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Education:

2010: Ph.D., Sociology, UCLA

Dissertation: Off Melrose: Orthodox Life in a Secular Space.

2007: M.A., Sociology, UCLA

2004: M.A., Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

1999: B.A., Philosophy and Psychology, Tel Aviv University
B.A., Sociology and Anthropology, Tel Aviv University

Academic Positions:

2010-Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, *The New School for Social Research*, New York

Books:

In Progress - Tavory, Iddo. ***Summoned: Attachment and Religious Life in an Orthodox Jewish Neighborhood***

In Progress – Tavory, Iddo and Stefan Timmermans. ***Abductive Analysis: A Pragmatist Perspective on Qualitative Research***

2007 - Tavory, Iddo (ed.) ***Dancing in a Thorn Field: The New Age Spirituality in Israel***. Tel Aviv: Hakibutz Hameuhad Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles:

Frth. - Tavory, Iddo and Nina Eliasoph (forthcoming) "Coordinating Futures: Towards a Theory of Anticipation." ***American Journal of Sociology***

2012 - Timmermans, Stefan and Iddo Tavory (2012) "Theory Construction in Qualitative Research: From Grounded Theory to Abductive Analysis." ***Sociological Theory,*** 30(3): 167-186.

2012 - Tavory, Iddo and Daniel Winchester (2012) "Experiential Careers: The Routinization and De-Routinization of Religious Life." ***Theory and Society***, 41(4): 351-373.

2012 - Tavory, Iddo and Michelle Poulin (2012) "Sex Work and the Construction of Intimacies: Meanings and Work Pragmatics in Rural Malawi." ***Theory and Society***, 41(3): 211-231.

2011 - Tavory, Iddo (2011) "The Question of Moral Action: A Formalist Position." ***Sociological Theory***, 29(4): 272-293.

- A Version including more empirical data was winner of the *Suzanne K. Langer Award for best graduate student paper in the sociology of culture*, 2010

2010 - Tavory, Iddo. (2010) "Of Yarmulkes and Categories: Delegating Boundaries and the Phenomenology of Interactional Expectation." ***Theory and Society***, 39(1): 49-68.

- A French translation of a slightly re-worked version of this paper was published as "À la Vue d'une Kippa: Une Phénoménologie des Attentes d'Interaction dans un Quartier Juif Orthodoxe de Los Angeles." Pp. 55-77 in M. Berger, D. Cefai, and C. Gayet-Viaud (eds.). 2011. ***Du Civil au Politique: Ethnographies du Vivre Ensemble***. Bruxelles: Peter Lang. [Translator: Mathieu Berger]

2010 - Goodman, Yehuda and Iddo Tavory. (2010) "Crafting Selves, Building Community, Erasing the Nation: A Pragmatist Reading of New Age Gatherings in Israel." ***Sociologia Israelit***, 12(1): 29-56 [In Hebrew]

2010 - Tavory, Iddo. (2010) "The Hollywood Shtetl: from Ethnic Enclave to Religious Destination." ***Ethnography***, 11(1): 89-108.

2009 - Tavory, Iddo and Ann Swidler. (2009) "Condom Semiotics: Meaning and Condom Use in Rural Malawi." ***American Sociological Review***, 74(2): 171-189.

- Featured in *Contexts* (2009), under "Discoveries: New and Noteworthy Social Research"
- Reprinted in W. Paul Vogt (ed.) 2010. ***Data Collection*** (part of the ***SAGE Benchmarks in Social Research Methods Series***). London: Sage.

2009 - Tavory, Iddo and Stefan Timmermans. (2009) "Two Cases of Ethnography: Case, Narrative and Theory in Grounded Theory and the Extended Case Method." ***Ethnography***, 10(3): 243-263.

- Reprinted in Paul Atkinson and Sara Delamont (eds.) 2010. ***SAGE Qualitative Research Methods*** (part of the ***SAGE Benchmarks in Social Research Methods Series***). London: Sage.

2009 - Tavory, Iddo and Yehuda Goodman. (2009) "Weaving Individualism and Solidarity: The Construction of a New Age Community." ***Sociology of Religion***, 70(3): 262-285.

