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Employment

Summer 2024 – Professor, Block Distinguished Scholar in Jewish History
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Summer 2014-Summer 2024 – Associate Professor, Block Distinguished Scholar in Jewish History
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Fall 2010-Summer 2014 – Assistant Professor, Block Distinguished Fellow in Jewish History
University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Fall 2008-Spring 2010 – Schusterman Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow
History Department, Ohio University

Fall 1998, Spring 2003-Spring 2007 – Graduate Student Instructor
History Department, International Area Studies Program, and Jewish Studies, UC Berkeley

Education

PhD History, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2008

MA Russian and East European Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, Fall 1997

BA History (Major), Slavic Studies (Minor), McGill University, Canada, Fall 1995, graduated
with Distinction

Current Projects

Current Book Projects:

Not That There's Anything Wrong with It: Jewish Humor and Its American Moment.

Jewish Studies and Antisemitism (With Adam Fuller).

Under Contract: *Wit Happens: Global Jewish Humor* (co-edited with Jennifer Caplan and Avinoam Patt). Wayne State University Press.

Current Articles in Progress:

Under Contract: “How it Emerged from Odessa: Mordecai Richler and Montreal Jewish Humor,” *Wit Happens: Global Jewish Humor*. Wayne State University Press.

Academic Publications

Book: *City of Rogues and Schnorrers: Russia’s Jews and the Myth of Old Odessa*. (Indiana University Press, 2011).

<https://iupress.org/9780253223289/city-of-rogues-and-schnorrers/>

Book: *The Seinfeld Talmud: A Jewish Guide to a Show About Nothing* (Academica Press, 2023)

<https://www.academicapress.com/node/616>

“Pfefferman’s Complaint: *Transparent* and the Tenacity of Jewish Familial Stereotypes,” in *Transparent and Queering the Jewish Family on TV*. Edited by Nora Rubel and Brett Krutzsch. Rutgers University Press, 2024.

“‘I Didn’t Know There Were Epsteins in Puerto Rico:’ Jewish Ethnicity in American Comedy,” *Beyond Whiteness: Revisiting Jews in Ethnic America*. Edited by Jonathan Karp. *An Annual Review of the Casden Institute for the Study of American Life* Vol. 21. West Lafayette, Indiana: Purdue University Press, 2023.

“‘We’re Safe Here, but Poland is a State of Mind’: Jewish Literature and the Exploitation of Holocaust Consciousness,” in *Laughter After: Humor and the Holocaust*. Edited by David Slucki, Avinoam Patt, and Gabriel N. Finder. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University Press, 2020.

“Curb Your Orgasm: Larry David and the Schlimazel as Sexual Deviant,” *Jewish Film & New Media: An International Journal* 7, No. 2 (2019). (Published Fall 2020).

“A Bad, Bold, Big-Nosed, Biblical Brother: Refashioning the Funny Jew in Post-World War Two America,” *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* 16, No. 1 (2017).

“Decoding *Seinfeld*’s Jewishness,” *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* 29, *A Club of Their Own: Jewish Humorists and the Contemporary World*. Edited by Eli Lederhendler and Gabriel Finder (2016).

“The Anti-Gospel of Lenny, Larry, and Sarah: Jewish Humor and the Desecration of Christendom,” *American Jewish History* 29, No. 2 (April 2015).

“Between the Borscht Belt and the Bible Belt: Crafting Southern Jewishness through Chutzpah and Humor,” *Southern Jewish History* 15 (2012).

“The Jews in the Land of the Russian Tsars, 1772-1917,” in *The Blackwell History of Jews and Judaism*. Edited by Alan T. Levenson (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

“Kvetching and Carousing under Communism: Old Odessa as the Soviet Union’s Jewish City of Sin,” *East European Jewish Affairs* 39, No. 3 (Dec. 2009).

Shorter Scholarly Articles

“Jewish Humor and Antisemitism Twenty-Five Years After ‘Seinfeld’,” *Jewish Journal*, May 19, 2023.

<https://jewishjournal.com/commentary/opinion/358975/jewish-humor-and-antisemitism-twenty-five-years-after-seinfeld/>

“The Gonef’s Wedding,” *JewTh!nk*, April 5, 2021.

