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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-Pres. **The Pennsylvania State University**, Department of History and Jewish Studies Program (Assistant Professor)
2017 **Dartmouth College**, Jewish Studies Program (Visiting Brownstone Professor)
2014-2015 **The University of Texas at Austin**, Department of Middle Eastern Studies (Lecturer)

EDUCATION

- 2014 **The University of Texas at Austin**, Department of History, Ph.D. “Reclaiming Their Past: Writing Jewish History in Iran During the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Early Revolutionary Periods (1941-1989)” Committee: Kamran Scot Aghaie (Advisor- UT Austin), Yoav Di-Capua (UT Austin), Mary Neuburger (UT Austin), Cyrus Schayegh (Princeton University), Afshin Marashi (University of Oklahoma)
2008 **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Department of Middle East Studies, M.A.
2006 **Ben Gurion University of the Negev**, Department of Middle East Studies & Department of Jewish History, B.A. (Magna Cum Laude)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2018).

Reviewed in:

H-Net

British Journal of Middle East Studies

Iran and the Caucasus

Middle Eastern Studies

Journal Articles:

“The Origins of Third Worldist Thought in the Middle East.” *Jama’a*, vol. 24 (2019): 75-80 [in Hebrew].

“My Heart is in the East... Where is Jewish Studies?” *AJS Perspectives: The 50th Anniversary Issue: New Vistas in Jewish Studies*, Fall 2018, 38-39.

“Poland Is Not Lost While We Still Live:” The Making of Polish Iran, 1941-45.” *Jewish Social Studies* 23:3, Summer 2018, 101-127.

“Ayam iran dar misr: sifr mosaddiq bih qahirah dar 1951.” *Iran Namag* 3:1, Spring 2018, 151-183. [Translation of my article “Iran Days” in Egypt: Mosaddeq’s Visit to Cairo in 1951 that appeared in *BJMES*]

“Iran Days” in Egypt: Mosaddeq’s Visit to Cairo in 1951.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 43:1, January 2016, 1-20.

“Jewish-Iranian Identities in the Pahlavi Era.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46:3, August 2014, 602-605.

“The Revolution’s Forgotten Sons and Daughters.” *Iranian Studies* 47:6, November 2014, 857-869.

“Yahudiyan faramush shodeh-ye enqelab iran.” *Iran-Nameh* 28:4, Winter 2013, 16-22 [In Persian; This article focuses on the story of the Jewish Hospital in Tehran during the 1979 revolution, which in part is included in my article “The Revolution’s Forgotten Sons and Daughters”].

“Travelling Ideas: Mossadegh and the Anti-Imperialist Struggle in Egypt.” *Jama’a*, vol. 18 (2010): 85-125 [in Hebrew].

Translation from Arabic:

“The Censor’s Oddities.” In *The Arab Renaissance: A Bilingual Anthology of the Nahda*, edited by Tarek El Ariss, 345-53. New York, NY: Modern Language Association of America; Bilingual, 2018.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Iran (pre-1979).” *Sage Encyclopedia of Cultural Sociology* (London: Sage, 2012)

“Islamic Republic of Iran.” *Sage Encyclopedia of Cultural Sociology* (London: Sage, 2012)

Selected Book Reviews:

Al-e Ahmad, Jalal. *The Israeli Republic. An Iranian Revolutionary’s Journey to the Jewish State. Quest: Issues in Contemporary Jewish History*, n.16 December 2019
[url: www.quest-cdecjournal.it/reviews.php?id=150](http://www.quest-cdecjournal.it/reviews.php?id=150)

Phillips-Cohen, Julia. *Becoming Ottomans: Sephardi Jews and Imperial Citizenship in the Modern Era. Hespéris-Tamuda* LII (2) (2017): 389-91

Amanat, Abbas and Farzin Vajdani (eds.). *Iran Facing Others: Identity Boundaries in a Historical Perspective, Iranian Studies*, 46:3. 2013, 502-506.