Book Chapters:

Frth. – Tavory, Iddo, Eva Jablonka and Simona Ginsburg (Forthcoming). "The Reproduction of the Social: A Developmental System Theory Approach." In Linnda R. Caporael, James Griesemer and William Wimsatt (eds.), ***Scaffolding in Evolution, Culture and Cognition: Vienna Series in Theoretical Biology***. Cambridge: MIT Press.

2012 – Tavory, Iddo, Jablonka, Eva and Simona Ginsburg. (2012) "Culture and Epigenesis". In J. Vaalsimer (ed.) ***Oxford Handbook of Culture and Psychology***.

2009 – Tavory, Iddo. (2009) "The Structure of Flirtation: On the Construction of Interactional Ambiguity." ***Studies in Symbolic Interaction***, 33: 59-74.

2007 – Tavory, Iddo. (2007) "God's Energy: the Encounter between the New Age and the Social Sciences." pp. 7-25 in Iddo Tavory (ed.) ***Dancing in a Thorn Field: The New Age Spirituality in Israel***. Tel Aviv: Hakibutz Hameuhad Press. [in Hebrew]

2007 – Tavory, Iddo. (2007) "The Rainbow and 'Babylon': Dynamics of Resistance and Continuity." pp. 89-119 in Iddo Tavory (ed.) ***Dancing in a Thorn Field: The New Age Spirituality in Israel***. Tel Aviv: Hakibutz Hameuhad Press. [in Hebrew]

2007 - Timmermans, Stefan and Iddo Tavory. (2007) "Advancing Ethnographic Research through Grounded Theory Practice." Pp. 493-513 in Kathy Charmaz and Anthony Bryant (Eds.) ***Handbook of Grounded Theory***. London: Sage.

Reviews:

Frth. – Tavory, Iddo. Review Article: Mark Chaves' American Religion: Contemporary Trends. ***Journal of Religion***.

2011 – Tavory Iddo. Review Article: Not always Against the Stream: The New Age Movement in Israel. ***Sociologia Israelit*** 13(1): 222-224 [In Hebrew]

2004 - Tavory Iddo. Review Article: Weeds in Heaven: Religiosity in Israel. ***Sociologia Israelit*** 4(2): 144-147. [In Hebrew]

In the Pipeline (Drafts Available):

Tavory, Iddo (Revised and Resubmitted) "The Private Life of Public Ritual: Interaction, Sociality and Codification in a Jewish Orthodox Congregation."

Tavory, Iddo and Stefan Timmermans (Under Review) "Consequences in Action: A Pragmatist Approach to Causality in Ethnography."

Tavory, Iddo (In Progress) "The Neighborhood, the Club and the Shadow: Research Strategies and the Definition of 'Community'."

Tavory, Iddo (In Progress) "Occam's Razor and Garfinkel's Bludgeon, With Some Repercussions for Ethnography."

Tavory, Iddo (In Progress) "Joking Matters: Elements of a Cultural Theory of Situations."

Refereed Conference Papers and Invited Lectures:

2012 – "Ethnography and the Challenge of the Invisible" AJS conference on Causal Thinking and Ethnographic Research, University of, Chicago, March.

2011 – "Occam's Razor and Garfinkel's Bludgeon, With Some Repercussions for Ethnography." Harold Garfinkel Memorial Symposium, UCLA, Los Angeles, October.

"The Private Life of Public Ritual: Worship and Interaction in a Jewish Orthodox Congregation." ASA, Las Vegas, August.

"Interactional Genres and Symbolic Degradation." ASA special invited session speaker, Las Vegas, August.

"In the Midst of the Profane: Neighborhood, Attachment and Religious Life." special invited session speaker, ASA, Las Vegas, August.

2010 – "On Moral Density: Street Danger and Experience in a Jewish Orthodox Neighborhood." Invited Lecture at the UPenn "Urban Ethnography Workshop," Philadelphia, December.

