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## EDUCATION

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- 2017-present **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History  
**Dissertation Title:** “Galicia on Our Mind: Regionalism and Cultural Innovation in New York’s Jewish Immigrant Community, 1890-1938”  
**Dissertation Advisor:** Karen Auerbach
- 2019 **Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC-CH**  
Graduate Certificate in Jewish Studies
- 2017 **University of Augsburg, Germany**  
M.A., Department of Modern and Contemporary History
- 2015-16 **Emory University**  
Exchange Graduate Student, Department of History
- 2015 **University of Augsburg, Germany**  
B.Ed. with First State Examination in History, German, and Education

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

“In Search of Belonging: Galician Jewish Immigrants Between New York and Eastern Europe, 1890 – 1938,” *Foreign Entanglements: Transnational American Jewish Studies* [Special Issue]. *PaRDeS: Journal of the Association for Jewish Studies in Germany* 27 (2021): 69-83.

“Rekonstruktionen eines Erinnerungsraums: Bukowina und ‚Bukowinismus‘ in den Lebensgeschichten deutscher und polnischer Umsiedler,” [Reconstructions of a Site of Memory: Bukovina and ‘Bukovinism’ in the Narratives of German and Polish Resettlers] co-authored with Maren Röger, *Zeitschrift für Ostmitteleuropa-Forschung/Journal of East Central European Studies* 68.1 (2019): 57-81.

Translated into Polish: “Rekonstrukcje przestrzeni pamięci. Bukowina i „bukowinizm” we wspomnieniach niemieckich i polskich przesiedleńców,” in: *Bukowina. Wspólne dziedzictwo językowe i kulturowe*, eds. Helena Krasowska, Magdalena Pokrzyńska, Ewa Wróblewska-Trochimiuk (Warsaw: Instytut Slawistyki PAN, 2020), 243–261.

“Between Loss and Invention: Landsmanshaftn and American Jewish Memory in the Interwar Period,” *Dubnow Institute Yearbook* 17 (2018): 35-56.

### Book Chapters

“Old Homes Made New: American Jews Travelling to Eastern Europe from 1920 to the Present,” co-authored with Jason Francisco, in *Memory, Migration and Travel*, ed. Sabine Marschall (London and New York: Routledge, 2018), 146-169.

**Book Reviews**

Review of Aleksium, Natalia, *Conscious History: Polish Jewish Historians before the Holocaust. H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews*, 2023.

**Conference Reports**

“Bukovina and Bukovinians after the Second World War: (Re)shaping and (Re)thinking a Region after Genocide and ‘Ethnic Unmixing,’ Bukovina Institute Augsburg, Sept 14-15, 2016,” *H-Soz-Kult*, 2017.

“Re-Framing American-Jewish History and Thought: New Transnational Perspectives, School of Jewish Theology Potsdam/Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg, July 20-22, 2016,” *H-Soz-Kult, H-Judaic*, 2016, *PaRDeS: Journal of the Association for Jewish Studies in Germany* 23 (2017): 207-212.

**Other Writings**

“Galitzianer and Litvak,” *The Galitzianer. The Quarterly Research Journal of Gesher Galicia* 30.4 (2023), 27-31.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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2021 Peter Filene Creative Teaching Award, Department of History, UNC-CH

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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2023-24 Capper Fellowship in Intellectual History, UNC-CH, Duke University, Wake Forest University, NC State University  
Uhlman Fellowship in Jewish Studies Public Humanities, CCJS, UNC-CH  
Course Development Grant, CCJS, UNC-CH

2023 Marcie Cohen Ferris Jewish History Research Grant, CCJS, UNC-CH  
Philip L. and Melinda R. Kirstein Research Grant, CCJS, UNC-CH

2021-22 Joseph Shatzmiller Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Duke University

2021 Frances Carol Eizenstat Research Grant, CCJS, UNC-CH

2020-21 Dr. Sophie Bookhalter Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for Jewish History, New York (deferred to 2021-22)  
Research Grant, Botstiber Institute for Austrian-American Studies  
ASEEES Dissertation Research Grant, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

2019 Graduate Student Research Grant, American Academy for Jewish Research  
James K. and Georgia C. Kyser Fellowship, Department of History, UNC-CH  
Summer Stipend, CCJS, UNC-CH

