiner & David Sorkin eds., New Perspectives on the Haskalah (London: Littman Library, 2001) 9-26.

"The Problem of Patronage and Institutionalization: Some Reflections on the Haskalah and Some Remarks on the Armenians," in Richard G. Hovannisian and David N. Myers eds., Enlightenment and Diaspora: The Armenian and Jewish Cases (Scholars Press, 1999) 131-143

"Moses Mendelssohn's Biblical Exegesis," in Michael Albrecht and Eva J. Engel eds., Moses Mendelssohn: im Spannungsfeld der Aufklärung (Frommann Verlag, 2000) 243-276

"Mendelssohn and Modernity: Was Mendelssohn the First Modern or the Last Medieval Jewish Thinker?" in Marc Raphael ed., What is Modern About Modern Jewish History (Department of Religion, College of William and Mary, 1997) 63-76

"'Historian of Fate': Fritz Stern on the History of German Jewry: An Appreciation," Fritz Stern At 70 (German Historical Institute

Occasional Paper No. 19; Washington, D.C., 1997) 33-42.

"Enlightenment and Emancipation: Germany Jewry's Formative Age in Comparative Perspective," in Todd Endelman ed., Comparing Jewish Societies (Comparative Studies in Society and History Book Series) (University of Michigan Press, 1997) 89-112. German version: "Juden und Katholiken: Deutsch-jüdische Kultur im Vergleich 1750-1850" in Shulamit Volkov ed., Deutsche Juden und die Moderne: Wieder ein 'Sonderweg'? (Oldenbourg, 1994) 9-30.

"The Internal Dialogue: Judaism and Enlightenment in Moses Mendelssohn's Thought," in Klaus Berghahn ed., The German Jewish Dialogue Reconsidered: A Symposium in Honor of George L. Mosse (New York: Peter Lang, 1996) 25-37.

"Preacher, Teacher, Publicist: Joseph Wolf & the Ideology of Emancipation," in Malino & Sorkin eds., From East and West: Jews in a Changing Europe (Basil Blackwell, 1990), 107-125. Reissued in Profiles in Diversity: Jews in a Changing Europe, 1750-1870 (Wayne State University Press, 1998) 107-125.

"Emancipation's Impact on German Jewry: A Reconsideration," in Jonathan Frankel and Steven Zipperstein eds., Assimilation and Community in European Jewry, 1815-81 (Cambridge University Press, 1992), 177-198

"The Invisible Community: Emancipation, Secular Culture and Jewish Identity in the Writings of Berthold Auerbach," in Jehuda Reinharz and Walter Schatzberg eds., The Jewish Response to German Culture (Hanover, 1985), 100-119.

Published Lectures

"The Count Stanislas de Clermont-Tonnerre's 'To the Jews as a

Nation'; The Career of a Quotation," Jacob Katz Memorial Lecture 2011, Leo Baeck Institute Jerusalem (2012) 45 pages.

"'A Wise, Enlightened and Reliable Piety:' The Religious Enlightenment in Central and Western Europe, 1689-1789," Parkes Institute Pamphlet no. 1, University of Southampton (2002) 27 pages.

"The Spirit of Prussian Jewry: The Dual Legacy of Berlin." Publications of the Braun Chair for Prussian Jewish History, Bar-Ilan University, no. 2 (1993) 13 pages.

Reference

"Emancipation," in Naomi Seidman ed., Oxford Bibliographies in Jewish Studies (online) (New York: Oxford University Press) 40 pages

"Haskalah" & "Mendelssohn" in Alan Kors ed., Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment 4 vols. (Oxford University Press, 2003) 2:186-189 & 3:58-61.

"Moses Mendelssohn," in Deutsche Biographische Enzyklopädie vol. 7 (Saur Verlag, 1998) 58-59.

"1783. The Final Volume of Moses Mendelssohn's edition of the Pentateuch appears," in Yale Companion to Jewish Writing and Thought in German Culture, 1096-1996 (Yale University Press, 1997) 93-100

"Moses Mendelssohn," in Blackwell companion to Jewish Culture since the Eighteenth Century (Oxford, 1989), 510-512.

Textbooks

"Jewish Emancipation in Central and Western Europe," in The Jewish Enigma: An Enduring People (UK: Open University & Peter Halban Publishers, 1992; US: George Braziller, 1993), 81-109.

"Into the Modern World," in Nicholas deLange ed., The Illustrated History of the Jewish People (Canada: Key Porter; USA: Harcourt Brace; UK: Aurum Press; 1997), 199-253

Miscellaneous

"The Enlightenment –Bohemian Style," Afterword to Ivo Cerman, Rita Krueger, Susan Reynolds eds., Man and Morals in Central Europe: The Enlightenment in a Multi-Cultural Milieu (Prague: SVEC, 2011) 295-302.

"Godless Liberals: The Myth of the Secular Enlightenment," Religion Dispatches (October 13, 2008) (on-line journal) 1-4.

