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EDUCATION

University of California-Los Angeles, College of Letters & Science

Ph.D. in Comparative Literature (September 2015-present)
Certificate in Experimental Critical Theory

Master of Arts in Comparative Literature (June 2017)

Northwestern University, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Evanston

Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in English Literature and African American Studies, magna cum laude (June 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Articles

“Improbable Spectacles: White Supremacy, Christian Hegemony, and the Dark Side of the *Judenfrage*,” in *Studies in American Jewish Literature*, Special Issue, eds. Neil Levi and Michael Rothberg (Forthcoming)

“Splattering the Object: Césaire, Nazi Racism, and the Colonial” in *Caribbean-Jewish Crossings: Atlantic Literature and Theory*, eds. Sarah Phillips Casteel and Heidi Kaufman, Brill Publishers (Forthcoming)

“James Baldwin’s Black Critique of Jewish Whiteness” in *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, eds. Elad Lapidot and Hannah Tzuberi (Forthcoming)

Criticism

“A Reluctant Bricolage of the Sublime and the Popular: Eliyahu Fatal’s ‘Broken Cisterns,’” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (April 15, 2019)

“Why We Still Need Intersectionality,” *The Forward* (May 17, 2018)

“Liberation Utopias: Houria Bouteldja on Feminism, Anti-Semitism, and the Politics of Decolonization,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (April 5, 2018)

“*Call Me By Your Name*: Gorgeous, But Is It Gay?,” *The Advocate* (January 5, 2018)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship (Summer 2019)
The Center for European and Russian Studies, University of California-Los Angeles

UCLA Fritz, Jenny and Gustav Berger Fellowship in Holocaust Studies (2018-2019)
Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California-Los Angeles

Chaskel & Sara Roter Summer Research Travel Grant (Summer 2018)
Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California-Los Angeles

Bluma Appel Research Travel Grant (2018)
Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California-Los Angeles

Graduate Research Mentorship (2017-2018)
University of California-Los Angeles
“Anti-Judaism in Marxist Thought,” Advisor: Katsuya Hirano

Philip and Aida Siff Educational Foundation Scholarship (2017-2018)

UCLA Faculty Women’s Club Scholarship (2017-2018)

Komar-Shideler Graduate Fellowship (Summer 2017)

Department of Comparative Literature, University of California-Los Angeles

Chaskel & Sara Roter Summer Research Travel Grant (Summer 2017)
Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California-Los Angeles

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (Summer 2016)
University of California-Los Angeles
"Marx's Jewish Question," Advisor: Gil Hochberg

Bluma Appel Research Travel Grant (2016)
Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California-Los Angeles

Summer Departmental Fellowship (Summer 2016)
Department of Comparative Literature, University of California-Los Angeles

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

"Of white ethnographers, Holocaust survivors, and colonized Africans: *Chronique d'un été's* Imperial Gaze"
Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, MA (December 16-18, 2018)

"White Hegemony, Christian Hegemony, and the Dark Side of the Jewish Question"
Race-Religion-Secularism Network Conference, University of Amsterdam (October 21-23, 2018)

"Whiteness and Christendom: James Baldwin's Figure of the Jew"
Jewish Friends: Contemporary Figures of the Jew, Freie Universität Berlin (October 16-18, 2017)
Respondent: Daniel Boyarin, University of California-Berkeley

"Black Studies, Decolonial Thought, and Jews"
American Comparative Literature Conference, University of Utrecht (July 6-9, 2017)

"Cesaire, the Holocaust and the Colonial"
American Comparative Literature Conference, Harvard University (March 17-20, 2016)

Conferences Organized

Comparative Literature Graduate Student Conference: Forms of Power and the Power of Forms, University of California-Los Angeles
(May 25-27, 2017)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Leo Baeck Summer University 2018: Jewish Studies and Gender Research (July 16-27, 2018)
Selma Stern Zentrum für Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Decolonizing Knowledge and Power Summer School (July 2-12, 2018)
Dialogo Global, Barcelona, Spain

Jewish Activism Summer School (July 31-August 20, 2017)
University of Potsdam, Berlin, Germany

Max and Hilde Kochmann Summer School in European Jewish History and Culture (July 2-5, 2017)
University of Sussex, Falmer, England

Kent Summer School in Critical Theory (June 13-24, 2016)
University of Kent Paris School of Arts and Culture, Paris, France
Seminar: James Martel, "How to be a bad subject: misinterpellation and the anarchisation of the soul"

Yeshivat Darche Noam/David Shapell College of Jewish Studies (2014-2015)
Jerusalem

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

PROTOCOLS

www.prtcls.com

A journal for provocative Jewish arts and politics

Founder and Editor-in-Chief (2017-present)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jewish Activism Summer School, University of Potsdam, Berlin

Teacher, Theoretical and Practical Approaches to Historical Responsibility: Violence, Justice, and Reparation (Summer 2018)

University of California-Los Angeles

Teaching Assistant, Survey of Literature: Great Books from the World at Large (Spring 2017)

Teaching Assistant, Survey of Literature: Great Books from the World at Large (Winter 2017)

Teaching Assistant, Survey of Literature: Middle Ages to 17th Century (Fall 2016)

Teaching Assistant Program in France, Orleans, France

English Teacher, Lycée Henri Gaudier-Brzeska (2013-2014)

English Teacher, Lycée Marguerite Audoux (2013-2014)

LANGUAGES

French (Reading: Fluent; Speaking: Fluent; Writing: Fluent)

Rabbinic Hebrew (Reading: Fluent; Speaking: N/A; Writing: Fluent)

Modern Hebrew (Reading: Good; Speaking: Good; Writing: Good)

Yiddish (Reading: Good; Speaking: Good; Writing: Good)

AFFILIATIONS

Selma Stern Zentrum Für Jüdische Studien Berlin-Brandenburg

Berlin, Germany (2017-present)