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EDUCATION

2025 (expected)	Yale University , New Haven, CT Ph.D., History (Jewish Studies Program affiliate) <i>Dissertation:</i> “Worthy Citizens: American Jewish Politics in the Age of State Transformation, 1850-1935.” <i>Committee:</i> David Sorkin (chair), Jennifer Klein, Matthew Frye Jacobson, Lila Corwin Berman (NYU) <i>Exam fields:</i> Modern Jewish History (with distinction), U.S. Labor and Political Economy, Race and U.S. Political Culture
2022	M.Phil., History
2021	M.A., History
2018	Tulane University , New Orleans, LA B.A., History and Jewish Studies (Departmental honors, <i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa) Minor: Mathematics

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

2022 “The ‘Theoretical’ Jew Versus the ‘Southern’ Jew: Black Perceptions of Jewish Whiteness in the Nineteenth-Century American South,” *American Jewish History* 106, No. 1 (January 2022): 31-54.

2019 “Free From Proscription and Prejudice: Politics and Race in the Election of One Jewish Mayor in Late Reconstruction Louisiana,” *Southern Jewish History* 22 No. 1 (October 2019): 5-42.

Under Review:

2025 “Probation and Rehabilitation: Jewish Immigrant Crime and the Communalist Origins of Urban Carceral Surveillance, 1900-1940.” Under review at the *Journal of American History*.

Book Reviews and Review Essays:

2025 (Forthcoming) Book review of Shari Rabin, *The Jewish South: An American History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2025). Reviewed for *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*.

2025 (Forthcoming) Book review of Jonathan Karp, ed. *Beyond Whiteness: Revisiting Jews in Ethnic America* (West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2023). Reviewed for *American Jewish History*.

2023 Book review of Ellen Eisenberg, ed., *Jewish Identities in the American West: Relational Perspectives* (Waltham, Ma: Brandeis University Press, 2022). Reviewed for *Annals of Wyoming: The Wyoming History Journal* 95 (Winter 2023).

2023 Book review of Peter M. Wolf, *The Sugar King: Leon Godchaux: A New Orleans Legend, His Creole Slave, and His Jewish Roots* (New York: Bayou Editions, 2022). Reviewed for *Southern Jewish History* 26 (Fall 2023).

2022 Review essay, “Memoirs and Archives: Celebrating the Jews of Atlanta,” of Janice Rothschild Blumberg, *What’s Next?: Southern Dreams, Jewish Deeds and the Challenge of Looking Back While Moving Forward* (Baltimore: Bartleby Press, 2022); Jeremy Katz, ed. *The Jewish Community of Atlanta* (Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2021); Catherine Lewis, Jeremy Katz, and Anna Tucker, *The Temple: The First 150 Years* (Atlanta: The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, 2020). Reviewed in *Southern Jewish History* 25 (Fall 2022).

PEER-REVIEWED TRANSLATIONS

2024 “*Vos I. I. Zinger Hot Gezen In Di Neger Kabareys In Harlem?*” (*Forverts*, 1932). (“What I.J. Singer Saw in the Black Cabarets in Harlem”) *In Geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies* (May 2024), <https://ingeveb.org/texts-and-translations/cabarets>. Translated from Yiddish.
 - Accompanying essay: <https://ingeveb.org/blog/race-uprooted>.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RESEARCH AWARDS

2025-2026 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (9 months), Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)

2024-2025 Sid and Ruth Lapidus Graduate Student Research Fellowship (10 months), Institute for Advanced Research, Center for Jewish History (CJH)

2024-2025 Rose Fellowship (in honor of academic excellence), Yale University

2024 John Morton Blum Fellowship for Graduate Research in American History and Culture, Yale University

2024 Summer Fellowship, Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University

2024 Lawrence J. Kanter Research Grant, Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS)

2024 Merrill Graduate Student Award, Organization of American Historians (OAH)

2024 Charleston Research Fellowship, Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture, College of Charleston

2023 Graduate Research Award, Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University

2023 History Research Travel Grant (Post-Candidacy), Yale

2022-2023 Fein & Lapidus Fellowship, American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS)

2022 Graduate Travel Grant, American Academy of Jewish Research (AAJR)

2021-2022 Starkoff Fellowship, American Jewish Archives (AJA)

