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Education

- Ph.D. Student – Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2016 – Present
Minor: Program in Gender and Women’s History – Advisor: Dr. Amos Bitzan
- MA in History – May 2016 – University of Nebraska at Omaha
- BA in History – August 2013 – University of Wyoming – ΦBK, *scl*

Fellowships

- Holocaust Educational Foundation and Northwestern University Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Life, 2017
- George L. Mosse Distinguished Graduate Fellow in Modern Jewish History, UW-Madison, 2016-2017
- George and Virginia Dare Shuflata Fellow, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2015-2016
- McNair Scholar, University of Wyoming, Supervisor: Dr. David A. Messenger, 2011-2013

Areas of Research Interest

- Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- European Jewish History
- Modern Germany
- The Second World War

Language Proficiencies

- German
- Yiddish

Publications

“To Sell Your Life at a Higher Price: Social and Spatial Networks of Resistance at Treblinka.”
M.A. Thesis, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2016. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses
(10076288).

“Amidah and Treblinka: Extermination Camp Survival as Agentic Resistance.” In *Selected Proceedings of the 39th Annual European Studies Conference*. University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE: University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2015.

“Frontline Perpetrators of the Holocaust: Ideology and Motivation Amongst Participants in the Field.” In *McNair Scholars Program - 3rd Annual McNair Scholars Conference*. Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California: McNair Scholars Program, 2012.

“Moving Beyond Knowledge and Awareness in Diversity Education: Back and Forth Process.”
With Jenna Min Shim, Robert Morgan, and Adam Schaefer. *Education in Democracy: A Journal of the NNER* 5 (October 2013).

Media

Several articles in the *Madison Jewish News*, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2017 – Present

“The Confederate Flag Is Out – So Why Is Holocaust Denial Still in at Amazon?” *History News Network*, October 30, 2015.

“Amazon Hypocritical on Hate Speech.” *Omaha World-Herald*, The Public Pulse. October 26, 2015.

Research and Scholarly Experience

2015-2016

George and Virginia Dare Shufleta MA Thesis Fellow – History Department, UNO – Committee Chair: Dr. Moshe Gershovich, members: Dr. Bruce Garver, Dr. Christina Dando, and Dr. Waitman Beorn, Lecturer, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia.

January – May 2015

Graduate Research Assistant – History Department, UNO, Supervisors: Dr. Waitman Beorn, UVA, and Dr. Elaine Nelson, UNO.

- Aid in archival research and primary source gathering for two monograph projects
- Translate German language primary source documents as required

2011-2013

McNair Scholar – Research Intern

University of Wyoming, Department of History, Mentor/Supervisor: Dr. David A. Messenger, History Department, University of South Alabama.

- Research Paper: Frontline Perpetrators of the Holocaust: Ideology and Motivation amongst Participants in the Field.

Academic and Professional Experience

2017 – Present

Project Assistant – Mosse / Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, UW-Madison

2017 – Present

Reader/Grader – History/Jewish Studies 224: Explorations in European History: The Holocaust – History/Jewish Studies 220: Introduction to Modern Jewish Studies, Dr. Amos Bitzan

2017 – 2018

Language Assistant to the Bibliographer – Memorial Library, UW-Madison – Assisting in the intake and cataloging of Yiddish language books

2013 – 2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Six sections of “World Civilizations I” courses over three semesters – History Department, University of Nebraska at Omaha

2009 – 2013

Student Work-Study – University of Wyoming Veterans Services Center

2002 – 2009

United States Army, Sergeant/E-5 – Combat Engineer, Psychological Operations, Motor Transport. Led as many as twelve permanently assigned subordinates. Held various assignments in the United States and overseas. Honorably medically retired due to combat wounds.

Academic Conferences

“Geographies of Genocide: Spatial Studies in the History and Legacies of Mass Murder.” Panel Organizer, 59th Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, 2016.

“Lessons from the Treblinka Archive: Transnational Collections and their Implications for Historical Research.” Oral Presentation, 61st Missouri Valley History Conference – Society for Military History – University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE, 2018

“The Few that Escaped the Fire: Revisiting and Expanding Alexander Donat’s List of Treblinka Survivors.” Oral Presentation, 10th Annual Northern Illinois University History Graduate Student Conference, DeKalb, November 2017.

“The Duisburg Archive Treblinka Trial Map: Demonstrating the Spatial Importance of Prisoner Resistance Social Networks.” Oral Presentation, 59th Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, March 2016.

“Engineer Galewski of Warsaw and the Treblinka Revolt: Exploring Spatial and Social Networks in Testimonial Sources to Reconstruct Resistance Planning.” Oral Presentation, 40th European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE, October 2015.

“Religion as a Force in Cultural Genocide: A Comparison of the Tibetan and Native American Experiences.” Oral Presentation, 58th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE, March 2015.

“Amidah and Treblinka: Extermination Camp Survival as Agentic Resistance.” Oral Presentation 39th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE, October 2014.

“What’s in a Name?: Oliver Cromwell and Kingship.” Oral Presentation, Phi Alpha Theta & UW History Club Conference, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, April 2014.

“Frontline Perpetrators of the Holocaust: Ideology and Motivation Amongst Participants in the Field.” Oral Presentation, 3rd Annual McNair Scholars Conference, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, October 2012.

“Moving Beyond Knowledge in Diversity Education: Back and Forth Process.” Oral Presentation, National Network for Educational Renewal Conference, Denver, Colorado, October 2012.

