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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2024 Associate Professor, Department of History
Core Faculty, Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies
Affiliate Faculty, Women and Gender Studies, University of Oklahoma
2015-2024 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Oklahoma
2013-15 Lecturer, Department of History and the Schusterman/Josey Program in
Judaic and Israel Studies, University of Oklahoma
2011-13 Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History and Program in
Jewish Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

July 2026- Coeditor, *Journal of Women's History*.
2023-2024 Book Editor, *Journal of Women's History*.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2010 Ph.D., American History
Fields: 20th century America; American Jewish History; Women's and
Gender History.
Minor fields: Modern Jewish History and Immigration.
Dissertation: "Jewish Intellectuals, Masculinity, and the Making of Modern
American Conservatism, 1930-1980."
Gender Studies Certificate, June 2010.
2004 M.A., American History
M.A. thesis: "The Congress of American Women, 1946-1950: An International
Feminist Project in a Polarizing World."

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City, NY

2001 B.A., American Studies, *cum laude*. Honor's thesis awarded distinction. John Demos
Prize in American Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Write like a Man: Jewish Masculinity and the New York Intellectuals* (Princeton
University Press, 2024; paperback 2026).
 - Long listed for the National Book Critics Circle (NBCC) award in criticism.
 - Finalist for the National Jewish Book Award in two categories.
 - Honorable Mention, The Saul Viener Book Prize, American Jewish Historical
Society Academic Council.
 - NYC Big Book Award, Religions Nonfiction Category.

- *A Moment Magazine* gift book.
- Reviewed in: *The Wall Street Journal* (March 22, 2024 online; March 23-24 print edition); *The Washington Post* (March 26, 2024 online); *The New York Times* (July 3, 2024 online; July 14, 2024, print edition); *The Times Literary Supplement* (November 15, 2024, print & online); *The New Republic* (July 5, 2024); *The Forward* (July 17, 2024); *Publisher's Weekly* (January, 2024); *The New Statesman* (June 12, 2024); *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (April 24, 2024); *Jewish Currents*, "Shabbat Reading List," (July 19, 2024); *Open Letters Review* (March 28, 2024); Jewish Book Council (March 25, 2024); *New York Journal of Books* (June 17, 2024); *Choice* (September 2024); Vol. 1 *Brooklyn* (November 20, 2024); *Jewish Telegraph Agency* (syndicated elsewhere, (December 1, 2024); *Moment Magazine* (December 26, 2024); *London Grip* (January, 2025); *The London Review of Books* (July 10, 2025).
- "'The First Lady of Neoconservatism': Midge Decter and the Politics of Family Values." *Journal of American History*, December 2023.
- "Neither 'Sissy' Boy nor Patrician Man: New York Intellectuals and the Construction of American Jewish Masculinity," *American Jewish History* 98:3 (July 2014).
 - Awarded Wasserman Prize for Outstanding article in *American Jewish History*

Works in Progress

- *"No More Nice Girls:" Women's Liberation, Cosmopolitan Jews, and the Reimagining of American Intellectual Life* (book manuscript).
- *People of the Book: Essays on American Jewish Intellectual History*, ed. with Kevin Schultz (University of Illinois, Chicago) and David Weinfeld (Rowan University). Under contract with Rutgers University Press.
- *The Journal of Public Opinion: An American History* (book project).

Writings for the Broader Public

- "'Write Like a Man: The New York Intellectuals v. Women's Liberation,'" *Lilith* (fall 2024).
- "A Case of Unrequited Love," HNN: *History News Network*, September 24, 2024.
- "Gender, Judaism, and Twentieth-Century American Writing," with Ayelet Brinn, *Paper Brigade* (2025/5785), published by the Jewish Book Council.
- "'The Weapon of the Cultural Underdog': Masculinity and Jewish Identity in Mid Century American Jewish Letters," Jewish Book Council (online, March 25, 2024).
- "Forging an American Vision of Jewish Masculinity," *Ideas* (online magazine, published by Princeton University Press).
- "An overlooked conservative writer helps explain Trump's enduring appeal," *Made by History, Washington Post's*, May 20, 2022.
- "Midge Decter," *The Shalvi/Hyman Encyclopedia of Jewish Women*, The Jewish Women's Archive.

