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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (1989) Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
Supervisors: Bernard Lewis, Michael Cook, Cemal Kafadar
M.A. (1985) Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
B.A. (1982) History, with High Honors, Swarthmore College

EMPLOYMENT

2007-present Full Professor, Dept. of Middle Eastern & African History, TAU
2001-2007 Associate professor, Dept. of Middle Eastern & African History, TAU
1993-2001 Senior lecturer, with tenure, Dept. of Middle Eastern & African History, TAU
1989-1993 Lecturer, Dept. of Middle Eastern & African History, TAU

AWARDS AND PRIZES

- ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action), Best Book Prize for the Outstanding Book in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research 2010, for *Charity in Islamic Societies* (\$1000)
- British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize 2009, Honorable Mention, for *Charity in Islamic Societies*
- Sakip Sabancı International Research Award 2008, First Prize, for the article: "The Persistence of Philanthropy" (\$20,000)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2012-2015 Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, National Science Foundation Grant (#161/12), Principal Investigator
2007-2011 Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, National Science Foundation Grant (#657/07), Principal Investigator
2006-2007 Senior Residential Fellow, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University (Istanbul)
2005 Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, grant for Third Istanbul workshop-conference, on *Absent Spheres, Silent Voices: Recovering Untold Histories of the Middle East*, PI with Israel Gershoni
2004-2005 Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, National Science Foundation Grant

- (#730/04), Principal Investigator
- 2002 Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, grant for Second Istanbul workshop-conference, on *Twentieth-Century Historiographies of the Middle East*, PI with Israel Gershoni
- 2002 Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East History and Diplomacy, grant for Second Istanbul workshop-conference, on *Twentieth-Century Historiographies of the Middle East*, PI with Israel Gershoni
- 2001-2004 Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, National Science Foundation Grant (#888/01), Principal Investigator
- 2001 American Research Institute in Turkey, Short Term Research Grant
- 1999 National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grant, 1999, with Michael Bonner (U. Michigan) and Mine Ener (Villanova), for *"Poverty and Charity in Middle Eastern Contexts: A Workshop-Conference"*
- 1999 Basic Research Grant, TAU
- 1996-1998 Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, National Science Foundation Grant (#897/96), Principal Investigator
- 1995 American Research Institute in Turkey, Short Term Research Grant
- 1994 Excellence Grant for Young Scholars, TAU
- 1991-1994 Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, National Science Foundation Grant (#639/91-3), Principal Investigator
- 1991 Basic Research Grant, TAU
- 1990-1993 Yigal Allon Fellowship for Outstanding Young Scholars

OTHER ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- Spring 2011 Visiting professor, Department of History, Bosphorus University
- Feb. 2010 Visiting professor, Masters in International Studies in Philanthropy, Bologna University
- 11-12/2007 Visiting Directeur d'Études, Centre d'histoire du domain turc, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France
- 2000-01 Senior Academic Member, St Antony's College, Oxford University
- Spring 1997 International Seminar co-organizer, "Order in Anarchy: The Management of Urban Space and Society in the Islamic World," Dept. of Middle Eastern History, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
- 1994-95 Visiting Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

- Ottoman History, 1300-1923
- Poverty and Charity in Islamic Societies
- Turkey in the 20th Century
- Waqf as a Prism for the History of Islamic Societies
- Introduction to the History of the Modern Middle East
- Ottoman Palestine

Ottoman Jerusalem: Visible and Invisible City
The Ottomans in Their Own Eyes
Study Trip to Turkey

Graduate Seminars

The Ottoman Capitals
Middle Eastern & African History Departmental M.A. Seminar
Edirne: The Forgotten Ottoman Capital
History and Historiography of Charity
Ottoman Turkish: Language as a Key to History
Village and Agrarian History of the Ottoman Empire
City-Village-Tribe, *team taught with Prof. Yossi Kostiner*
The Early Modern Era in the Ottoman Empire
Ottoman Empire: Politics and Society

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Absent Spheres, Silent Voices: Recovering Untold Histories, with Israel Gershoni (TAU), Hakan Erdem (Sabancı), and Christoph Neumann (Istanbul Bilgi), at Minerva Han (Sabancı University, Istanbul), 27-31 May 2007.