<https://www.jewthink.org/2021/04/05/the-gonefs-wedding/>

“In My Country There Is Problem,” *Jewish Review of Books* (Summer 2019).

“On Kanter’s Lunch: Old Jews Slurping Soup and the Fate of Jewish Humor,” *Jewish Film & New Media: An International Journal* (Fall, 2016): 201-206.

“Mit Odessy, żydowskiego miasta grzechu,” *Midrasz* 4 (2014).

“The Many Ends of Old Odessa: Memories of the Gilded Age in Russia’s City of Sin,” Working Paper, Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies (2007).

Available electronically at: http://repositories.cdlib.org/iseees/bps/2007_06-tann/

“Krutye Evrei, ili kak na Deribasovskaia muzyka igrala i naletchiki zashchishchali svoikh Eevreev,” *Odessa i evreiskaia tsivilatsiia: Katastrofa, soprotivlenie, pobeda* (Odessa: Studiia “Negotsiant,” 2006).

“Dissecting the Nation: The Shifting Ethnic Boundaries of Post-Soviet Georgia,” *History in the Making X: Nations, Nationalism & National Identity: Selected Proceedings of the 10th Annual History in the Making Conference March 5, 2005, Concordia University, Montreal* (Montreal, Canada: Concordia University, 2005).

Published Book and Film Reviews

Robert Cherry, *Why the Jews? How Jewish Values Transformed Twentieth Century American Pop Culture* London, UK: Rowman & Littlefield, 2021, in *Jewish Film and New Media* 10, no. 2 (2022). (Published Fall 2024).

Marat Grinberg, *The Soviet Jewish Bookshelf: Jewish Culture and Identity Between the Lines*, in *Jewish Journal*, January 5, 2024. <https://jewishjournal.com/culture/arts/books/366976/the-people-of-the-bookshelf-forging-soviet-jewish-identity-through-reading/>

Natan M. Meir, *Stepchildren of the Shtetl: The Destitute, Disabled, and Mad of Jewish Eastern Europe, 1800-1939* in *AJS Review* 45, no. 2 (2021).

“A Pickler on the Roof.” Review of Seth Rogen’s *An American Pickle* in *JewTh!nk*, August 16, 2020. <https://www.jewthink.org/2020/08/16/a-pickler-on-the-roof/>

Kirsten Fermaglich, *A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America*, in *The American Jewish Archives Journal* 71, no. 11 (2019). (Published Summer 2020).

Anna Shternshis, *When Sonia Met Boris: An Oral History of Jewish Life Under Stalin*, in *Journal of Jewish Identities* 12, no. 1 (2019).

Alexander Z. Gurwitz, *A Yiddish Life in Russia and Texas*, in *Southern Jewish History* 20 (2017).

Hana Wirth-Nesher (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Jewish American Literature*, in *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 20, no. 1 (2017).

David Gillota, *Ethnic Humor in Multiethnic America*, in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 35, no. 2 (Winter 2015).

Faith Hillis, *Children of Rus’: Right-Bank Ukraine and the Invention of a Russian Nation*, in *The American Historical Review* 119, no. 5 (December 2014).

Harriet Murav, *Music from a Speeding Train: Jewish Literature in Post-Revolution Russia*, on *H-Net* (March 2012).
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33981>

Eugene M. Avrutin, *Jews and the Imperial State: Identification Politics in Tsarist Russia*, in *Journal of World History* (March 2012).

Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern, *Lenin’s Jewish Question*, on *H-Net* (August, 2011).
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33175>

Leonid Smilovitskii, *Evrei v Turove: Istoriia mestechka Mozyrskogo Poles’ia*, in *The Russian Review* 69, no. 1 (January 2010).

Anna Makolkin, *The Nineteenth Century in Odessa: One Hundred Years of Italian Culture on the Shores of the Black Sea (1794-1894)*, in *University of Toronto Quarterly* 78, no. 1 (Winter 2009).

Suzanne Goldenberg, *Pride of Small Nations: The Caucasus and Post-Soviet Disorder*, in *Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism* 26, no. 1-2 (1999).