Podcasts, Interviews & Radio

- Chew's Views, WCTP 820 (Chicago radio), "America at 250 Conversation" on religion in American life (June 26, 2026).
- *Back of the Book*, with Christopher Scalia, "The Macho Menches of Manhattan," (July 21, 2025).
- *Behind the News*, with Doug Henwood, KPFA radio (Berkeley) & podcast, (February 6, 2025).
- Interview with Mitchell Abidor, "How American Jewish Marxists Forged a Macho Style for Public Intellectuals: A Conversation with Ronnie Grinberg about her book *Write Like a Man*," *Public Seminar* (October 24, 2024).
- New Books Network, with Miranda Melcher (August 30, 2024).
- Interview with David Cohen, "Remembering the New York Jewish Male," *The Jewish Chronicle* (August 22, 2024).
- *Why Now?* with Claire Potter, Episode 54: "Typewriter Combat" (May 13, 2024).
- *Know Your Enemy*, with Sam Adler-Bell and Matthew Sitman, sponsored by *Dissent* (April 17, 2024).
- *Time of Monster's* with Jeet Heer, *The Nation*, "Midge Decter's Legacy," (May 25, 2022).
- Interview with Pamela Nadell, author of *America's Jewish Women* (Norton, 2019), for the *Journal of Women's History* and New Books Network (February 2020).

Public-Facing Teaching & Scholarship

- Guest curator, "All that We Have Standing Between Us: 250 years of Jews and American Democracy," American Jewish Historical Society and Center for Jewish History (July-December 2026).
- Roundtable by 92nd Street Y, three-session online course: "Write Like a Man: Jewish Masculinity and the New York Intellectuals (October 2024).
- New York City Public Schools, Hidden Voices initiative on American Jewish History and combatting antisemitism (forthcoming, Natalia Mehlman Pretzela, project PI).
 - Wrote biographical entries and designed teaching units for Rose Schneiderman, Lillian Hellman, Ida Schnall, and Midge Decter.

Reviews (books, films, etc.)

- "Marty Mauser and Jewish Masculinity," Marty Supreme film review, *American Jewish History* (forthcoming).
- Brinn, Ayelet, *A Revolution in Type: Gender and the Making of the American Yiddish Press* (New York University Press, 2023), in *The Journal of the Progressive Era and Gilded Age* (January 2025).
- Imhoff, Sarah, *Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism* (Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 2017), *American Jewish History* (Vol. 102, No. 3) July 2018.
- Abrams, Jeanne E., *Jewish Denver, 1859-1940* (Denver: Arcadia Publishing, 2007). *American Jewish Archives Journal* (Vol. LX, No. 1 & 2) 2008.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2024-25 Long listed for the National Book Critics Circle (NBCC) award in criticism, *Write like a Man*.
- 2024-25 Finalist, National Jewish Book Award, Celebrate 350 Award in American Jewish Studies, *Write like a Man*.
- 2024-25 Finalist, National Jewish Book Award, Barbara Doblin Award in Women's Studies, *Write like a Man*.
- 2024-25 Honorable Mention, The Saul Viener Book Prize, American Jewish Historical Society Academic Council, *Write like a Man*.
- 2025 NYC Big Book Award, Religion Nonfiction Category, *Write like a Man*.
- 2015-16 Paula E. Hyman Mentorship Program, American Jewish Studies Association Women's Caucus.
- 2015 Elected to the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society
- 2015 Wasserman Prize for most Outstanding Article in *American Jewish History*, 2014.
- 2008 Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Graduate Student Teacher Award, Honorable Mention, Northwestern University, Evanston.
- 2007-08 Associated Student Government Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern University, Evanston.
- 2007 Lacy Baldwin Smith Prize for Teaching Excellence, Department of History, Northwestern University, Evanston.
- 2001 John Demos Prize in American Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2025 Faculty Investment Program, University of Oklahoma.
- 2024 Presidential International Travel Fellowship, College of International Studies, University of Oklahoma.
- 2022 AJS Gender Justice Caucus Cashmere Subvention Award, Association for American Jewish Studies (AJS) Women's Caucus.
- 2020 Junior Faculty Fellowship, Office of Vice President for Research, University of Oklahoma.
- 2019 American Academy for Jewish Research Early Career Faculty Workshop at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2017-18 Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma.
- 2017 Faculty Investment Program, University of Oklahoma (declined).
- 2017 Kevy Kaiserman Memorial Summer Fellow, The Myer & Rosaline Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University.
- 2017 Presidential International Travel Fellowship, College of International Studies, University of Oklahoma.
- 2016-17 Harry Ransom Center Research Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016 Junior Faculty Fellowship, Office of Vice President for Research, University of Oklahoma.
- 2011 Rosalie Katchen Travel Grant, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, Waltham.

