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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Samuel Rosenthal Professor of Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University, 2011-present
(Associate Professor, 2011-2019; Professor, 2019-present)
Director of the Program in Judaic Studies, Case Western Reserve University, 2015-present
Associate Professor of History, University of Tulsa, 2007-2010
Director of the Program in Judaic Studies, University of Tulsa, 2006-2010
Guest Professor, Brigham Young University, 2004
Assistant Professor, University of Tulsa, 2002-2007
Adjunct Professor, Southern Connecticut State University, 2001
Adjunct Professor, Albertus Magnus College, 2001

EDUCATION

Yale University

Ph.D. in History, 2001
M.Phil. in History, 1998
M.A. in History, 1996

Princeton University

A.B. in History and European Cultural Studies, 1995
(summa cum laude)

Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, Northwestern University

Short-term study at the Free University of Berlin, University of Leipzig, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the University of Burgundy (Dijon, France).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Die Scholems. Geschichte einer deutsch-jüdischen Familie. Berlin: Jüdischer Verlag im Suhrkamp Verlag, 2020.

** Sachbücher des Monats prize, ninth place, March 2021.

Reviews: *Berliner Morgenpost*, Borromäusverein, *Einsicht: Bulletin des Fritz Bauer Instituts*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Frankfurter Rundschau*, *Historische Zeitschrift*, *Journal21*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, *Neues Deutschland*, *Perlentaucher*, *Politik und Kultur*, *Zeitung des Deutschen Kulturrates*, *Sehepunkte*, *Tachles. Das jüdische Wochenmagazin*, *Tageszeitung (taz)*, *Zeitzeichen*. *Evangelische Kommentare zu Religion und Gesellschaft*, Deutschlandfunk national public radio as Book of the Week on the program "Büchermarkt," Deutschlandfunk Kultur national public radio on the program "Lesart," Österreich 1 national public radio on the program "Kontext," Südwestrundfunk regional public radio on the program

“Lesenswert.” It served as the basis of an episode of the Deutschlandfunk program “Schalom. Jüdisches Leben Heute.” It was recommended as a holiday gift selection for the *Berliner Morgenpost*. It was named one of the ten most important books in March 2021 [Die zehn wichtigsten Bücher im März] by the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.

The Scholems: A Story of the German-Jewish Bourgeoisie from Emancipation to Destruction. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019.

** Longlisted for the Cundhill History Prize, 2019.

Reviews: *AJS Review* [Association for Jewish Studies], *American Historical Review*, *Canadian Jewish News*, *Cape Jewish Chronicle* (Cape Town), *Central European History*, *Chidushim* (חידושים), *Cleveland Jewish News*, *EuropeNow*, *German Studies Review*, *The Jewish Chronicle* (London), *Journal of Jewish Identities*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Journal of Religious History*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Shofar*, *The Sydney Institute Review*, and *Times Higher Education* (London).

Rebuilding Jewish Life in Germany. Ed. with Michael Meng. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2020.

Reviews: *Choice*, *Central European History*, *Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft*

Three-Way Street: Jews, Germans and the Transnational. Ed. with Leslie Morris. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016.

Reviews: *Germany Quarterly* and *The Modern Language Review*.

Jews in Post-Holocaust Germany, 1945-1953. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Reviews: *AJS Review* [Association for Jewish Studies], *American Historical Review*, *Central European History*, *Contemporary European History*, *Eastern European Jewish Affairs*, *German Politics and Society*, *German Studies Review*, *H-Net/H-German*, *History: Reviews of New Books*, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, *Jewish Political Studies Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Modernism/Modernity*, and *Times Literary Supplement* (London).

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Die Synagoge des Israelitischen Tempelverbands zu Hamburg. Ein Wahrzeichen des modernen Judentums in der späten Weimarer Republik,” *Zeitschrift des Vereins für Hamburgische Geschichte* forthcoming 112 (2026).

“Modernist Synagogues for Modern Jews: Architecture and Jewish Identity in Weimar-Era Germany,” *Modern Judaism* forthcoming 45, no. 1 (January 2025).

