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EDUCATION

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor, Emory University | (appointed 2009) |
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| Fulbright Distinguished Chair in the Humanities, Tel Aviv University | (2006-7) |
| Professor of History, Emory University | (appointed 2000) |
| Fulbright Professor of History, University of São Paulo | (2001- 2002) |
| Professor of History, Connecticut College | (appointed 2000) |
| Associate Professor of History, Connecticut College | (appointed 1995) |
| Visiting Associate Research Professor, Brown University Center for Latin American Studies/Watson Institute for International Studies | (1997 - 2000) |
| Assistant Professor of History, Connecticut College | (appointed 1990) |
| Visiting Professor of History, University of Campinas | (1994) |
| Visiting Professor, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro Centro Interdisciplinar de Estudos Contemporâneos | (1994) |
| Assistant Professor of History, Occidental College | (appointed 1989) |

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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| Director, Claus M. Halle Institute for Global Research | (appointed 2017) |
| Chair, Department of History, Emory University | (2011 – 2018) |
| Director, Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University | (2007 - 2011) |

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| Director, Program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Emory University | (2000 - 2006) |
| International Election Observer, Venezuela, The Carter Center | (May 2004) |
| Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, Emory University | (2003 – 2004, 2005-2006) |
| Associate Chair, Department of History, Emory University | (2002 - 2003) |
| Coordinator, Connecticut College History Honors Program | (1995 - 1997) |
| Associate Director for Research Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (Connecticut College) | (1995 - 1996) |

BOOKS

Immigration, Ethnicity and National Identity in Brazil (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), 209 p.
Revised Brazilian edition: A Invenção da Brasilidade: Identidade nacional, etnicidade e políticas de imigração (São Paulo: Editora UNESP, 2015), 291 p.

A Discontented Diaspora: Japanese-Brazilians and the Meanings of Ethnic Militancy, 1960-1980 (Durham: Duke University Press, 2007), 219 pp. 2010 Roberto Reis Prize (Honorable Mention), Brazilian Studies Association.
Revised Brazilian edition: Uma Diáspora Descontente: Os Nipo-Brasileiros e os Significados da Militância Étnica, 1960-1980 (São Paulo: Editora Paz e Terra, 2008), 293 p.

Negotiating National Identity: Immigrants, Minorities and the Struggle for Ethnicity in Brazil (Durham: Duke University Press, 1999), 281 p. 2000 Best Book Prize, Latin American Studies Association - Brazil in Comparative Perspective Group. Revised Brazilian edition: Negociando a Identidade Nacional: Imigrantes, Minorias e a Luta pela Etnicidade no Brasil (São Paulo: Editora UNESP, 2001), 344 p. Japanese edition: Burajiru no Asia-Chuto-kei imin to kokuminsei no kouchiku. (Tokyo: Akashi Shoten, 2016), 393 p.

Welcoming the Undesirables: Brazil and the Jewish Question (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994), 280 p. 1995 Best Book Prize, New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS). Revised Brazilian edition: O Brasil e a Questão Judaica: Imigração, Diplomacia e Preconceito (Rio de Janeiro: Imago Editora, 1995), 371 p. Hebrew edition: Brazil Ve-Hashela Ha-Yehudit: Hagira, Diplomatia Ve-Deot Kdumot (Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv University/University Publishing Projects, 1997), 304 p.

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED COLLECTIONS

The Global Square [series editor with Matthew C. Gutmann] (Berkeley: University of California Press). Volume 1: Global Latin America: Into the Twenty-First Century (2016), 356 p. [Jeffrey Lesser and Matthew C. Gutmann]; Volume 2: Global Africa: Into the Twenty-First Century (2017), 397 p. [Dorothy L. Hodgson and Judith A. Byfield]; Volume 3: Global Middle East: Into the Twenty-First Century (forthcoming 2021), [Asef Bayat and Linda Herrera]; Volume 4: Global East Asia: Into the Twenty-First Century (forthcoming 2022), [Frank N. Pieke and Koichi Iwabuchi]

Together Yet Apart: Arabs and Jews in Latin America. Special issue of Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies (July, 2011) [with Raanan Rein]

Rethinking Jewish-Latin Americans (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2008), 294 p. [with Raanan Rein]

Searching for Home Abroad: Japanese – Brazilians and Transnationalism (Durham: Duke University Press, 2003), 219 p.

New Approaches to Brazilian Studies. Estudos Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe (June, 2001)

Arab and Jewish Immigrants in Latin America: Images and Realities (London: Frank Cass, 1998), 262 p. [with Ignacio Klich]

Turco Immigrants in Latin America. The Americas 53:1 (July 1996). [with Ignacio Klich]

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"Visions of the Other: Stereotypes, Survival and the Refugee Question in Brazil." In Larry V. Thompson, ed., Lessons and Legacies IV: Reflections on Religion, Justice, Sexuality and Genocide (Northwestern University Press, 2003), 250-266.

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"Watching the Detectives: Four Views of Immigrant Life in Latin America." Latin American Research Review 27:1 (Winter 1992), 231-244.

"O preconceito desarquivado." Senhor 367 (April 4, 1988), 61-64.

