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EMPLOYMENT

FULL PROFESSOR, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, since 2017
American Foreign Relations, Global Studies with emphasis on Islam in Europe, Arab-Israeli Conflict, Islam and the West, World History in Perspective, Modern Europe in Perspective, U.S. History in Perspective, Research Seminar, Introduction to Historical inquiry: The Shoah in Memory and Culture, Daily Life under Totalitarianism.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, 2009 - 2017

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, 2003 - 2009

ADJUNCT FACULTY, Kent State University, Kent, OH, 1997 to 2003
U.S. Modern History, World Civilization I and II, History of the Middle East, Women in the Middle East

ADJUNCT FACULTY, University of Akron, OH, January 1999 to Spring 2003
History of the Middle East

FULL-TIME INSTRUCTOR, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 2001 – 2002
20th Century World History, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust

EDUCATION

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, Kent, OH
Ph.D., American Foreign Relations, 2002
Areas of Concentration: American Foreign Relations, Modern European History, Holocaust
Dissertation: "Ambivalence and Ambiguity: The Hoover administration and American Zionism."

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, Carbondale, IL
M.A., American History

Thesis: American Political Zionism and its role in U.S. foreign policy during the Wilson administration: Between the advocacy of a Jewish state and the commitment to the principle of numerical self-determination.

UNIVERSITÄT WIEN, Vienna, AUSTRIA

Magister der Philosophie

Majors: Central European History, German language and literature

Thesis: "Blood and Soil – Sword and Plough:" The concept of farmer militia as part of the National Socialist Lebensraumideologie in Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Foreign Relations in the Twentieth Century; Islam and the West; Genocide in Comparative Perspective and Response to Genocide; Arab-Israeli Conflict; The Cultural Politics of US Foreign Policy in Europe; The Politics of Memory; Humanitarian Relief Organizations as Instruments of Transnationalism; History of Zionism and Role of Zionism in American foreign policy

PUBLICATIONS

Co-authored with Rafael Medoff, HERBERT HOOVER AND THE JEWS: The Origins of the "Jewish Vote" and Bipartisan Support for Israel (April 2012, published by the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies)

Impacts and Images; The Challenges and Limitations of U.S. Cultural Diplomacy in Postwar Germany and Austria, eds. Lonnie R. Jonson, Margit Reiter, Thomas Koenig and Sonja Wentling, *Zeitgeschichte* 39,1 (Jan/Feb 2012). (published by Österreichisches Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Universität Wien)

Contributor to *Great Lives from History: Jewish Americans*, Tracy Irons-Georges, ed. (Salem Press, 2011)

"Prologue to Genocide or Epilogue to War? American perspectives on the Jewish Question in Poland, 1919-21," *The Journal of the Historical Society* Vol. 8, no. 4 (December 2008): 523-544.

"Hoover, Palestine, and American Jews," *American Jewish Archives* Vol. 53 (2001): 45-64.

"The Engineer and the Shtadlanim: Herbert Hoover and American Jewish non-Zionists, 1917-28," *American Jewish History* 88, 3 (September 2000): 377-406.

Translation and annotation of German letter written by Max Warburg to his brother Felix in December 1929, *American Jewish Archives* Vol. 51 (1999): 93-108.

BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

Book chapter in 3-volume *The History of American Foreign Relations from 1776 to the Present*, "The United States, Transnationalism, and the Jewish Question, 1917-48," (Wiley Blackwell Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2018)

Book Review of Sheila Terman Cohen, *Jews in Wisconsin* in *The Annals of Iowa* (Summer 2017)

Review essay "Track Two Diplomacy toward an Israeli-Palestinian Solution, 1978-2004," on H-net, (September 2015)

<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=43956>

Book Review of Stephen H. Norwood, *Antisemitism and the American Far Left*, *Journal of American Studies* Vol. 49, Issue 3 (August 2015): 624-26.

Book Review of Faisal Devji, *Muslim Zion: Pakistan as a Political Idea*, *The Historian* Vol.77, No. 2 (Summer 2015)

Review essay "Bridges Across an Impossible Divide: The Inner Lives of Arab and Jewish Peacemakers," on H-Net, (November 2013)

<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=39820>

Review essay "Moynihan's Crusade against UN Resolution 3379: Just a Moment in Time or the Revival of American Exceptionalism?" on H-Net, (June 2013)

<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=38556>

Book Review of Melvin I. Urofsky, *Louis D. Brandeis: A Life*, *The Historian* (December 2013)

Book Review of Matthew Jacobs, *Imagining the Middle East: The Building of an American Foreign Policy, 1918-1967*, *The Historian* 74, no.4 (Winter 2012).