2009-10	Teaching Assistantship, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2008-09	Crown Family Dissertation Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2008	Residential College Conference Grant, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2008	Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies Conference Grant, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2007; 08	Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2007; 08	University Conference Grant, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2007-08	Loewenstein-Wiener Fellowship, The Jacob Rader Marcus American Jewish Archives, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati.
2007-08	Alumnae Association of Barnard College Fellowship for Graduate Study, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City.
2007-08	Graduate Assistantship, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2006	History Department Research Grant, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2003-07	University Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University, Evanston.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2026	Stanley Kutler Lectures at the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (forthcoming, October 2026).
2026	"Defending Democracy: Pivotal Elections in American Jewish History," panel discussion organized by the American Jewish Historical Society and Center for Jewish History, part of its exhibit, "All that We Have Standing Between Us: 250 years of Jews and American Democracy" (forthcoming, October 2026)
2026	"No More Nice Girls, No More 'Lady Critics': Feminism, Jewishness, and Upending the Gendered Truisms of the New York Intellectuals," Michigan State University, (forthcoming, November 2026).
2025	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Goldberg Lecture (Sept. 2025).
2025	"Elite Emergencies: Billionaires, the Academy, and American Jewish Intellectuals," Diaspora Alliance, roundtable discussion.
2025	"Antisemitism and the Crisis of Liberalism," Yale University. Conference organized by Samuel Moyn and Maurice Samuels. (April-May 2025).
2025	College of Idaho, Neilsen Lecture Series in Judaic Studies, book talk (April 2025).
2024	"Deconstructing Jewish Masculinity," Jewish Book Festival, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, New York (December 2024).
2024	In Conversation with Judith Rosenbaum of the Jewish Women's Archive and Rabbi David Starr, Ph.D. of Congregation Mishkan Tefila, book talk, Boston, MA.
2024	University of Hartford and University of Connecticut: "Jewish Masculinity in the Twentieth Century," invited book talk and conversation.
2024	In conversation with Miriam Mora for the launch of her book, <i>Carrying a Big Shtick: Jewish Acculturation and Masculinity in the Twentieth Century</i> (Wayne State Press, 2024), Center for Jewish History, New York, NY.
2024	George Washington University Jewish History Colloquium (Washington D.C.).
2023	"Teach Out on Race 2023: Race and Religion in the Heartland" The Women and Gender Studies University Center for Social Justice, University of Oklahoma.

- 2021 "Always Right: Midge Decter, Norman Podhoretz, and the Making of an American Jewish Conservative Politics," part of a lecture series on "American Jewish Political Thought: Transnational Varieties," Simon Dubnow Institute for Jewish History & Culture, Leipzig, Germany & the Goldstein-Goren Center for American Jewish History at New York University.
- 2021 "Midge and Norman: The First Couple of Neoconservatism," Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies, Just Lunch Series, University of Oklahoma.
- 2020 "City College: 'The Jewish Harvard' and a World of Ideas," Center for Jewish History, New York. Part of a panel discussion of the film *Arguing the World* (1997).
- 2020 "A Conversation About the Relationship between Antisemitism and anti-Black Racism, and White Nationalists," with Karlos K. Hill, associate professor and chair of the Clara Luper Department of African American History at the University of Oklahoma. Sponsored by the NAACP and Temple B'nai Israel, Oklahoma City.
- 2018 "We March My Darlings: Being A Women New York Intellectuals," Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies, Just Lunch Series, University of Oklahoma.
- 2018 "The Ties That Bind: African American and Jewish Relations in the 20th Century," Ralph Ellison Library, Oklahoma City.
- 2014 "The Rise and Fall of the ERA Amendment," Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- 2013 "What does History Say We Are," Jewish Federation of Oklahoma City.
- 2013 "New York Jewish Intellectuals and Gender," Schusterman/Josey Program in Judaic and Israel Studies, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- 2011 "Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray," Jewish Community Center, Boulder, CO.

