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EDUCATION

2020-present	Doctoral Candidate History GPA: 4.0 <i>University of Washington Seattle</i> <i>Advisor: Liora Halperin</i>
2017-2020	Dual Masters Student Jewish Studies and History GPA: 3.973 <i>Indiana University, Bloomington, IN</i> <i>Advisor: Noam Zadoff 2017-June 2019 Sarah Imhoff June 2019-2020</i>
2010-2014	BA Triple Major History, Jewish Studies, Hebrew Middle East Studies Minor GPA: 3.93 <i>University of Wisconsin Madison</i>
Languages:	Fluent in English (mother tongue) and Hebrew Proficient in Yiddish and reading German

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FUNDING

Graduate

University of Seattle Washington

2023	Fulbright/Hays PhD Research fellowship Award Awarded for doctoral research in Israel.
2023	Charles Bergquist Labor Research Grant Research Grant Awarded for Research on Labor in an International Context
2023	AAJR Research Fellowship Summer Research Fellowship from the American Academy for Jewish Research
2023	Temple Feinstein Center Fellowship Research Fellowship awarded by the Temple Feinstein Center
2022	Strom Center Jewish Studies fellowship
2022	Israel Studies Fellowship <i>Grant for archival research at the NYPL rare books archive</i>
2022	UW Jewish Studies Opportunity Grant <i>Grant for Archival research at American Jewish Archives</i>
2021	Israel Studies Fellowship
2021	UW Jewish Studies Opportunity Grant <i>Grant for Archival research at NYPL rare books archives</i>
2020-2021	Graduate Top-Scholar Tuition Award <i>Award for highly recruited incoming PhD Student</i>
2020-2021	History Department Fellowship <i>Full year academic fellowship</i>
2020	UW Provost Recruitment Fellowship
2020	Indiana University Bloomington Bicentennial Jewish Studies Fellowship

2020	Grant in aid of research AJHS Travel Grant <i>Grant from Association for Jewish Studies to cover cost of presenting at their conference</i>
2020	Gurion Family Fund Conference Funding <i>Awarded to cover costs of presenting at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference</i>
2019-2020	Foreign Language Area Fellowship for 2019-2020 Academic Year <i>Competitive fellowship funded by the US Government</i> <i>Awarded for the study of Yiddish</i>
2019 (Summer)	Jewish Studies grant-in-aid of research <i>Received competitive funding for archival research</i>
2019	Gurion Family Fund Conference Funding <i>Awarded to cover costs of presenting at Middle East History and Theory Conference</i>
2018 (Summer)	Jewish Studies grant-in-aid of research <i>Received competitive funding for research towards my master's thesis</i>
2017-2018	Born Jewish Studies Fellowship <i>Full year academic fellowship awarded to one incoming MA student</i>
	Undergraduate University of Wisconsin, Madison
2014	Lipton Essay Award (UW Madison) <i>Winner of annual essay competition</i>
2014	Ida and Isaac Lipton Major Scholarship <i>Scholarship for Best Senior in Jewish Studies</i>
2013	Grant from UW Madison Business Center for International Business and Research
2013	Lipton Essay Award <i>Winner of annual essay competition</i>
2012	Lauren and Frances Weinstein Scholarship
2012	Marjorie and Harry Tobias Jewish Studies Scholarship
2012	Joseph Elder Scholarship
2012	Haifa Presidential Merit Scholarship

Public Scholarship

2022	Washington Post: Made by History <i>"Biden's Promises to Palestinians Probably Won't Help Foster Peace" July 24, 2022.</i>
2023	NPR KUOW Week in review <i>"Words In Review: Seattle police leave. Is it an "exodus"?" Interview, February 27, 2023.</i>
2023	Stroum Center Article <i>"American Jews & Israel: The history of the Palestine Economic shows how "support" can take many forms</i>
2022	Israel History 101 <i>Presented a series of lectures on an introduction to Israeli history for a UW Seattle cohort of MBA Students Traveling to Israel.</i>

