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Education: PhD: Stanford; MA: Stanford; BA: University of California

Bio Sketch:

My specialization is American Jewish.

My Research and Teaching Interests include American Jewish history, Yiddish culture, Russian history, socialism, working-class history, and nationalism.

Selected Publications:

Books:

- Ed., *Jewish Radicals: A Documentary History* (New York University Press, 2012).
- *A Fire in Their Hearts: Yiddish Socialists in New York* (Harvard University Press, 2005)
 - Winner, The Salo Wittmayer Baron Prize, American Academy for Jewish Research
 - Runner-up, The Saul Wiener Book Prize, American Jewish Historical Society (2006)

Articles:

- "Is America 'Different'? A Critique of American Jewish Exceptionalism," *American Jewish Archives* vol. 96, no. 3 (Sept. 2010): 201-224.
- "Communism and the Problem of Ethnicity in the 1920s: The Case of Moissaye Olgovsky," *Contemporary Jewry* vol. 25 (2011), pp. 26-48.
- "Exporting Yiddish Socialism: New York's Role in the Russian Jewish Workers' Movement," *Social Studies* vol. 16, no. 1 (Fall 2009): 1-26.
- "Communalist History and Beyond: What Is the Potential of American Jewish History?" *American Jewish Archives* vol. 95, no. 1 (March 2009): 61-71.
- Co-author (Hasia Diner). "Considering American Jewish History," *OAH Newsletter* (Fall 2008): 18.
- "I Am Not Hippy Johnny: How Jonathan Richman Used His Outsider Status to Revolt and Roll," *Guilt and Pleasure* no. 6 (Fall 2007): 82-87.

Courses Taught:

Lecture Courses:

- History 219 - American Jewish Experience - [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 221 - Jews in American Popular Culture
- History 374 - Modern Political History of the Jews

Undergraduate Seminars:

- History 220 - Labor and Working Class History in the U. S.
- History 600 - Advanced Seminar in History - Topics: "African Americans and Jews in America"; "Zionism and Its Critics"; "Immigrants in Urban America"

Graduate Courses:



- History 891/History 901 - Modern Jewish History in Comparative Perspective: "Russia and the United States" [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 901 - Studies in American History - Topics: "American Jewish History"; "Communism and Anti-Communism in U. S. History"; "Political History of American Labor"
- History 902 - Research Seminar in U. S. Social History

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