“In Search of Scholem: Researching the Biography of a Transnational Memoirist in the Digital Age,” *PaRDeS: Journal of the Association for Jewish Studies in Germany* forthcoming 30 (2024).

“The Scholem Brothers and the Paths of German Jewry, 1914-1939,” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 30, no. 2 (winter 2012): 52-73.

“From Berlin and Jerusalem: On the Germanness of Gershom Scholem,” *Journal of Religious History* 35, no. 2 (June 2011): 211-232.

“Theodor Heuss and German-Jewish Reconciliation after 1945.” *German Politics and Society* 24, no. 2 (summer 2006): 1-22.

“Representing Jewry in East Germany, 1945-1953: The Jewish Community Between Advocacy and Accommodation.” *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book* 47 (2002): 195-214.

“Towards a new Imperialism in 18th-Century India: Dupleix, La Bourdonnais, and the French Compagnie des Indes.” *Portuguese Studies* 16 (2000): 240-255.

“The Role of Military Administration in German Occupied Belgium, 1940-1944.” *The Journal of Military History* 63, no. 1 (January 1999): 99-125.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“The Making of Oberbrechen” (with Stefanie Fischer and Kim Wünschmann). *Oberbrechen. A German Village confronts its Nazi Past*. Ed. Stefanie Fischer and Kim Wünschmann. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024.

“Introduction” (with Michael Meng). *Rebuilding Jewish Life in Germany*. Ed. Jay Howard Geller and Michael Meng. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2020. Pp. 1-13.

“The Politics of Jewish Representation in Early West Germany.” *Rebuilding Jewish Life in Germany*. Ed. Jay Howard Geller and Michael Meng. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2020. Pp. 14-29.

“The Scholem Family in Germany and German-Jewish Historical Context.” *Scholar and Kabbalist: The Life and Work of Gershom Scholem*. Ed. Mirjam Zadoff and Noam Zadoff. Leiden: Brill, 2019. Pp. 209-233.

“Introduction” (with Leslie Morris). *Three-Way Street: Jews, Germans and the Transnational*. Ed. Jay Howard Geller and Leslie Morris. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016. Pp. 1-19.

“‘I Have Been a Stranger in a Foreign Land’: The Scholem Brothers and German-Jewish Émigré Identity.” *Three-Way Street: Jews, Germans and the Transnational*. Ed. Jay Howard Geller and Leslie Morris. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016. Pp. 125-143.

“Die deutschen Juden und der Erste Weltkrieg.” *Ein Stein - ein Name - ein Mensch. Stolpersteine Gelnhausen*. Ed. Gail Lupton and Rosemarie Bartel. Gelnhausen: Kürle, 2013. Pp. 103-113.

“The Role of Military Administration in German Occupied Belgium, 1940-1944.” *The Second World War*. Vol. 4, *The Home Fronts*. Ed. Jeremy Black. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007. Pp. 63-90.

“Die Entstehung des Zentralrates der Juden in Deutschland.” *Zwischen Erinnerung und Neubeginn. Zur Deutsch-Jüdischen Geschichte nach 1945*. Ed. Susanne Schönborn. Munich: Martin Meidenbauer, 2006. Pp. 60-75.

“Das Bild Konrad Adenauers vom Judentum und seine Beziehungen zu Vertretern jüdischer Organisationen nach 1945.” *Adenauer, Israel und das Judentum*. Ed. Hanns Jürgen Küsters. Bonn: Bouvier, 2004. Pp. 137-155.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Scholem, Erich.” *History of the German-Jewish Diaspora*. Ed. Miriam Rürup and Sheer Ganor. Potsdam: Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies, online 2025.

“Scholem, Gershom.” *History of the German-Jewish Diaspora*. Ed. Miriam Rürup and Sheer Ganor. Potsdam: Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies, online 2025.

“Scholem, Reinhold.” *History of the German-Jewish Diaspora*. Ed. Miriam Rürup and Sheer Ganor. Potsdam: Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies, online 2025.

“Antisemitism.” *Germany and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*. Ed. Thomas Adam. New York: ABC-Clio Press, 2005. Pp. 85-91.