PRIZES & FELLOWSHIPS

PRIZES

National Jewish Book Award (Anthology)

(2013)

“When the Local Trumps the Global” in 1929: Mapping the Jewish World

Roberto Reis Prize (Honorable Mention) (2010)
Brazilian Studies Association

International Teaching Award
Emory University Institute for International and Comparative Studies (2005)

Best Book Prize, Latin American Studies Association
Brazil in Comparative Perspective Section (2000)

Tibesar Prize, Honorable Mention, Conference on Latin American History (1997)

Best Book Prize, New England Council on Latin American Studies (NECLAS) (1995)

Meredith Prize in the Humanities, Connecticut College (1993)

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

University Research Council, Emory University (2106-17)

Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of São Paulo (2015-2020)

Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellowship, Emory University (2106-19)

Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Tel Aviv University (2010-11)

Senior Fellow, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University (2010-11)

Fulbright Commission Distinguished Chair in the Humanities, Tel Aviv University (2006-7)

U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (2001-2002)

Fulbright Commission Senior Scholar Award, University of São Paulo (2001)

American Philosophical Society Research Grant (1999-2000)

International Nikkei Research Project, Japanese-American National Museum (Los Angeles) (1999-2000)

Ford Foundation Program in Human Rights and Society
(with Koichi Mori, Centro de Estudos Nipo-Brasileiros, São Paulo) (1998-2000)

U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (1996 - 1997)

North-South Center, Grant Program on Migration and Refugee Issues (1995)

Fulbright Commission Senior Scholar Award, American Republics Research Program (1994)

National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for College Teachers (1993)

American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship for the Recent Recipients of the Ph.D. (1991)

Mellon Foundation, Multiculturalism in the Curriculum Grant (1991)

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Post-Doctoral Fellowship (1990-1, 1992-3)

Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Research Grant (1989, 2006)

INSTITUTIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

J. William Fulbright Commission Scholar-In-Residence Grant (1995)
(Institutional Grant for Dr. M. Rago, UNICAMP, Brazil)

GRADUATE

Social Science Research Council
International Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (1987-89)

New York University Dean's Dissertation Fellowship (1988-89)

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Fellowship (1988-89)

New York University Developmental Fellowship (1985-89)

Lucius N. Littauer Foundation Research Grant (1986-87)

Latin American Studies Association Overseas Travel Grant (1988)

National Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Fellowship (1987-88)

Lowenstein-Weiner Fellowship in American Jewish History (1987-88)

Rev. Samuel A. Baker Fellowship for the Study of Yiddish (1987)

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research Fellow (1986-89)

Jewish Communal Fund Doctoral Research Grant (1986)

Brown University/Dorot Foundation Fellowship (1984)

PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL WORK

Radio France International, “Foi um ataque contra a democracia e também um exemplo de racismo”, diz historiador sobre invasão no Congresso americano.” January 7, 2021. <https://www.rfi.fr/br/podcasts/rfi-convida/20210107-foi-um-ataque-contr-a-democracia-e-tamb%C3%A9m-um-exemplo-de-racismo-diz-historiador-sobre-invas%C3%A3o-no-congresso-americano>

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Valor Econômico (Brazil), “Brasil está em processo de erosão, dizem brasilianistas,” June 12, 2020. <https://valor.globo.com/br/e-noticia/2020/06/12/brasil-esta-em-processo-de-erosao-dizem-brasilianistas.ghtml>

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“Livelihood Challenges of Migrants during Covid 19,” Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism Virtual Panel Discussion, June 2, 2020.

De Kanttekening (Holland), “Hoe El Salvador een president van Palestijnse komaf kreeg, die pro-Israël is.” May 25, 2020. https://dekanttekening.nl/wereld/hoel-salvador-een-president-van-palestijnse-komaf-kreeg-die-pro-israel-is/?fbclid=IwAR2_taUkw7tTaD7pgmrPac01Dd643Blz9dUrAtGAScAKBbN1XzLj6vrhbLc

TIME, “Jair Bolsonaro Loves Trump, Hates Gay People and Admires Autocrats. He Could Be Brazil's Next President.” August 23, 2018. <http://time.com/5375731/jair-bolsonaro/>

“Migration in Brazil: The Making of a Multicultural Society,” Migration Policy Institute, Information Source (2018), <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/migration-brazil-making-multicultural-society>

Vice, “Is Cheating in Soccer More Acceptable in Some Countries than Others?” July 6, 2018. https://sports.vice.com/en_us/article/nek83w/is-cheating-in-soccer-more-acceptable-in-some-countries-than-others

Bloomberg News, “From Jails to Congress, Brazil’s Evangelicals Could Swing Election,” October 4, 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-10-04/from-jails-to-congress-brazil-evangelicals-could-swing-election>

Radio France International, “Historiador Jeffrey Lesser: “Decreto de Trump pode afugentar cérebros,” February 8, 2017. <http://br.rfi.fr/americas/20170208-historiador-jeffrey-lesser-decreto-de-trump-pode-afugentar-cerebros>

“What Brazil’s Protests Mean,” CNN Opinion, August 17, 2015. <https://www.cnn.com/2015/08/17/opinions/lesser-brazil-protests/index.html>”

“Brazilian Multiculturalism and the World Cup,” World Cup Blog, Duke University Press, <https://dukeupress.wordpress.com/2014/06/18/brazilian-multiculturalism-and-the-world-cup-by-jeffrey-lesser/>

TIME, “The Dramatic Power Struggle Behind Impeachment in Brazil,” December 4, 2015. <http://time.com/4135814/brazil-dilma-rousseff-impeachment/>

The New York Times, “Immigrants Stir New Life into São Paulo’s Gritty Old Center, April 14, 2014. <https://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/15/world/americas/immigrants-stir-new-life-into-sao-paulos-gritty-old-center.html>

The Charlotte Observer, “Brazilian magnates luring Chiquita shareholders with hard cash,” August 12, 2014 <https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/article9150044.html>

“How the Japanese came to Brazil,” The World Today, Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs June 5, 2014. <https://www.chathamhouse.org/publication/twt/how-japanese-came-brazil>

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"Coring the Center: Reflections on the Jewish Periphery." Judaism 191:48 (Summer, 1999), 381-384.

