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Education

2007-2013: Ph.D. in History, Clark University, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Academic Advisors: Prof. Debórah Dwork, Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Prof. Antony Polonsky

Dissertation title: *Disintegration: Social Breakdown and Political Mass Violence in Subcarpathian Rus'*

Revised as *Genocide in the Carpathians: War, Social Breakdown, and Mass Violence, 1914-1945* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2016)

2003-2006: M.A. in the Humanities (Jewish History), *summa cum laude*, Tel Aviv University

M.A. Thesis: *A Past Forever Becoming: The Jews of Munkács between the World Wars and during the Holocaust*

Grade 97/100, with Highest Honors

Awards: Goldhirsch Foundation, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Beit Shalom Aleichem, Tel Aviv

Revised and published as: *Days of Ruin: The Jews of Munkács during the Holocaust* (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem Publications, 2013; Hebrew, 2011)

1994-1996: B.A. in Social Sciences, Bar-Ilan University

Academic Positions

September 2016- Assistant Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies; Sara and Sam Schoffer Professor of Holocaust Studies, School of General Studies, Stockton University

2015-2016: Postdoctoral Fellow of the Israeli Inter-University Academic Partnership in Russian and East European Studies; Lecturer, The Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities, Tel Aviv University

2014-2015: Thomas Arthur Arnold Postdoctoral Fellow, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University

2013-2014: Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellow, The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry; Lecturer, Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2012-2014: Lecturer, The Weiss-Livnat International MA Program in Holocaust Studies, University of Haifa

My course offerings include:

- History of the Holocaust (Stockton University, graduate seminar MAHG 5000, fall 2016)
- Seminar on the Holocaust (Stockton University, undergraduate seminar GIS 3601, fall 2016)
- Introduction to Genocide Studies (Tel Aviv University, undergraduate course, spring 2016)
- From Victims to Perpetrators: Genocide and Mass Violence in Southeast Europe from the Balkan Wars to the Massacre in Srebrenica, 1912-1995 (Tel Aviv University, undergraduate course, fall 2015)
- The Holocaust, Genocide, and Mass Violence in the Balkans during World War II (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, graduate seminar, spring 2014)
- World War II: Politics, Warfare, Genocide (University of Haifa, graduate course, fall 2012; fall 2013)
- Introduction to Holocaust History (University of Haifa, undergraduate course, fall 2012; fall 2013)

Publications

Books

Genocide in the Carpathians: War, Social Breakdown, and Mass Violence, 1914-1945 (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2016) (in the series Stanford Studies on Central and Eastern Europe)

-Prof. Dan Stone, Royal Holloway, University of London, has written (back cover): “An assured and original contribution to the field of modern European history.”

-Reviews: H-Soz-Kult (by Ferenc Laczó), July 2016

Days of Ruin: The Jews of Munkács during the Holocaust (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem Publications, 2013, Hebrew, 2011)

-Reviewed by Jan Láníček, in *East European Jewish Affairs* 43:2 (2013), pp. 223-6: “Segal’s book is a key contribution for historians researching the history of the Final Solution in Greater Hungary, but also in Eastern Europe more generally. Additionally, Segal makes important observations concerning the study of so-called 'bystanders' and the broad theme of Jewish responses to persecution.” (225)

-Prof. Antony Polonsky, Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University, has written (back cover) that “*Days of Ruin* is

essential reading for all those interested in the history of the Second World War and the problem of genocide.”

-*Days of Ruin* was the subject of a two-part interview that I gave to Alex Talmor in August 2013 in his radio program “The Voice of Israel,” Network A, part of the Israel Broadcasting Authority

Articles in refereed journals

“Beyond Holocaust Studies: Rethinking the Holocaust in Hungary,” *Journal of Genocide Research*, Vol. 16 (1) (2014), 1-23

And see: Amos Goldberg, Thomas J. Kehoe, A. Dirk Moses, Raz Segal, Martin Shaw, and Gerhard Wolf, “Israel Charny’s Attack on the *Journal of Genocide Research* and its Authors: A Response,” *Genocide Studies and Prevention*, vol. 10 (2) (2016)

“Imported Violence: Carpatho-Ruthenians and Jews in Carpatho-Ukraine, October 1938-March 1939,” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, Vol. 26: *Jews and Ukrainians* (2013), 313-336