“East Germany.” *Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*. Ed. Richard S. Levy. New York: ABC-Clio Press, 2005. Pp. 259-260.

- “Federal Republic of Germany.” *Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*. Ed. Richard S. Levy. New York: ABC-Clío Press, 2005. Pp. 270-272.
- “Ignatz Bubis.” *Antisemitism: A Historical Encyclopedia of Prejudice and Persecution*. Ed. Richard S. Levy. New York: ABC-Clío Press, 2005. Pp. 87-88.
- “Jews.” *Europe since 1945: An Encyclopedia*. Ed. Bernard Cook. New York: Garland Press, 2001. Pp. 692-695.
- “Displaced Persons.” *Europe since 1945: An Encyclopedia*. Ed. Bernard Cook. New York: Garland Press, 2001. Pp. 313-314.
- “Belgian Decolonization.” *Europe since 1945: An Encyclopedia*. Ed. Bernard Cook. New York: Garland Press, 2001. Pp. 95-96.

Book Reviews

- Contemporary Europe in the Historical Imagination*, edited by Darcy Buerkle and Skye Doney. University of Wisconsin, George L. Mosse Program in History blog (online), August 2023.
- Gershom Scholem: An Intellectual Biography*, by Amir Engel. H-Judaic (online), January 2019.
- Werner Scholem: A German Life*, by Mirjam Zadoff. *Reading Religion, A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (online), April 2018.
- Postwar Germany and the Holocaust*, by Caroline Sharples. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 47, no. 3 (winter 2017): 427-428.
- The New Life: Jewish Students of Postwar Germany*, by Jeremy Varon. *Central European History* 48, no. 3 (September 2015): 444-445.
- Migration und Transnationalität*, by Tobias Brinkmann. *Central European History* 46, no. 3 (September 2013): 651-653.
- Between National Socialism and Soviet Communism Displaced Persons in Postwar Germany*, by Anna Holian. *German Studies Review* 36, no. 1 (February 2013): 215-217.
- A Short History of the Jews*, by Michael Brenner. *Canadian Journal of History* 46, no. 1 (spring/summer 2011): 209-211.
- Juden in Deutschland - Deutschland in den Juden: Neue Perspektiven*, by Y. Michal Bodemann and Micha Brumlik. *German Studies Review* 34, no. 2 (May 2011): 469-471.
- Demonstrating Reconciliation: State and Society in West German Foreign Policy Toward Israel, 1952-1965*, by Hannfried von Hindenburg. *Central European History* 43, no. 3 (October 2010): 556-558.
- The Angel of History: Rosenzweig, Benjamin, Scholem*, by Stéphane Moses. H-German (online), October 2009.
- Jews, Germans, and Allies: Close Encounters in Occupied Germany*, by Atina Grossmann. *American Historical Review* 114, no. 1 (February 2009): 231-232.
- Unmögliche Heimat. Eine deutsch-jüdische Geschichte der Bundesrepublik*, by Anthony Kauders. *Central European History* 41, no. 4 (December 2008): 723-725.
- Lamentations of Youth: The Diaries of Gershom Scholem, 1913-1919*, by Gershom Scholem, edited by Anthony David Skinner. H-German (online), March 2008.
- Beyond the Border: The German-Jewish Legacy Abroad*, by Steven E. Aschheim. *German Studies Review* 31, no. 1 (February 2008): 174-176.
- Germans, Jews, and Antisemites: Trials in Emancipation*, by Shulamit Volkov. *Canadian Journal of History* 42, no. 3 (winter 2007): 526-528.

Integration und Ausgrenzung in der städtischen Gesellschaft. Eine jüdisch-nicht jüdische Beziehungsgeschichte Kölns 1918-1933, by Nicola Wenge. H-German (online), December 2007.

Schuld und Schulden. Die Politik der Wiedergutmachung für NS-Verfolgte seit 1945, by Constantin Goschler. *American Historical Review* 111, no. 5 (December 2006): 1622.

A Jew in the New Germany, by Henryk Broder. *Canadian Journal of History* 41, no. 3 (autumn 2006): 329-334.