Tsadik, Daniel. *Between Foreigners and Shi'is: Nineteenth-Century Iran and Its Jewish Minority. H-Mideast-Politics*, H-Net Reviews. May 2012.
<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=36030>

Ram, Haggai. *Iranophobia- The Logic of an Israeli Obsession, Not Even Past* (2011), <http://www.notevenpast.org/read/iranophobia-logic-israeli-obsession-2009>

Selected Outreach Publications:

100 Years of Sephardic Los Angeles

“Iranian Jewish Los Angeles.” In *100 Years of Sephardic Los Angeles*, edited by Sarah Abrevaya Stein and Caroline Luce. Los Angeles: UCLA Leve Center for Jewish Studies, 2020. <http://www.sephardiclosangeles.org/portfolios/iranian-jewish-los-angeles/>

Haaretz

With Menashe Anzi, “Israel is Rewriting the History of Middle Eastern Jews for Propaganda,” *Haaretz Magazine* (print: December 1, 2019; online: December 2, 2019 <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.MAGAZINE-israel-is-rewriting-the-history-of-middle-eastern-jews-for-propaganda-1.8196808/1.8196808>)

History News Network

With Arie Dubnov, “How did November Become the Mizrahi Heritage Month? And What’s a Mizrahi Anyway?” (December 1, 2019)

Informed Comment (juancole.com)

“New Light on the CIA Coup in Iran on its 60th Anniversary: Why “Argo” Needs a Prequel”

“Iran’s President Rouhani and the New Hopes for Diplomacy”

“Let the Palestinians have their “Kaf-Tet Be’November” “

972 Magazine, “In This Room There Is No Islam: The Shah’s Special Relationship with Iran’s Israeli Community”

<http://972mag.com/in-this-room-there-is-no-islam-the-shahs-special-relationship-with-irans-israeli-community/73273/>

Ajam Media Collective, “Pahlavi Iran and Zionism: An Intellectual Elite’s Short Lived Loved Affair with the State of Israel

<http://ajammc.com/2013/03/07/pahlavi-iran-and-zionism-an-intellectual-elites-short-lived-love-affair-with-israel/>

Works under Review:

“Can the Jews Speak? Being a *Kalimi* in the Islamic Republic”- *American Historical Review*

Works in Process:

The Origins of Third-Worldism in the Middle East

Iranian Jewish Diaspora Communities in Israel and the United States

CONFERNCES ORGANIZED

Sept. 9-10/19 World War II and the Middle East: A Symposium Marking the 80th Anniversary of the Outbreak of WWII, Penn State

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 Association of Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA.- *Jewish Iranian History in the 20th Century and the Narrative of Persecution*

2018 Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, MA.- *Iranian Jewish Perceptions of Zionism pre-1948*

2018 Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, TX- *Iran and the Spanish Civil War*

2018 Association for Iranian Studies, Irvine, CA.- *Minorities and the Iranian Left*

2018 The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Tbilisi, Georgia- Iranian Constitution and Religious Redemption: Iranian Jews between the Constitutional Revolution and the Balfour Declaration

2017 Association of Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C.- *Political Zionism, Religious Zionism: Iranian-Jewish Responses to Zionist Ideologies*

2017 Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C.- *The Pahlavi Era as a Golden Age for Jewish Political Activism in Iran*

2017 Institute for Humanities Research and the Center for Jewish Studies, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA.- Radical Jewish Politics Workshop: *Minority Identities and the Iranian Political Sphere*