“Becoming Bystanders: Carpatho-Ruthenians, Jews, and the Politics of Narcissism in Subcarpathian Rus’,” *Holocaust Studies: A Journal of Culture and History*, Vol. 16 (1-2) (2010), 129-156; also published in: Thomas Kühne and Tom Lawson (eds.), *The Holocaust and Local History* (London: Vallentine Mitchell, 2011), 117-142

“The Jews of Huszt between the World Wars and in the Holocaust,” *Yalkut Moreshet: Holocaust Documentation and Research*, Vol. 4 (2006), 80-119; first published in the Hebrew edition, Vol. 82 (2006), 91-121

In preparation

Guest Editor of a special issue on genocide of *Zmanim: A Historical Quarterly* (Hebrew; peer-reviewed), including my Introduction, *forthcoming* April 2017

Editor of *Under Attack: Intimacy, Disintegration, and Violence in European Societies during World War II* (Hebrew), sponsored by the Ben-Zion Dinur Center for Research in Jewish History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Contributors: Prof. Omer Bartov, Dr. Christoph Dieckmann, Dr. Hannah Pollin-Galay, Prof. Renée Poznanski, and Dr. Alexis Herr. I will also write a chapter, “Jews and their Neighbors in the Borderlands of Hungary,” as well as a comprehensive Introduction.

Other Publications

“Munkács” and “Huszt,” entries on ghettos in Subcarpathian Rus’ for Volume 3 of the *United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945*, *forthcoming* 2017

“Thinking about the Holocaust in a Different Way” (Hebrew), op-ed co-authored with Amos Goldberg, *Sicha Mekomit* (in Hebrew: Local Conversation), 6 June 2016

“Forgetting the Holocaust” (Hebrew), op-ed, *Yedioth Aharonot*, 8 May 2016

“Holocaust Remembrance Day in Israel and Genocide” (Hebrew), op-ed, *Yedioth Aharonot*, 19 April 2015

“Nation States and Genocide in the Twentieth Century” (Hebrew), review of Mark Levene, *The Crisis of Genocide*, 2 vols. (Oxford University Press, 2013), in *Haaretz*, weekend books section, 20 February 2015

“Not Because of Democracy: Hitler’s Rise to Power” (Hebrew), op-ed, *Yedioth Aharonot*, 13 February 2013

“Not in Our School: Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Israeli Universities” (Hebrew), op-ed, *Yedioth Aharonot*, 7 November 2012, also published in *Al-Monitor: The Pulse of the Middle East*, 9 November 2012 (<http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/culture/2012/11/not-in-our-school.html>)

“Yehuda Bauer: Holocaust and Genocide – Two Concepts or Part of Each Other?” Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, *2008-2009 Year End Report*

Grants and Fellowships

2012-13: **Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship**

2012-13: Saul Kagan Claims Conference Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Studies
(declined in favor of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship)

2011-12: Hilda and Al Kirsch Graduate Student Research Grant, Clark University

2010-11: Holocaust Educational Foundation Sharon Abramson Research Grant

2010-12: Simon and Eve Colin Fellow for Graduate Studies in Holocaust History, Clark University

2009-10: Natalia and Mendel Racolin Memorial Fellowship, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York

2009, 2010: Grants from the Hungarian Scholarship Board for Intensive Summer Courses in Hungarian Language and Culture, Debrecen, Hungary

2008-10: Claims Conference Graduate Studies Fellow, Clark University

2007-08: Fromson Fellow for Graduate Studies in Holocaust History, Clark University

2007-09: **Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship**

2005-06: The Alfried Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach Foundation Fellowship, the Ignatz Bubis Memorial Scholarship Fund in Jewish Studies, Tel Aviv University

Conference and Workshop Presentations

“The Limits of Foundational Concepts: Holocaust, Antisemitism, and the Destruction of Jews in Hungary during World War II,” *4th Global Conference on Genocide of the International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS)*, University of Cape Town, South Africa, December 2014

“Multi-Layered Mass Atrocities in World War II: An Emerging Historiography,” *The Future of Holocaust Studies*, University of Southampton, England, July 2013