After the Holocaust: Jewish Survivors in Germany after 1945, by Eva Kolinsky. *Canadian Journal of History* 41, no. 3 (autumn 2006): 329-334.

Being Jewish in the New Germany, by Jeffrey Peck. *Canadian Journal of History* 41, no. 3 (autumn 2006): 329-334.

Turning the Kaleidoscope: Perspectives on European Jewry, edited by Sandra Lustig and Ian Leveson. H-German (online), November 2006.

The Jews are Coming Back: The Return of the Jews to their Countries of Origin After World War II, edited by David Bankier. H-German (online), January 2006.

Resurgence of Jewish Life in Germany, by Charlotte Kahn. H-German (online), June 2005.

A Jewish Family in Germany Today: An Intimate Portrait, by Y. Michal Bodemann. H-German (online), March 2005.

Democratization and the Jews: Munich, 1945-1965, by Anthony Kauders. H-German (online), March 2005.

The Butcher's Tale: Murder and Anti-Semitism in a German Town by Helmut Walser Smith. *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 18, no. 4 (fall 2004): 318-323.

Exclusionary Violence: Antisemitic Riots in Modern Germany History edited by Christhard Hoffmann, Werner Bergmann, and Helmut Walser Smith. *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 18, no. 4 (fall 2004): 318-323.

Exodus to Berlin: The Return of the Jews to Germany, by Peter Laufer. H-German (online), September 2003.

Safe Among the Germans: Liberated Jews After World War II, by Ruth Gay. H-German (online), June 2003.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conference Papers, Comments, and Invited Lectures

Commentator and moderator for the panel “The Making of the Graphic History *Oberbrechen: The Clashing Perspectives and Ethical Challenges of Writing Local History after the Holocaust*,” Association for Jewish Studies conference, held virtually, December 2024.

“Jüdische Sakralbauten in der Weimarer Republik. Baustil und jüdische Identität im Zeitalter der Moderne,” Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg, June 2024.

Commentator and moderator for the panel “Facing the Past Locally, Asking for Testimonies Globally: German-Jewish History as Transnational Undertaking in the Early Decades of the Federal Republic,” German Studies Association conference, Atlanta, September 2024.

“In What Style Should We Build? Jewish Sacred Architectural Style in the Weimar Republic,” German Studies Association conference, Montreal, Canada, October 2023.

Commentator for the panel “Occupation and Denazification: Rethinking the Role of the United States,” German Studies Association conference, Houston, September 2022.

“When the *Neue Sachlichkeit* Went to Shul: Jewish Design and Community in Weimar Germany,” Association for Jewish Studies conference, held remotely in lieu of Washington, D.C., December 2020.

“The Scholems: A Story of the German-Jewish Bourgeoisie from Emancipation to Destruction,” Center for Jewish Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, February 2020. (invited speaker)

“Teaching the Holocaust in the Age of Trump,” German Studies Association conference, Portland, Oregon, October 2019.

“Teaching the Holocaust in the Age of Trump,” Association for Jewish Studies conference, Boston, December 2018.

Commentator for the panel “Out of the Ruins: The Nazi Past in the Long Post-war,” German Studies Association conference, Washington, D.C., October 2015.

Moderator and commentator for a panel at the Jews of Cleveland conference, Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio, March 2015.

Moderator for the panel “Passing and Assimilation in Modern Jewish History,” Association for Jewish Studies conference, Baltimore, Maryland, December 2014.

“The Scholem Family in German and German-Jewish Historical Context,” Institute of Jewish Studies, University College London, June 2013. (invited speaker)

“Searching for Scholem: Gershom Scholem’s Self-Presentation in Archives, Diaries, and Memoirs,” Judaic Studies speakers series, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2012. (invited speaker)

“‘I was a Stranger in a Foreign land’: The Scholem Brothers and German Jewish Émigré Identity in Israel and Australia,” German Studies Association conference, Oakland, October 2010.

Moderator for the panel “Returning Home after 1945: Victims and Veterans,” German Studies Association conference, Oakland, October 2010.