Review Essay "The Ethnic Universalism of Lillian Wald," in *Reviews in American History* vol. 38, no. 1 (March 2010).

Review Essay "Paul V. McNutt: The Oscar Schindler of the Philippines?" on *H-diplo*, (December 2009). <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-diplo&month=0912&week=c&msg=CaRxzLXMoQ5ZqbglSI0eoA&user=&pw=>

Book review of Michael Makovsky, *Churchill's Promised Land: Zionism and Statecraft*, *Journal of World History* vol. 20, no. 3 (September 2009). http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_world_history/v020/20.3.wentling.html

Book review of *American Jewish Women and the Zionist Experience*, ed. Shulamit Reinharz and Mark R. Raider, in *American Jewish History*, vol. 92, 3.1 (2006).

Book review of Rafael Medoff, *Militant Zionism in America: The Rise and Fall of the Jabotinsky Movement in the United States, 1926-1948*, in the *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Winter 2005).

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Radio podcast with Tel Aviv 1 Radio on "The Lobbyist: Herbert Hoover and the Jews" <https://tlv1.fm/the-tel-aviv-review/2017/07/10/the-lobbyist-herbert-hoover-and-the-jews/>
July 10, 2017

Discussant of Panel on "Peace Negotiations and Personalities," at AIS Association for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, June 2017

Discussant of Panel on "Stretching 'the Mystic Chords of Memory': Uses of Memory in Transatlantic Relations from the Cold War to the Global War on Terror," at SHAFR Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, San Diego University, June 23-25, 2016.

"The Plain(s) Truth: Teaching the Shoah and Israel in the Upper Midwest," at SIIIS Conference at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, April 19, 2015.

"A tale of hope and darkness in the Shatterzone of Empires: Ukrainian-Jewish relations in Khmelnytsk, Ukraine, 1919," at Conference on Legacy of World War I, Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA, November 14-15, 2014.

"The Miracle of Khmelnytsk: How Ukrainian Major Volodymyr Klodnytskyi Prevented a Pogrom and Saved the Jews of Khmelnytsk, 1919-20, " at ASN Conference, Columbia University, NYC, April 18-20, 2013.

"Herbert Hoover and the Jewish Vote," at Conference of David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, Fordham University, September 2012, New York City.

"Herbert Hoover: Unlikely Zionist?" at Association for Israel Studies, Haifa University, Haifa, Israel, and at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2012.

"American Jews and the challenges of transnational philanthropy: The JDC, the ARA, and American foreign policy in Eastern Europe, 1919-21", at SHAFR, Madison, WI, June 24-26, 2010.

"The Politics of pogroms and relief: The JDC, the ARA, and American foreign policy in Poland and Ukraine, 1919-20, at American Jewish History Scholar's Conference, Center for Jewish History, New York, NY, June 15-17, 2010.

Discussant of Panel "Israel's Foreign Policy at the Crossroads in 1967," at Association of Israel Studies Conference (AIS), Toronto, May 10-12, 2010.

"Pogroms and the Politics of Humanitarian Aid: Americans Jews, the American Relief Administration (ARA), and famine relief in Eastern Europe" at SHAFR (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relation) Conference, University of Ohio, Columbus, June 26-28, 2008.

"Prologue to Genocide or Epilogue to War? American Perspectives on the Jewish Question in Poland, 1919-21" at Conference on Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in History, The Historical Society, Johns Hopkins University, June 5-7, 2008.

"Epilogue to War or Prologue to Genocide: American Perspectives on the Jewish Question in Poland," at Conference on Genocide in the 20th and 21st centuries, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, March 24, 2007.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 SIIS WORKSHOP FELLOW, Home, Land, and Homeland, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2017 SABBATICAL LEAVE, Concordia College

2016 SIIS WORKSHOP FELLOW, Israel and the Media, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2015 SIIS WORKSHOP FELLOW, Teaching of Israel in the Academy, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2014 SIIS WORKSHOP FELLOW, The Shoah in Israeli Culture, Memory, and Politics, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2013 DOVRE CENTER STUDY GRANT, Concordia College

2013 FELLOWSHIP SIIS Summer Institute for Israel Studies, Brandeis University

2010 SABBATICAL LEAVE, Concordia College

2008 SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT, Concordia College

2006 SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT, Concordia College

2003 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD, Kent State University, Stark Campus

1998/99 STARKOFF FELLOWSHIP, AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
Jacob Rader Marcus Center, Cincinnati, OH

1998 RUTH B. FEIN PRIZE, AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
American Jewish Historical Society, Waltham, MA

1997/98 HOOVER SCHOLAR
HOOVER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP
Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, IW

1997/98 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

LANGUAGES

German: native speaker

English: fluent

French: reading, translating and conversation ability

Latin: translating ability

Hebrew: elementary

FACULTY-SPONSORED STUDENT RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION

Matthew Lillehaugen, "Patronal Politics: The Case of Recep Tayyip Erdogan," Summer 2016.