"Moses Mendelssohn's First Hebrew Publication: An Annotated Translation of the *Kohelet Mussar*," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 48 (2003) 3-23 trs. Edward Breuer, edited and annotated, Edward Breuer and David Sorkin

Preface ("Zum Geleit") to German translation of Selma Stern, Der Hofjude im Zeitalter des Absolutismus ed. Marina Sassenberg (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2001) iv-v

"Introduction" to reprint of Transactions of the Paris Sanhedrin (University Press of America, 1985), vii-xv.

"Beyond the Émigré Synthesis," Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook 45 (2000) 209-210

Reviews

The Autobiography of Solomon Maimon: The Complete Translation. Edited by Yitzhak Y. Melamed & Abraham P. Socher; Translated by Paul Reitter; With an Afterword by Gideon Freudenthal (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2018) Intellectual History Review (online)

Ulrich L. Lehner & Michael Printy eds., A Companion to the Catholic Enlightenment in Europe (Leiden: Brill, 2010) Rivista di Storia del Cristianesimo (September 2013) 279-87.

Guy Miron, The Waning of Emancipation: Jewish History, Memory and the Rise of Fascism in Germany, France and Hungary (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2011) Central European History (forthcoming).

Marcus Twellmann, ‘Über die Eide’: Zucht und Kritik im Preussen der Aufklärung (Munich: Konstanz, 2010) English Historical Review 127 (October, 2012) 1240-1242

Shmuel Feiner, The Origins of Jewish Secularization in Eighteenth-Century Europe trs. Chaya Naor (Pennsylvania, 2011) Journal of Modern History 84 (June, 2012) 2, 457-9

Eric Nelson, The Hebrew Republic: Jewish Sources and the Transformation of European Political Thought (Harvard, 2010) Journal of Modern History 83 (September 2011) 3, 622-24.

Michael Brocke, Margarete Jäger, Siegfried Jäger, Jobst Paul, Iris Tonks, Visionen der gerechten Gesellschaft: der Diskurs der deutsch-jüdischen Publizistik im 19. Jahrhundert (Böhlau, 2009) Shofar 29 (Spring, 2011) no. 3, 169-71.

Jeffrey D. Burson, The Rise and Fall of Theological Enlightenment: Jean-Martin de Prades and Ideological Polarization in Eighteenth-Century France (Notre Dame University Press, 2010) Journal of Modern History (forthcoming)

Abigail Green, Moses Montefiore: Jewish Liberator, Imperial Hero (Harvard University Press, 2010) in Jewish Review of Books (Summer, 2010) 23-25

Robin Judd, Contested Rituals: Circumcision, Kosher Butchering and Jewish Political Life in Germany, 1843-1933 (Cornell University Press, 2007) in The Forward (November 30, 2007) B1& 3.

Amos Elon, The Pity of it All: A History of the Jews in Germany, 1743-1933 (Metropolitan Books, 2002) in The New Leader (November/December, 2002) 25-6

Edward Breuer, The Limits of Enlightenment: Jews, Germans and the Eighteenth-Century Study of Scripture (Harvard University Press, 1996), Journal of Jewish Studies 48, 1 (1997) 180-81.

Steven Lowenstein, The Berlin Jewish Community: Enlightenment, Family and Crisis, 1770-1830 (Oxford University Press, 1994), Central European History 29, 1 (1996) 129-33.

Michael Berkowitz, Zionist Culture and West European Jewry Before the First World War (Cambridge University Press, 1993), Central European History 26 (1993) 495-7.

Jack Wertheimer, Unwelcome Strangers: East European Jews in Imperial Germany (Oxford, 1987), English Historical Review 105 (1990), 1068.

Mordechai Breuer, Jüdische Orthodoxie im deutschen Kaiserreich (Athenaum, 1986), Studies in Contemporary Jewry 6 (1989), 387-389.

Reinhard Bendix, From Berlin to Berkeley: German-Jewish Identities (Transaction Books) in Theory and Society 17, 2 (1988), 285-291.

Nicholas de Lange, Judaism (Oxford, 1986) Journal of Jewish Studies 38, 1 (1987), 135-37.

Bernard Lewis, Semites and Anti-Semites (Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1986) in Jewish Quarterly 34, 4 (1987), 38-40.

Jacob Katz ed., Towards Modernity: The European Jewish Model (Transaction Books, 1987), Polin, 3, 383-386.

Ritchie Robertson, Heine (Peter Halban, 1988), Journal of Jewish Studies 39, 2 (1988), 284-5.

Hans I. Bach, The German Jew: A Synthesis of Judaism and Western Civilization, 1730-1930 (Oxford University Press) in Conservative Judaism 38 (Spring, 1986), 96-97.