2017 The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel- International

- Workshop; The Middle East Reconfigured: World History and the Middle East- *The Origins of Third-Worldism in the Middle East*
- 2016 **Association of Jewish Studies**, San Diego, CA.- *The Pahlavi Era: A Golden Age for Jewish Political Activism in Iran*
- 2016 **Middle East Studies Association**, Boston, MA.- *Café Polonia and Cabaret: Reinventing Nightlife in Tehran in the 1940s*
- 2016 **International Society for Iranian Studies**, Vienna, At.- *The Making of Cosmopolitan Tehran During WWII*
- 2015 **Association of Jewish Studies**, Boston, MA.- *Finding a Shelter in Iran and Remaking its Jewish Communities: European and Iraqi Jewish Refugees During WWII*
- 2015 **Middle East Studies Association**, Denver, Co.- *Accenting Iranian Femininity: The Story of Polish Exiles in Iran*
- 2014 **Middle East Studies Association**, Washington D.C.- *Religious Inclusivity and Civilizational Identity: Expanding Iranian Identities along Religious, Ethnic, and Gender Lines*
- 2014 **International Society for Iranian Studies**, Montreal- *Iran is My Homeland, Jerusalem is My Qiblah: Iranian Jews Between Zionist and Iranian Identities*
- 2013 **Middle East Studies Association**, New Orleans- *Jews, Armenians, Communists and Microcosms of Desire in Iran 1941-1953*
- 2013 **Association for Israel Studies**, Los Angeles- *My Iranian Brother's Keeper? The Iranian Jewry and the Zionist Movement During the Pahlavi Era (1941-1979)*
- 2012 **Middle East Studies Association**, Denver- *The Jewish Community in Tehran during the 1979 Revolution*
- 2012 **International Society for Iranian Studies**, Istanbul- *The Unexpected Allies- Mosaddeq and the Israeli Right Wing*
- 2012 **Conference on International History**, Harvard University- *The Revolution's Forgotten Sons*
- 2011 **Middle East Studies Association**, Washington D.C.- *Once We Were Alike*
- 2010 **Middle East Studies Association**, San Diego - *Reading Mossadegh in Cairo*

- 2010 **International Society for Iranian Studies**, Los Angeles - *Between Abadan and Suez: The Rise of Mossadeghism and the Anti-Colonial Struggle in Egypt*
- 2010 **Texas A&M History Graduate Conference**, Texas A&M - *The Hidden Contribution for the Egyptian Revolution*
- 2008 **Methodology and Theory Seminar**, Ben Gurion University - *Traveling Ideas: Mossadegh and the Presentations of the Struggle in the Egyptian Discourse*

Panels Organized:

- 2018 **Association of Jewish Studies**, co-organized with Ethan Katz, Chris Silver, and Alma R. Heckman: Double-Session Roundtable: Multiple Paths: The Emergence of Modern Jewish Politics in the Middle East and North Africa, 1906-1947; Alternatives to Zionism in the Post-1948 Era.
- 2018 **Middle East Studies Association**, co-organized with Alma R. Heckman: The Spanish Civil War and the MENA.
- 2016 **Middle East Studies Association**, Leisure and its Discontents: Contesting Public Practices and Popular Spaces.
- 2016 **International Society for Iranian Studies**, co-organized with Rasmus Christian Elling and Alex Shams: "Histories of Urban Life: Society, Space, and Cosmopolitan Tehran," "Tehran Noir Urbanism: Dark Visions of Life and Death in the Iranian Metropolis," "Gender and Urban Space in Tehran," "Spaces of Development: Urban Planning, Architecture, and Change."
- 2015 **Middle East Studies Association**, "Methodology and Margins: Studying Jewish Histories of the Middle East and North Africa," with: Susan G. Miller, Rami Ginat, Orit Bashkin, and Alma R. Heckman.
- 2014 **Middle East Studies Association**, "Religious Inclusivity and Civilizational Identity: Expanding Iranian Identities along Religious, Ethnic, and Gender Lines," with: Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi, Shahrezad Ahmadi, Menahem Merhavy, and Mina Yazdani
- 2014 **International Society for Iranian Studies**, "Religio-Ethnic Minorities and Iranian Nationalism," with: Camron Michael Amin, Mikiya Koyagi, and Mahyar Entezari
- 2013 **Middle East Studies Association**, New Orleans- panel co-organizer: "Marxist Minorities: Communism in the Mid-Twentieth Century Middle East," with: Alma R. Heckman, Susan Gilson Miller, and Aline Schlaepfer

2012 **Middle East Studies Association**, Denver- “Iranian History- The Minorities’ Version,” with: Juan Cole, Mehrdad Amanat, and Haideh Sahim

INVITED SPEAKER

Oct. 2019 Yale University, “Ghetto or Mahalleh? Historiographical Challenges in the Study of Iranian-Jewish History.”