Jennifer Hurtig, "Sex, Lies, and Opera: W. A. Mozart's Abduction from the Seraglio and western perceptions of Islam in 18th century Europe," January 2012 at Biennial Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Orlando, Florida.

Rick Ferrera, "Why We Fight: Selected Western Military Interventions in Iraq," April 2008, Student Lecture Series.

Brandon Teachout, "Shifting Focus: How the North Korean Invasion Changed U.S. Containment Strategy During the Cold War," March 2005, Student Lecture Series.

Brent Dockter, "The Creaking Bridge: The Ottoman Roots of Orhan Pamuk," National Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, Albuquerque, NM, January 2008.

Benjamin Steinwand, "Six Days to Intifada: Identity and the Making of the First Palestinian Uprising, 1967-87," National Phi Alpha Theta History Conference, Albuquerque, NM, January 2008.

Cooperative Education/Internships: Concordia College Archives; National Archives, Washington D.C.

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

FACULTY LIAISON for Mellon Grant, 2018-2019

Co-CHAIR of Annual SYMPOSIUM titled AMERICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST: LOCAL AND GLOBAL DIMENSIONS, September 20-21 2016

CORE COMMITTEE, 2016-2019; committee chair 2018-19

NORWAY AND THE HOLOCAUST WORKSHOP, organizer, March 2016

TRANSFER OF MEMORY EXHIBIT, opening speech, January 2016

BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2012 -2015

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION STEERING COMMITTEE, 2011-13

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE on Genocide, 2011-12

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE 2008-2010
 GLOBAL STUDIES STEERING COMMITTEE, European Studies concentration,
 (Spring 2010, Fall 2012); Worlds in Dialogue (since Fall 2014)
 PROFESSIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE 2006-2009
 OFF-CAMPUS COMMITTEE 2005-2006
 TRI-COLLEGE HISTORY LECTURE March 2007
 COMMUNIVERSITY LECTURES, The Geopolitics of Islam and the West, February
 2007; A Problem from Hell: America's Response to Genocide in the 20th
 Century, October 2008; The Ascendancy of Germany 2011; Herbert Hoover and
 the Jews 2012
 EURO-SPRING 2010 Workshop, Minnesota State University, 2010: Lecture on
 Ravensbrück Concentration Camp
 FOUNDER and ORGANIZER of Yom Ha'shoah Service at Concordia College,
 2004-present
 WAC (Writing across the Core) Task Force, representative for Humanities, 2007-
 08
 Member of UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH COUNCIL, 2009-present
 ASSESSMENT, EXPLORATION, GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, and
 TENURE/PROMOTION WORKSHOPS, Summer 2007 and 2008
 FAITH AND LEARNING WORKSHOP, 2004-2005
 ADVISING WORKSHOP AND ADVISING FOR VOCATION WORKSHOP,
 Summer 2004
 Phi Alpha Theta, FACULTY ADVISOR, History Honor Society at Concordia
 College, since Fall 2003
 INTERVIEWER at Soli Deo Gloria Scholarship Contest, 2004-2016
 PRESENTATION on "Vienna and Music: a personal perspective," German
 Department, February 2004. "Vienna's Fin de Siècle," German Department,
 February 2009.
 INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECTS with students on "War and Genocide,"
 "Children and the Holocaust," "FDR and the Soviet Purges," "The Reporting of
 Genocide: Rwanda and Sudan," "The Oslo Agreement and the Paradox it
 created in Norway," Fall 2003 to present
 LECTURE on "Interwar American Zionism and the roots of the Arab-Israeli
 conflict," Red River Valley Free Thinker Society, October 2003
 PARTICIPANT in Project 2000, Faculty exchange program between Ohio
 Colleges and Galilee College, Israel, 2003
 COMMUNITY LECTURE on Women and Islam together with Dr. Malek Abisaab,
 Spring 2003
 COMMUNITY WORKSHOP on Islam and the West, Kent State Stark, 2003

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 2002
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,
2002

MEMBERSHIP

SHAFR (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations)

AIS (Association for Israel Studies)

AJS (Association for Jewish Studies)

AJHS (American Jewish Historical Society)

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society)