Starting from Food: Culinary Approaches to Byzantine and Ottoman History, A Symposium. Koç University, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, 27 March 2007.

Feeding People, Feeding Power: İmarets in the Ottoman Empire, Istanbul Bilgi University and the Netherlands Institute for the Near East, (8-10 Oct. 2004), with Christoph Neumann (Istanbul Bilgi University), Nina Cichocki (SUNY Buffalo), Machiel Kiel (Netherlands Institute), and Heath Lowry (Princeton)

Twentieth-Century Historians and Historiography of the Middle East, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul (23-26 May 2002), with Israel Gershoni and Ursula Wokoëck (TAU), and Hakan Erdem (Boğaziçi University)

Poverty and Charity in Middle Eastern Contexts, NEH Collaborative Research Grant project, Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (4-7 May 2000), with Michael Bonner (U. Michigan) and Mine Ener (Villanova)

9th Symposium of the CIEPO (Comité International des Études Préottomanes et Ottomanes), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (July 1990), with Amnon Cohen (Hebrew University), Michael Winter (TAU), and David Kushner (Haifa University)

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES

2009-2010 Chair, Forum Baer

2007-present Member, Academic council of the Porter School of Environmental Studies

- 2005-2010 Chair, Women Studies Forum with NCJW at Tel Aviv University
2005-2006 Member, University Gender Action Plan (GAP) Committee
2004-2006 Member, Department Finance Committee
2004-2005 Chair, ad hoc departmental curriculum review committee: *charged to redesign the undergraduate curriculum*
2002-2004 Coordinator, School of History, Departmental M.A. Seminar
2001-2004 Member, Department Fellowships Committee
committee disburses monies earned by department activities for the specific purpose of assisting undergraduate students
1998-2003 Member, Ph.D Committee, School of History
1997-1999 Coordinator, Tuesday Noon Lecture Series, School of History
1996-2000 Coordinator, "Basic Exercise in the Humanities"
1995-1997 Director, Humanities First-Year Studies Program, Faculty of Humanities
1993-1994 Member, M.A. Committee, School of History
1992-1994 Coordinator, School of History, Departmental M.A. Seminar
1990-1994 Chair, Departmental Student Academic Committee
1990 Member, ad hoc TAU libraries evaluation committee
assessed collective operations of all campus libraries

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Comité international d'études pré-ottomanes et ottomanes (CIEPO)
International Association for Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH)
Middle East & Islamic Studies Association of Israel (MEISAI), formerly the Israel Oriental Society
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
Turkish Studies Association (TSA), Executive Board 2005-2007

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Book Review Editor, *Mediterranean Historical Review* (2012 -)
Advisory Council, Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 2008-2016
Book Prize Committee 2011, 2012, ARNOVA (Association for Research on Non-profit Organizations and Voluntary Action)
Book Prize Committee 2010 (chair), M. Fuad Köprülü Book Prize Committee, Turkish Studies Association
editorial board *Mediterranean Historical Review* (1997-present)
Eurasian Studies (2001-2004)
reader, Cambridge University Press, E.J. Brill Publishers, Princeton University Press, *The Historical Journal*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Cathedra* (Hebrew), *Islamic Law and Society*, *Zmanim* (Hebrew), *Journal of Economic History*

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- Religions and Philanthropy in the Mediterranean: Artifacts, Symbols and Culture,"* An Online Museum Project run by the Masters in International Studies in Philanthropy Program at the University of Bologna (Italy). 2009-2010.

Muslim Philanthropy Network, for research, training (including the interface with civil society) and advocacy for the field. Founded at Pocantico, New York, Feb. 2010.