Sept. 2019 Princeton University, Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies. “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism.”

June 2019 University of Bamberg, Germany. “Ghetto or Mahalleh? Historiographical Challenges in the Study of Iranian-Jewish History.”

June 2019 Jeruzalemska Synagogue, Prague, CZ. “Iranian Jewish Life in the 21st Century: Caught Between Two Homelands.”

May 2019 Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies. “Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran.”

Apr. 2019 UC Santa Barbara, Department of History; Jewish Studies Program. “Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran.”

Apr. 2019 UCLA, School of Musicology. “Reclaiming Their Place in the Nation: Jewish-Iranian Histories of the 20th Century.”

Apr. 2019 The University of Oklahoma, Norman. “Mahaleh or Ghetto? The Challenges of Writing a Jewish History of Iran.”

Apr. 2019 Brandeis University, “Revolutionary Jews: The Politicization of the Iranian Jewish Communities in the Twentieth Century.”

Apr. 2019 Tufts University, “Revolutionary Jews: The Politicization of the Iranian Jewish Communities in the Twentieth Century.”

Mar. 2019 The University of Washington, Seattle. The Afrassiabi Distinguished Lecture Series. “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism”.

Feb. 2019 University of Pennsylvania, The Middle East Center, “Minorities and the Revolution.” The Iranian Revolution at 40.

Dec. 2018 University of Copenhagen, The Turban Times Magazine, NASIM, “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism”

- Nov. 2018 The University of Texas at Austin, Dept. of Middle East Studies, “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism”
- Nov. 2018 Austin Jewish Book Festival, “Between Iran and Zion: Jewish Histories of Twentieth Century Iran”
- Oct. 2018 University of Pennsylvania, The Middle East Center, “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism”
- Oct. 2018 Kent State University, Jewish Studies Program: “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism”
- Oct. 2018 Youngstown State University, Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies: “Iranian Jews in the Twentieth Century: Between Iranian Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism”
- Apr. 2018 UC Riverside, Department of History, “Iran and Israel: From Intimate Alliance to Fierce Animosity”
- Apr. 2018 UCLA Averroës Lectures on Jewish Communities in Muslim Lands, “Between Equal Citizenship and the Promise of Redemption: Iranian Jewish Identity at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”
- Feb. 2018 New York University, Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies, “Teaching the Israel-Palestine Conflict”
- Feb. 2018 New York University, Iranian Studies Initiative, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, “The Jews and the Iranian Nation Building Projects of the 20th Century”
- May 2017 UC San Diego, Department of Literature, Third World Studies, and Religion, “The Iranian Nation-Building Projects of the 20th Century: The Place and Role of Religious Minorities”
- Apr. 2017 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Asian Studies, “Iran and Israel: From Intimate Alliance to Fierce Animosity”
- Feb. 2017 UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA Department of History, UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, “The Jews and the Iranian Nation-Building Projects of the 20th Century”
- Dec. 2016 Department of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, “Nationalism, Communism, and Zionism: Writing Jewish History in Iran in the Twentieth Century”

- Sept. 2016 Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “The Making of Cosmopolitan Tehran During WWII”
- Sept. 2016 Center for Global Studies, Penn State University, “Fifty Shades of Zionism: Iranian Jews and Israel”
- Aug. 2013 Center for Jewish History, NYC, “The Jewish Community in Iran from 1941 until the Revolution”
- Sept. 2011 Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, “The Revolution’s Forgotten Sons”
- Jan. 2010 Austin Jewish Community Center, “Iran- A Very Short Introduction,”