"O preconceito desarquivado." Senhor 367 (April 4, 1988), 61-64.

Museum Work: Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles); Smart Art Museum (Chicago), Jewish Museum (São Paulo)

DISTINGUISHED AND KEYNOTE LECTURES

| | |
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| Japanese Diaspora: Literature, History, Identity, Yale University Keynote Lecture | (2019) |
| University of Arizona Shaol & Louis Pozez Memorial Lectureship | (2019) |
| Japanese Consortium for Asia and Africa Studies Keynote Lecture | (2016) |
| Ohio University Annual Endowed Costa Lecture | (2016) |
| Federal University of Parana Semester Opening Keynote | (2016) |
| Conference on Intercultural Dialogues, University of São Paulo, Keynote Speaker | (2015) |
| Southern Historical Association, Latin American Section Annual Conference Luncheon Speaker | (2104) |
| University of Massachusetts, Amherst Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture | (2104) |
| Chautauqua Institution Brazil: The Interplay of Religion and Culture | (2104) |
| Congreso sobre Identidades, Racismo y Xenofobia (UNAM) Keynote Speaker | (2014) |
| Migration in the Context of Religions and Cultures Keynote Speaker Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt | (2013) |
| II Congresso Internacional de História Regional (Passo Fundo) Keynote Speaker | (2013) |
| Projeto TRAVESSIAS EM CONFLITO Keynote Speaker - Núcleo HANA / Municipality of São Paulo | (2012) |
| Herança Compartilhada Brasil-Estados Unidos (Project of U.S. and Brazilian Governments) Keynote Speaker | (2012) |
| 22th International Congress of Japanese Language, Literature and Culture | (2012) |

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| Keynote Speaker - Federal University of Paraná | |
| Indígenas y extranjeros en la construcción de la nación Keynote Speaker - Colegio de México | (2012) |
| University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2012 Arthur Aiton Lecture | (2012) |
| Brazil in Global Context Keynote Speaker - Freie Universität, Berlin | (2011) |
| Dalhousie University MacKay Lecture | (2011) |
| Novos Estudos sobre a Presença Japonesa no Brasil Keynote Speaker - Federal University of São Carlos | (2010) |
| Japanese Association of Latin American Studies (Tokyo) Keynote Speaker | (2009) |
| 12th Annual "Conference on the Americas" (Atlanta, GA) Keynote Speaker | (2009) |
| desORIENTESE - 100 anos de troca de olhares Brasil-Japão Keynote Speaker - UNIFESP, São Paulo | (2008) |
| International Conference on Latin Asian American Studies Keynote Speaker - University of Texas, Austin | (2007) |
| V Congresso Internacional de Estudos Japoneses no Brasil Keynote Speaker | (2007) |
| ANPUH - XXIV Simpósio Nacional de História Keynote Speaker | (2007) |
| Arabs and Jews in Latin America Keynote Speaker - Fundacion Tres Culturas and Tel Aviv University | (2007) |
| Fulbright Distinguished Lecture United States-Israel Educational Foundation | (2006) |
| Seminário Internacional Imigração e Relações Interétnicas Keynote Speaker - UNISINOS (São Leopoldo) | (2006) |
| Michigan State University Leslie Rout Memorial Lecture | (2006) |
| Latin American Studies Association International Conference (Puerto Rico) Plenary Workshop Organizer | (2006) |
| 1o Simpósio Internacional de Estudos Brasileiros Keynote Speaker - Casa Rui Barbosa (Rio de Janeiro) | (2005) |
| University of Florida, Gainesville Bacardi Endowed Lecture | (2005) |

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| Southern Japan Seminar, Florida International University Keynote Speaker | (2005) |
| ADLAF (German Association of Latin American Studies) Keynote Speaker | (2003) |
| International Conference on Asian Diasporas Plenary Speaker - University of California, Berkeley | (2002) |
| IX Semana Acadêmica da História (Federal University of Santa Maria) Keynote Speaker | (2002) |
| International Colloquium on Brazilian Studies, Tel Aviv University Keynote Speaker | (2001) |

