

Miri Fenton : Curriculum Vitae

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Publications

1. "The Lives of the Dead in Medieval Ashkenaz," in *In, Out and In Between: Jewish Daily Life in medieval Europe*, eds. Elisheva Baumgarten and Ido Noy (forthcoming spring 2021)
2. "Moving Bodies: Corpses and Communal Space in Medieval Ashkenaz," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming, 2021).
3. "Absent Husbands and Lonely Wives"; "Clearing Refuse in Medieval Cologne"; "Instructions to my Sons and Daughters: The Ethical Will of Eleazar, an 'Average Jew'"; "Piety Even in Death: Rabbeinu Bahya Commenting on Ashkenazi Custom"; "R. Yom Tov's Suicide"; "Remembering Pietism in Ashkenaz from Spain"; "The Attack on the Jews of York in 1190 Reported in Christian Sources"; "The Sweetness of Learning Torah"; "Using Your Wife's Money to Pay Your Bills: Meir of Rothenburg Responsa," in *Jewish Daily Life in Medieval Northern Europe, 1000-1350: A Sourcebook* (Medieval Institute, Michigan State University Press, forthcoming 2021)
4. Book Review, Javier Castaño, Talya Fishman, and Ephraim Kanarfogel, eds. *Regional Identities and Cultures of Medieval Jews*. Oxford: Liverpool University Press, 2018. 362 pp. Chiddushim, no. 21 (2019) [Hebrew].
5. "Hasdai Crescas, Grounds for assertions about God and the philosophical use of scripture," *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* 15 (2016).
6. "A dedicatory letter and its context: Beinecke MS 115," *Yale Law School Library Journal* (2012).

Lectures and conference presentations:

Accepted: *Conflict and communal identity: Medieval Jewish women in the Crown of Aragon*, New Faces in Iberian Studies, International Medieval Congress, Leeds (July 2021)

Accepted: *Controversy, conflict and resolution: Royal involvement in Jewish disputes in the medieval Crown of Aragon*, Controversies Conference, organised by Sacha Stern, UCL (June 2021)

Jewish Responses to the Plague: Death and Dancing, public lecture part of series Plagues in Historical Perspective, Beit Avi Chai, Jerusalem (June 2020).

Debts, dowries and damages: Jewish uses of royal petitions in the medieval Kingdom of Aragon, invited to give 45minute lecture to the Departmental Seminar of the Spanish and Latin American Studies Department (January 2020).

Jewish women and their financial interests in the medieval Crown of Aragon, Workshop, Money Matters: Jews, Christians and the Medieval Market (December 2019).

'The invisible boundaries of communal identity: how yihud shapes everyday life at home and on the road.' Presented at The World Congress of Jewish Studies 2017 (August 2017).

'Rabbinic social thought meets medieval migration: reading responsa literature as a bridge between social thought and everyday life.' Presented at 'Jews on the Move: Exploring the movement of Jews, objects, texts, and ideas in space and time' British Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference 2017 (July 2017).

Education:

October 2015 - present: **PhD candidate, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Title: "Everyday Life, Identity, and Communal Relations: A Comparison of Kehilot Shum and Aragon, 1100-1347."
Advisor: Elisheva Baumgarten

September 2013 - June 2014: **MPhil in Philosophy of Religion, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge**

September 2012 - May 2013: **Fellow and Education Fellow at Yeshivat Hadar**

August 2011 - June 2012: **Henry Fellow at Yale's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

October 2008 – July 2011: **BA (Hons) History, Selwyn College, University of Cambridge**

Academic scholarships and prizes:

2019; Leo Baeck Israel Prize

2018-21; Rotenstreich Scholarship for PhD completion, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Vataat.

2018-19; Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Scholarship.

2016-2017; Leo Baeck Germany Fellowship Programme.

2017; Elka Klein Memorial Grant for research trip to ACA, Barcelona.

2016 – ongoing; Phd Fellowship, European Research Council (ERC) project *Beyond the Elite: Jewish Daily Life in Medieval Europe*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Project Leader Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten.

2015 (December); Lubin Prize, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2015- 16; Doctoral Students Fellowship, The Hartman Institute.

2015 (June-July); Yeshivat Hadar teaching fellowship.

2014 (June-July); Kathryn Davis Peace Fellowship, Middlebury Summer Languages School.

2013-14; Polonsky Research Fellowship, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge

2012-13; Yeshivat Hadar Fellowship.

2011-2012; Henry Fellowship, Yale University Graduate School exchange fellowship.

2009 and 2010; Elected 'Scholar' of Selwyn College, University of Cambridge.

2010; Porter Prize, Annual History Award, University of Cambridge.

2010; Travel grant for research, Selwyn College, University of Cambridge.

Digital humanities tools:

Transkribus
eScriptorium

Foreign language competencies:

English	native
Hebrew	fluent
French	fluent
Latin	advanced reading and medieval paleography
Spanish	advanced reading
Catalan	intermediate reading
German	intermediate reading
Italian	intermediate reading