“Representing Refugees in American-Occupied Postwar Germany,” The Refugee in the Postwar World conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, April 2010.

“In Search of the Scholem: Gershom Scholem’s Family and German Jewish History in Archives and Memoirs,” Henry A. Turner Memorial Symposium, New Haven, October 2009.

Moderator for the panel “Reconstructing Jewish Identity: German Jews and Religious Space after 1945,” German Studies Association conference, San Diego, October 2007.

Commentator for the panel “Revenge, Repentance, and Reconciliation: Confronting the Past in Postwar Germany,” American Historical Association conference, Atlanta, January 2007.

“The Re-Birth of German Jewry after the Holocaust,” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2006. (invited speaker)

“Adenauer, Heuss, and the Jews in Germany and America,” German Studies Association conference, Milwaukee, October 2005.

“The German States and their Jewish Citizens after 1945,” After Fascism: Re-Democratization of Western European Society and Political Culture since 1945 conference, Bruno Kreisky Archives Foundation, Vienna, Austria, May 2005.

“East German Jewry and Political Patronage in the early GDR,” German Studies Association conference, Washington, D.C., October 2004.

“Friendship, Politics, and Reconciliation: Germans and Jews in the Shadow of the Holocaust,” Politics of Friendship conference, King’s College, University of London, London, United Kingdom, September 2004.

- “West German Politicians and the Re-Establishment of the German Jewish Community,” German Studies Association conference, New Orleans, October 2003.
- “200 Years of German Liberalism, or The Travails of Liberalism in an Illiberal Country,” Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, May 2003. (invited speaker)
- “German Politics, Reparations, and the Legacy of the Holocaust,” Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, May 2003. (invited speaker)
- “The Re-Birth of German Jewry after the Holocaust,” Judaic Studies speakers series, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, February 2003. (invited speaker)
- “Three Models of German-Jewish Reconciliation after 1945,” Judaic Studies speakers series, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, February 2003. (invited speaker)
- “Das Bild Konrad Adenauers vom Judentum und seine Beziehungen zu Vertretern jüdischer Organisationen nach 1945,” 20th Rhöndorfer Gespräch conference, Bonn, Germany, October 20002. (invited paper)
- “The West German Political Elite and the Jewish Question before 1953,” New England Historical Association conference, St. Michael’s College, Winooski, Vermont, October 2001.
- “The Struggle for a Renewed *Kehilla* in Germany after the Holocaust,” Midwestern Jewish Studies Association conference, Spertus Institute, Chicago, Illinois, October 2001.

Public Lectures

- “Die Scholems. Geschichte einer deutsch-jüdischen Familie in Berlin,” Stadtmuseum Berlin, Ephraim Palace, March 2025.
- “The Scholems: A German-Jewish Family between Emancipation and Destruction, A reflection of the history of German Jews,” Institute of Jewish Studies, University College London, November 2022.
- “Jews and the Right,” with Philipp Nielsen, Leo Baeck Institute, held remotely in lieu of New York, June 2020.
- “From Charlottesville to Pittsburgh, From London to Halle: What’s behind the Rise in Antisemitism?,” Oak Hammock, Gainesville, Florida, February 2020.
- “The Scholems: A Story of the German-Jewish Bourgeoisie from Emancipation to Destruction,” 92nd Street Y, New York, October 2019.
- “Germany 1932, America 2020: Jews and Democracy in Crisis,” collaboration with the Leo Baeck Institute for Deutschlandjahr USA, Cleveland, Ohio, September 2019.
- “The Most Important Jew You’ve (Probably) Never Heard Of: Gershom Scholem and His World,” B’nai Jeshurun Congregation, Pepper Pike, Ohio, June 2019.
- “Rebuilding the Communities: Jewish Life in Germany after the Shoah,” Menorah Park, Beachwood, Ohio, December 2018.
- “The People of the City: Jewish Urban Histories,” B’nai Jeshurun Congregation, Pepper Pike, Ohio, May 2018.
- “Symbols of Jewish Identity,” Park Synagogue Main, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, April 2018.
- “Personalizing Holocaust Memory,” Park Synagogue East, Pepper Pike, Ohio, April 2018.
- “Myths, Urban Legends & Not-Quite-True Stories in Jewish History,” B’nai Jeshurun Congregation, Pepper Pike, Ohio, May 2017.
- “Looking Back at Eichmann in Jerusalem,” Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Beachwood, Ohio, April 2016.

