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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in History** 2023  
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

Dissertation Title: Friendship and Alternative Kinship in the Early Modern Iberian World

**M.A. in History** (magna cum laude) 2015  
Tel Aviv University Tel-Aviv, Israel  
Through The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students

**Yeshivat Hadar** (full-time Talmud fellow) 2015-2016  
Hadar Institute New York, NY

### EMPLOYMENT

2023- **Sava Ranisavljevic Postdoctoral Fellowship.** Department of Spanish and Portuguese; second appointment: Jewish Studies. Northwestern University, Chicago.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### REFEREED ARTICLES

- “New-Christian Friendships and Spaces of Sociability in the Early Modern Spanish City,” *Journal of Spanish Cultural Studies* 24, issue 3 (2023).
- “Debating Friendship in Seventeenth-Century Lima, 1678-1681”, *Colonial Latin American Review* [October 2023]

#### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- “Space, Movement, and Encounters,” chapter in *A Cultural History of Judaism: The Early Modern Age: 1492-1800*, Laura Leibman and Maria Cieřla, eds. [Bloomsbury’s forthcoming six-volume series on the cultural history of Judaism, forthcoming 2025]
- “María de Albín's Sworn Enemies (1653),” annotated translated document for a source reader on gender and Jewish women, edited by Federica Francesconi et al [Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025].

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Polemics,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (EBR), edited by Constance Furey, Steven L. McKenzie, Thomas Römer, Jens Schröter, Barry Dov Walfish, and Eric Ziolkowski. Berlin: De Gruyter [forthcoming, 2024].

## REVIEWS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- Jonathan Ray, *Jewish Life in Medieval Spain: A New History* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2023). *Renaissance Quarterly* [forthcoming]
- Ross Brann, *Iberian Moorings: Al-Andalus, Sefarad, and the Tropes of Exceptionalism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021). *Al-Masaq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean* 35.2 (2023).
- Karma Lochrie and Usha Vishnuvajjala, eds. *Women's Friendship in Medieval Literature* (Columbus: The Ohio State University Press, 2022). *The Medieval Review* [Fall 2023].
- Donald Gilbert-Santamaría, *The Poetics of Friendship in Early Modern Spain: A Study in Literary Form* (Edinburgh University Press, 2020). *Bulletin of the Comediantes* vol. 74, n.1-2 (2022-2023).
- Gregory B. Kaplan, *Jewish Poetry and Cultural Coexistence in Late Medieval Spain* (Amsterdam: ARC, Amsterdam University Press, 2019). *Renaissance Quarterly* 76.1 (Spring 2023): 332-334.
- David M. Luebke and Mary Lindemann, eds. *Mixed Matches: Transgressive Unions in Germany from the Reformation to the Enlightenment* (New York: Berghahn, 2014). *European History Quarterly*, 49.1 (2019): 142-143.
- Mercedes Garcia-Arenal and Gerard Wiegers, *A Man of Three Worlds: Samuel Pallache, a Moroccan Jew in Catholic and Protestant Europe* (Magness Press, Hebrew Translation, 2021). *Zmanim* [2023].

## INVITED TALKS and WORKSHOPS

“The Vanities of Friendship in Sephardi Ethical Writing.” Center for Jewish History, New York, 12/06/2023.

“Making Friends and Enemies in Spain and the New World.” The Winter 2023 Mediterranean Seminar Workshop: From Mediterranean to Atlantic. University of Miami/Florida International University, 02/03/2023.

“Antonio de San Pedro: A New-Christian Holy Man between Spain and Peru.” Seminar for the annual research group on *New Christian and New Jewish Discourses of Identity between Polemics and Apologetics*. Israel Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS), Jerusalem, Israel. 12/05/2022

“Debating Friendship in Colonial Peru.” *Seminario de Historia Cultural*, Department of Modern History, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain. 05/31/2022

“The Practices of Friendship among Portuguese New Christians in Seventeenth-Century Spain.” The Premodern Spanish History Association of the Midwest (PSHAM) Annual Meeting. University of Kentucky (moved online). 03/19/2022

“Friendship in Colonial Peru.” Research Seminar, Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. 01/05/202