PRESENTATIONS

2021	Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference <i>Organized the panel "Israel and Jewish Americans: building Homeland in a Transnational Context" and presented my paper "Profit in the Holy Land, Louis</i>
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- Marshall and the upbuilding of Palestine” (note: due to covid 19 the actual panel I presented on was not the same as the panel I organized).*
- 2019 **Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference**
Presented my paper “At the Crossroads: Ahad Ha’am and Post-1967 American Judaism.”
- 2019 **Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference | University of Chicago**
Presented my research on Birthright Israel.
- 2019 **Jewish Studies Graduate Conference | Indiana University**
Presented my paper “Bedouin Tents and Camel Rides: Orientalism and Gendered Paradigms on Birthright Israel.”
- 2018 **Jewish Studies Graduate Conference | Indiana University**
Presented my paper “There and Back Again: Conception of Homeland and Diaspora among American Jews Returning from Israel”

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2022-present **Jewish Studies Colloquium Organizer | University of Washington**
Organized and oversaw a new inter-departmental colloquium initiative for the Jewish Studies program. Help facilitate and communicate with visiting faculty regarding participation.
- 2021-Present **Diversity Committee, student representative | University of Washington**
One of two graduate student members of the History department diversity committee. Helping to organize diversity trainings, conduct university wide events which educate and promote diversity, and create system to track and tabulate diversity of engagement in the department.
- 2021-Present **Executive Board, Graduate Liaison committee | University of Washington**
Advocated for the needs of graduate students to department leadership. Attended all department faculty meetings as a graduate representative. Successfully advocated to university leadership for the creation of a history graduate student lounge.
- 2017-2018 **Treasurer | Jewish Studies Graduate Student Association | Indiana University**
One of five officers on the JSGSA, assisted in planning and budgeting for all events. Planned 2018 annual Jewish Studies graduate conference.
- 2017-2018 **District Area Coordinator | J Street**
Served as the direct liaison between J Street and Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly. Took regular meetings with Senator Donnelly and informed him of policy goals and objectives of J Street.
- 2015-2018 **Young professional Leadership Cohort | J Street**
One of fifteen founding members of J Street’s young professional outreach arm. Advised on and helped implement J Street’s national lobbying efforts.

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Web Student Assistant | Department of History University of Washington**
In charge of regular maintenance and updates on the history department website. Wrote and edited content for history website and newsletter.
- 2022 **Student Assistant | Central Circulation Suzzallo and Allen Library**

2021-present	<p><i>Assisted with all functions of library central circulation, including book checkout and return, resource requests, and major projects.</i></p> <p>Teaching Assistant University of Washington <i>Lead multiple discussion sections, held regular office hours, corrected and provided feedback on all assignments provide both in person and virtual instruction.</i></p>
2020	<p>Research Assistant University of Washington <i>Assisted professor Liora Halperin research her book "The Oldest Guard"</i></p>
2019-2020	<p>Assistant Jewish Studies Librarian Indiana University <i>In charge of purchasing of all Hebrew and Yiddish books for the IU library. In charge of designing purchasing plan for all future Hebrew texts.</i></p>
2019-2020	<p>Research Assistant Indiana University <i>Assisting professor Sarah Imhoff with research for her upcoming book "A Queer Crippled Zionism" Read Hebrew documents in order to aid in incorporating their use in the book. Edited and provided suggestions on manuscript.</i></p>
2018-2020	<p>Associate Instructor Indiana University <i>Lead multiple discussion sections, held regular office hours, corrected and provided feedback on all assignments, guest lectured to class</i></p>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (nonacademic)

2013- 2018	<p>Chalutzim Hebrew Immersion program Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union-Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director (2015, 2018) <i>built an educational curriculum for Hebrew immersion for between 70-90 High school participants. Managed a staff of over 20 adults entirely in Hebrew</i> • Counselor educator (Summer 2013, 2014) <i>Taught Hebrew in both formal and informal settings to high school students.</i>
2015- 2016	<p>History Teacher Alexander Muss High School in Israel <i>Taught AP European and AP World history to high school students studying abroad in Israel</i></p>