INVITED LECTURES (recent)

- Apr. 2012 "E-dir-ne not A-dri-a-nople: The Forgotten Ottoman Imperial Capital," Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University (USA). also delivered at Columbia University Seminar in Ottoman and Turkish Studies (Nov. 2011), İstanbul Konferansları, Pera Müzesi, İstanbul (Oct. 2011), Yale University (Apr. 2011)
- Mar. 2011 "Making Edirne Ottoman: Writing History and Building Imarets," Dept. of Human and Social Sciences, Yıldız Teknik Üniversitesi, İstanbul (Turkey)
- Apr. 2010 "Free Lunches in the Ottoman Empire," Center on Philanthropy Workshop in Multidisciplinary Philanthropy Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University Indiana
- Jan. 2010 "Charity in Islamic Societies," German Orient-Institut, İstanbul (Turkey)
- Oct. 2009 "Edirne not Adrianople" University of St Andrews, School of History (Scotland)
- April 2009 "Tracking the Forgotten Capital: Ottoman Edirne meets Geographical Information Systems (GIS)," University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- Mar. 2009 "*Charity in Islamic Societies: Reflections and Insights*," at the *Second World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists* (Abu Dhabi)
- Feb. 2008 "Entitlement and Responsibility: Philanthropy and the Transition from the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic" plenary lecture at *Deniz Feneri International Poverty Symposium* (İstanbul)
- May 2007 "What is the Price of a Free Lunch? On imarets and other free meals in the Ottoman Empire", Bogaziçi University (İstanbul)
- April 2007 "Charity in Islamic Societies", Caucasus Research Resource Center (Baku)
- Mar. 2007 "Revisiting the Ottoman "Welfare State": A Conversation with Halil İnalcik," Bilkent University (Ankara)
- Mar. 2007 "Bedava yemegin bedeli nedir? Osmanlılarda imaretler," [What is the Price of a Free Lunch? Imarets in the Ottoman Empire], Hacettepe University (Ankara)
- Dec. 2006 "Free Lunches and Philanthropy in the Ottoman Empire," American Research Institute in Turkey (İstanbul)
- May 2005 two post-graduate seminars on "Researches in Ottoman Philanthropy", Programme of Turkish Studies of the Institute for Mediterranean Studies/University of Crete (Rethymno, Crete)
- Nov. 2004 "What's Charitable about Ottoman Charity?" University of Washington (Seattle)
- July 2004 "Soup and Sadaqa: Charity in Islamic Societies," plenary lecture, *Anglo-American Conference of Historians, 2004* (London)
- Feb. 2001 "Feeding Power: an Ottoman Imperial Public Kitchen in the 16th Century," Graduate Workshop in Economic and Social History, Nuffield College (Oxford); Seminar on the

History of the Near and Middle East, Dept. of History, School of Oriental and African Studies (London)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (recent)