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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| 25th International Congress of History of Science and Technology (Rio de Janeiro) “A Sacred Space of Health” | (2017) |
| Fundación Tres Culturas: Árabes y judíos en las Américas (Seville) “Política exterior y minorías étnicas: América Latina y Medio Oriente” | (2010) |
| American Historical Association (San Diego) “Political Militancy as Ethnic Identity in Brazil, 1960–80” | (2010) |
| The German Rabbinate Abroad: Transferring German-Jewish Modernity? (Munich) “The Interplay of Ethnicity and Nation: German-Jewish Identity in Brazil” | (2009) |
| Whither National Myths? (Harvard University Weatherhead Center) “Ethnic Myths as National Identity in Brazil” | (2009) |
| Latin American Jewish Studies Association International Conference (Tel Aviv) “Visions of Grandeur: Brazil, Israel and the United Nations 'Zionism Equals Racism' Vote” | (2009) |
| American Historical Association “The Local Nature of the Diasporic Construction of Race in Japan and Brazil” | (2009) |
| Migrações e Identidades: Conflitos e Novos Horizontes “Corpos Bonitos e Identidades Sumidas” - Universities of São Paulo and Osaka | (2008) |
| Brazilian Dialogues with the United States (University of São Paulo) “Names and Ethnic Identity in Brazil” | (2008) |
| American Historical Association “The Local Nature of the Global Nation: Imagining Japan in São Paulo Brazil” | (2006) |
| “Social History Symposium” (Tel Aviv University) “The Sexualization of Militancy: Japanese Brazilians under Dictatorship” | (2005) |
| "1929: A Moment in Jewish Time" (New York University) "When the Local trumps the Global: The Jewish World of São Paulo” | (2005) |
| Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Conference (Las Vegas) “Beautiful Bodies and Disappearing Identities: Japanese Brazilians in Film” | (2004) |

- CEBRAP (Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento), São Paulo
 “Etnicidade e mudança social em São Paulo” (2003)
- Middle Eastern Migrations to Latin America, University of Chicago
 “Negotiating Middle Eastern Ethnicity in Brazil” (2003)
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Conference (Dallas)
 “How Shizuo Osawa became Mario Japa: Ethnicity and Armed Struggle” (2003)
- Diaspora: Movement, Memory, Politics and Identity (Dickinson College)
 “Ethnicity and Militancy” (2002)
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association 11th Research Conference (Rio de Janeiro):
 “Como os judeus se tornaram japoneses” (2002)
- Políticas de Migrações e o Futuro dos Direitos Humanos (2001)
 “Migrações: Diversidades e Integração Local” - State University of São Paulo - Franca
- Populações – (Con)vivência e (Int)olerância (University of São Paulo)
 “O que aprendi estudando imigração judaica” (2001)
- XXV Encontro Nacional da ANPOCS: Movimentos Migratórios:
 “Reflexões sobre etnicidade e estudos étnicos no Brasil.” (2001)
- Multiculturalism in a Global Perspective (Methodist University of Sao Paulo-UNIMEP)
 “Multiculturalismo nos EUA e no Brasil” (2001)
- Rethinking Minority/Majority Dynamics Workshop (UCLA Asian American Studies Center)
 “Reflections on Ethnicity and Ethnic Studies” (2001)
- International Conference of Americanists (Warsaw) (2000)
 “Rethinking Race in Brazil”
- ANPUH (Florianopolis) (2000)
 "Turning Japanese: Brazilian Travelers and National Identity"
- American Historical Association (1999)
 “Old History/New Technology: Using Mesolore to Teach Latin American History”
- International Federation of Latin American and Caribbeanists (Tel Aviv University)
 “Travel Literature and the Search for Brazilian National Identity” (1999)
- Dickinson College International Symposium on “Citizenship: Issues of Identity”
 "Negotiating National Identity in Brazil" (1998)
- American Historical Association/Conference on Latin American History (1997)
 "Immigrants and the Construction of National Identity in Brazil"
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association Symposium (Harvard University) (1997)
 "Place Makes "Race": Citizenship and the Transnational Struggle for Jewish Identity"
- Jewries at the Frontier (University of Cape Town) (1996)
 "(Re) Creating Jewish Ethnicity on the Brazilian Frontier"
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association (Mexico City) (1996)

- "Deconstructing the Hyphen: Jewish-Brazilians or Brazilian Jews
Latin American Studies Association (Washington, D.C) (1995)
"With Broadax and Firebrand: A Memorial to Warren Dean"
- Latin American Studies Association (Atlanta) (1994)
"From Desirable Christian to Undesirable Arab: The Assyrians and Brazil"
(panel organizer and presenter)
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association (Philadelphia) (1993)
"Jewish Scientists in Brazil: Image and Reality"
(Chair - Conference Organizing Committee)
- Latin American Studies Association (Los Angeles) (1992)
"Dual Images of Jews and their Effect on Refugee Admissions, 1939-1942"
(panel organizer and presenter)
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association (College Park, MD) (1991)
"Colonization and Foreign Relations in Brazil, 1904-1925"
(panel organizer and presenter)
- Ibero-Amerikanischen Institut/Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz,
Deutschsprachiges Exil in Spanien, Portugal und Lateinamerika, 1933-1945 (Berlin) (1991)
"From anti-Semitism to philo-Semitism: Changing Notions of the Desirability of
German-Jewish Immigrants in Brazil, 1935-1945."
- Latin American Studies Association (Washington D.C.) (1991)
"From Peddler to Proprietor: Jews and Arabs in Brazil"
- Latin American Studies Association (Miami) (1989)
"Immigration Law and Religious Exclusion in Estado Novo Brazil"
- Latin American Studies Association (New Orleans) (1988)
"Refugees as Immigrants: The Case of Brazilian Jewry"
- Kongress Lateinamerika und Europa im Dialog (Münster, W. Germany) (1987)
"Regional Differences in the Historical Development of Brazilian Jewish
Communities: São Paulo and Porto Alegre."
- Latin American Jewish Studies Association (Gainesville) (1987)
"The Clash of Community: Brazilian Jewry, 1918-1945"
- Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (Boston) (1986)
"A Community Divided: São Paulo Jewry, 1920-1945"