Public Lectures and Invited Presentations

March 9, 2025: Beyond Whiteness: Revisiting Jews in Ethnic America, “‘I Didn’t Know There Were Epsteins in Puerto Rico:’ Jewish Ethnicity in American Comedy,” USC Casden Institute (Zoom).

April 4, 2024: “Antisemitism on Campus: A View from Inside Jewish Studies.” Hosted by the Freeman Center, SSI, DFI, Duke University, Durham, NC.

November 11, 2023: “How To Respond to Antisemitism During the Current Israeli-Hamas Conflict,” Webinar with the Fuse Factory (Zoom).

November 2, 2023: “How They Swung in Odessa: Jews and the Birth of Soviet Jazz,” Hosted by the College of Jewish Studies, Binghamton University. Public Presentation (Zoom).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxre0Hvm6Fo>

September 5, 2023: “What Went Wrong with Jewish Studies Programs?” Hosted by the CAMERA Education Institute.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oai71AD5usQ>

April 16, 2023: “Antisemitism in the Academy and the Fate of Jewish Studies: An Insider’s View.” Webinar. Hosted the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism.
<https://isca.indiana.edu/conferences/webinars/Spring23/jarrod-tanny.html>

September 11, 2022: “The Faculty Fight for Zionism.” Webinar with Paul Gross, hosted by The Menachem Begin Heritage Center.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rry0DwQj-H4>

July 11, 2022: “Jewish Studies Role in an Increasingly Biased Academy.” Webinar with Dr. Adam Fuller and Dr. Brandy Shufutinsky, hosted by The Jewish Institute of Liberal Values.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2qEXObPeHE&t=1371s>

October 24, 2021: “Israel/Jewish Studies: Is There a Problem on Campus?” Panel Participant. Sponsored by Voice4Israel of North Carolina and StandWithUs (Zoom).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3Y5vF-Hyhg>

June 22, 2020: *After Laughter After*. Panel Participant (Zoom). Sponsored by Baltimore Hebrew Institute.
https://towson.webex.com/recording/service/sites/towson/recording/play/894afb39f826499a90b87e7d6d31f79a?fbclid=IwAR0HEBOFSRmkOu6GJoe9amdiPyEnqkmPR4f-IqaR1qSQcQn9PUdVR_Ni52Y

April 13, 2020: *Laughter After* Book Launch Event. Panel Participant (Zoom).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meLTyALVwEc&ab_channel=WSUPress

September 19, 2019: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Presentation given for the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, Latimer House, Wilmington,

NC.

September 16, 2019: “Anti-Semitism Past and Present.” Organizer and participant in a panel discussion, Hosted by UNCW’s Department of History and supported by the Charles and Hannah Block Fund and the Rhine Family Endowment for Jewish Studies.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN4iTy1msTQ>

March 11, 2019: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Presentation given at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, Long Beach, CA.

February 11, 2019: “Antisemitism: Front and Center.” Participant in a panel discussion, hosted by The New School, New York, NY.

May 16, 2018: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Presentation given at the Jewish Community Center, Raleigh, NC.

May 6, 2017: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” 2017 Uhlman Family Seminar: Jewish Song, Comedy, and Storytelling in the Old and New Worlds. Program in the Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill.

February 11, 2016: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Invited Speaker, The Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University, New York City.

April 10, 2015: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Invited lecturer for the 16th Annual William and Sue Anne Bangel Presentation on Southern Jewish Culture. The College of William and Mary. Presented at the Temple Beth El, Williamsburg, VA.

March 26, 2015: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland” Invited Speaker for The Annual Henry Samuel Levinson Lecture. UNC Greensboro, NC.

November 4, 2014: “Jewish Humor From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt.” Invited Speaker at the Jewish Museum & Cultural Center, Portsmouth, VA.

April 28, 2014: “Crisis in the Ukraine: A Panel Discussion.” Panel Participant. Hosted by UNCW’s Department of Public and International Affairs, the Department of History, and the Team for Interdisciplinary Global Research (TIGR).

November 7, 2012: “Old Odessa: The Enchanted City of Jewish Rogues.” Invited Speaker at Wake Forest University, Department of History, Global Cities Lecture Series.