“Art and the Holocaust,” Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Beachwood, Ohio, December 2015.
 “Jewish Germany: Where Past and Present Meet,” Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, CWRU, Travel The Jewish World (without Leaving Cleveland) series, March 2015.
 “Israel and Germany: From Shoah to Special Relationship,” Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, CWRU, Tzion series, March 2015.
 “Rebirth of German Jewish communities after the War,” Temple Israel, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, February 2015.
 “Jews in Germany Today,” Park Synagogue East, Pepper Pike, Ohio, January 2015.
 “When the Synagogues Burned: Making Sense of Kristallnacht,” Interfaith Kristallnacht commemoration, Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 2014.
 “Renewing Jewish Life in Germany after the Holocaust,” The Temple – Tifereth Israel, Beachwood, Ohio, March 2014.
 “Theodor Herzl, the Dreyfus Affair, and the Making of a Zionist,” Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Beachwood, Ohio, October 2013.
 “To Germany, From Germany, Through Germany: A Case Study of Jewish Identity in the Modern World,” Congregation Beth El, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, April 2013.
 “Erich Mendelsohn: German Jewish Modernism comes to Cleveland,” Park Synagogue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, February 2013.
 “Rebuilding the Community: Jewish Life in Germany after the Shoah,” Beth El Synagogue, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, October 2012.
 “The Choices of Germany’s Jews in an Era without Choices,” History Associates, Cleveland, Ohio, February 2012.
 “Kristallnacht Remembered: Sacred Spaces, Missing Places,” Interfaith Kristallnacht commemoration, Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 2011.
 “Jewish Life in Germany Today,” Siegel College of Judaic Studies, Cleveland, Ohio, September 2011.
 “New Perspectives on Gershom Scholem,” Congregation B’nai Emunah, Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 2010.
 “Are American Jews the New German Jews?,” two-part lecture series Congregation B’nai Emunah, Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 2007.
 “The Life and Work of Theodor Herzl,” three-part lecture series, Congregation B’nai Emunah, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 2005.
 “Reconstructing Jewish Life in Germany after the Holocaust,” Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 2005.
 “Life Reborn: Jewish Life after the Holocaust,” official City of Tulsa inter-faith Holocaust commemoration, April 2004.
 Speaker and panel moderator, opening of *Rebirth After the Holocaust: The Bergen-Belsen Displaced Persons Camp, 1945-1950* exhibit, Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 2004.
 Comments on “The Wonderful, Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl” in conjunction with *Kristallnacht* commemorations, Congregation B’nai Emunah, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 2003.

“Paragraph 175 and the Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals,” Tulsa Gay-Bisexual-Lesbian-Transgender Diversity Celebration 2003, sponsored by Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights (TOHR), June 2003.

“The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising,” official City of Tulsa inter-faith Holocaust commemoration, April 2003.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Professional

Hamburg Fellowship, Alfred Toepfer Stiftung, 2024.

Dr. Gabriele Meyer Fellowship, Institut für die Geschichte der deutschen Juden, Hamburg, 2024.

Sachbücher des Monats prize, ninth place, March 2021.

Longlisted for the Cundhill History Prize, 2019.

Finalist for the Carl F. Wittke Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2018, 2019.

CWRU Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities research travel grant, 2017.

CWRU Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities conference travel grant, 2013.

Gerda Henkel Stiftung Research Scholarship, 2009.

Alternate for Fulbright Fellowship for Israel, 2008-2009.

University of Tulsa faculty research grant, 2006.

University of Tulsa fellowship for participation in a CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar, 2005.

University of Tulsa multicultural course development grant, 2004.

University of Tulsa faculty research development grant, 2003.

Graduate

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Dissertation Fellowship, 1999.

Fritz Halbers Fellowship in German-Jewish History and Culture, Leo Baeck Institute, 1998.