- Dec. 2012 "The Islamic Tradition" at *Giving: Caring for the Needs of Strangers*, at the New School (New York)
- June 2012 chair & organizer of panel "From Byzantine Adrianople to Ottoman Edirne;" presented paper entitled "The Shape of Early Ottoman Edirne," at *CIEPO XX* symposium (Rethymno, Crete)
- Apr. 2012 "What is the Price of a Free Lunch?" at XLIV Study Week of the Datini Institute: *Social assistance and solidarity in Europe from the 13th to the 18th century* (Prato, Italy)
- Jan. 2012 "Village Accounting: *Vakif Muhasebe* Registers and Ottoman Agrarian History," at Halcyon Days in Crete VIII Symposium, general topic: *Ottoman Rural Societies and Economies* (Rethymno)
- Dec. 2011 "Making Jerusalem Ottoman," in Panel: Ottoman Identity, Part II (15th-17th c.): Military Conquest State to World Empire at the *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting* (Washington, D.C.)
- July 2011 "Class and Crops in Palestinian Villages: Following where *Vakif* Account Registers Lead," at *12th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History* (ICOSEH), (Retz, Lower Austria)
- June 2011 "Ottoman Women and Philanthropy," at *The Ottoman Woman: a Comparative Perspective* (Skilliter Centre for Ottoman Studies, Newnham College, Cambridge)
- May 2011 round table participant at *New Perspectives on Late Ottoman Empire: A Conference in Memory of Donald Quataert (1941-2011)*
- Dec. 2010 "Waqfs: Faith-based Islamic Institutions before Modern NGOs," on panel "Faith-Based NGOs in the Muslim World," at *New Horizons in Islamic Area Studies – Continuity, Contestations and the Future* (Kyoto, Japan)
- Nov. 2010 "Same Same but Different: Uniformity and Diversity in Ottoman Public Kitchens," at *Religions and Philanthropy in the Mediterranean: Artifacts, Symbols and Culture* (Bologna, Italy)
- Nov. 2010 Roundtable participant: "A Discussion of New Trends in Scholarship on Arabs and the Ottoman Empire," Annual MESA Meeting (San Diego, CA)
- Oct. 2010 "Same Same but Different: Uniformity and Diversity in the Food Served at Ottoman Imarets," at 1st Symposium on Turkish (Ottoman) Culinary Culture, Bilecik University (Bilecik, Turkey)
- July 2010 "Women and Philanthropy: Imperial Ottoman Practices and Legacies," on panel "Women and Philanthropy: A U.S. and Turkey Perspective," at conference of the International Society for Third Sector Research, 2010 (Istanbul, Turkey)

- Nov. 2009 Organizer and participant in Thematic Conversation entitled “GIS (Geographical Information System) in Middle East Studies: Working Local and Going Global,” Annual MESA Meeting (Boston, MA) (begun at MESA 2008, Washington, D.C.)
- Sept. 2009 “Factoring Charity into History,” at “Sources and Methodologies for the Study of Charity in Monotheistic Societies, Institute for Advanced Studies (Jerusalem)
- Mar. 2009 “When History meets Geography. . . Check out the results! Using GIS Technology for Ottoman History,” Forum Baer (Tel Aviv)
- Jan. 2009 “The Ottoman Balkans and the Middle East Compared: How This Might Be Accomplished?” *Ottoman Roots of Contemporary Realities: the Middle East and the Balkans Compared*, at the European Forum at the Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel)
- June 2008 Organizer and participant in Thematic Roundtable entitled “Title: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Ottoman Social and Economic History,” at the 11th International Congress of Economic and Social History of Turkey, Bilkent University (Ankara, Turkey)
- Mar. 2007 “A 'Michelin Guide' to Public Kitchens in the Ottoman Empire,” *Starting from Food: Culinary Approaches to Byzantine and Ottoman History, A Symposium*. Koç University, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations. (Istanbul)
- Nov. 2004 chair and organizer, “Recovering Missing Voices: Mine Ener (1965-2003) and Her Work, *MESA Annual Meeting* (San Francisco)
- Oct. 2004 “Mapping Imarets” at *Feeding People, Feeding Power: Imarets in the Ottoman Empire*, Bilgi University (Istanbul)
- June 2004 “Ottoman Jerusalem: Conquering the Urban Frontier” at *The Turks and Palestine: A Thousand Years of Relations*, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Jerusalem)
- June 2004 “Evlıya Çelebi on Imarets” at *CIEPO XVI (Comité International des Etudes Préottomanes et Ottomanes)* symposium, Warsaw University (Warsaw)
- Apr. 2004 “Missing Voices” at *Social Politics in the Middle East: A Symposium in Honor of the Late Historian Mine Ener*, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
- May 2002 “Serving Up Charity” at *Poverty and Charity: Judaism, Christianity, Islam*, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University (Princeton)
- May 2000 “Charity’s Legacies: A Reconsideration of Ottoman Imperial Endowment-Making” at *Poverty and Charity in Middle Eastern Contexts*, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)
- Apr. 2000 “Inscribing Village Boundaries” at *History and Anthropology of Mediterranean Islam*, Maison Française (Oxford)