“The Disintegration of a Borderland Society: Genocide and Mass Violence in Subcarpathian Rus’,” International Workshop for PhD Candidates from the USA and Israel Researching the Holocaust, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, November 2011

“Reevaluating the Holocaust in Hungary: The Destruction of Subcarpathian Rus’ Jewry as a Case Study,” *Lessons and Legacies XI*, Florida Atlantic University, November 2010

“Between ‘ethnic cleansing’ and ‘final solution’: The Persecution and Destruction of Subcarpathian Rus’ Jews during World War II,” *The Sixth Annual Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine*, University of Ottawa, Canada, October 2010

“The Jews of Munkács in the Interwar Period: A Crisis of Late Modernism,” *15th World Congress of Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem, Israel, August 2009

“The Holocaust in Israeli Discourses: Hebrew and Yiddish Translations,” *25th Association for Israeli Studies Annual Conference*, Be’er-Sheva, Israel, June 2009

“National Revival and Genocide: The Case of Carpatho-Ruthenian Bystanders to the Destruction of Subcarpathian Rus’ Jewry,” *First International Graduate Students’ Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Clark University, April 2009

“Jewish Society in the Ghettos in Subcarpathian Rus’: The Complexities of Facing Genocide,” *39th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Toronto, Canada, December 2007

“The Limits of Agency: Jews and the Destruction of Jewish Communities in Subcarpathian Rus’,” *International Conference on the Holocaust in Hungary*, Holocaust Memorial Center, Budapest, Hungary, March 2007

Invited Lectures

“The Holocaust as Genocide and Political Mass Violence in the Twentieth Century: A Proposal for an Integrated Framework,” *Holocaust Studies or Genocide Studies? Between Jewish History and Global History*, seminar of the Rabb Center for Holocaust Studies, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, January 2016

“The Holocaust in the Ethno-National Frontiers of Southeast Europe: Antisemitism, Colonial Violence, and Social Destruction,” The School of History, University of Leicester, United Kingdom, August 2015; The Pedagogic and Resource Center, The International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel, April 2016

“Antisemitism, Judeophobia, and Other Anxieties in the Twentieth Century,” *Forum for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Mass Violence*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2015

“Mass Violence in the Carpathians: The Modern History of Europe through a Regional Lens,” History Department, Tel Aviv University, June 2014

“Instances of Bystanding: Jews and non-Jews Respond to Each Other’s Plight in Hungary’s Borderlands during World War II,” *Minorities and Nativity Workshop*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2014; *The International Conference on Holocaust and Genocide Studies: Twenty Years to the Genocide in Rwanda*, The Open University of Israel, November 2014; *Rubin Forum*, Tel Aviv University, November 2014

“Narrating Multiple Agencies and the Emergent Nature of Mass Violence in Southeast Europe during World War II,” co-authored with Yehonatan Alsheh, the *Israel Academic Exchange Inaugural Seminar*, Clark University, April 2014

“Rethinking Holocaust History: Multi-Layered Mass Violence in Southeast Europe during World War II,” Research Seminar of the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, November 2013; Research Seminar of the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2014

“The Holocaust in Subcarpathian Rus’ and New Directions in Research on the Holocaust, Genocide, and Political Mass Violence,” Seminar of the Department of Politics and Government, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, October 2012; Research Seminar of the Cummings Center for Russian and East European Studies, Tel Aviv University, December 2012

“The Life and Destruction of the Jewish Community in Munkács during World War II: A History of Jews, A History of Europe,” lecture in Jerusalem College, February 2012

“The Destruction of the Jewish Communities in Subcarpathian Rus’: A Holocaust in Context,” Research Seminar of the International Institute of Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, January 2011

“‘Ethnic Cleansing’ and Genocide in Subcarpathian Rus’: The Destruction of Jewish Life in a Multiethnic Region during World War II,” *Natalia and Mendel Racolin Memorial Lecture*, Max Weinreich Center, YIVO Institute, New York, February 2010

Organization of Conferences, Workshops, and Lecture Series

My professional service activities have provided me with opportunities to create a large network of colleagues, facilitate academic collaboration, and gain valuable experience in fundraising and managing budgets.