2018 Research and Travel Grant, CCJS, UNC-CH  
Travel Award, Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, UNC-CH

2017-22 TEP Graduate Student Fellowship in Jewish Studies, CCJS, UNC-CH

2016 Judith London Evans Student Grant, Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University  
Schatten Scholarship Grant, Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University

2015-16 Tuition Scholarship, Laney Graduate School, Emory University

2015 Fulbright Travel Grant, German-American Fulbright Commission  
Emory-Augsburg Exchange Award, Kurt & Felicitas Viermetz Foundation

- 2014 BAYHOST Research Grant, Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe  
BAYHOST Travel Grant, Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe

### INVITED TALKS

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- 2022 “Galicia on Our Mind: The Role of Regionalism in New York’s Jewish Immigrant Community,” Center for Jewish History, New York, online (May 25)
- 2021 “In Search of Belonging: Galician Jewish Immigrants Between New York and Eastern Europe, 1890–1938,” North Carolina Jewish Studies Seminar, Duke University, online (December 5)  
“A Shtetl In New York? Jews from Eastern Europe and the American Immigrant Experience,” Carolina Public Humanities, Wake Technical Community College online (April 14)
- 2019 “Europa w miniaturze czy Piemont? Bukovina we wspomnieniach polskich reemigrantów i niemieckich przesiedleńców (1950-2017),” [Little Europe or Piedmont? Bukovina in the Memory of Polish and German Resettlers, 1950-2017] International Academic Conference on Bukovina, Institute of Slavic Studies PAN, Jastrowie, Poland (June 19)

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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#### Panels Chaired

- 2023 “Gender and Reproduction in Holocaust Memory and Experience,” 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (December 17–19)

#### Panels Organized

- 2023 “Jewish Responses to the First World War and Its Aftermath,” 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (December 17–19)  
“Galicia after Galicia: Imagining a Post-Imperial Region in the Interwar Era,” 55<sup>th</sup> ASEES Annual Convention (November 30–December 3)
- 2020 “Jewish Migration across Real and Imaginary Borders in Modern Europe and the Americas: Categories and Labels,” 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (December 13–17)

#### Papers Presented

- 2023 “New York’s Jewish Immigrant Community and the Transnational Relief Network,” 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (December 17–19)  
“Galicia Reinvented: New York Jews and the Search for a Usable Past after World War One,” 55<sup>th</sup> ASEES Annual Convention (November 30–December 3)  
“World War One and Transnational Jewish Relief Networks: Regionalism as a Force in Rebuilding Galicia,” 59<sup>th</sup> Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (March 30–April 1)

- 2020 “Imagination Meets Reality: American Jewish Encounters in Interwar Poland,” 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies (December 13–17)
- 2019 “Galizien zwischen Verlust und Erfindung: Amerikanisch-jüdischer Tourismus und Erinnerungskultur in der Zwischenkriegszeit,” [Galicia Between Loss and Invention: American-Jewish Tourism and Memory in the Interwar Period] Conference “Regionsmacher in (Ost-) Mitteleuropa,” German Historical Institute in Warsaw (May 13–15)
- “Galician Jews Back Home: Regional Identity in Interwar Poland,” 57<sup>th</sup> Southern Conference on Slavic Studies (March 14–17)
- 2018 “Galitzianer and Neo-Galitzianer in America: Making a Homeland in the Virtual and Real,” Graduate Student Conference “Jewish Memory and Culture: 1945-Present,” The Graduate Center, City University of New York (April 12)
- “Galitzianer vs Litvaks: Regional Identities and the Jewish Migration Experience in the United States,” Midwest Slavic Conference (March 23–25)
- 2016 “Hello, Landsman: American Jews and the Memory of Eastern Europe,” 1<sup>st</sup> German-Polish Conference for Junior Academics in the Field of Jewish Studies and Jewish Theology, University of Potsdam (October 26–28)
- “Redefining Identity: Landsmanshaftn in the United States Today,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewish Studies Graduate Student Association Conference, Indiana University Bloomington (February 11–12)