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Dissertation Fellowship, 1998 (declined).

Fox International Fellowship for Graduate Study at the Freie Universität Berlin, 1998-1999.

Gilbert Kinney Fellowship in History, Yale University Graduate School, 1996-1998.

University Fellowship, Yale University Graduate School, 1995-2001.

Undergraduate, etc.

Laurence Hutton Prize in History, awarded to the graduating history major who has compiled the strongest record in department work, 1995

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Chapter of New Jersey (Princeton), inducted May 1995.

Department of History, Princeton University research grant, 1994.

Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University research grant, 1994.

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarship for study in Germany, 1994.

American Society of the Legion of Honor Fellowship for work and study in France, 1992.

Eagle Scout Award, 1989.

SELECTED COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Modern World History
Modern Europe
19th-Century Europe
The Belle Époque: Europe, 1870-1918
Europe in the Twentieth Century
The Modern European City
Modern German History
Colonialism and Imperialism
Introduction to Judaic Studies
Jews and Judaism
Jews in the Modern World
Jews under Christianity and Islam
Jewish Urban History
History of Zionism
The Holocaust
Graduate readings in European history

SERVICE

Professional Service

Editorial board member, *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book*, 2024-present.
Editorial board member, *AJS Review*, 2015-2021.
Book review editor, *AJS Review*, 2015-2020.
Commentary on the Scholem and Hirsch families for the website of the National Library of Israel, Gershom Scholem Collection, 2016
<<http://web.nli.org.il/sites/NLI/English/library/news/Pages/Scholem.aspx>>.
Tenure and promotion file referee, Clemson University, Smith College.
Fellowship proposal referee, Swiss National Science Foundation.
Manuscript referee, Harvard University Press, Yale University Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Alabama Press, Berghahn Books, Praeger Press/Greenwood Press.
Freelance researcher for the U. S. Memorial Holocaust Museum, 2000-2001.

University, College, and Departmental Service, Case Western Reserve University

Siegal Lifelong Learning Program advisory board, 2015-present
Instructor for the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, 2013-present.
Magyar Lecture committee member, 2015-present.
Violins of Hope program/Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center grand opening planning committee member, 2013-2016.
Assisted Office of the President and Office of University Relations on development efforts for Judaic studies, 2012-present.
Speaker in the Faculty Spotlight Series, hosted by CWRU President Barbara Snyder, 2012, 2015, and 2019.

Participant in the preparations for Blue Bash, including subject of a promotional video for the university, 2011.

College

Committee on Appointments member, 2020-2022, 2023-2024.

Search committee member and chair for Stephen Hoffman Professorship in Hebrew, 2020-2022.

Expanding Horizons Initiative (EHI) Review Panel member for Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2022.

Search committee member and chair for Abba Hillel Silver Professorship in Jewish Studies, 2015-2018.

Judaic Studies steering committee chair, 2015-present

Judaic Studies steering committee member, 2011-present.

International Studies steering committee member, 2021-present.

Co-coordinated efforts with the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences for a Jewish Studies Expansion Program (JSEP) grant, 2012.

Search committee member for Department of Religious Studies (VAP in Judaic studies), 2011 and 2014.

Advisor to the dean of Arts and Sciences on CWRU's negotiations with Siegal College of Judaic Studies, 2011.

Department

History Department Undergraduate Education committee member, 2011-present.

Member of organizing committee for the Harvey Wish Symposium, 2011-2013.

University, College, and Departmental Service, University of Tulsa

University

University Senate member, 2009-2010.

University Appeals Board member, alternate, 2007-2010.

President, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta chapter of Oklahoma, 2010.

Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta chapter of Oklahoma, 2005-2006.

Historian, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta chapter of Oklahoma, 2004-2005.

Director, Program in Judaic Studies, 2006-2010.

Tulsa Undergraduate Research Challenge (TURC) committee member, 2004-2007.

College

College of Arts & Sciences teaching evaluation committee member, 2005-2007.

College of Arts & Sciences representative, University of Tulsa-University of Bucharest faculty exchange program, 2003.