February 28, 2012: “Jewish Humor in America since the 1960s.” Invited Speaker at the UNCW Bookstore, Meet the Author Series.

February 15, 2012: “Jewish Humor: Why are These Clowns Different from All the Rest?” Invited Speaker at the New Hanover-Pender County Medical Society, Wilmington, NC.

February 9, 2012: “City of Rogues and Schnorrers: Russia’s Jews and the Myth of Old Odessa.” Invited Speaker at McGill University, History Department, Montreal, Canada.

February 8, 2012: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Invited Speaker at The University Club of Montreal, Canada.

June 8, 2011: “The Art of Jewish Humor.” Invited Speaker at The University Club of Montreal, Canada.

April 6, 2011: “From the Borscht Belt to the B’nei Mississippi: Jewish Humor’s Encounter with the South.” Invited lecturer for the 13th Annual William and Sue Anne Bangel Presentation on Southern Jewish Culture. The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

March 1, 2011: “City of Rogues and Schnorrers.” A Luncheon Seminar Discussion on my Forthcoming Monograph. Sponsored by The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. UNC Chapel Hill.

March 8, 2011: “Queer Jews: Judaism and Homosexuality in America and Israel.” Introduction to the Film *Eyes Wide Open*. Sponsored by the UNCW LGBTQIA Resource Office, Wilmington, NC.

February 24, 2011: “Convivencia: Jews, Christians, and Muslims during Islam’s Golden Age.” Panel Participant, “Beyond Conflict: A Panel Discussion.” Sponsored by the Sister Cities Association of Wilmington.

February 22, 2011: “The Unbearable ‘Yikhes’ of Being: Exile and Empowerment in Jewish Humor.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Luncheon Lecture, Wilmington, NC.

April 2010: “The Unbearable ‘Yikhes’ of Being: Exile and Empowerment in Jewish Humor.” Public Lecture. Given at University of North Carolina, Wilmington.

October 2009: “Making Trouble. A Film About Being Funny, Jewish, and Female.” Discussant, given at the Athena Theater, Athens, Ohio, following the screening of the film.

February 2009: “Of Shmendriks and Schnorrers: Jewish Humor from the Shtetl to Seinfeld.” Public Lecture, given at Ohio University.

October 2006: “The Evolving Jewish Criminal: The Shylock, The Schlemiel, and The Shul Bully.” Given at Phi Alpha Theta, The History Honor Society, UC Berkeley, California.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

May 17, 2022: “Anti-Zionism and the Campus Climate.” Conference Presentation. The Academic Engagement Network. Washington, D.C.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ae7O1905ABs>

March 1, 2020: “Is There a Montreal Jewish Humor? The Case of Mordecai Richler.” Paper given at No Respect: Jewish Humor around the World. Conference hosted by UNCW, Wilmington, NC.

November 12, 2018: “We’re Safe Here, but Poland is a State of Mind: Jewish Literature and the Exploitation of Holocaust Consciousness.” Given at the 24th Annual Jewish American and Holocaust Literature Symposium, Miami, Florida.

July 14, 2018: “We’re Safe Here, but Poland is a State of Mind: Jewish Literature and the Exploitation of Holocaust Consciousness.” Given at Humor in America: A Joint Conference of The American Humor Studies Association and The Mark Twain Circle of America. Conference hosted by Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.

April 30, 2018: “Lenny’s Children: The Rise and Triumph of Blasphemous Jewish Humor in post-World War II America.” Given at American (Jewish) Humor in an Era of Ethnic Sensitivity and Cultural Competence: Intersections of Religion, Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Humor. Conference hosted by The University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

December 18, 2017: “The Meaning and Limits of Humor on the Holocaust: A Roundtable Discussion of *The Last Laugh* (2016) with filmmaker Ferne Pearlstein.” Given at the 49th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Washington D.C.

March 10, 2017: “From Odessan Gangsters to Jewish Jokes.” Friday Faculty-Graduate Student Seminar Series. Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, UC Berkeley.

November 5, 2016: (Panel Chair) “Standing on Ceremony: Jews & Gentiles in the South.” The 41st Annual Meeting of the Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS), Natchez, MS.

