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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern European and Russian/Soviet History; Medical Humanities; History of the Human and Social Sciences; History and Philosophy of Science, Technology, and Medicine; Gender and Sexuality; Transgender Studies; Dis/ability Studies; History and Philosophy of Childhood; Cultural and Intellectual History; Transnational History

EDUCATION

- In progress **Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History and Science, Technology, and Society Program**
University of Michigan (ABD, 2011)
Expected: April 2018
- 2011 **Master of Arts, History**
University of Michigan
- 2005 **Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in History and Philosophy**
Tel Aviv University, Israel

DISSERTATION

Working Title: *Different Minds: Unusual, Difficult, and Gifted Children in Modern Russian/Soviet Human Sciences and Culture, 1880-1930*

Dissertation Committee: John Carson (Chair), Alexandra Stern, Alaina Lemon, Geoff Eley, Michael Gordin (external member, Princeton University)

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2014-2015 **Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies Research Fellowship**, University of Michigan

- 2014 **John D'Arms Spring/Summer Fellowship**, University of Michigan
 2014 **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, Dissertation Improvement Grant
 2013 **IRWG/Rackham Graduate Student Research Award**, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan
 2013 **IRWG/Rackham Community of Scholars Fellowship**, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan
 2012 **Rackham International Research Award**, University of Michigan
 2011 **Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant**, University of Michigan

SELECTED CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALK

- 2015 Rethinking the Intellectual Genealogies of LGBTQ/Sexuality Studies and STS. Discussant and Commentator for *Queer Studies Workshop*, University of Michigan, October 2015
- 2014 “Mental Testing in Russian Child Science, 1901-1936.” Paper presented at the History of Science Society’s 2014 meeting in Chicago, Illinois, November 6-9
- 2014 “A Mind-Reading Girl, Psychophysical Energy, and Altered States at the Fin-de-Siècle Russia.” Paper presented at the British Society for the History of Science Annual Conference, University of St Andrews, United Kingdom, July 2014
- 2013 “Altered States and Psychiatry at the Fin-de-Siècle Russia.” Dissertation chapter prepared for the IRWG/Rackham Community of Scholars Symposium, University of Michigan, December 2013
- 2013 “Psychopedagogical Diagnosis of Child Giftedness in Russia at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.” Paper presented at the ESHHS-Conference, University of Wuerzburg, Germany, August 2013
- 2012 “Human Abilities, Giftedness, and the Soviet Sciences of Individual Differences.” Paper presented at the STS Meeting in Stockholm, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, May 2012
- 2011 “Mediating Publics in the Post-Stalin Era.” Major Research Paper, Department of History, University of Michigan, April 2011
- 2009 “Making the Bourgeois Pseudo-Science Soviet: Opinion Surveys in the late 1950s and the 1960s.” Paper presented at the Annual Aleksanteri Conference “Cold War Interactions Reconsidered,” University of

Helsinki, Finland, October 2009

- 2008 “Polling the Public Mind under late Soviet Socialism, 1960-1967.” Paper presented at the International Conference on the History of Sociology and the Social Sciences “Perspectives from the Periphery,” Umea University, Sweden, August 2008

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Andreas Killen, *Homo Cinematicus: Science, Motion Pictures, and the Making of Modern Germany* (University of Penn Press, 2017). *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (forthcoming).

Review of Jason Schnittker, *The Diagnostic System: Why the Classification of Psychiatric Disorders Is Necessary, Difficult, and Never Settled* (University of Columbia Press, 2017). *Medical Humanities* (forthcoming).

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

Between a Teacher and his Student: Imageries of Social Order in the Dialogue by William of Ockham

Telepathy, Psychophysical Energy, and Altered States in Fin-de-Siècle Russian Psychiatry

Mediating Publics: Polling the Public Mind under Late Soviet Socialism

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 **Teaching Instructor** (January 2017-April 2017)
Department of English Language and Literature, University of Michigan
Lecture course: “Engaging Performance,” Professor Anita Gonzalez
- 2016 **Teaching Assistant** (September 2016-December 2016)
School of Nursing, University of Michigan
Lecture courses: “Leadership and Management Class” and “Basic Nursing Class,”
Professor Kate Gosselin
- 2016 **GSI Teaching Mentor** (Summer 2016)
English Language Institute, University of Michigan

- 2016 **Primary Teaching Instructor**
Department of History, University of Michigan
 History 195: *What is Insanity? Psychology and Psychiatry in the Western World*
 Independently designed course
- 2015 **Teaching Assistant** (September 2015-December 2015)
Department of Germanic Languages and Literature, University of Michigan
 Lecture course: "Amsterdam," Professor Annemarie Toebosch
- 2015 **Teaching Assistant** (September 2015-December 2015)
School of Music, Theater and Dance, University of Michigan
 Lecture course: "Contemporary American Drama," Professor Anita Gonzalez
- 2015 **Graduate Student Instructor** (January 2015-April 2015)
Department of History, University of Michigan
 Lecture course: "Modern European History," Professor Jonathan Marwil
- 2009 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Department of History, University of Michigan
 Lecture course: "An Introduction to the History of Medieval and Early
 Modern Europe," Professor Diane Owen Hughes
- 2008 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Department of History, University of Michigan
 Lecture course: "Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society," co-taught
 by Professor John Carson and Professor Gabrielle Hecht
- 2008 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Department of History, University of Michigan
 Lecture course: "Europe in the Era of Total Wars," Professor Dario Gaggio
- 2003-2004 **Assistant and Coordinator**
Tel Aviv Independent Organization for the Protection of Workers' Rights
sponsored by the Albert Grant for Social Justice, Israel
- Participated in organization of various social struggle projects, initiated new fields of activity through the establishment and management of the organization's public relations with various media organs
- 2002-2005 **Hebrew-Russian-Hebrew Translator and Interpreter**
"Simul" translations office, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Hebrew-Russian-Hebrew translator and interpreter at law courts and the Office of the Government Attorney; translated academic, judicial as well as

technical and medical texts

LANGUAGES

Russian: fluent
Hebrew: fluent
French: advanced
German: intermediate
Turkish: beginners

REFERENCES

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Professor Anita Gonzalez

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Director of Global Theater and Ethnic Studies Minor
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