Memberships

- German Studies Association
- American Historical Association
- Jewish Studies Graduate Student Association at the UW-Madison
- Central European History Society
- International Network of Genocide Scholars
- Society for Military History

Selected Relevant Coursework

Vilnius University – Vilnius Yiddish Institute, summer 2017

University of Leipzig, Cultures of Security in a Transatlantic and Global Context Summer Academy, Dr. Crister Garrett, September 2014

UW-Madison

Spring 2018 – HIST 999 – Yiddish Language Translation, Dr. Amos Bitzan

Spring 2018 – HIST 891 – Modern European Jewish History, Dr. Amos Bitzan

Spring 2018 – HIST 901 – American Jewish History, Dr. Tony Michels

Spring 2018 – HIST 752 – Transnational Gender History, Dr. Ipsen and Dr. Callaci

Fall 2017 – HIST 753 – War and Society, Dr. Mary Louise Roberts

Fall 2017 – HIST 891 – Transnational Histories of Modern Europe, Dr. Kathleen Ciancia

Spring 2017 – HIST 845 – Modern Germany, Dr. Rudy Koshar

Spring 2017 – HIST 891 – Postwar Europe, Dr. Francine Hirsch and Dr. Laird Boswell

Spring 2017 – HIST 901 – Zionism and Its Critics, Dr. Tony Michels

Fall 2016 – HIST 999 – European Jewish History and the Yiddish Language, Dr. Amos Bitzan

Fall 2016 – HIST 804 – Writing Nazi Cultural History, Dr. Pamela Potter

Fall 2016 – HIST 891 – Sexuality across National Borders, Dr. Mary Louise Roberts

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Fall 2015 – GERM 3500 – German Media Culture, Dr. Gwyneth Cliver

Fall 2014 – HIST 8916 – Comparative Genocide, Dr. Waitman Beorn

Spring 2014 – HIST 8726 – The Holocaust, Dr. Waitman Beorn

Fall 2013 – HIST 8716 – The US and Europe in Two World Wars, Dr. Bruce Garver

University of Wyoming/Wyoming Humanities Council – Summer Institute on Human Rights

Summer 2016 – The 20th Century International Human Rights Regime: The United Nations and Beyond, Dr. David A. Messenger

Summer 2016 – Bringing Human Rights Home: Immigration, the Torture Report and Other Human Rights Issues in Contemporary America, Professor Suzan M. Pritchett, JD

University of Wyoming – Study Abroad

Summer 2013 – GERM 3010 and 2110 – German Language and Culture, Dr. Rebecca Steele

Summer 2011 – HIST 4315 – Central Europe and the Holocaust, Dr. David A. Messenger

Academic Service

Copy Editor – *Avukah* – The Undergraduate Journal of Jewish Studies at the UW-Madison, 2018

Conference Organizer – “The Highs and Lows of Sholem Aleichem: Yiddish Literature and the Pursuit of Popular Writing” – UW-Madison, November 2017 – Responsibilities included planning conference venue, creating television, radio, internet, and print advertising, as well as facilitating the visits of nine speakers, creating conference displays, and addressing all technical issues.

Graduate Student Faculty Liaison Committee Member – UW-Madison, 2017-Present
 - Chair, Karpat Ottoman History Professorship Search Committee

Secretary – Jewish Studies Graduate Student Association at UW-Madison, 2018-Present

Production Advisory Council Member – *Rumbula's Echo* documentary, 2017-Present

Co-Developer, Graduate School Application Personal Statement Development Workshop, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society – University of Nebraska at Omaha, April 2016

Invited Guest Lecturer

“The Holocaust”, UW-Madison, HIST 120, Professor Mary Louise Roberts, spring 2018

“World War II and the Holocaust”, University of Nebraska at Omaha, fall 2015, spring 2016

“The Holocaust”, Iowa Western Community College, April 2016

Consultant, “Homebrew” exhibition, German immigrant culture in the US, The Durham Museum, Omaha, Nebraska, October 2016

Student Advisory Board Member, Office of Student Affairs, University of Wyoming, 2011-2013

Creator, American Legion Husted-Pendleton Post 14 Returning Veterans Scholarships, \$1,000 per academic-year awards given at the University of Wyoming, 2012-Present

Scholarships, Funding Awards, and Honors

- Carrol Award Honorable Mention for Best Graduate Student Paper, Society for Military History, Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, 2018
- Best Ph.D. Student Paper, NIU History Graduate Student Conference, DeKalb, 2017
- Ida and Isaac Lipton Domestic Study Award, Center for Jewish Studies, UW-Madison, 2017
- Ida and Isaac Lipton Study Abroad Award, Center for Jewish Studies, UW-Madison, 2017
- Tuition Scholarship, Vilnius Yiddish Institute – Vilnius University, summer 2017
- Best Graduate Student Paper, 59th Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, 2016
- Frances and Sam Fried Holocaust and Genocide Education Fund, research travel award, 2015
- Charles & Mary Martin Fund, archival research travel award, summer 2015
- DAAD, German Academic Exchange Service Scholarship, University of Leipzig, fall 2014
- Lessons and Legacies XIII, HEF/NU, conference travel funding, October 2014
- Paul R. Stock Faculty Senate Scholarship, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2014
- Veterans of Foreign Wars National Scholarship, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016
- Pi Gamma Mu Social Sciences Honorary, fall 2013 – Phi Kappa Phi, spring 2012
- Phi Alpha Theta, fall 2012 – Golden Key International Honor Society, fall 2011
- Outstanding Graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2013
- Finalist, Tobin Award for Outstanding Male Graduate, University of Wyoming, 2013
- President's List, University of Wyoming, seven consecutive awards, 2010-2013
- Marna M. Kuehne Disabled Veterans Scholarship, 2010, 2011, and 2012
- Cheney Study Abroad Scholarship, summer 2011 and summer 2013
- Vice President's Honor Roll, University of Wyoming, fall 2009