October 27, 2016: “Lenny’s Children: The Rise and Triumph of Blasphemous Jewish Humor in Post-World War II America.” Given at Comedy and the Constitution: The Legacy of Lenny Bruce. Conference hosted by Brandeis University.

April 2016: “The Nuremberg Trials, 70 Years On: A Symposium.” Sponsored by the Charles and Hannah Block Fund and the UNCW History Department. Event organizer, panel discussant, and roundtable participant.

October 2015: (Panel Chair) “Little Explored Roles of Jews and the Civil Rights Movement.” The 40th Annual Meeting of the Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS), Nashville, TN.

December 2013: “The Anti-Gospel of Lenny, Larry, and Sarah: Jewish Humor and the Desecration of Christendom.” Given at the 45th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Chicago, IL.

April 12, 2013: “Abraham: One Man, Two Sons, Three Religions.” Forum Moderator, at the Frank Hall-Megivern Interfaith Conference, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

December 2012: “Old Odessa: Jewish Criminality within the Fires of Hell.” Given at the 44th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Chicago, IL.

September 9, 2012: “Approaches to Building Jewish Studies.” Workshop presentation at the Consortium of North Carolina Jewish Studies Faculty, 2nd Annual Meeting, Duke University, NC.

November 2011: (Panel Discussant) “The Beilis Trial: Russian Authorities and Public Opinion.” Given at the 43rd National Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), Washington D.C.

October 2011: “From the Borscht Belt to the B’nei Mississippi: Jewish Humor’s Encounter with the South.” Given at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Southern Jewish Historical Society (SJHS), Columbia, SC.

April 2011: “Odessa and the Transformation of the Wandering Jew, 1850-1930s.” Given at the 49th Annual Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (SCSS), Alexandria, VA.

January 2010: “Soviet Socialism and the Dismantling of Old Odessa: The Jewish City of Sin.” Given at the 124th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), San Diego.

December 2008: “The Eternal Odessit: Wanderings in and out of Old Odessa, The Jewish City of Sin.” Given at the 40th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Washington D.C.

November 2008: “Jews Behaving Badly: The Roguish Odessit Encounters Soviet Socialism.” Given at the 40th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), Philadelphia.

March 2008: “Menakhem-Mendl within the Fires of Hell: the Genesis of Old Odessa, the Jewish City of Sin.” Given at the Interdisciplinary Symposium “Eurasian Cities: Between Metropolis and Frontier,” University of Toronto, Canada.

November 2007: “The Battle for Old Odessa: The Gilded City of Sin versus the Proletarian State.” Given at the 39th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), New Orleans.

November 2007: (Panel Chair) “Odessa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the ‘Golden City.’” The 39th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS), New Orleans.

April 2007: “The Many Ends of Old Odessa: Memories of the Gilded Age in Russia’s City of Sin.”
Given at The Association for the Study of Nationalities 2007 World Convention (ASN)
2007, Columbia University, New York.

June 2006: “The Myth of Old Odessa.” Given at the 2006 SRL Russian Jewish Studies Training
Workshop for Junior Scholars “From the Pale to Moscow: Russian-Jewish and Soviet-
Yiddish Studies,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

November 2005: “*Krutye Evrei, ili kak na Deribasovskaia muzyka igrala i naletchiki zashchishchali
svoikh Eevreev*” (“Tough Jews in Odessa, or, how Music Played on Deribasovskaia Street
and the Bandits Defended *Their* Jews.” Given at a conference entitled “Odessa and Jewish
Civilization,” Odessa, Ukraine.

March 2005: “Dissecting the Nation: The Shifting Ethnic Boundaries of post-Soviet Georgia.”
Given at a conference entitled “History in the Making,” Concordia University, Montreal,
Canada.

Community Teaching

August 2024: Ameinu/Standing with Our People, “Antisemitism in Academia and Jewish Studies,”
Israel and World Jewry Update for the Cape Fear Region, Zoom.

September 24, 2024: UNCW Honors College Presents Four Winters, “Four Winters,” UNCW
Honors College, UNCW.

