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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an anthropologist, educator, and cultural heritage professional with over fifteen years of experience working with diverse communities and institutions in areas of historic preservation, folklife studies, and museum education. My academic research and teaching practice are centered on the representation of marginalized Jewish histories and critical, collaborative approaches to placemaking, storytelling, and memory work.

**EDUCATION** 

CORNELL UNIVERSITY: Department of Anthropology, College of Arts & Sciences Cultural Anthropology - Jewish Studies - Critical Heritage Studies Graduate Member of Cornell Institute of Archaeology & Material Studies (CIAMS) Ithaca, NY PhD conferral expected March 24, 2025 M.A. received May 2022 GPA: 3.98/4.00

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA: College of Architecture, Planning, Landscape Architecture Heritage Conservation - Cultural Resources Management - Historic Landscape Preservation Tucson, AZ Graduate Certificate received May 2017

THE BARD GRADUATE CENTER: Decorative arts, Design History, Material Culture Museum Anthropology - Material Culture - Cultural Heritage & Conservation New York, NY M.A. received May 2015

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE

Cultural Anthropology - Art History - Museum Studies - Studio Art

Bronxville, NY B.A. received May 2012

ACADEMIC RESEARCH DOCTORAL FIELD RESEARCH - DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, CORNELL

Project title: "Troubled waters: an archaeo-ethnographic study of Jewish heritage flows

and the spectral mikveh"

Ethnographic, museum, archival research conducted in Israel, Italy, Poland, Spain. 2019-24. Committee: Jonathan Boyarin (Chair), Lauren Monroe, Cara Rock-Singer, Adam Smith

MASTERS THESIS IN THE DECORATIVE ARTS, DESIGN HISTORY, & MATERIAL CULTURE Title: "Dine 'Iik'a'ah: mediating materiality and meaning of Navajo Medicinal Practice" Academic advisor: Aaron Glass

Masters Qualifying Research Paper, The Bard Graduate Center *Spring* 2015

BACHELORS THESIS IN MUSEUM STUDIES AND ART HISTORY

Title: "Questioning museum representations of Native American Cultures: on exhibition design and the salvage paradigm"

Bachelors Thesis, Sarah Lawrence College

*Spring* 2012

ARTICLES &

Luria, J. "Review: Too Jewish or Not Jewish Enough: Ritual Objects and

PUBLICATIONS Avant-Garde at the Jewish Museum of New York by Jeffrey Abt." Museum Worlds: Advances in Research (Berghan Journals). Submission forthcoming.

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Luria, J. "Pools of Living Water: Jewish Ritual Baths in the Early Modern Mediterranean World." *Routledge Resources Online-The Renaissance World*. Peer-reviewed submission forthcoming.

Luria, J. "Translation and summary of M. G. Simancas' Las Sinagogas de Toledo y el Baño Litúrgico Judío (Madrid, 1929)," in Jewish Women in Global Perspective: A Documentary History, edited by Elissa Bemporad, Dina Danon, Federica Francesconi, and Elizabeth Imber. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Publication forthcoming.

Luria, J. 2024. "'The Holocaust: What Hate Can Do' at the Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, New York." *Museum Worlds: Advances in Research* (Berghan Journals). 12: 203-212. Peer-reviewed.

Luria, J. "The Bisbee-Douglas Jewish Cemetery: An Ongoing Study in Historic Preservation." *Cochise County Historical Journal*, 48 (1): 35-38. Spring/Summer 2018.

# GRANTS,

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

AWARDS, & I

Instructor of record, undergraduate writing seminar

Course title: "Historytelling as Ritual" (1100: Culture, Society, Power)

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

Fall 2024

# JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANT

Dissertation research in Poland and paper delivered to the European Association for the Study of Religions annual conference in Vilnius, Lithuania

Jewish Studies Program, Cornell University

Fall 2023

#### ALLAN HOLMBERG TRAVEL AWARD

Travel to the Association for Jewish Studies 55th annual conference, San Francisco

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

Winter 2023

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY SAGE DISSERTATION WRITING FELLOWSHIP

Graduate School, Cornell University

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

# JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANT

Travel to the Association of Jewish Studies 54th Annual Conference, Boston

Jewish Studies Program, Cornell University

Winter 2022

# ALLAN HOLMBERG TRAVEL AWARD

Travel to the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

Fall 2022

#### TIMOTHY MURRAY GRADUATE TRAVEL RESEARCH GRANT

Dissertation fieldwork funded by the Society for the Humanities at Cornell University Ithaca, NY Summer 2022

QUALITATIVE + INTERPRETIVE RESEARCH INSTITUTE WORKING GROUP GRANT Under the direction of Dr. Alex Nading, Associate Professor of Anthropology Project title: "Practicing Ethnography in Unprecedented Times"

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Winter 2020 - 2021

#### JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANT

Funded by the Pearl and Otto Delikat Holocaust Memorial Fund

Jewish Studies Program, Cornell University

Fall 2020 - Winter 2022

CORNELL UNIVERSITY TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

Graduate School, Cornell University

Fall 2020 - Spring 2022

LADINO LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOLARSHIP

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and Stroum Center for Jewish Studies University of Washington, Seattle

Summer 2020

BERNARD S. COHN MEMORIAL FUND FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Dissertation pilot research in Israel and Spain

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

Summer 2020

EINAUDI CENTER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARD

Dissertation research in Israel

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell

Spring 2020 - Fall 2023

BERND LAMBERT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Dissertation pilot research in Israel