2021 History Research Travel Grant (Pre-Candidacy), Yale

2021-2022 Elsa Guttman and Leo Links Fellowship, Yale

2020	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (German), U.S. Dept. of Ed.
2019	Blanche and Oliver Paul Fellowship, Yale University
2018	Maine Historical Bicentennial Fellowship, Maine Historical Society
2018	Montgomery History Award, History Department, Tulane
2018	Walter S. Stern 1905 Memorial Medal (best thesis on American government in Political Science, Economics, or History), Tulane
2018	Kaufman Essay Contest Award (best thesis in Jewish Studies), Jewish Studies Department, Tulane
2017	Liberal Arts Research Grant, Newcomb-Tulane College
2017	Jean Danielson Memorial Grant, Newcomb-Tulane College
2016	Mandel-Palagye Program for Middle East Peace, Tulane University
2016	Summer Research Grant, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CELT), Newcomb-Tulane College
2014-2018	Tulane Presidential Scholarship

TEACHING AND TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

Instructor of Record, Yale College:

Spring 2025	HIST 170J/JDST 365: “American Jewish Citizenship Politics, from Revolution to Civil Rights.” Undergraduate research seminar.
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Teaching Fellow, Yale College:

Fall 2022	HIST 128/GLBL 201/AMST 228: “Origins of U.S. Global Power.” (Professor David Engerman). Pedagogy seminar.
Spring 2022	HIST 119/AFAM 172: “The Civil War and Reconstruction Era, 1845-1877.” (Professor David Blight).
Fall 2021	HIST 252/JDST 340: “Political History of European Jewry, 1589-1897: Emancipation Politics.” (Professor David Sorkin). Writing intensive seminar.

Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning:

Spring 2024	Part Time Acting Instructor, Graduate Writing Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops Taught: “Frame Paper to Publication,” “Dissertation as Practice,” “How to Write an Academic Book Review,” “Writing a Prospectus in the Humanities.”
2021-	Graduate Writing Fellow, Graduate Writing Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Consultant (individual writing consultations for graduate and professional school students) • Writing study hall facilitator (coordinate groups of 50-60 GSAS and professional school students).

Undergraduate Advising, Yale College:

2023-2024	Ella Goldblum, Senior Essay, <i>Construction of Revisionist Zionist Ideology in the Yale Bergson Boys Archives</i> .
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2022- Graduate Affiliate, Grace Hopper College.

INVITED AND GUEST PRESENTATIONS

2025 "Jewish Carcerality in the Age of Citizenship," in conversation with Lila Corwin Berman, Institute for Advanced Research, Center for Jewish History.

2024 "Southern Jewish Politics and the Coming of the New South," hosted by the Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture, College of Charleston.

2024 "Jewish Citizenship Politics in the Era of American State Transformation," Jewish Studies Faculty Seminar, College of Charleston.

2024 "American Jewish Politics through 1876," guest lecture in undergraduate course "American Jewish History" (Prof. Allan Amanik), Brooklyn College.

2022 "Human Rights in the Postwar World, 1945-1951," guest lecture in undergraduate course "Origins of US Global Power" (Prof. David Engerman), Yale University.

2022 "The Nineteenth Century Jewish South," guest lecture in undergraduate course "The Civil War and Reconstruction Era" (Prof. David Blight), Yale University.

2020 "The Jewish-Black Story: A Complicated Relationship of Race, Religion and Foreignness in the American South," lecture and radio interview, invited by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans. (Postponed due to COVID-19)

2020 "Writing in History," Young Alumni Panel, Honors Thesis Forum, Tulane University. (Postponed due to COVID-19)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2025 (forthcoming) ***Panel organizer and chair.** Respondent for book panel Shari Rabin, *The Jewish South: An American History*, Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference, New Orleans. LA.

2024 ***Panel organizer.** "Slavery, War, and the American Jewish Citizenship Reformer," Panel on 'Jewish Citizenship and the State in the Modern Era,' Association for Jewish Studies, online.

2024 "The End of Slavery and the Future of American Jewish Politics," Panel on 'Jews and Slavery in the American South,' Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference, Louisville, KY.

2024 ***Panel organizer.** "Jewish Redeemers and the Coming of the New South," Panel on 'Jews and Public Life in the Civil War Era,' American Jewish Historical Society Biennial Scholars Conference, New York, NY.