INVITED LECTURES (selected)

- 2020: Casa do Povo (February), Universidade Mackenzie (March), Atlanta Jewish Film Festival (March)
- 2019: University of Cape Town (February), Centro de Investigação em Saúde de Manhiça (February), Escola da Cidade (June), Unifesp (June),
- 2018: Vanderbilt University (February), Free University of Berlin (April), University of Toronto (April)

2017: Tel Aviv University (January); Hospital Emílio Ribas – São Paulo (June); Brazilian Fulbright Commission (July)

2016: University of Campinas (February), University of São Paulo-Leste (February), CPDOC – Fundação Getúlio Vargas (March)

2015: Brazilian Fulbright Commission (August), Colegio del Mexico (September)

2014: Vanderbilt University (February); University of Michigan (February); Fiocruz (May), UCLA (May)

2013: Columbia University (February); University of Illinois (April); Tulane University (April); Tel Aviv University (May); University of Toronto (October); Duke University (October); Universidad Carlos III – Madrid (December)

2012: DePaul University (January); Brown University (October);

2011: Indiana University (March); Trent University (April); University of Chicago (June), University of São Paulo (July); Tulane University in Brazil Program (July); University of California, San Diego (October); University of Toronto (November)

2010: Wayne State University (January); Yale University (April); Georgetown University (May); York University (October); Pennsylvania State University (November)

2009: Arizona State University (March); University of Illinois (March); Free University Berlin (November); University of Miami (November); University of Georgia (December)

2008: Forum de Ciência e Cultura (August); Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (August); State University of Londrina, Department of History (June)

2007: Institute for Contemporary Jewry (January); Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace (February); Oxford University Center for Brazilian Studies (February); UNESP – Assis (August); Syracuse University (October); University of São Paulo – School of Cinema Studies (December)

2006: Georgia State University (January); University of California, Los Angeles (May); Tel Aviv University (June)

2005: Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (November), Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (November), Vanderbilt University (November), Rice University (September); University of São Paulo (August); UNISINOS (July); University of Texas, Austin (April)

2004: Brown University, Center for Latin American Studies (February); Vanderbilt University (April); Federal University of Minas Gerais (July)

2003: University of Cologne, Institute of Latin American Studies (November); Sesc – São Paulo, Seminar on Culture and (in)Tolerance (November); Sara Lawrence College, Department of Anthropology (October); Brown University, Center for Latin American Studies (February); Federal University of Minas Gerais (June)

2002: University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Department of History (October); Tulane University, Department of Latin American Studies (September); State University of São Paulo, Center for Black Studies (July); Federal University of Brasília (UNB), Research Center on the Americas (CEPPAC) (July); State University of São Paulo (UNESP-Marília), Department of Social Science (June); State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Center for Migration Studies (June); State University of Campinas, History Department (June); University of California, Berkeley, Center for Latin American Studies (May); Japanese American National Library (San Francisco – May); Bial do Livro, São Paulo (May); University of São Paulo (USP), Nucleo de Estudos de História Oral (April); Musashi University (Tokyo, Japan - February)

2001: FACEF-Franca; University of São Paulo, Center for Jewish Studies; Catholic University of Porto Alegre; Department of History; University of Wisconsin, Center for Latin American Studies; Brown University, Department

of History; Tel Aviv University, Center for Latin American Studies; University of Michigan, Program in Jewish Studies, Program in Latin American Studies, Program in Asian Studies

2000: University of London, Institute for Latin American Studies; Florida International University, Asia-Latin America Globalization Program; Mt Holyoke College: Nine University and College International Studies Consortium of Georgia; University of California (San Diego), University of San Diego, San Diego State University; Ohio State University;

1999: Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies; Centro de História e Cultura Judaica (Rio de Janeiro); Catholic University, Williams College

1998: Georgetown University; Brown University, Thomas Watson Institute for International Studies; Center for International Migration, State University of Campinas, Brazil; Casa de Oswaldo Cruz, FIOCRUZ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

1997: University of Chicago, Alfred Smart Art Museum; Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies; Duke University; Tel Aviv University; Trinity College

1995: Yale University; Tel Aviv University; Brown University, Wayland Collegium; Brandeis University; Columbia University, Seminar on Latin America

1992: Columbia University, Seminar on Brazil

1991: University of Connecticut; Centro de Estudos de Demografia Histórica da América Latina (São Paulo); Instituto Cultural Judaico Marc Chagall (Porto Alegre)

1990: Instituto de Estudos de Economia, Sociedade e Política (São Paulo), University of California, Los Angeles; Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

1988: Columbia University Seminar on Brazil; Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Nucleo de Estudos de População (Campinas)

1986: Brown University, Center for Portuguese and Brazilian Studies; YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

BOOK REVIEWS

Mieko Nishida, [Diaspora and Identity: Japanese Brazilians in Brazil and Japan](#) (Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2018) [The American Historical Review](#) 123:5, (December 2018), 1710–1711, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhy281>.

Jerry Garcia, [Looking Like the Enemy: Japanese Mexicans, the Mexican State, and US](#) (University of Arizona Press, 2014), [Hispanic American Historical Review](#) (2014) 94 (4), 715-717, <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182168-2802894>.