"Crosscutting Mobilities and Potential Conversion Rates: The Case of an Orthodox Jewish Neighborhood in Los Angeles." Thirty Years after "Distinction." Paris, November.

"Theory Construction in Qualitative Research: The Logic of Abduction." ASA, Atlanta, August (with Stefan Timmermans).

"The Neighborhood, the Club and the Shadow: Research Strategies and the Definition of 'Community'." ASA, Atlanta, August.

"The Orthodox Paradox: Experiential Careers of Orthodox Jewish and Muslim Converts." Annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), Atlanta, August (with Daniel Winchester). Also presented at the Columbia Jewish studies lecture series, April 2011.

"The Question of Moral Action: A Structuralist Position." Junior Theorist Symposium, Emory University, August.

2009 – "Liturgy and Interaction: Public Worship in a Jewish Orthodox Community." Invited Lecture at the Northwestern Ethnography Working Group, Evanston, October.

"Of Yarmulkes and Categories: Delegating Boundaries and the Phenomenology of Interactional Expectation." ASA, San Francisco, August.

"Action and the Moral Object: Moral Density in a Jewish Orthodox Community." Invited lecture at the University of South California Religion and Public Life Seminar Series. USC, Los Angeles, March.

2008 – "Using Diaries as a Research Method." Invited Lecture at Brown University Qualitative Methodology Working Group, Brown University: Providence, Rhode Island. November.

"The Future Tense: Two Ethnographic Studies of Problematic Negotiations of a Temporal Trajectory." ISA, Barcelona, September (with Nina Eliasoph).

"Money, Sex and Institutional Embeddedness: Sex Work and Exchange in Rural Malawi." ASA, Boston, August (with Michelle Poulin).

"Revelations of Community: Personal Providence in an Orthodox Jewish Neighborhood." Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Study of Religion, Boston, July.

"Meanings of Condom Use in Rural Malawi." NAC Conference, Lilongwe, June (with Ann Swidler).

"Walking the Streets: Danger and the Construction of Neighborhood Experience in a Jewish Orthodox Community." Invited lecture at the Comparative Urban Studies Workshop, Central European University, Budapest, May.

"Sanctifying Neighborhood Identity: From Ethnic Enclave to Religious Neighborhood," Urban Ethnography Conference, New Haven, April.

2007 – "Dancing in a Thorn Field: The New Age Movement in Israel." Invited lecture at Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, May.

"Temporality and Flirtation: Actualization Practices and the Structure of Sexualized Interaction." Couch/Stone Symposium, Urbana-Champaign, April.

"Seeing Religiosity: Embodied Distinctions in a Jewish Orthodox Community." Stonybrook Ethnography Conference, New York, March. (Also presented under the same title as an invited lecture at the UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, January 2008)

2004 – "The Rainbow and 'Babylon': Dynamics of Resistance and Continuity." Israeli Anthropological society, Sd'e Boker: April [In Hebrew]

Grants and Fellowships:

2005-2006: UCLA Sociology Departmental Fellowship
Non Resident Tuition Award
2006: Departmental Summer Stipend
2007: Globalization Africa Fellowship
Quality of Graduate Education Stipend
2008: Non Resident Tuition Award
Quality of Graduate Education Stipend
2008-2009: UCLA Sociology Departmental Fellowship
2006-2009: UCLA Conference Travel Grants
2009-2010: UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship

Professional Service and Affiliations:

Occasional reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; *Sociological Theory; Sociology of Religion*; *Ethnography*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*; *Sociological Forum*; *Journal of Reproductive Health*; *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society; Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Croatian Journal of Sociology*; *Israeli Sociology*; *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*; *Sociological Methods and Research.*

* Co-Organizer: *Junior Theorists Symposium*, Denver, Colorado, August 2012.
* Committee member: Coleman-Shils award, the ASA graduate student theory paper award, 2012.

* Member: ASA (sections: theory, culture, religion, methodology, ethnomethodology)
* Member: "Belonging Today" working group at the Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU, New York.

Language

Hebrew, English
Spanish (Intermediate)
Aramaic, French (beginning reading skill)