2024 ***Panel organizer.** "Probation and Assimilation: Jewish Immigrant Crime and the Communalist Origins of Urban Surveillance," Panel on 'Jewish Politics, Race, and Power in the 20th Century,' Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA.

2024 "Jewish Citizenship in the Age of American State Transformation, 1865-1933," University of Pennsylvania Jewish Studies Graduate Student Conference on "Jews and Political Authority: Citizenship, Homeland, and Diaspora," Philadelphia, PA.

2023 "Crafting Citizenship: Alice Davis Menken, Criminal Surveillance and the Making of American Jewish Citizenship, 1910-1930," Panel on 'Jews Navigating State and Bureaucracy in New York During the Long Nineteenth Century,' *Association for Jewish Studies*, San Francisco, CA.

2023 "Grits and Gefilte Fish: Teaching Southern Jewish History in 2023," Roundtable discussion, *Association for Jewish Studies*, San Francisco, CA.

2022 "Keep the State Far From Us! Isaac Mayer Wise, Reconstruction, and the Jewish Politics of Anti-Federalism," Panel on 'Diaspora Jews Between Nationhood and State Power,' *Association for Jewish Studies*, Boston, MA.

2022 "Bastions of Localism: Mapping Southern Jewish Redemption Politics, 1870-1900," 'Rising Stars of Southern Jewish History' panel, *Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference*, Charleston, SC.

2021 "'Artificiality of color line': Rose Pastor Stokes and the Limits of Black-Jewish Solidarity in Early Twentieth Century America," Panel on 'Race and the Jewish Radical Left,' *Association for Jewish Studies*, Chicago, IL.

2020 "'Hebrew Wanderers in Alien Lands?' Shifting Black Perceptions Toward Jews in the Nineteenth Century South," Panel on 'Jews in the 19th Century American South,' *American Jewish Historical Society Biennial Scholars Conference*, New York, NY. (Conducted online due to COVID-19).

2019 "Jews, Race, and the Democratic Party: Understanding the Jewish Position in Local Politics in Post-Civil War Louisiana and Mississippi," Panel on 'Jews, Race and Southern Politics,' *Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference*, Charlottesville, VA.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2024 "Slavery and American Jewish Citizenship," Center for Jewish History Fellows Workshop, New York.

2024 "Black and Jewish Primary Sources, 1850-1900," Workshop on the African American-Jewish Experience in the United States, Gratz College.

2023 "Probation and Rehabilitation: Jewish Anti-Crime Politics and Progressive Era State Surveillance," Twentieth Century U.S. Working Group, Yale University.

2022 "This Giant, Growing Evil: Anti-Federalism and American Jewish Exceptionalism, 1865-1900," Advanced Graduate Student Summer School, Hebrew University, Israel.

2022 “Isaac Mayer Wise, the American South, and the Postbellum Jewish Politics of Anti-Federalism,” American Jewish Archives Fellowship Seminar, Cincinnati, OH.

2022 “State Matters: Liberalism, Racial Politics, and the Struggle to Define American Jewish Citizenship, 1876-1933,” Twentieth Century U.S. Working Group, Yale University.

2018 “Jewish Mayors in the Reconstruction Era South,” *Honors Thesis Forum*, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES & PUBLIC HUMANITIES

2024 “Race Uprooted: Foreign Observation, American Racism, and American Yiddish Journalism through I.J. Singer’s 1932 ‘Harlem Cabaret,’” essay in *In Gereb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*, <https://ingeveb.org/blog/race-uprooted>.

2019 “The History of the Portland Company,” digital exhibit, Portland Foreside Development Company, Portland, ME. (online publication forthcoming)

2018 *Encyclopedia of Southern Jewish Communities*, Institute of Southern Jewish Life, Jackson, MS:

- “Tampa, Florida,” <https://www.isjl.org/florida-tampa-encyclopedia.html>
- “St. Petersburg, Florida,” <https://www.isjl.org/florida-st-petersburg-encyclopedia.html>.
- “Key West, Florida,” <https://www.isjl.org/florida-key-west-encyclopedia.html>.
- “St. Augustine, Florida,” <https://www.isjl.org/florida-st-augustine-encyclopedia.html>.
- “Tallahassee, Florida,” <https://www.isjl.org/florida-tallahassee-encyclopedia.html>.

2018 *Maine Memory Network*, Maine Historical Society, Portland, ME.