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Illicit Jewish Business in Potosí, 1599," The Annual Conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Antigua, Guatemala. 03/23/2023

“Portuguese New Christian Foodways in Early Modern Spain.” Association for Jewish Studies 54th Annual Conference, Boston. MA. 12/20/2022

“ZAKHOR at 40: Jewish Memory, History, Literature.” Round Table. Association for Jewish Studies 54th Annual Conference, Boston. MA. 12/18/2022

“María de Albín's Sworn Enemies (1653).” New York State Working Group on Jewish Women and Gender in Global Perspective, New York. 12/11/2022

“The “Jew” Antonio de Correa testifies on the Christian Faith in Colonial Lima,” Rothschild Prize Research Symposium in honor of Jeremy Cohen, The Israeli Museum, Jerusalem, Israel. 11/28/2022

“Friendship in Colonial Lima.” Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (LACS-SHA), Baltimore, MD. 11/13/2022

“Friendship as a Rhetorical Strategy among Portuguese New Christians.” The History of Jewish Friendship, 1650-1950, U-M. 10/26/2022

“Every-day religious Polemics among Portuguese Conversos (1640-1660).” The 34th annual conference of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association, University of Nebraska, Omaha. 09/19/2022

“Female Friendship among Portuguese New Christians.” the Lusophone Studies Association International Conference on *Women, Gender and Intersectionality in the Lusophone World*, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal. 07/01/2022

“The History of Friendship and the Spanish Inquisition.” The Ninth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, MO. 06/21/2022

“Crypto-Judaism goes Public: Social Practices among Portuguese New Christians in Seventeenth-Century Spain.” Hayim Perelmuter Conference: “Competing Identities: Practice and Faith in the Public and Private Squares,” University of Notre Dame and Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, University of Notre Dame, IN. 03/21/2022

“Isaac Cardoso on Friendship.” Judaic Studies Colloquium, U-M. 03/24/2022

“The History of Sephardi Friendship in Early Modern Amsterdam.” Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. 03/28/2022

“Sephardic Friendship in Early Modern Spain and beyond.” Leo Baeck Summer Seminar in Sephardic History and Culture. Directed by Sina Rauschenbach. 07/07/2022

“Translation as a Golden Calf: Geonic Perceptions of Targum.” Mediocrity in the Middle-Ages: Graduate Conference. University of Pennsylvania, Phil., PA. 02/22/2019

“No Shoes allowed: Sephardic Tradition between Spain and the Maghreb.” Newberry Graduate Conference. The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL. 01/25/2019

“The Jewish Witch and the Judensau in the Trent Blood Libel.” Behavioral Practice, Social Boundaries and the Making of Identity in the Early Modern Era II. University of Maryland, College-Park, MD. 10/01/2015

“The Image of the Jewish Woman in the Trent Blood Libel.” Behavioral Practice, Social Boundaries and the Making of Identity in the Early Modern Era I. Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel. 06/16/2015

“Gender and Anti-Judaism in Renaissance Italy.” Respondent: Ruth Mazo-Karras. The Israeli Historical Society Workshop, Jerusalem, Israel. 06/08/2014

## ORGANIZING AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Conferences and symposia organized:

“Jewish Friendships 1650-1950.” co-organizer (together with Shachar Pinsker) of two-day conference, supported by the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, and International Institute, U-M. 26-27 October 2022.

Organizer and chair of a book launch event for the Hebrew translation of *Samuel Pallache: Merchant, Pirate, and Diplomat between Marrakesh and Amsterdam*, by Mercedes García-Arenal and Gerard Wiegers. Haifa Center for Mediterranean History, Israel. 2 May 2022.

### Conference panels organized

“Making New Christians in the Early Modern Iberian World,” (together with Yonatan Glazer-Eytan), Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Baltimore. 10/217/2023

Panel on medieval and early modern Jewish foodways (together with Flora Cassen) for the AJS annual conference, Boston, MA. Participants: Daniel Lord Smail, Flora Cassen, Zamir. 12/20/22

### Conference panels moderated/chaired:

“Engaging Religious and Racial Others.” Ninth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO. 06/21/2022

“The Medici and the Ghetto.” The Medici and the Jews: Religion, Culture, and Urban Strategies in Early Modern Florence'. Tel Aviv University, Israel. 06/13/2018

### Board Member

2022- Midwest Jewish Studies Association.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

### External

2023-2025 **Ray D. Wolfe Postdoctoral Fellow.** University of Toronto (declined)

2022-2023 **Lapidus Graduate Research Fellowship.** Center for Jewish History, New York, NY.

