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EDUCATION

- ABD Ph.D., Anthropology and History, New School for Social Research (NSSR)
Return to Sepharad: Jewish Revivalism and the Pragmatics of Inclusion in Spain
Chair: Ann Laura Stoler (NSSR)
Committee: Jonathan Boyarin (Cornell), Miriam Ticktin (NSSR), Tom Abercrombie (NYU)
- 2012 M.A., Anthropology, New School for Social Research (NSSR)
- 2008 M.A., Liberal Studies (American Studies), City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2005 B.A., Cultural Studies, *cum laude*, CUNY Baccalaureate Program

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 Research Associate, Social Science Research, Theory & Practice Fellowship,
Eugene Lang College, New School University
- 2017-18 Teaching Fellow, Anthropology, Eugene Lang College, New School University
- 2016 Visiting Researcher, Anthropology, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Research Institute on Migration, Ethnicity, and Social Development (IMEDES)
- 2016 Visiting Researcher, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
Institute for Language, Literature, and Anthropology (ILLA)
- 2015 Visiting Researcher, Anthropology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Anthropology and History of the Construction of Social and Political Identities
- 2013-15 Teaching Fellow, First Year Writing, Eugene Lang College, New School University

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2017 Mellon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Council for European Studies (*declined*)
- 2017-19 Posen Fellowship, Posen Society of Fellows
- 2017 Travel Grant, American Academy for Jewish Research
- 2016 Holocaust Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, New School for Social Research

2016	Summer Fellowship, <u>Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, (declined)</u>
2015-16	Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, <u>Social Science Research Council</u>
2015-16	Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, <u>Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research</u>
2015	Lapidus Summer Fellowship, <u>Center for Jewish History</u>
2014-15	Donnelley Prize Fellowship, <u>New School for Social Research</u>
2012-14	Melamid Prize Fellowship, <u>New School for Social Research</u>
2007-8	Language and Culture Teaching Fellowship, <u>Spanish Ministry of Education</u>
2005-7	Graduate Counseling Assistantship, <u>CUNY Graduate Center</u>
2005	Alumni Fund Graduate Scholarship, <u>CUNY Baccalaureate Program</u>

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and religion; subjectivity; historical anthropology; materiality and aesthetics; liberalism and multiculturalism; queer studies; experimental ethnography; Spain; Europe; U.S.

PUBLICATIONS

In Preparation

"Rancor and Nostalgia: An Affective History of the Return to Sepharad"
 "Pragmatics of Inclusion: Conversion and Citizenship at the Ends of Europe"

2016	"Refusal as Ethnographic Concept: An Interview with Carole McGranahan, Elisa Sobo, and Erica Weiss." Dialogues, <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> website, August 31, 2016.
2015	Review of Recovering Jewish Spain: Politics, Historiography and the Institutionalization of the Jewish Past in Spain (1845–1935). Michal Rose Friedman. <i>Dissertation Reviews</i> .
2014	Article Supplemental page to "Genetic Diaspora: Producing Knowledge of Genes and Jews in Rural South Africa," Noah Tamarkin. <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> online, August 2014.
2013	Article Supplemental page to "Rethinking Public Anthropology Through Epistemic Politics and Theoretical Practice," Michal Osterweil. <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> online, October 2013.
ND	<i>In the Shadow of Fountain Valley: Economic Transformation and the Production of History on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands</i> , MA thesis, CUNY Graduate Center. (2008)

TEACHING

Teaching Fellow, Eugene Lang College, The New School
Undergraduate Seminars Designed and Taught

What Was Europe? Anthropology and History of an Unsettled Present (2017, 2018)
Subject to Change: Varieties of Self-Transformation (2015, 2014)
Reading and Writing the City: Urban Ethnography (2014, 2013)

Teaching Assistant, New School for Social Research
Graduate Seminars Assisted

Critical Foundations of Anthropology, Abou Farman (2017)
Critical Foundations of Anthropology, Vyjayanthi Rao (2014)
Anthropology, Photography, Visuality, Pamila Gupta (2011)
Diasporic Longings & Belongings in the Indian Ocean, Pamila Gupta (2011)