September, 26 2024: Tanny, J. M., Immigration and Assimilation, “Jewish Immigration to
America,” UNCW, OLLI.

March 15, 2024: “Finding Babel.” Discussion Moderator on film about Isac Babel with Andrei
Malaev-Babel. UNCW.

January 17, 2024: “Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance and Bravery in WW2.”
Discussion Moderator on film about the Holocaust. Wilmington Jewish Film Festival,
Thalian Hall.

December 1, 2023: “The Israeli-Gaza War and its Implications for American Jewry.” Presentation
and Discussion Leader at B’nai Israel Congregation, Wilmington, NC.

April 17, 2023: “I am Here.” Post-Film Panel Discussion, UNCW Honors College Film Series,
Panel Participant.

September 10, 2023: “Zionism and Israel on Campus.” Webinar with the Sinai Temple Rabbinical
Fellowship, Los Angeles (Zoom).

November 12, 2022: “Anti-Zionism on Campus.” Presentation at B’nai Israel Congregation,

Wilmington, NC.

October 23, 2022: “Navigating Academic Bias in Jewish Studies.” Webinar with CAMERA student fellows hosted by CAMERA on Campus (Zoom).

April 22, 2021: “From the Borscht Belt to the Bible Belt: Jewish Humor in Dixieland.” Presentation given at The Temple of Israel. (Zoom) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lbGLwzvBxE>

November 11, 2020: “*Shared Legacies* – Film Event and Panel Discussion.” Panel Moderator and event co-sponsor. (Zoom).
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/tNZFY4n0C3DH5mjmJpxQtNWejGpPSFoV8nmjhZZD4_pP7CpRU0q3FeQ4f2AhnvHUK1fT0kGBogiZNRm.MwGLU3IN7qTfdofS?continueMod e=true&_xzm_rtaid=pZFjI-PoQnucJar9_y07Iw.1607877724596.d65b095706eab18d7e44ee5e4bdd668c&_xzm_rtaid=895

October 22, 2020: “Hebrew, Yiddish, and the Many Languages of the Jews.” Two-hour class given at the Osher Lifelong Institute (Language Forum), Wilmington, NC. (Zoom).

August 12, 2020: “*Shared Legacies* – Film Event and Panel Discussion.” Panel Moderator (Zoom). Sponsored by Wilmington Jewish Film Festival.

November 7-21, 2019: “Zionism and Israel.” A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Institute, Wilmington, NC.

January 25, 2019: “Anti-Semitism, Old and New.” Speaker at Isaac Bear Early College High School, Wilmington, NC.

Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2018: Scholar-in-Residence, Beth Meyer Synagogue, Raleigh, NC:

Three presentations:

“Memories of Old Odessa: The Jewish City of Rogues and Schnorrers.”

“We’re Safe Here, but Poland is a State of Mind: Jewish Literature and Holocaust Humor.”

“Jesus Is Not Quite Right with Me: Jewish Humor and Christianity.”

November 5, 2018: “Who Will Write Our History?” Presentation and discussion on film about the Holocaust. Wilmington Jewish Film Festival, Thalian Hall.

January 30, 2018: “Jewish Humor: From the Shtetl to Seinfeld.” Two-hour class given at the Osher Lifelong Institute (Tuesdays with PLATO series), Wilmington, NC.

February 2, 2017: “Perpetrators, Victims, Bystanders: Who ‘Participated’ in the Holocaust And Why?” Presentation for the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, Wilmington, NC.

February 2, 2017: “The Holocaust: Nazi Germany and the Jews.” Presentation for the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, Wilmington, NC.

January 7, 2017: “Verdi’s Nabucco: The Historical Context.” Pre-Performance talk for screening of Verdi’s Nabucco, Live from the Met. Given for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

March 30-April 20, 2016: “The Jewish Holocaust.” A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

December 4, 2015: “Hanukkah and History,” Given at the Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC.

March 1, 2015: “The Bible and History.” B’nai Israel Sunday School, Wilmington, NC.

February 6, 2015: “Jewish Humor and the South.” Given at the Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC.

February 9-23, 2015: “Jewish Humor from the Shtetl to Seinfeld.” A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

December 2, 2014: “They Tried to Kill Us, Let’s Eat: Celebrating Jewish Holidays.” Sponsored by The History Society, UNCW, Wilmington, NC.