PAPERS:

- 2019 Keynote, "Emanzipation und Recht: Zur Geschichte von Rechtswissenschaft und jüdischer Gleichberechtigung" Forschungskolleg, Bad Homburg
"Between Emancipation and Bildung: Constructing German Jewry," Mosse's Europe: New Perspectives in the History of German Judaism, Fascism, and Sexuality, German Historical Museum, Berlin
- 2018 CUNY-Graduate Center
"Devotion & Relativism," Center for Jewish History, New York
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Lehman Lecture, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
 George Weidenfeld Lecture, Institute for Historical Research, London
 Keynote Lecture, "Liberalism, Anti-Semitism and the Dialectics of
 Inclusion," Oxford University (March 13-14, 2017)
 University of Maryland-College Park
 2016 Judaic Studies Visiting Scholar, Brown University
 Mahan Lecture, U. of South Alabama
 University of Connecticut-Stamford
 2015 CUNY-Graduate Center
 North Carolina-State
 2012 University of Maryland, College Park
 2012 Vanderbilt University
 Taft Lecture, University of Cincinnati
 University College London
 2011 Jacob Katz Memorial Lecture, Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem
 Nemer Lecture, University of Southern California
 Center for European Studies, Yale University
 University of Maryland, College Park
 Kahn Institute, Smith College
 University of Utrecht/University of Rotterdam
 2010 Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study
 Pro-Cultura & Scientia/SCAS: Stockholms Konserthus
 Dutch-Belgian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Keynote)
 Tel Aviv University
 Alexander Grass Lecture, University of Florida
 Harry Elson Memorial Lecture, American Jewish Historical Society
 (Keynote)
 2009 Yves Simon Lecture, Lumen Christi Center, University of Chicago
 Deitchman Family Lectures, Holy Cross College
 Université de Montréal (Centre canadien d'études allemandes et
 européennes)
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- 2008 University of Pennsylvania
 Max Planck Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte, Frankfurt a.M.
 Eugen Täubler Lecture, Hochschule für jüdische Studien, Heidelberg
 Hayes Robinson Lecture, Royal Holloway College, U. of London
 College of Charleston
 Hebrew University (Jerusalem)
- 2007 American Catholic Historical Association, Marquette University
 École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
- 2005 Brown University
 Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture, U. of Toronto
- 2003 All Souls College, Oxford
 St. Antony's College, Oxford
 Oxford Centre for Hebrew & Jewish Studies
 International Conference on Eighteenth-Century Studies (UCLA)
- 2002 Zandtke Lecture, University of Kentucky-Lexington
 European University, Florence
- 2001 Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences (Keynote)
 Hebrew University (Israel)
 Mann Lecture, Ohio State University
 Southampton University (UK) (Keynote)
 Parkes Lecture, Southampton University (UK)
- 2000 Tel Aviv University
 Bar-Ilan University
 Ben Gurion University
 Richard Popkin Lecture, Clark Library, UCLA
- 1999 Leiden University
 University of Pennsylvania
- 1998 Washington & Lee University
 Technische Universität, Berlin
 Meyerhoff Lecture, University of Pennsylvania
 University of California, Berkeley
- 1997 Stein Memorial Lecture, Emory University
 Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften, Vienna

Sherman Lectures, Manchester University (UK)
 Reinfeld Lecture, Connecticut College
 Center for the Humanities, Cornell University
 University of Toronto
 1996 College of William and Mary
 Princeton University
 German Historical Institute, Washington D.C.
 1995 Clark Library, UCLA
 1994 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
 Melton Center for Jewish Studies, Ohio State University
 Clark Library, UCLA
 1993 World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem
 Open History Seminar, Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati
 University of California, Berkeley
 Bronstein Lecture, Indiana University
 1991 Bar-Ilan University, Israel
 C.H. Beck Lecture, University of Munich
 Wiener Library, London
 1990 Historisches Kolleg, Munich
 Webber Memorial Lecture, Society for Jewish Study, London
 Free University, Berlin
 1989 Southampton University
 British Association for Jewish Studies, Cambridge
 1988 Cambridge University
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 1987 Jewish Historical Society of England
 Max Planck Institute, Göttingen
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 1986 Leo Baeck Institute Faculty Colloquium, New York
 1985 American Historical Association, New York
 Centre for European Studies, Harvard University
 1983 International Conference on German Jews, Clark University

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2012- Vice-President, American Academy for Jewish Research
2011- Chair, Academic Advisory Board, Leo Baeck Institute (New York)
2009-11 Editorial Board, Journal of Modern History
2001- Associate Editor, Journal of Modern Jewish Studies
1995-2000 Executive Board, Association for Jewish Studies
1992- Editorial Board, Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook
1990-94 Editorial Board, Jewish Thought and Philosophy
1989-1992 Executive Committee, Leo Baeck Institute, London
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ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:

2015 Acting Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Yale University
2011-14 Jack H. Skirball Director, Center for Jewish Studies, CUNY-Graduate
Center
2003-07 Director, Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison
1999-2011 Chair, George L. Mosse Program, Department of History, UW-
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1993-98 Director, Center for Jewish Studies, UW-Madison