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Curriculum Vitae

The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies,
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Academic Appointments

- 2023-present Assistant Professor of Instruction & Assistant Director, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2022-2023 Lecturer & Assistant Director, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2019-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2018-2019 Visiting Lecturer, the Department of History, University of Limerick.

Education

- 2019 PhD, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- 2012 M.A, *Summa Cum Laude*, Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
- 2009 B.A, Middle Eastern Studies, Gender Studies & Jewish History, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.

Publications

Book:

Leisure, Pleasure, and Fun in Mandate Palestine. Forthcoming. Book chapters under preparation for Cambridge University Press.

Articles:

‘Women entrepreneurs in the entertainment industry of Mandatory Palestine.’ Article under preparation for *Cultural and Social History Journal*.

‘Screening Identity: Palestinian National Culture and Intercommunal Dynamics in Haifa's Cinematic Landscape.’ *Palestine/Israel Review*, October 2024, <https://doi.org/10.5325/pir.2.1.0002>.

‘Making Waves – Arabs and Jews on the Beaches of Mandate Haifa’, *Revue d'histoire culturelle (XVIIIe-XXIe siècles)*, April 2021, <https://doi.org/10.4000/rhc.957>.

'Changing Texture of Childhood: Palestinian Children as New Leisure Consumers in Mandatory Haifa,' *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, December 2019: 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13530194.2019.1699776>.

'Constructing Modern Identity - New Patterns of Leisure and Recreation in Mandatory Palestine,' *Contemporary Levant*, 4:1, (March 2019): 75-90. <https://doi.org/10.1080/20581831.2019.1594612>.

Chapter:

'Cultural Diplomacy in Mandatory Haifa: The Role of Christian Communities in the Cultural Transformation in the City', in: Sanchez Karène and Zananiri, Sary (Eds.), *European Cultural Diplomacy and Arab Christians. Between Connection and Contention, 1918-1948* (Leiden: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020), pp. 127-150.

Book reviews:

Dylan Baun, *Winning Lebanon: Youth Politics, Populism, and the Production of Sectarian Violence, 1920–1958*, *Critical Inquiry*, August 2022.

M.M. Silver, *Zionism, and the Melting Pot: Preachers, Pioneers, and Modern Jewish Politics, American Jewish History*, Volume 105, Number 4, October 2021, pp. 585-587

Yaron Ran, *The Arabist: Eliyahu Sasson and the Zionist Struggle Against the Arab Revolt. Bustan: The Middle East Book Review*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (Spring 2020): 82-88.

Kamal Moed, *A Human Being, God Willing. Khalil al-Sakakini – An Educational Biography, 1878-1953. The New East*, Vol. 58 (May 2019): 166-168. (Hebrew)

Media:

'The Nakba: six basic and proven facts that we all need to know,' *Haaretz*, 15 May 2023.

'Shared Escapism - Jews and Arabs in the Cinema Palaces of the Mandate Era,' *the Social History Workshop* on *Haaretz* Newspaper's website, 23 December 2019. (Hebrew)

'The Children of Back Then: Disney, Playgrounds and the Future of the Nation,' *the Social History Workshop* on *Haaretz* Newspaper's website, 12 April 2021. (Hebrew)

Scholarships, Grants and Awards

2025	Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellow
2025	Career Development and Writing Support Grant, Northwestern University
2024	Weinberg course enhancement grant, Northwestern University
2023	Weinberg course enhancement grant, Northwestern University
2020	The Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies (AMECYS), the AMECYS 2020 Early Career Article Award.

2019	The Middle East and Islamic Association of Israel (MEISAI) Ph.D. Dissertation Award
2017-2016	Thomas Arthur Arnold Scholarship for Excellence in History.
2015	The Annual Methodological Workshop for Excellent PhD Candidates, The Institute for Research on Eretz Israel, Yad Itzhak Ben-Zvi, Jerusalem.
2015-2012	ISEF Foundation Grant for Excellent Doctoral Candidates.
2014	Graduate School of Historical Studies Scholarship.
2013	Provost Fellow Scholarship, Tel-Aviv University.
2012	President Scholarship for Excellence, Tel-Aviv University.