September 16, 2014: “Challah, Manischewitz, and Hebrew: A Cultural Presentation on the Jewish Holidays and Calendar.” Sponsored by UNCW Hillel, Wilmington, NC.

June 3, 2014: “Jews, Collective Memory and the Current Ukrainian Crisis.” Given at B’nai Israel, Wilmington, NC.

March 25, 2014: “*Rites of Spring: The Great War and the Birth of the Modern Age*, by Modris Eksteins.” Discussion Leader for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute’s World War I Book Club, Wilmington, NC.

February 3-February 24, 2014: “The Jewish Middle Ages.” A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

January 31, 2014: “An Uneasy Alliance: Black-Jewish Relations in American History.” Given at the Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC.

March 8, 2013: “Who Were These Slaves in Egypt and Who Set Them Free?” Given at the Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC.

January 31-February 14, 2013: “The Jewish People in Antiquity.” A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

April 15, 2012: “Judah Benjamin: Southern Jew, Confederate Hero?” B’nai Israel Sunday School, Wilmington, NC.

January 13, 2012: “We Didn’t Always Bicker in Baghdad: Jewish-Muslim Relations in the Middle

Ages.” Given at the Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC.

November 12, 2011: “From the Borscht Belt to the B’nei Mississippi: Jewish Humor’s Encounter with the South.” Given at the 10th Annual University of North Carolina Wilmington College Day.

October 16, 2011: “Judaism.” Given for “World Religions and Prayer Practices,” Adult Education Program, Church of the Servant (Episcopal), Wilmington, NC.

October 4-18, 2011: “Wrestling with God, Goys & Rabbis: Jewish Humor from the Shtetl to Seinfeld.” A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

March 24, 2011: “Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict.” A workshop for New Hanover County Middle School and High School Teachers, The History Teaching Alliance, Wilmington, NC.

March 3-17, 2011: The Wandering Jews: A Global Community. A mini course given at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Wilmington, NC.

September 12, 2010: “Building Jewish Studies at UNCW.” Sponsored by the Ladies Concordia Society (Temple of Israel’s Sisterhood) and the Cape Fear Jewish Men’s Association (Temple of Israel’s Men’s Club). Given at the Temple of Israel, Wilmington, NC.

December 2005: “Approaches to Teaching World History.” Given at the World History Curriculum Development for the Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, California.

November 2004: “Approaches to Teaching World History.” Given at the World History Curriculum Development for the Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, California.

Selection of Courses Taught

“Public History Seminar: Holocaust Memory and Commemoration,” History Department, UNCW
Graduate research seminar, Spring 2024, Spring 2019.

“Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust,” History Department, UNCW
Undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Summer 2021 (online), Fall 2019, Spring 2017.

“Jewish History since 1492,” History Department, UNCW
Undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2011-2024.

“Jewish History until 1492,” History Department, UNCW
Undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2010-Fall 2023

“Anti-Semitism and History,” History Department, UNCW
Joint undergraduate seminar and graduate seminar, Spring 2023, Spring 2012.

- “The Holocaust in European History,” History Department, UNCW
Asynchronous online graduate colloquium for educators, Fall 2021.
- “The Holocaust,” History Department, UNCW
Graduate colloquium, Spring 2021, Spring 2015, Fall 2013, Fall 2011.
- “Zionism and Israel,” History Department, UNCW
Undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2012.
- “Jewish Humor and History: From the Shtetl to Seinfeld,” History Department, UNCW
Undergraduate/Graduate seminar, Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2016 Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2010.
- “The Practice of History: Jewish Humor and History,” History Department, UNCW
Undergraduate Seminar, Spring 2018.
- “The Jewish Century: The World and the Jews since 1881,” History Department, UNCW
Graduate colloquium, Spring 2011.
- “The Holocaust,” History Department, Ohio University
Undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2010.
- “Jews in American History,” History Department, Ohio University
Undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2010, Spring 2009.
- “The Jews in the Modern World, 1492-Present,” History Department, Ohio University
Undergraduate lecture course, Winter 2010, Fall 2008.
- “Zionism and Israel,” History Department, Ohio University
Undergraduate lecture course, Winter, 2010 Spring 2009.
- “Jewish Humor and History: From Sholem Aleichem to Seinfeld,” History Department, Ohio University.
Undergraduate lecture course, Winter 2009; Fall 2009.
- “The Jews before Modernity” (Jewish History until 1492), History Department, Ohio University
Undergraduate lecture course, Winter 2009.
- “Introduction to Jewish Civilization and Culture,” History Department, Ohio University
Undergraduate lecture course, Fall 2008.
- “The Making of Western Civilization,” Expression College for Digital Arts, Oakland, CA
Undergraduate lecture course, Spring 2008.
- “Modern Europe and the Jews,” History Department, UC Berkeley