2022 **Research Award.** Rothchild/Yad ha-Nadiv Foundation, Israel.

2021 **Research Fellow.** John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence.

- 2021        **Research Fellowship.** Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere (Latin America), American Historical Association.
- 2021        **Research Residency.** Casa de Velázquez Research Fellowship, Casa de Velázquez - École des Hautes Études Hispaniques et Ibériques, Madrid, Spain.
- 2021-2022    **Visiting Doctoral Fellowship.** Haifa Center for Mediterranean History, Haifa, Israel.
- 2015        **Award for Best Graduate Paper.** University of Maryland and Tel-Aviv University Workshop, for "The Image of the Jewish Woman in the Trent Blood Libel."
- 2012        **DAAD Scholarship.** For two-month of intensive German. Goethe Institute, Hamburg, Germany.

**Internal** (all competitive)

- 2022-2023    **Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship.** U-M
- 2022-2023    **Graduate Student Fellow.** Institute for the Humanities, U-M (declined)
- 2021        **Diane Owen Hughes Scholar Fellowship.** MEMS, U-M.
- 2021        **Research Grant.** Center for European Studies, U-M.
- 2021        **Rackham International Research Award.** U-M.
- 2019        **Rackham Language Fellowship.** U-M, for intensive Spanish summer course at Middlebury College.
- 2018        **Frankel Center for Judaic Studies Summer Award.** U-M, for Arabic at Tel-Aviv University, Israel.
- 2017        **Rackham International Student Fellowship.** U-M (given to 25 PhD students from various departments at the University of Michigan).
- 2017        **Medieval and Early Modern Studies Summer Grant.** U-M, for intensive Spanish summer course at the University of Granada, Spain.
- 2012-2013    **Full scholarship** as part of Tamar Herzig's project "Female Mysticism and Heresy at the Threshold of the Early Modern Era," The Israel Science Foundation.
- 2009-2013    **Full tuition and scholarship.** The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

**OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 2023        **Spiegel Seminar: Medieval Hebrew Poetry,** Jewish Theological Seminary, New-York, NY.

- 2022            **Research Assistant.** Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, comparing different Tamudic manuscripts, for prof. Rachel Rafael Neis, UM.
- 2021-2022    **Visiting Doctoral Student.** The Haifa Center for Mediterranean History, Univeristy of Haifa, Israel. Supervisor: Cedric Cohen Skalli
- 2021-2022    **Dissertation Seminar: The Translocal and the Transnational,** The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL.
- 2021            **Research Assistant.** Hebrew transliteration for Alessandro Guetta’s project “Early Modern Jewish Translations.” *Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales*, Paris.
- 2021            **Spanish American Textual Technologies to 1700.** Rare Book School (online), University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2021            **Michigan Library Scholars.** Collaborative research with Curator of Judaica in a project focused on researching UM’s Judeo-Spanish collection.
- 2019-2020    **Visiting Doctoral Student.** Institute of Mediterranean and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (ILC), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC).
- 2017            **University of Pennsylvania and the Hebrew University Advanced Summer School in Jewish Studies.** Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2014            **Medieval Latin Paleography and Codicology Intensive Summer Course.** Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2012-2013    **Research Assistant,** for prof. Tamar Herzig's Israel Science Foundation funded project "Female Mysticism and Heresy at the Threshold of the Early Modern Era." Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

## LANGUAGES

**Hebrew** (native speaker)  
**English** (near native)  
**Spanish** (high proficiency)  
**Arabic** (advanced)  
**Portuguese** (reading proficiency)  
**Latin** (reading proficiency)  
**Italian** (reading proficiency)  
**German** (reading knowledge)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Renaissance Society of America
- Sixteenth Century Society
- Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies
- Association for Jewish Studies
- European Association for Jewish Studies