2014-16: Convener and coordinator of the organizing committee for the landmark 5th *Global Conference on Genocide of the International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS)*, which, following a successful site proposal, took place in Jerusalem, 26-29 June 2016, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute: <http://www.inogs2016.org/>

2014-15: Initiated, organized, and academic coordinator of *Genocide Studies: Reflections on the Twentieth Century*, an international lecture series at Tel Aviv University

2011-2012: Coordinator of the organizing committee for the International Research Symposium on the Holocaust and Genocide, Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, 2-4 September 2012

2007-2009: Proposed and organized—with my fellow doctoral students, faculty, and staff at the Strassler Center—the first-ever *International Graduate Students’ Conference on Genocide Studies*, which took place at the Strassler Center, 23-26 April 2009. The success of this conference helped establish a triennial event at the Strassler Center: the second conference was held on 29 March-1 April, 2012, and the third on 9-12 April 2015. The fourth conference is planned for fall 2018.

2006-2007: Initiated and co-organized (with Yehonatan Alsheh) the first conference in Israel for graduate students in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel, February 2007

Other Professional Activities and Service

2011-2015-: Initiated the Israel Academic Exchange program between the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, and the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The program, envisioned as a long-term collaboration that is open to scholars from all the universities in Israel, held its first seminar on 3-6 April 2014 at the Strassler Center. The second seminar took place on 17-20 September 2015, also at the Strassler Center. We are now planning additional activities in the next few years.

2015-(18): Member of the editorial board of *Holocaust Studies: A Journal of Culture and History* (published by Taylor & Francis)

2015: External reader for MA thesis (by Naomi Landau) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2010-2011: Reviewer for *History & Memory* and *Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust*

2011: Invited participant in the *Experts Roundtable of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter Initiative on the World War II Period in Ukraine*, Berlin and Potsdam, Germany, June

2009: Participation in the *International Forum of Young Scholars on East European Jewry*, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July

Public Education

The lectures and activities listed below have enabled me to take my work into the public arena and engage diverse audiences beyond the academic world with issues and questions that are at the heart of the late modern experience.

May 2016: Lecture and discussion on “Forgetting the Holocaust,” part of the alternative activities in Tel Aviv of the organization “Memory in the Salon” to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in Israel.

2013-2016: Permeant lecturer in “Megalim Olam” (in English: Discovering the World), an educational project for Israelis in their early twenties, which takes place in Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev desert and combines employment in the area with activities and lectures on a wide range of topics and issues. I delivered a few lectures for each cohort on the theme: “Human Rights: Concept, Political Discourse, and Democratic Potential.”

2012: Author of text for an exhibition at the University of Haifa dedicated to the Hebrew translation of *Outcasts* (Tel Aviv, 2011). Based on a true story, the author Susan M. Papp recounts the romantic relationship of Hedy Weisz, a Jewish woman, and Tibor Schroeder, a local Hungarian army officer in Nagyszöllös in World War II Hungary. Both survived enormous suffering—Hedy as a victim of genocide, Tibor as a prisoner of war and a refugee fleeing communist regimes in Ukraine and Hungary. They survived, but the Holocaust, the war, and its violent aftermath tore them away from each other forever, leaving the lives they had imagined, like so much else, buried under the ruins of the town’s Jewish community and shattered social fabric.

I also gave a lecture in the book launch event that took place in September in Tel Aviv

2009-2010: Teacher of Holocaust and Genocide Studies for seventh-grade children at Congregation Beth Elohim, Acton, MA. The curriculum I developed included discussions of antisemitism, racism, and xenophobia; bystanders and rescuers in mass violence; Jewish children and youth during World War II; genocide in the age of the internet; Holocaust remembrance; genocide denial; and refugees. We also heard a presentation by a survivor of the genocide in Rwanda, viewed and discussed accounts of Holocaust survivors, watched a number of films, and took a study tour to the New England Holocaust Memorial in Boston.

2010: “Why study the Holocaust?” Invited lecture in Oak Meadow Montessori School, Littleton, MA, April

2006: “The Challenges of the Third Generation of Scholars Studying the Holocaust,” invited lecture for Holocaust survivors and their descendants, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, May

Languages

Hebrew, English – native fluency

German, Yiddish, Hungarian – research knowledge

Membership in Professional Organizations

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

International Network of Genocide Scholars (INoGS)

American Historical Association (AHA)