Daniel M. Masterson and Sayaka Funada-Classen, [The Japanese in Latin America](#) (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2004), [The Americas](#) 61:3 (January 2005), 534-536.

Stewart Lone, [The Japanese in Brazil, 1908-1940: Between Samurai and Carnaval](#) (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2001), [Hispanic American Historical Review](#) 83:3 (May 2003), 432.

Rubens Antonio Barbosa, Marshall C. Eakin, and Paulo Roberto de Almeida, [O Brasil dos Brazilianistas: Um guia dos estudos sobre o Brasil nos Estados Unidos, 1945-2000](#) (São Paulo: Paz e Terra, 2002), [Luso-Brazilian Review](#) 39:2 (Winter 2002), 159-161.

Jose Moya, [Cousins and Strangers: Spanish Immigrants in Buenos Aires, 1850-1930](#) (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998). [American Historical Review](#) (April 1999), 532-533.

- Robert Stam, Tropical Multiculturalism: A Comparative History of Race in Brazilian Cinema (Durham: Duke University Press, 1998) Hispanic American Historical Review 79:1 (February 1999), 180-181.
- Barbara Weinstein, For Social Peace in Brazil: Industrialists and the Remaking of the Working Class in São Paulo, Brazil. The Historian 60:4 (Summer 1998), 881-882.
- Judith L. Elkin, The Jews of Latin America. The American Jewish Archives XLIX: 1&2 (1997), 169-171.
- Leonard Dinnerstein, Anti-Semitism in America. Shofar 14:2 (Winter 1996), 140-142.
- Hyung Chan Kim, ed., Asian-Americans and the Supreme Court: A Documentary History. Journal of American Ethnic History 15:2 (Winter 1996), 110-113.
- Leonard Dinnerstein, Anti-Semitism in America. Shofar 14:1 (Fall, 1995).
- Ronald M. Schneider. "Order and Progress": A Political History of Brazil. Latin American Anthropology Review 4:2 (1994), 85.
- René Gertz. O perigo alemão. The Americas 50:1 (July 1993), 141-142.
- Ronald Newton. The 'Nazi Menace' in Argentina. European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies 54 (June 1993), 136-137.
- John W.F. Dulles. Carlos Lacerda, Brazilian Crusader, Volume One: The Years 1914-1960. Luso-Brazilian Review 29:2 (Winter 1992), 130-132.
- Rebecca J. Scott et al. The Abolition of Slavery and the Aftermath of Abolition in Brazil. Latin American Anthropology Review 4: 1 (1992), 22-23.
- Sonia E. Alvarez. Engendering Democracy in Brazil: Women's Movement in Transition Politics. Latin American Anthropology Review 4: 1 (1992), 23.
- Victor A. Mirelman. Jewish Buenos Aires, 1890-1930: In Search of an Identity. International Migration Review 26:1 (Spring 1992), 182-183.
- Richard Graham, ed. The Idea of Race in Latin America, 1870-1940. Hispanic American Historical Review 71:3, (August 1991), 644.
- Egon and Frieda Wolff (various books). American Jewish Archives 18:1 (Spring/Summer, 1991), 92-95.
- AMILAT, Judaica latinoamericana: Estudios histórico-sociales. Hispanic American Historical Review 70:3, (August 1990), 483.
- Zuleika Alvim, Brava Gente. Hispanic American Historical Review 69:3, (August, 1989), 603-4.
- Maria Luiza Tucci Carneiro, O Anti-Semitismo na Era Vargas. Journal of Latin American Studies 21:3 (October 1989), 613-615.
- Egon and Frieda Wolff, Os Judeus nos Primórdios do Brasil República. American Jewish Archives 39:1 (April 1987), 101-103.

INTERVIEW

"Os Especialistas-Jeff H. Lesser" in José Carlos Sebe Bom Meihy, A Colônia Brazilianista: História Oral de Vida Acadêmica. São Paulo: Nova Stella, 1990.

PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Elected

Executive Committee, Conference on Latin American History (2009-2011)

President, Conference on Latin American History (2007-2009)

Vice-President, Conference on Latin American History (2005-2007)

Executive Committee Member, Brazilian Studies Association (2002-2004)

Executive Committee Member, Conference on Latin American History (2002-2004)

Chair, Brazilian Studies Committee, Conference on Latin American History (1998-2000)

Secretary, Latin American Jewish Studies Association (1996-2000)

Appointed

International Executive Board, Maria Sibylla Merian Centre Conviviality-Inequality in Latin America (2020-2025)

Organizing Committee, XV Latin American Jewish Studies Association International Research Conference, Tel Aviv University (2006)

Executive Council, Institute of Jewish Studies, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (appointed 2008)

Program Committee, Latin American Jewish Studies Association International Research Conference, University of Buenos Aires (2006)

Nominations Committee, Latin American Studies Association (2005)

Member, Brazil in Comparative Perspective Section Best Book Prize Committee, Latin American Studies Association (2003)

Member, Warren Dean Memorial Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History (2003)

Chair, Warren Dean Memorial Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History (1999)

Chair, Best Book Prize Committee, New England Council of Latin American Studies (1996)

Teaching Committee, Conference on Latin American History (1997-1999)

Robertson Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History (1995)