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Rancor and Nostalgia: An Affective History of the Return to Sepharad,” Paper to be presented at conference, “Genealogías de Sefarad”, *ALCES XXI*, Zaragoza, Spain July 3-7, 2017.
- 2016 “When Is Return? Conversion, Citizenship, and the Pragmatics of Jewish Inclusion in Contemporary Spain,” Invited lecture for series, *Jews, Muslims, and the Struggle for Religious “Identity” in Modern Mediterranean Societies*, Boston University, November 14, 2016. Respondent: Marcy Brink-Danan (Hebrew University).
- 2016 “Conversión judía y subjetividad en la España contemporánea,” Invited lecture for Master’s Program in Anthropology, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, April 25, 2016.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2014 Co-organizer, *Political Concepts: A Lexicon in Formation* (with Ann Stoler, Jay Bernstein, and Todd Kesselman), New School for Social Research. April 18-19, 2014.
- 2012 Co-organizer, *Rethinking Inheritance*, Department of Anthropology Annual Conference, New School for Social Research. April 27-28, 2012.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2017 Co-organizer, “The Long Exposure: Latency, Visibility, and Method,” (with Joshua Z. Weiss, UC-Davis; and Kathryn Detwiler, NSSR) Panel at *American Ethnological Society Meeting*, Stanford University, April 1, 2017.
- 2016 Co-Organizer, “Toward an Anthropology of Return,” (with Mikaela Rogozen-Soltar, University of Nevada-Reno) Panel at *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, November 17, 2016.

- 2014 Organizer, "Troubling Resurrections: The Politics of Time and Materiality in Spain," Panel at the Council for European Studies Annual Conference, *Resurrections*, March 14-16, 2014.
- 2012 Organizer, "Heritage and the Imperial Imagination," Panel at *Rethinking Inheritance*, Department of Anthropology Annual Conference, New School for Social Research. April 28, 2012.

CONFERENCE SESSION CHAIR OR DISCUSSANT

- 2016 Chair, "Toward an Anthropology of Return," Panel at *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, November 17, 2016.
- 2014 Chair, "Troubling Resurrections: The Politics of Time and Materiality in Spain," Panel at the Council for European Studies Annual Conference, *Resurrections*, March 14-16, 2014.
- 2012 Chair, "Heritage and the Imperial Imagination," Panel at *Rethinking Inheritance*, Department of Anthropology Annual Conference, New School for Social Research. April 28, 2012.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED (REVIEWED)

- 2017 "Queer Scenes of Exposure in Jewish Spain" Paper presented on panel, "The Long Exposure: Latency, Visibility, and Method" at *American Ethnological Society Meeting*, Stanford University, April 1, 2017.
Discussant: Carole McGranahan (University of Colorado-Boulder).
- 2017 "Jewish Relations: Race, Kinship, and the Return to Sepharad," Paper presented on panel, "Diversity and its Discontents: Historical Others, Their Past and Future in Contemporary Iberia" at *Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Meeting*, New York, NY, March 17, 2017.
Discussant: Joshua Goode (Claremont Graduate University).
- 2017 "Jewish Relations: Race, Kinship, and the Return to Sepharad," Paper presented on panel, "Troubling the Kin: Race, Kinship and Affect in Psychological Anthropology" at *Society for Psychological Anthropology Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, March 9, 2017.
Discussant: Jennifer Cole (Chicago).
- 2016 "Return As Ethnographic Object: Notes from the Ends of Europe," Paper presented on panel, "Toward an Anthropology of Return" at *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, November 17, 2016.
Discussant: Jonathan Shannon (CUNY Graduate Center).
- 2015 "Return to Sefarad: Towards a History of the Jewish Present in Spain," Paper presented at *Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies Meeting*, Johns Hopkins University, March 22, 2015. Discussant: Joshua Goode (Claremont Graduate University).

- 2014 "Spain As Crisis: Periodization and Failure from the Black Legend to the Global Recession," Paper presented at *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, Washington, D.C., December 4, 2014.
Discussants: Susana Narotzky (U Barcelona), Neni Panourgia (New School).
- 2014 "No Longer Nostalgia: Jewish Spain and The Future of the Inheritable Past in Europe," Paper presented at the Council for European Studies Annual Conference, *Resurrections*, March 14-16, 2014. Discussant: Melissa Caldwell (UC-Santa Cruz).
- 2014 "When Is Conversion Return? Making a Time and Place for Jewish Spain," Paper presented at the Council for European Studies Annual Conference, *Resurrections*, March 14-16, 2014. Discussant: Avi Astor (U Autònoma Barcelona).
- 2013 "The Other Within: Jews, Spain, and the Future of the Inheritable Past in Europe," Paper presented at *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, Chicago, November 21, 2013. Discussant: Jaime Palomera (U Barcelona).
- 2013 "When did Jewish History Become Spanish National Heritage? Forging Personhood, Patrimony, and Place in Córdoba's Jewish Quarter," Paper presented at *The Past for Sale? New Perspectives on the Economic Entanglements of Cultural Heritage*, University of Massachusetts-Amherst Center for Heritage and Society, May 15-17, 2013.
- 2013 "What Does it Take to Become Jewish? Conversion and the Inheritable Past in Contemporary Spain," Paper presented at *The Kronstadt Moment—The Road to Damascus: an Interdisciplinary Conference on Conversion and Disenchantment*, Department of Liberal Studies, New School for Social Research, April 26-27, 2013.
- 2012 "'Recuperating Sefarad': Conversion, Heritage, and History in Contemporary Spain," Paper presented at *American Anthropological Association Meeting*, San Francisco, November 14, 2012.

WORKSHOPS (REVIEWED)

- 2016 Selected Participant, Society for Cultural Anthropology Student-Faculty Workshop, "Ethnographic Inquiries of Philosophical Concerns," with Bhrigupati Singh.
- 2014 Selected Participant, American Ethnological Society Student-Faculty Workshop, "Ethnography for the 21st Century," with Joseph Masco and Ken Wissoker.
- 2013 Selected Participant, American Ethnological Society Student-Faculty Workshop, "Religious Publics and Modes of Publicity," with Pamela Klassen and Matthew Engelke.
- 2013 Selected Participant, Society for Cultural Anthropology Student-Faculty Workshop, "The Anthropology of Becoming," with João Biehl.
- 2012 Selected Participant, Society for the Anthropology of Europe Student-Faculty Workshop, "Fieldwork," with Jillian Cavanaugh.

ADMINISTRATIVE, RESEARCH, AND EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2016-17 Academic Advisor, Anthropology, New School for Social Research
2015- Managing Director, [Institute for Critical Social Inquiry \(ICSI\)](#), NSSR
2014-15 Program Coordinator, [Institute for Critical Social Inquiry \(ICSI\)](#), NSSR
2013-14 Editorial Assistant, [Political Concepts](#)

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE

2013- Contributing Editor, [Cultural Anthropology website](#)

SERVICE TO INSTITUTION

2017 Back from the Field Talk, Anthropology Department, NSSR
2015 Grant Writing Talk, Anthropology Department, NSSR
2013 Representative, Anthropology Faculty Hiring Committee, NSSR
2013-14 Representative, Anthropology Students' Association, NSSR
2013-14 Representative, Dean's Leadership Council, NSSR
2013-14 Representative, Dean's Advisory Council, NSSR
2013-14 Representative, Graduate Faculty Student Senate, NSSR
2013-14 Representative, Anthropology Students Association, NSSR
2006-07 Representative, Doctoral Students Council, CUNY Graduate Center

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (SCA, AES, SAE, SAR)
American Historical Association
Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies (ASPHS)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate reading)

REFERENCES

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