## **WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

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- 2022 Advanced Summer School for Graduate Students in Jewish Studies “Crises, Change, and Creativity in Jewish Experience,” Hebrew University of Jerusalem/Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania/Institute of Jewish Studies at the University of Antwerp
- 2019/2021 Joint Author’s Workshop “Maintaining Connections: Entanglements of American and European Jewries in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries,” New York University/University of Potsdam
- 2019 Max and Hilde Kochmann Summer School for PhD Students in Modern European-Jewish History and Culture, University of Sussex, UK

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

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- 2023 “A Galician Wedding: Yiddish Popular Culture and Regionalism in American Jewish Immigrant Life, 1910-1938,” Emerging Scholars Lecture at the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, online (February 20)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Department of History, UNC-CH**

#### **Instructor of Records**

“The History of the Holocaust” (Summer 2024)

“From the Bible to Broadway: Jewish History to Modern Times” (Fall 2023)  
“The Memory of the Holocaust: Autobiographies, Diaries, Graphic Novels, and Films”  
(Spring 2020)

**Teaching Assistant**

“The World Since 1945” (Spring 2020, Spring 2021)  
“From War to Prosperity: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe” (Fall 2019)  
“The History of the Holocaust” (Spring 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)  
“The Olympic Games: A Global History” (Fall 2018)

**Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC-CH**

**Instructor of Records**

“Confronting Antisemitism” (Spring 2024)

**Gymnasium Königsbrunn, Germany**

History and German (middle and high school, 2012-13)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Research Assistant (Translator)**

Dr. Karen Auerbach, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2021  
Dr. Stephen Riegg, Department of History, Texas A&M University, 2020-21  
Dr. Miroslava Prazak, Department of Anthropology, Bennington College, 2020-21  
Dr. Brett Whalen, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2020  
Dr. Chad Bryant, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2017  
Dr. Evyatan Marienberg, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-CH, 2017  
Dr. Eric L. Goldstein, Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University, 2015

**Research Assistant (Interviewer and Archival Work)**

Prof. Dr. Maren Röger, Department of History, University of Augsburg, 2017  
Project: “Über das Zusammenleben im Osten: Zusammenstellung und Auswertung deutscher und polnischer lebensgeschichtlicher Erzählungen über die Bukowina,” [Shared Life in the East: A Compilation and Evaluation of German and Polish Ego-Documents about Bukovina]

**Research Assistant (Course Developer)**

Prof. Dr. Maren Röger, Bukovina Institute at the University of Augsburg, 2016-17

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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Book Review Editor, PaRDeS: Journal of the Association for Jewish Studies in Germany, 2022-present

**DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Co-organizer, Prospective Student Weekend, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2023  
Graduate Student Representative, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Medieval/Early Modern Jewish History, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2022-23  
Co-organizer, Student Exchange in History at King’s College London, UNC-CH, 2022  
Committee of Teaching, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2021-22

Co-representative of International Student Affairs, Graduate History Society, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2020-21

Co-representative, Graduate Student Network in Jewish Studies, CCJS, UNC-CH, 2019-20

Co-founder and co-organizer, European History Workshop for Graduate Students, Department of History, UNC-CH, 2019-2021

Graduate Student Assistant, Symposium “Wandering Objects: Collecting and Interpreting Jewish Things,” CCJS, UNC-CH, 2018

Co-organizer, Polish Week, CSEEE, UNC-CH, 2018

## **TRAINING**

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YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, 2021  
Intensive Advanced III & IV Yiddish

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York, 2019  
Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture

Vilnius Yiddish Institute, Lithuania, 2018  
Summer Program in Yiddish

Center for Yiddish Culture, Warsaw, Poland, 2017  
International Summer Seminar in Yiddish Language and Culture

Center for Jewish History, New York, 2016  
Seminar on Archival and Historical Research

Galicia Jewish Museum, Kraków, Poland, 2014  
Summer Internship, Education Department

Jewish Museum Augsburg Swabia, Germany, 2014-17  
Museum-Guide

## **LANGUAGES**

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German (native)  
Polish (native)  
English (fluent)  
Yiddish (advanced)  
Modern Hebrew (intermediate)  
Czech (intermediate)  
Ukrainian (reading)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Jewish Historical Society  
Association for Jewish Studies  
Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies  
Southern Conference on Slavic Studies  
Vereinigung für Jüdische Studien e.V. (Association for Jewish Studies in Germany)