Undergraduate seminar, Spring 2005.

Video Podcast

Kvetching with Adam and Jarrod (co-creator, co-host):

<https://www.youtube.com/@KvetchingWithAdamAndJarrod>

Fellowships and Awards

North Carolina Council on the Holocaust, 2022: “Educator Spotlight” for Outstanding Teaching of Holocaust Education.

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UNCW, December 2012: The Discere Aude Teaching Award. The Center for Teaching Excellence.

UNCW, Summer 2011: Global Citizenship Grant, International Program Advisory Committee (IPAC).

Ohio University, 2008-2010: Schusterman Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship.

UC Berkeley, Fall 2007: The Diller Graduate Student Fellowship for Jewish Studies.

UC Berkeley, Spring 2007: Winner of the Graduate Student Essay Contest, sponsored by the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies for “The Many Ends of Old Odessa.”

UC Berkeley, 1999-2000: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellowship.

UC Berkeley, Fall 1998: The Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Award.

University of Toronto, 1996-1997: Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

McGill University, 1994: The James McGill Award.

Media

January 2023: “Will the Real Jewish Studies Scholars Please Stand Up?,” Dr. Jarrod Tanny interviewed by Laura Kessler, JTVC Monthly Magazine, January Issue, 001

<https://player.captivate.fm/episode/3e369b3d-8a77-42e3-80f1-962b6bc1eeee>

August 24, 2022: “How Things Are Done in Odesa.” BBC Radio. The Documentary Series. Interviewed expert.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct43dt>

September 2019: Public presentation on anti-Semitism, UNCW:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN4iTy1msTQ>

November 2018: Interview on film, “Who Will Write Our History,” on WECT News 6, Wilmington, NC.

<http://www.wect.com/video/2018/11/03/wpd-providing-extra-security-screening-who-will-write-our-history/>

March 2017: Interview on *City of Rogues and Schnorrers*, with UkeTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxNk8q9nS3A>

Languages

English, Russian, Hebrew, Yiddish, German, French, Spanish (beginner), Ukrainian (beginner)

Professional Affiliations

Jewish Studies Zionist Network (JSZN) – Founder, Coordinating Committee

<https://www.jsznetwork.org/>

Academic Engagement Network (AEN)

Southern Jewish Historical Society

Consortium of North Carolina Jewish Studies Faculty

Op-eds, Creative Writing, Humor (Selected)

“Israel Is Not a White Imperialist Project: A Toolkit,” *The Times of Israel*, November 18, 2023.

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“The Woke-Hamas Alliance Is Real and It Seeks Our Elimination,” *Jewish Journal*, November 9, 2023.

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“Hamas, Jewish Studies, & Their War Against the Jews,” *The Times of Israel*, October 13, 2023.

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“Silence of the Lambs: Dissecting the Failure of Jewish Studies Programs,” *Jewish Journal*, September 10, 2023.

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“Jewish Studies Scholars’ Recent Statement Targets the Wrong Elephant,” *Jewish Journal*, August 9, 2023.

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“Ten Reasons Why Anti-Zionists Are Antisemites,” *Jewish News Syndicate*, December 14, 2022.

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“Bad History: A Jewish Perspective on Presentism,” *The Times of Israel* (Featured Post), August 22, 2022.

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Other Noteworthy Accomplishments

Winner of *Heeb Magazine*’s Hanukah Bush Contest:

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