Invited Lectures

Oct. 2024	'Cultural Entwinement and Transformation,' Chicago Humanities Festival.
May 2024	'Arab-Jews Before & After Israeli Statehood,' The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, MENA Studies Program, and the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University.
Oct. 2023	'Teach-In: Israel-Hamas War,' Northwestern University.
Mar. 2023	'Children and Childhood in British Mandate Palestine,' Annual Seminar, Department of Linguistic and Cultural Studies, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy.
Feb. 2023	'Childhood in Transformation: Children,' Consumption, and Nationalism in Mandate Palestine, MENA Colloquium, Northwestern University.
Jun. 2023	'Oral History and Photo Collections as a Window into Daily Lives of Children in Palestine, 1918-1948,' University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
Jun. 2022	'Palestinian youth in the political life of Mandate Palestine,' Imperial Youths in the 19th and 20th Centuries conference, University of Konstanz, Germany.
Dec. 2021	'Local Archives and the Craft of Memory,' The University of Chicago and the University of Illinois.
Oct. 2021	'Breaking barriers: Intercultural Encounters in British Mandate Palestine,' The Greater Washington Jewish History Colloquium, The George Washington University.
May 2021	'Mixed Cities in Israel: Bridges and Walls,' The Gabriel Bar Forum, The Middle East and Islamic Association of Israel.

May 2021	'Friends, Neighbors, Foes: A Cultural History of Jewish-Arab Relations in Palestine/Israel, 19 th -21 st centuries, <i>Revue d'histoire Culturelle</i> special volume launch, via Zoom.
Apr. 2021	'Breaching the National Boundaries: Jews and Arabs in Mandate Palestine Leisure Scene,' Jewish and Israel Studies Graduate Cluster, Northwestern University.
Jan. 2021	'Politicization of Leisure and Mass Media in the Modern Middle East,' Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Haifa, Israel, via Zoom.
May 2018	'The Reception of the Holocaust in Palestinian Culture and Society,' Near & Middle Eastern Studies, Trinity College, Dublin.
Nov. 2018	'From Women to Gender History in the Middle East,' Graduate program, The Department of History, University of Limerick, Ireland.
Oct. 2018	'Oral History in the Study of Palestinian Society: Methods and Practices,' an Oral history workshop at the Department of History, University of Limerick, Ireland.
Oct. 2017	'Representation of the Holocaust in Israeli Popular Culture,' Department of History, Trinity College, Dublin.
Nov. 2014	'The Arabic and Hebrew Press as Mirroring Inter-Communal Interactions during the Mandate Period,' Department of History of the Middle East and Africa, Tel Aviv University.
Dec. 2013	'Women's Role in Political Life in Late Ottoman and Mandate Palestine,' <i>The Palestinians - History, Society, Culture Workshop</i> , The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University.

Conference and Panel Organization

2024	'Oct. 7 One Year Later: Currents in Israeli Society,' Northwestern University.
2024	'Israel & Palestine Joint Speaker Series: Exploring Fundamental History.' The Crown Family Center for Jewish and Israel Studies, MENA Studies Program, and the Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University.
2024	'Israel's Black Panthers,' Northwestern University.
2022	'New Books in Israel/Palestine Studies,' Series of Four Events, Northwestern University.
2021	'Arab-Jewish Culture, Identity, and Language - Past and Present,' Series of Five Events, Northwestern University.
2020	'Reframing Childhood in the Modern Middle East,' <i>MESA</i> [Middle East Studies Association] <i>Annual Meeting</i> , via Zoom.

- 2018 'Interactions and Reciprocal Relations between Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine,' *WOCMES* [World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies], Seville, Spain.
- 2014 'Unpacking the Mandate: The Global Interactions of Mandatory Palestine,' *BRISMES* [British Society for Middle Eastern Studies], *The Middle East in Global Perspective*, Brighton, UK.