Editorial Boards

Novos Estudos CEBRAP (appointed 2016)

Hispanic American Historical Review (2015-2020, CLAH representative)

Anos 90 (appointed 2007)

Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional (appointed 2005 to 2016)

Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina e el Caribe (appointed 1999)

Estudios Ibero-Americanos (appointed 1998)

Pan-Japan: The International Journal of the Japanese Diaspora (appointed 2001)

Revista Humanas (appointed 2003)

Histórica: Revista da Associação dos Pós-Graduandos em História – PUCRS (appointed 1998)

Other

Grant Reviewer: American Council of Learned Societies; Canadian Social Science Research Council; Lucius N. Littauer Foundation; National Endowment for the Humanities; National Foundation for Jewish Culture; National Science Foundation; Research Council of Norway – Latin America Programme; Social Science Research Council

Consultant: Manuscript Review Program, University of Connecticut (2013); Advanced Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Science Grant Writing Workshop Leader, University of Southern California (2013); Department of Education Title VI Latin American Studies Grant, University of North Carolina, Charlotte (2000-2002)

External Reviews: University of North Carolina, Charlotte (International Studies); University of Maryland (History)

International Consulting Council: Centro Interdisciplinar de Estudos Contemporâneos of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

EDITORIAL CRITIQUES

(most recent)

International Migration, Portuguese Studies Review, American Historical Review, Cultural Anthropology, Cultural Geographies, Hispanic American Historical Review, Horizontes Antropológicos, International Journal of Middle East Studies, Journal of American Ethnic History, Journal of Latin American Anthropology, Latin American Research Review, Latin American & Caribbean Ethnic Studies – LACES, Luso Brazilian Review, Men and Masculinities, Oral History Review, Revista Humanas, Social Science & Medicine, Theory, Culture & Society

University of North Carolina Press, Duke University Press, Oxford University Press, University of California Press, University of Wisconsin Press, Stanford University Press, Temple University Press

COMPLETED DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Sara Kauko, “‘Criollo entrepreneurialism: Transforming racial and class identities and social mobility among mixed-race Argentines.’” (Anthropology, May 2020)

Jonathan Coulis, “Unexpected Revolutionaries: Economists, Agronomists, and Farmers Cultivating Modernity in Brazil’s Coffee Fields 1954-1989.” (History, May 2020 – second reader; Oral History Coordinator, Emory University Archives, Rose Library)

María de los Ángeles Picone, “Landscapes of Nationhood and Belonging: The Patagonian Andes, 1895-1958.” (History, May 2019; Assistant Professor, Boston College)

Andrew Britt: “‘I’ll Samba Someplace Else’: Constructing Identity and Neighborhood in São Paulo, 1930s-1980s.” (History, May 2019; Assistant Professor, UNC School of the Arts)

Christopher Brown: “‘Envisioning a City through Soccer in the Brazilian Amazon: Manaus, 1896–2016.’” (History, May 2018)

Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, “Cultivating the State: Migrants, Citizenship and the Transformation of the Bolivian Lowlands, 1952-2000.” (History, May 2016; Assistant Professor, University of Winnipeg)

Ariel Svarch: “Four Jews, Five Identities: Domesticity, Consumption and Language Politics in the Making of Jewish-Argentines (Buenos Aires 1905-1960).” (History, May 2016; Assistant Professor, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia)

Melissa Creary, "An Identity Crisis for Sickle Cell Disease in Brazil." (Institute for Liberal Arts, April, 2016; Assistant Professor, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor)

Ben Nobbs-Thiessen: "Cultivating the State: Migrants and the Transformation of the Bolivian Lowlands, 1952-2000." (History, May 2016: Assistant Professor, University of Winnipeg)

Suma Ikeuchi: "Borders of Self: Return Migration and Global Pentecostalism among Nikkei Brazilian Migrants in Japan." (Anthropology, May 2016: Assistant Professor, UC Santa Barbara)

Glen S. Goodman, "From "German Danger" to German-Brazilian President: Immigration, ethnicity, and the making of Brazilian identities, 1924-1974." (History, April 2015: Humanities Practice Manager and Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Arizona)

Jennifer L. Schaefer, "Rebels, Martyrs, Heroes: Authoritarianism and Youth Culture in Argentina, 1966-1983." (History, April 2015: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Macalister College)

Debjani Bhattacharyya, "Fictions of Possession: Land, Property and Capital in Colonial Calcutta, c. 1820 to c. 1920." (History, April 2014: Associate Professor, Drexel University)

Lena Suk: "Girls Night Out: Gender, Cinema, and Urban Growth." (History, April 2014: Assistant Professor and Program Administrator, Texas Global, University of Texas, Austin)

Alicia Monroe: "Brotherhoods of their Own: Black Confraternities and Civic Leadership in São Paulo, Brazil." (History, April, 2014)

Uri Rosenheck: "Fighting for Home Abroad: Remembrance and Oblivion of World War II in Brazil" (History, December, 2011)

Cari Williams: "Progeny of Progress: Child-Centered Policymaking and National Identity Construction in Brazil, 1922-1954." (History, December, 2011: Assistant Professor, Oregon State University)

Veerle H. Poupeye: "Between Nation and Market: Art and Society in 20th Century Jamaica." (Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts, April, 2011: Executive Director of the National Gallery of Jamaica. Outside Reader)