Academic Panels Organized

- 2026 "A Roundtable: Biography, Group Biography, and Memoir as Tools in Intellectual History," Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Madison, WI (forthcoming).
- 2026 Roundtable: "Jews and Politics," American Political History Conference, Washington DC.
- 2023 Panel: "Sexual Politics, Continuity, & Power: Interrogating Our Sources through Feminist Lenses." Paper: "*The Village Voice* and the Making of a Female Jewish Intellectual Sensibility in 1970s America." Lightning session organized with Rachel Kranson (University of Pittsburgh), Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (Dec. 2023).
- 2023 "Is there American Jewish Intellectual Tradition?" a roundtable organized with David Weinfeld, 14th annual U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2015 Panel: "American Jews and the Long 1960s." Paper: "World of Our Fathers and World of Our Sons: New York Intellectuals and Student Radicalism," Association for Jewish Studies 47th Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- 2015 Panel: "Secularity and Religiosity in the Long 1960s." Paper: "'Storming the Bastille': the New York Intellectuals and the New Left," 7th annual U.S. Intellectual History Conference and Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Washington DC.
- 2013 Panel: "Remapping Liberalism(s) in the Cold War Era, 1949-1978." Paper: "Cold War Liberalism to Neoconservatism: The New York Intellectuals and a Transnational

- Gender Political Discourse," 5th annual U.S. Intellectual History Conference and Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, University of California, Irvine.
- 2012 Panel: "Antisemitism in Postwar America." Paper: "Postscript to the Rosenberg Case': Jewishness, Anticommunism, and the Articulation of Masculine Cold War Liberalism," the American Historical Society Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2011 Panel: "American Jewish Intellectuals and Gender." Paper: "The New York Intellectuals and the Construction of Secular American Jewish Masculinity," the Association for Jewish Studies 43rd Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Academic Papers Presented & Panels Chaired

- 2026 Roundtable, "How Jewish Women Writers Shaped American Culture, Part II," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (forthcoming).
- 2026 Chair: The Politics of Play: Jewish Leisure in the United States, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (forthcoming).
- 2026 "Faith and Identity in the Feminism of Vivian Gornick and Ellen Willis," Organization of American Historians (OAH) annual conference, Philadelphia, PA (March 2026)
- 2025 Roundtable, "The American Jewish Tradition in the Twentieth Century," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C..
- 2025 "'Next Year in Jerusalem': Jewishness and Feminism in the Work of Ellen Willis," Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Detroit, MI.
- 2024 Roundtable: "Cross-disciplinary Encounters in Gender and Sexuality Research in Jewish Studies," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, virtual conference.
- 2024 Roundtable: "Where the Sacred Meets Secular in American Politics," 15th annual Society for U.S. Intellectual History conference, Boston, MA.
- 2024 Paper: "Women's Liberation and Defying Jewish Masculinity at *The Village Voice*," British and Irish Association for Jewish Studies, Bristol, UK.
- 2024 Roundtable: "Jewish and Radical," Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, New York City.
- 2023 Chair/commentator, "Gender and Sexuality in 1950s America," 14th annual U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2022 Chair, "Modern Jewish Identities," 26th Annual Conference of the Western Jewish Studies Association, University of Oklahoma.
- 2019 "From Pen to Rifle: Gender and Zionism among the New York intellectuals," 11th annual U.S. Intellectual History Conference and Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, New York, New York.
- 2017 Chair (substituted for Kirsten Fermaglich, Michigan State University): "The Workings of Race and Nationhood in African American, Arab, Chaldean, Chinese, and Jewish American Cemeteries in 19th-Century America, American Historical Association Annual Meeting (AHA), Washington DC.
- 2017 "The New York Intellectuals and the New Left on College Campuses," the Association for Jewish Studies 49th Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- 2017 "Prisoner of Masculinity": The New York Intellectuals and Second Wave Feminism," 9th annual U.S. Intellectual History Conference and Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Dallas, Texas.
- 2017 "The Prisoner of Sex: The New York Intellectuals and Feminism," 17th World Jewish Congress, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.