Selected Conference Papers

- Jun. 2023 'Finding Children and Childhood in Non-Textual Sources,' the 2023 SHCY [Society for the History of Children and Youth] conference, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
- Oct. 2021 'The Role of Cinema in the Construction of Palestinian National *Cultural Capital*,' the 53rd Biennial Convention of German Historians, via Zoom.
- Oct. 2020 'Childhood, Leisure and Nationalism in British Mandate Palestine' *MESA* [Middle East Studies Association] *Annual Meeting*, via Zoom.
- Mar. 2019 'Cultural Diplomacy in Mandatory Haifa: The Role of Christian Communities in the Cultural Transformation in the City.' *'Crossroads. European cultural diplomacy and Arab Christians in Palestine*. Leiden, Netherlands.
- July 2018 'Cultural Imitation, Rejection and Competition between Arabs and Jews in Palestine before 1948,' *WOCMES* [World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies], Seville, Spain
- Nov. 2017 'We also Lived a Little: Leisure and Recreation of Ordinary Palestinians; Women, Children and Workers, 1920-1948', *MESA* [Middle East Studies Association] *Annual Meeting*, Washington DC.
- May 2015 'Cultural Networks in the Middle East: Haifa, Jaffa, Beirut, Cairo and Alexandria during the First Half of the 20th Century, *Haifa in Hebrew, Haifa in Arabic Conference*, Van Leer Institute & Haifa University, Israel.
- June 2014 'Cultural Analysis of Center-Periphery Relations in the Middle East,' *BRISMES* [British Society for Middle Eastern Studies], *The Middle East in Global Perspective*, Brighton, UK.
- Nov. 2014 'Disrupting the Social Order: Palestinian Women in Urban Domains during the Mandate Period,' *MESA* [Middle East Studies Association] *Annual Meeting*, Washington DC.
- Oct. 2013 'Under the Radar: Arab and Jews Crossing Social Boundaries in Mandatory Palestine,' *MESA* [Middle East Studies Association] *Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.

Panel Chair

- Jun. 2021 'Transformation of the Child Raising Practices in the first half of the 20th century,' SHCY [Society for the History of Children and Youth] conference, Galway, Ireland.
- Nov. 2019 'Zionist Settlers and the Palestine/Israel Conflict,' MESA [Middle East Studies Association] *Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.
- Nov. 2019 'Medicine on the Move: Medical Agents Crossing Borders,' MESA [Middle East Studies Association] *Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.

University and Disciplinary Service

- 2024-5 HEFNU [Holocaust Educational Foundation of Northwestern University] Advisory Board Member, Northwestern University.
- 2024-5 Chair of the Jewish Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Northwestern University.
- 2024-5 Member of a Search Committee for a Post-doc in Israel Studies at the Crown Family Center
- 2024 First Year Advisor, Weinberg College, Northwestern University.
- 2022-present Director of Undergraduate Studies, Jewish and Israel Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2024- present Editorial Board Member, Peer-Reviewed Journal 'Israel'
- 2024 PhD Referee: Yamit Shimon, *Spaces of Hope, Reimagining Haifa Al-Jadida*, Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.
- 2024 Book Proposal Referee: Kobby Barda, *Jerry Falwell, Liberty University, Church Planting and the Rise of Christian Zionism in the United States*, Anthem Press.
- 2019-2025 Article Referee: *Palestine/Israel Review*, *Jerusalem Quarterly*, *Zmanim: A Historical Quarterly*, *Hamizrah Hahadash* (The New East).

International Research Activity

- 2022-present Member of the international research group, 'Cosmopolitan Haifa – Past and Present.'
- 2018-2020 Member of the interdisciplinary research group, Crossroads. European Cultural Diplomacy and Arab Christians in Palestine. A Connected History during the Formative Years of the Middle East (1918-1948)', Leiden University, Netherlands.
- 2012-present Member of The Inter-University Forum for Mandate Scholars: The Chaim Weizmann Institute for the Study of Zionism and Israel, Tel Aviv University & Herzl

Institute for Research and Study of Zionism and History, Haifa University & Tel Aviv University, Israel.

2015-2016 Co-Coordinator of Rubin-Forum, The School of Historical Studies' forum for lectures and debates, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

2013 Founder and coordinator of a graduate-students' workshop – 'New Studies in the Social and Cultural History of the Middle East, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