Rafael Ioris: "Industrial Promotion and Political Instability: Fifty Years in Five and the Meanings of National Development in 1950s Brazil." (History, April, 2009: tenure track assistant professor, University of Denver)

Mollie Lewis: "Con Men, Cooks, and Cinema Kings: Popular Culture and Jewish Identities in Buenos Aires, 1905-1930." (History, April, 2008; Pacific Northwest College of Art)

Cathy Marie Ouellette: "Two Times Brazilian: Rio Grande do Sul and the Making of the Nation, 1891-1930." (History, April, 2008: associate professor, Muhlenberg College)

Fabricio Prado: "Social Networks, Identity, and Sovereignty in Rio de la Plata Borderlands" (History, April, 2009: associate professor, College of William and Mary. Second reader)

Marvin Benjamin Junge: "Citizenship Appeals: Leftist Political Representation and Experience among Grassroots Community Leaders in Porto Alegre, Brazil." (Anthropology, April, 2007; associate professor, SUNY-New Paltz. Second reader)

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Alexandra Lemos (History): Religion and Music in Dictatorial Brazil

Marissa Nichols (History): "Indigenous Nurses in the Countryside: Vaccination Programs in Oaxaca, Mexico, 1942-1973"

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Alexander Cors (History): "Migration, Integration, and Coercion in Spanish Louisiana, 1762-1803"

Guilhereme von Streber (Hispanic Studies) "Language attitudes and the contact of Spanish and Portuguese in the border territories of South America."

OUTSIDE DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Laís Miwa Higa, University of São Paulo, Anthropology (Laura Moutinho, Chair), "Militância asiática no Brasil: raça, gênero, sexualidade e geração na construção de identidades asiáticas," (qualified, June, 2019)

Camille Cardoso, University of São Paulo, History (Gildo Magalhães dos Santos Filho, Chair), "As faces da psicopatia: contrastes entre norma e representação na Assistência a Psicopatas do Estado de São Paulo (1930-1968)." (qualified, June, 2019)

Érica Rosa Hatugai, Federal University of São Carlos, Social Science Department (Igor José de Renó Machado, Chair), "Um corpo como fronteira. Parentesco e identificações entre descendentes nipônicos 'mestiços,'" (defended October, 2018)

Linda Nishikido, University of São Paulo, Japanese Studies (Leiko Morales, Chair), "Hábitos Alimentares esmerilados pelos japoneses do pos-guerra no Amazonas." (qualified, April, 2016)

Érica Rosa Hatugai, Federal University of São Carlos, Social Science Department (Igor José de Renó Machado, Chair), "A medida das coisas": *Japonesidades* e parentesco entre associados da Nipo em Araraquara." (defended July, 2011)

Alexandre Kishimoto, University of São Paulo, Anthropology Department (Rose Satiko Hikiji, Chair), "A experiência do cinema japonês no bairro da Liberdade." (defended March, 2009)

Camila Aya Ischida, University of São Paulo, Anthropology Department (Rose Satiko Hikiji, Chair), "Clowns Mascarados: Os Estereótipos do Nikkei na Mídia Televisiva." (defended June, 2008).

Endrica Geraldo, State University of Campinas, History Department (Michael Hall, Chair), "Política Imigratória e Pensamento Racial na Era Vargas (1930-1945)." (defended December, 2007)

Ori Preuss, University of Miami, History Department (Steve Stein, Chair), "Bridging the Island: Brazilian Elite Views of Spanish America and Themselves, 1888-1912." (defended October, 2005)

Edith Wolfe, University of Texas, Austin, Art History Department (Jacqueline Barnitz, Chair) "Lasar Segall and the Origins of Brazilian Modernism." (defended April, 2005)

John Taufik Karam, Syracuse University, Department of Anthropology (John Burdick, Chair), "Distinguishing Arabesques: The Politics and Pleasures of Being Arab in Neoliberal Brazil." (defended December, 2003)

Igor José de Renó Machado, State University of Campinas, Anthropology Department (Bela Feldman Bianco, Chair), "Cárcere Público: Processos de exotização entre imigrantes brasileiros no Porto, Portugal." (defended July, 2003)

Emery Marques Gusmão, State University of São Paulo, Marília, Social Sciences Department (Tullo Vigevani, Chair), “Memória, Identidade e Relações de Trabalho: A Carreira docente sob o Olhar de Professores de História.” (defended June, 2002)

Lucia Helena Oliveira Silva, State University of Campinas, History Department (Celia Marinho de Azevedo, Chair), “Construindo uma Nova Vida: Migrantes Paulistas Afro-descendentes na Cidade do Rio de Janeiro no Pós-abolição (1888-1926),” (defended December, 2001)

Rogério Dezem, University of São Paulo, Department of History (M. L. Tucci Carneiro, Chair), “Quando o Perigo se Torna “Amarelo:” Construção da imagem estigmatizada dos Japoneses no Brasil (1879-1942).” (defended November, 2001)

COURSES

Undergraduate: Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean History; Twentieth Century Latin American History; Visions of the Other: Europe and America 1492 and After; Jewish America: Perspectives South and North; Latin America in Comparative Perspective (Mexico and Brazil); Immigration to and from Latin America; The Minority Experience in Latin America; Transnational Brazil/Multicultural Brazil; MESOLORE: Mesoamerican Codices as History, Drama and Power; Historiography and Methodology;

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