- 2016 "Town Bloody Hall: The New York Intellectuals and Second Wave Feminism," Association for Jewish Studies 48th Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2016 Chair, "Moving History Across Borders," Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, New York.
- 2014 "Commentary's 'My Negro Problem' Reassessed: Milton Himmelfarb, Norman Podhoretz, and Black-Jewish Masculinities," Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, Atlanta.
- 2013 "From 'Outsiders' to 'Insiders'? The Role of American Jewish Intellectuals in a Transnational Gendered Discourse at the Height of the Cultural Cold War," The Mid-America Conference, University of Oklahoma, Norman.
- 2011 "The New York Intellectuals, Masculinity, and the Roots of Neoconservatism," the 4th Annual US Intellectual History Conference and Inaugural Meeting of the Society for U.S. Intellectual History, The Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- 2011 Faculty chair, "Read All About It!: 20th Century U.S. Society Through Newspapers and Political Cartoons," Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary Graduate History Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- 2010 "An Often Overlooked Conservative: Midge Decter – 'A Scourge of Feminist Dogma,'" 3rd Annual US Intellectual History Conference, The Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- 2010 "'A Herd of Independent Minds?' Jewish Intellectuals and the Formation of Masculine Cold War Liberalism," Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, American Jewish Historical Society, New York City.
- 2009 "'The Encounter Row': Jewish Intellectuals, Gender, and the Cold War," 15th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2009 "The 'First lady of Neoconservatism': Midge Decter and the Bridging of Neoconservatives within the Larger Conservative Movement," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Seattle.
- 2008 "A Tale of Two Irvings': Irving Howe and Irving Kristol and the Role of the Intellectual in American Jewish Discourse at the Height of the Cold War," Association for Jewish Studies 40th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2007 "'Sissy, the Most Dreaded Epithet of American Boyhood' The Gendered Politics of Jewish Intellectuals and the Civil Rights Movement," Association for Jewish Studies 39th Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2007 "Growing Up Jewish, Becoming Neoconservative," Intellectuals and the Academy in Public Life Conference, Brown University, Providence.
- 2007 "Neocons are Not Sissies: Reconstructing American Jewish Masculinity, 1963-1973," Graduate Symposium on Women and Gender History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

TEACHING

University of Oklahoma

- U.S. History Post 1865 (graduate seminar)
- Women's and Gender History (graduate seminar)
- The United States, 1865-Present
- Modern American Women

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- The United States in the Cold War Era
- U.S. Society After 1945
- The Long 1960s
- The Global 1960s
- American Jewish History
- Jews and Hollywood
- American Jews, Jewish Americans

Faculty-in-Residence, Puebla Mexico, University of Oklahoma (Fall 2018)

- The Global 1960s in the Americas

University of Colorado at Boulder

- America, 1945-1973
- American Jewish History, 1880-Present
- Introduction to Jewish History (co-taught with David Shneer)

Northwestern University

- U.S. History as Women's and Gender History (lecture course)
- Suburbia and the American Dream, 1945-1963 (freshman seminar)
- The Cold War at Home (advanced undergraduate seminar)
- Jews in Modern America (advanced undergraduate seminar)
- Roots of Feminism (teaching assistant)
- American Cultural History (teaching assistant)
- U.S. History Survey (teaching assistant)

Professional Organizations

2005-Present	Organization of American Historians (OAH)
2005-Present	American Historical Association (AHA)
2007-Present	Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)
2010-Present	Society for U.S. Intellectual History (S-USIH)
2015-Present	Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2005-09	Assistant Master, Women's Residential College, Northwestern University, Evanston. Mentored and advised women living in the college.
2007-08	Teaching Fellow, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University, Evanston.
2007	Research Assistant, Nancy MacLean's <i>The Modern Women's Movement: A Brief History with Documents</i> (Bedford/St. Martin's Press, April 2008).
2001-03	Editorial Assistant, Random House, Clarkson Potter Publishers, Crown Publishing Group, New York City.
2000	Editorial Intern, <i>New Yorker</i> , New York City.