- “Maine’s Road to Statehood,” digital exhibit, <http://bicentennial.mainememory.net/page/4610/display.html>.
- “John Hancock’s Relation to Maine,” <https://www.mainememory.net/sitebuilder/site/2652/page/4260/display.html>

2017 “Festival International de Louisiane,” *KnowLouisiana*, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, New Orleans, LA.

ACADEMIC SERVICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Service to the Profession

2024-25 Program Committee Chair, Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, 2025.

2022- Board of Directors, Southern Jewish Historical Society

- Awards Committee, 2023-

2020- Referee, *Yale Undergraduate Research Journal* (YURJ)

Service to the University & Department

2024- Coordinator, Jewish Studies Faculty and Postdoc Workshop, Yale Jewish Studies Program

2024 Coordinator, Prospectus Writing Group for Humanities Students, Yale Poorvu Center

2022-	Graduate Affiliate, Grace Hopper College, Yale College
2021-2025	Coordinator, Modern Jewish History Colloquium, Yale Jewish Studies Program
2020-2021	Co-president, Andrews Society, Yale History Department
2020-2021	Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Yale History Department
2019-2021	Founder and co-captain, “The Hobsbawmers” (History Department Intramural Softball Team)
2015-2018	Peer Tutor, Tulane Academic Success Center (TASC), Tulane University

Service to the New Haven Community

2019-2023	Volunteer, Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)
2020-2021	Tutor (middle school algebra), Yale Education Tutoring Initiative (YETI)

Colloquia & Working Groups

2024-2025	Institute for Advanced Research, Center for Jewish History Workshop
2023-2025	Study of the Global Far Right (Yale Whitney Humanities Center)
2023-2025	Association for Jewish Studies Dissertation Writing Workshop
2019-2025	Modern Jewish History Colloquium (coordinator)
2021-2023	Twentieth Century U.S. Working Group
2020-2021	Race and Judaism Working Group (Slifka Center)
2019-2021	Racial Capitalism & the Carceral State Working Group

OP-EDS & JOURNALISM

2021	“We Jews Need a Real Reckoning With Our Role in American Racism,” <i>Haaretz</i> , June 17, 2021.
2019	Articles for <i>The Key Reporter</i> , Phi Beta Kappa. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Nicola M. Courtright,” <i>The Key Reporter</i> (print edition). • “Growing Strong with Portland-Based ΦBK Association.” • “Finding Common Ground.” • “ΦBK Visiting Scholar Nicola M. Courtright.” • “ΦBK Visiting Scholar Alfred Spector.” • “NAS Prize-Winner Elizabeth Ainsworth.”

PUBLIC HISTORY & INTERNSHIPS

2019	Historical Consultant, Portland Foreside Development Company, Portland, Maine.
2019	Reporting & Writing Intern, The Phi Beta Kappa Society, Remote.
2018	History Intern, Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, Jackson, Mississippi.
2017	Communications and Writing Intern, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, New Orleans, Louisiana.
2016	Research Library Intern, Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine.
2016	Student Intern, MediaNOLA & New Orleans Historical, New Orleans, Louisiana.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	Advanced Summer School in Judaic Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
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- Five-day fellowship “Crises, Change, and Creativity in the Jewish Experience,” jointly organized by the Katz Center (University of Pennsylvania), the Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (Hebrew University), and the Institute of Jewish Studies (University of Antwerp)

2016 **Institute of Economic and Political Studies**, Cambridge, United Kingdom

- Seminars in Transnational European/American History, Political Economy, Geopolitics, Economic Theory

2016 **Truman Research Institute**, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

- Seminars in Middle Eastern History, Jewish and Arab Studies, Conflict Studies, Political Science

ACADEMIC FEATURES

2019 “Alumni Spotlights,” feature *Footnotes Newsletter*, Tulane Department of History.

2018 “Exploring the Hidden Corners of History,” feature in *The Collegian*, Tulane University, <https://liberalarts.tulane.edu/departments/history/exploring-hidden-corners-history>.

2018 “Students in the News,” feature in *Footnotes Newsletter*, Tulane Department of History

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)
American Historical Association (AHA)
Organization of American Historians (OAH)
American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS)
Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS)

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

Research Languages:

Yiddish (reading proficiency)
 German (reading proficiency)
 Modern Hebrew (basic proficiency)
 French (basic proficiency)

Digital Humanities Software: ArcGIS

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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 Lucy G. Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History
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