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-20 Faculty Fellow, **Penn State Humanities Institute**
- 2017 Emerging Scholars Forum, **Israel National Academy of Sciences and Humanities**
- 2017 Fellowship Grant, **Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture**
- 2016 Career Development Award, **Center for Global Studies, Penn State University**
- 2014 Dissertation Summer Fellowship, **Department of History, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2013 Professional Development Award, **Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2013 Research Fellowship, **Fred and Ellen Lewis JDC Archive Fellowship**
- 2013 Research Grant, **Iran Heritage Foundation**
- 2010-14 Churchill Fellowship, **British Studies Program, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2012-13 Dissertation Fellowship, **Department of History, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2013 Graduate Research Grant, **Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2012 Conference Travel Grant, **International Society for Iranian Studies**

- 2012 Conference Travel Grant, **Association for Israel Studies**
- 2011 Pre-dissertation Departmental Summer Fellowship, **Department of History, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2010 Fellowship for Language Studies, **The Society of Iranian American Women for Education**
- 2010, 2012 Dora Bonham Prize, **Department of History, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2009-2010 Recruiting Fellowship, **Department of History, University of Texas at Austin**
- 2008 Scholarship for Academic Excellence, **The Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy**
- 2006 Honorable Mention for Academic Achievements, **Department of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University**
- 2005 Honorable Mention for Academic Achievements, **Department of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2019 **The Israel-Palestine Conflict** (Penn State)
- Spring 2019 **Jewish Histories of the Middle East** (Penn State)
- Fall 2018 **The Contemporary Middle East** (Penn State)
- Fall 2018 **Modern Iran** (Penn State)
- Spring 2018 **Modern Iran: History, Religion, Society** (Ben Gurion University)
- Fall 2017 **Decolonization and the Emergence of Third Worldism-** Graduate Seminar (Ben Gurion University)
- Summer 2017 **Jerusalem: A Political History** (Dartmouth College)
- Spring 2017 **War in Early Modern and Modern World-** Graduate Seminar (Penn State University)
- Spring, Fall 2016 **The Contemporary Middle East** (at Penn State University)
- Spring, Fall 2016 **The Israel-Palestine Conflict** (at Penn State University)

Fall 2015, Spring 2017 **History of Zionism** (at Penn State University)

Spring 2015 **Jewish Histories of the Middle East** (at UT Austin)

Fall 2014 **Iran, Iranian Jews, and Israel** (At UT Austin)

Summer 2013 **Introduction to Medieval Middle East** (at UT Austin)

Summer 2012, 2014 **Introduction to Modern Middle East** (at UT Austin)

Spring 2009 **Cold War and Resistance in the Middle East and Beyond**, (at Achva College and Sapir College, Israel).

Language Instruction:

Spring 2015 **Intensive Hebrew HEB 611**(At UT Austin)

Fall 2014 **Intensive Hebrew HEB 601**(At UT Austin)

SERVICE AND COMMITTEES

2020- Institutional Trustee, *American Institute of Iranian Studies*

2019- Editorial Board Member, *The European Journal of Jewish Studies*

2018- Chair, Committee of Middle East Studies at Penn State University

2017 Association for Iranian Studies, Chair of the Nominating Committee (for president-elect, two board members, and a student representative)

2017- Research grant application reviewer- Israel Science Foundation (ISF); Leverhulme Trust (UK)

2016 The Jewish Studies Program, Penn State University. Chair of Search Committee

2016- College of Liberal Arts Committee on Curricular Affairs, Penn State University

2015- Open Hillel- Academic Council

2015- Partington Award Committee, Middle East Librarian Association

2015- Faculty of the Graduate School, Penn State University

2015-2017 Department of History Policy Committee, Penn State University

- 2015- Manuscript reviewer for the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *British Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Jewish Social Studies*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *European Journal of Jewish Studies*, and *The New Orient* (Ha'mizrah Ha'hadash/ Hebrew)
- 2010-2013 Co-Founder and Co-Organizer of the *University of Texas Middle East History Lecture Series*, at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2006-2009 Editorial Board Coordinator of the *Jama'a Interdisciplinary Journal for Middle East Studies*

LANGUAGES

Hebrew	Native Fluency
English	Fluent
Persian	Advanced
Arabic	Advanced

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
International Society for Iranian Studies
Middle East Studies Association
The Middle East and Islamic Studies Association of Israel
Association for Israel Studies
Association for Jewish Studies
The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies