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EDUCATION

• University of California, Los Angeles

- Ph.D. in Latin American History, September 14, 2012

Dissertation title: “Polacos, White Slaves, and Stille Chuppahs:
Organized Prostitution and the Jews of Buenos Aires, 1890-1939”

Committee Members:

- Co-chair: Professor Jose C. Moya, Emeritus at UCLA History Department and Professor of History at Barnard College
- Co-chair: Associate Professor Robin Derby, UCLA History Department
- Professor David N. Myers, Chair of UCLA History Department
- Professor Adriana Bergero, UCLA Spanish and Portuguese Department

- M.A. in Latin American History, June 15, 2007

• Reed College, Portland, OR

- B.A. Phi Beta Kappa in International and Comparative Policy Studies, May 2000
- Undergraduate Thesis: “*Locas, Guerrilleras, Anarquistas, y Supermadres: Argentine Motherhood and the Boundaries of the Body Politic*”

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Mellon Fellowship for League of Nations Conference in Geneva, 2011
- Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2010-11
- History Department PhD Recruitment Fellowship, UCLA, 2003-04, '05-08, '09-10
- Latin American Institute Tinker Field Research Grant, UCLA, 2009
- History Department Summer Travel Funding, UCLA, 2009
- Center for Jewish Studies Funding for Yiddish Study in Vilnius, UCLA, 2005
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, UCLA, 2004-2005
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA, 2004, 2006
- Fulbright Fellowship for research year in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2001

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

• Published Articles

- “Sociedad Varsovia as Voluntary Society: Mutual Aid among Jewish Pimps in Buenos Aires, 1906-1930,” accepted pending revisions at the *Journal of Latin American Studies*.
- “Uprooting the Seeds of Evil: Ezras Noschim and Jewish Marriage Regulation, Morality Certificates, and Degenerate Prostitute Mothers in 1930s Buenos Aires,” pp. 55-80 in *The New Jewish Argentina: Facets of Jewish Experiences in the Southern Cone*, eds. Adriana Brodsky and Raanan Rein, (Leiden: Brill, 2012).
- “Prosopografía Proxeneta: Inmigración Judía, Socorros Mutuos y Comercio Sexual en Argentina, 1906-1930,” pp. 67-92 in *Marginados y Consagrados:*

Nuevos Estudios Sobre los Judios Argentinos, eds. Emmanuel Kahan, Laura Schenquer, Damián Setton, and Alejandro Dujovne (Buenos Aires: Ediciones Lumiere, 2011).

- Received the 2013 Latin American Jewish Studies Association Best Book Award.
- “Uprooting the Seeds of Evil: Jewish Marriage Regulation, Morality Certificates, and Degenerate Prostitute Mothers in 1930s Buenos Aires,” *CSW Update: Special Issue on Thinking Gender 2011* (UCLA: Center for Study of Women); pp. 7-9.
- “Masculinity: Latin America,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, vol. 5, ed. Peter Stearns (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008); pp. 74-76.
- **In Progress**
 - “Inverts in the Porteño News: Raul/Raquel Suarez and Other Mujer-Hombres, Buenos Aires, 1930,” under consideration at *Trans Studies: Beyond Hetero/Homo Normativities*, edited by Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel and Sarah Tobias at the Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers University.
- **Papers and Invited Lectures**
 - “Subjects and Objects in Latin American Transgender History,” on panel “Gender Frontiers,” accepted at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, April 10-13, 2014.
 - “The Fascination of the (Dead) Transgender Body: The Strange Case of Raul/Raquel Suarez, 1930,” on panel “Obscenidades: The Pornographic and the Profane in Latin America,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Washington, DC, May 29 – June 1, 2013.
 - “Mediators between Police and Prostitutes from Europe to Argentina: International Organizations and Local Authorities, 1890s-1930s,” on panel “Historias transnacionales: circuitos de vigilancia policial en América del Sur,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Francisco, May 23-26, 2012.
 - “Maternalist Politics and Latin American Women’s Resistance to Tyranny,” UCLA History M187A/Women’s Studies 186A, May 17, 2012.
 - “Dictatorships in Chile and Argentina, 1970s-1980s: US Support and Women’s Protest,” UCLA History 8B, March 1, 2012.
 - “Uprooting the Seeds of Evil: Jewish Marriage Regulation, Morality Certificates, and Degenerate Prostitute Mothers in 1930s Buenos Aires,” Thinking Gender Conference, UCLA, February 11, 2011.
 - “Latin America and the Cold War, 1945-1990: Recent Historiography,” Scholar-Teacher Workshop, UCLA History-Geography Project, April 22, 2010.
 - “Books, Buildings, and Brothels in Buenos Aires: New Directions in Jewish Argentine History, 1900-1970,” panel and paper accepted for American Historical Association 2010 Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 7-10, organizer and panelist.
 - “First Wave Sexual Politics: Purity and Prostitution,” UCLA History M187A, April 9, 2009.
 - “Caftens, Kurvehs, and Stille Chuppahs: Jewish Sex Workers and their Opponents in Buenos Aires, 1890-1930,” Symposium on Jewish Urban History in the

Americas: A Comparative Look at Jewish Buenos Aires and Jewish Los Angeles, UCLA, February 8-9, 2009 and UCLA Center for Argentina, Chile and the Southern Cone Interdisciplinary Workshop, April 7, 2009.

- “Argentine Dictatorship, Mothers and Daughters,” UCLA History 8C, May 21, 2007.
- “Queering the Mogan David: Notes Toward a Radical, Spiritual, Political Movement,” Phenomenology Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin at Lacrosse, Feb. 22, 2001.
- Keynote Speech on Service Learning, Reed College, Nov. 4, 2000.
- “Cuban-US Relations in a Nutshell,” Seattle Academy of Arts and Sciences, Mar. 21, 2000.
- “Socialism, Globalization, and Hurricane Mitch,” Charles Wright Academy, Jan. 1999.

• **Other Publications**

- “Justicia Infinita,” *Fulanas*, 2:13 (Buenos Aires, Oct. 2001); pp. 9-10.
- “Confesiones de una Des-generada,” *Fulanas*, 1:11 (Buenos Aires, Aug. 2001); pp. 7-8.
- “Social Service and the Ivory Tower Walls: Is There Room for Service Learning at Reed?” *Reed College Quest*, Nov. 2, 1999; p. 4.
- “Prayer for the Future,” *The Visionary Director*, eds. Maggie Carter and Deb Curtis (St. Paul: Redleaf Press, 1998); p. 240.

TEACHING

- Assistant Professor, History Department, Wake Forest University, 2013-present.
- Lecturer, History Department, UCLA, History 8C: “Latin American Social History,” Spring 2013.
- Lecturer, History Department, California State University, Long Beach, History 462: “History of Mexico,” Spring 2013.
- Lecturer, M.A. in the Humanities Program, Mount St. Mary’s College, Los Angeles, Humanities 256H, “Critical Eras in Latin American/Caribbean History: Gender and Sexuality in the Twentieth Century,” Fall 2012.
- Lecturer, History Department, California State University, Long Beach, History 364: “The Latin American Nations,” Fall 2012.
- Teaching Fellow for 9 sections of UCLA History courses M187A/WOM STD M186A, “Global Feminisms,” 8B, “The Political Economy of Latin American Underdevelopment” and 3D, “Themes in History of Medicine,” Fall 2011-Spring 2012.
- Substitute teacher, grades 8-10, Jewish history and politics at Sholem Community School (a progressive Jewish Sunday School), Spring 2011-13.
- Team-taught UCLA Graduate Writing Center’s Humanities Dissertation “Boot Camp,” Summer 2010.

- Teaching Assistant and Student Research Consultant for UCLA History/Women's Studies Professor Ellen DuBois, HIST M187A/WOM STD M186A "Historical Perspectives on Globalizing Feminism, 1848-Present," Spring 2009.
- Teaching Assistant for 12 sections of UCLA History courses: 8A, "Colonial Latin American History;" 8C, "Modern Latin American Social and Political History;" and 1A, "Introduction to Western Civilization;" Fall 2005-Spring 2007.
- Reader for UCLA Women's Studies Professor Alice Echols, WOM STD M118/LGBT M118 "Queering American History," Fall 2003.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PURSUITS

- Research Assistant for UCLA/UCSB History Professor Janet Afary, editing and research on Middle Eastern gender, sexuality, and social history, 2008-13.
- Research Assistant for UCSB Sociology Professor Kevin Anderson, research and editing for books on Marxism, theory and history, 2008-13.
- Organizing Assistant for UCLA History Department Spring Colloquia Lecture Series, assisting Professors Robin Derby and Andrea Goldman, Winter-Spring 2009.
- Research Assistant for Independent Scholar Thaddeus Russell, book on rethinking cultural and social history in the United States, 2009.
- Research Assistant for UCLA History Professor Robin Derby, research and editing for book on gender and dictatorship in the Dominican Republic, 2004-06.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Spanish (fluent, translation experience and published writing)
- Yiddish (read proficiently, studied in summer intensive programs through Oxford University in Vilnius and YIVO at New York University as well as UCLA)
- French (read proficiently)

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS

- American Historical Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Núcleo de Estudios Judíos (Argentina)

REFERENCES

- Professor Janet Afary, afary@religion.ucsb.edu
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