Instruction

Northwestern University

2025 The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict - Competing Narratives

2025 The Holocaust and its memory in Israel

2024 Leisure and Popular Culture in 20th Century Palestine/Israel

2024 First-Year Seminar: Daily life in Israel/Palestine

2024 MENA Jewry: History, Society, Culture.

2024 The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict - Competing Narratives

2023 The Holocaust and its memory in Israel

2023 Jews and Arabs in Palestine/The Land of Israel, 1880-1948

2022 First-Year Seminar: Daily life in Israel/Palestine

2022 Leisure and Popular Culture in 20th Century Palestine/Israel

2021 The Holocaust and its memory in Israel

2021 Leisure and Popular Culture in 20th Century Palestine/Israel

2020 Jews and Arabs in Palestine/The Land of Israel, 1880-1948

University of Limerick

2019 Introduction to the Modern Middle East

2019 Contesting the Past; Historical Methods, Practices, and Sources. (M.A)

2018 Understanding the Holocaust in the Twentieth Century.

2018 Historiography: Theories, Concepts, and Trends. (M.A)

Mentoring/Advising

Northwestern:

Maayan Abuazglo, "Outsiders in the Promised Land: Young Adult Mizrahi Identity in Israel," SESP Honors program.

Monica Haddad, "Palestinian Women in Politics and the Public Sphere During the British Mandate," JS Independent Study.

University of Limerick (Final Year Project):

Annmarie Campbell, "Portrayals of the Past: Holocaust Representations in Hollywood Films."

Emma Taylor, 'Crime and Punishment in the Third Reich: Assessing the Role of Fear and Rebellion among German Citizens in 1944-1945.'

Rachel West, 'Money, Religion or Moral obligation? Rescue of Jews during the Holocaust.'

Zoe West, 'Leni Riefenstahl: Image Versus Reality.'

Public Engagement

Apr. 2025 'Understanding Zionism(s)', Adult Education Program, Beth Emet, Evanston, IL.

Mar. 2025 'Navigating Identities: Arab-Jews and Zionism Before and After 1948,' KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation.

Jun. 2022 'Intercultural Encounters between Jews and Arabs in Mandatory Palestine,' NU Hillel Faculty Luncheon.

Oct. 2021 Intercommunal relations in pre-1948 Israel, Series of Lectures at the Adult Education Program, Beth Emet, Evanston, IL.

Oct. 2020 Arab-Jews: History and Culture, Series of Lectures at the Adult Education Program, Beth Emet, Evanston, IL.

Feb. 2020 Open Workshop at Hillel NU Society: Jewish Identity and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

2018 Initiating and Leading an annual collaboration between the Department of History at the University of Limerick and Yad Vashem's International School of Holocaust Studies in Jerusalem.

Professional Development

Jul.-Aug. 2022 Practicum in Foundations of Teaching, Northwestern University.

2021 Creating an Inclusive Learning Environment, series of workshops, the Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University.

2020 Active Learning and Teaching, series of workshops, the Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University.

2018 Active Learning - Strategies and Tools, annual training, The Center for Transformative Learning, University of Limerick.

Professional Affiliation

Middle East Studies Association

Association for Israel Studies

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies

The Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies

Society for the History of Children and Youth

The Middle East and Islamic Association of Israel

Leisure Studies Association

American Historical Association

Other Employment Experience

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| 2018 | 'Flowers for Peace' (Italy), bi-national dialog project for Israeli and Palestinian students - Coordinator and Group Facilitator . |
| 2013-2016 | 'To Know' (Israel), organizational consulting company for medical staff in hospitals - Lecturer and Workshops Facilitator . |
| 2014-2015 | 'Bina' (Israel), The Jewish Movement for Social Change, working with students from underrepresented backgrounds - Lecturer and Group Facilitator . |
| 2010-2014 | 'The Arab-Jewish Center in Jaffa' (Israel) - Director of Youth Division . |
| 2010-2012 | 'ISEF' (Israel), International Scholarship Education Foundation, Leadership Program Director of first-generation students at Tel Aviv University. |
| 2009-2011 | Amnesty International (Israel), Course Developer and Lecturer . |
| 2009 | 'Breaking Barriers' (Germany), bi-national dialog project for young Palestinians and Israelis - Course Developer and Group Facilitator . |
| 2009 | Neve Shalom School & the Department for Gender Studies at Ben-Gurion University (Israel) - Lecturer and Coordinator of bi-national empowerment course for Bedouin and Mizrahi women from the Negev. |

Languages

Hebrew: Native

English: Fluent

Arabic: Reading (fluent)

Italian: Basic proficiency

Spanish: Basic proficiency