Search committee member for Department of Religion (early modern/Reformation), 2007.

Fourth-year review committee member for Department of Languages (German), 2007.

Department

History Department Undergraduate Education committee member, 2004-2010.

History Department recording secretary, 2002-2004, 2005-2007.

History Department liaison to McFarlin Library, 2002-2005, 2006-2008.

Search committee member for Department of History (ancient history), 2007.

Second-year review committee chairman for Department of History, 2009.
Helped set up webpages for History Department faculty, 2003.
Designed and wrote History Department prospectus/information booklet, 2003.
Organizer of the History Department's Ed Cadenhead Memorial Lecture, 2002.

Community Service

Facing History and Ourselves, board of scholars member, 2017-present.
Cleveland Jewish Publication Company, board of directors member, Beachwood, Ohio, 2016-2021.
Rabbinical search committee member, Congregation Shaarey Tikvah, Beachwood, Ohio, 2015-2016
Co-Organizer of a speakers series, film presentation, and exhibition on architect Erich Mendelsohn and Park Synagogue, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 2012-2013.
Speaker at the Cleveland Jewish FilmFest, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 2012 and 2017.
Cleveland Israel Arts Connection Advisory Group member, Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Beachwood, Ohio, 2012-2013.
Facing History and Ourselves, Cleveland, teacher trainer, 2012 and 2014.
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, docent trainer, Beachwood, Ohio, 2011, 2013, 2014.
Courses on Jewish history for the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, Jewish Federation of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla., 2003-2009.
Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, Secretary of the board of trustees, Tulsa, Okla., 2005-2007.
Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art, docent trainer, Tulsa, Okla., 2003-2010.
Synagogue Cinema Jewish Film Series, board member, Tulsa, Okla., 2003-2005.
Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education, executive committee member, Tulsa, Okla., 2004-2010.
Weekly mentor/volunteer, McClure Elementary School, Tulsa, Okla., 2004-2006.

Selected media interviews

Commentary for "Ein Porträt der Familie von Gershom Scholem," for the Schalom. Jüdisches Leben Heute program, broadcast on Deutschlandfunk national public radio on February 19, 2021.
Interview for "Considering German Jewry's History and Legacy" Jewish History Matters podcast, released February 14, 2021.
Interview on use of the term "concentration camps" in American politics for *Newsweek*, "Academics Rally Behind Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Over Concentration Camp Comments," by Katherine Hignett, June 24, 2019.
Interview on antisemitism and racism in contemporary Europe for *U.S. News and World Report*, "In the Wake of Attacks on Jews, Anti-Semitism Wanes in Parts of Europe," by Devon Haynie, August 4, 2016.
Interview for "Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann," for the Sound of Applause program, broadcast on WCPN 90.3 on April 11, 2016.
Interview on music in Holocaust-era concentration camps for "Restoring hope by repairing violins of the Holocaust" on Public Broadcasting Service television, aired on the PBS NewsHour program on February 12, 2016.
Interview on music in the Holocaust-era concentration camps for National Public Radio, broadcast locally as "Violins of Hope Cleveland" on the Sound of Applause program on

WCPN 90.3 on September 30, 2015, broadcast nationally via WBUR as “Restored Instruments From Concentration Camps Give Rise To ‘Violins Of Hope’” on the Here and Now program on October 2, 2015.

Interview on Violins of Hope program for *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, “‘Violins of Hope’ project left deep, long-lasting impact on Northeast Ohio,” by Zachary Lewis, January 20, 2016.

Interview on the history of antisemitic and restricted immigration policy to America for *Cleveland Jewish News*, “Area rabbis condemn Trump’s Muslim stance,” by Jonah L. Rosenblum, December 18, 2015.

Interview on antisemitic violence and the response in France for *Cleveland Jewish News*, “Netanyahu takes center stage in US,” by Carlo Wolff, February 27, 2015.

Interview on antisemitism in Europe for American Law Radio, broadcast live on WHK 1420 on July 25, 2013.

Interview on the history and uses of Yiddish for *Oklahoma Magazine*, “Beyond Kosher and Klutz,” by Scott Pitcock, June 2006.