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University

Winter 2019 - 2020

KROLL TRAVEL AWARD

Dissertation pilot research in Israel

Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University

Winter 2019 - 2020

JEWISH STUDIES TRAVEL AWARD

Dissertation pilot research in Israel

Funded by the Pearl and Otto Delikat Holocaust Memorial Fund

Jewish Studies Program, Cornell University

Winter 2019 - 2020

CORNELL UNIVERSITY SAGE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Graduate School, Cornell University

Summer 2020-2022

CORNELL UNIVERSITY SAGE FELLOWSHIP

Graduate School, Cornell University

Fall 2019 - Spring 2020

MA SCHOLARSHIP: DECORATIVE ARTS, DESIGN HISTORY & MATERIAL CULTURE

The Bard Graduate Center, Bard College

Fall 2013 - Spring 2015

ACADEMIC PAPERS MONDAYS AT THE MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

"Mikveh memories: Uncovering Jewish Heritage Across the Mediterranean"

The Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU and the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs Florida International University, Miami, FL March 2025

UNEARTHING, UNSEEING: ARCHAEOLOGY, HERITAGE, AND FORENSICS IN THE SHADOW OF STATE VIOLENCE CONFERENCE

"Jewish heritage and the impossibility of remembering in Spain and Israel-Palestine"

Cornell Institute for Archaeology and Material Studies, Ithaca, NY

November 2024

EARLY MODERN SENSORY SUBJECTIVITIES CONFERENCE

"Living waters and Jewish corporealities: an archaeo-anthropological study of ritual immersion pools in the Mediterranean"

Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities & Open University, Oxford

June 2024

CORNELL UNIVERSITY JEWISH STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

"Pools Wet and Dry: Mikveh Ethnography and Jewish Heritage Flows"

Tewish Studies Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

*April 2024* 

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA JEWISH STUDIES GRADUATE CONFERENCE

"Troubled Waters: an archaeo-ethnographic study of Jewish heritage tourism and ritual immersion pools in Spain and Israel"

Jewish Studies Program, The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

March 2024

# CORNELL INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND MATERIAL STUDIES WORKSHOP

"Political uses of mikveh and memory work"

CIAMS, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

February 2024

# ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES 55TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Troubled waters: an archaeo-ethnographic study of ancient *mikva'ot* and Jewish heritage tourism across the Mediterranean"

San Francisco, CA

December 2023

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY NEAR EASTERN STUDIES GRADUATE COLLOQUIUM

"Troubled Waters: an archaeo-ethnographic study of heritage fabrication and Jewish ritual immersion pools in Spain and Israel"

Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

November 2023

#### BRYN MAWR COLLEGE GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

"Troubled waters: an archaeo-ethnographic study of Jewish heritage production and ancient ritual immersion pools in the Mediterranean"

Classics, Art History, Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, PA

November 2023

#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF OVERSEAS RESEARCH (ASOR) ANNUAL MEETING

"Miqueh as a site of memory: Ancient Jewish Immersion Pools in Israel as Assemblages of Corporeal, Ecological, and Ritual Life"

Chicago, Illinois (paper delivered remotely)

November 2023

# EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGIONS ANNUAL MEETING "Troubled waters and sacred heritage: Jewish ritual baths and the production of religious

"Troubled waters and sacred heritage: Jewish ritual baths and the production of religious tourism routes across the Mediterranean"

Vilnius, Lithuania September 2023

#### ETHNOGRAPHIC DISRUPTIONS IN JEWISH STUDIES READING GROUP WORKSHOP

"Troubled waters: Jewish heritage fabrication in Spain and Israel"

Hosted by faculty at U. Wisconsin-Madison and New York University

November 2022

# AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

"Troubled waters: an archaeo-ethnographic study of Jewish heritage preservation in Spain and Israel"

Seattle, Washington

November 2022

# LIMMUD RHINE INAUGURAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"To Wash, to dip, or to bathe?: Mikveh at the crossroads of consecration and Containment"

Limmud Europe and Memory Futures joint "River Project"

November 2022

#### UEP! LIMMUD MALLORCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Troubled waters: How the Jewish ritual bath became a site of monumental heritage"

Limmud Mallorca, Palma, Mallorca

September 2022

# 44th ANNUAL WARREN I. SUSMAN GRADUATE CONFERENCE

"Critical Heritage and Experimental Ethnography in Spain and Israel/Palestine: Issues in the Study of Monumental Remembrance at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History"

Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N7

April 2022

SYMPOSIUM: CULTURAL RESOURCES IN AN ERA OF SHIFTING GOVERNMENT POLICY "Restoring the Bisbee-Douglas Jewish Cemetery: A Study in the Preservation of Sacred Heritage" The Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ

November 2018

40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THE ALLIANCE FOR HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION "Bisbee-Douglas Jewish Cemetery: Preserving an Historic Cemetery on the U.S. Mexico Border" *The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona March 2018* 

ACADEMIC

#### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

TEACHING

Course title: Jewish Folklore

Undergraduate seminar with a focus on Jewish material culture, memory, and ritual Department of Jewish Studies, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY Spring 2025

# INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Course title: Historytelling as Ritual

Undergraduate writing seminar with a focus on ethnography and material culture Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Fall 2024

# TEACHING ASSISTANT – Prof. Alex Nading

Course title: Medicine, Culture, and Society

*Spring 2022* 

Depts. of Anthropology/Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

# TEACHING ASSISTANT – Prof. Chloe Ahmann

Course title: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology

Guest lecturer: "Politics of (dis)belief and phenomenological ethnography" (11.2021)

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Fall 2021

# TEACHING ASSISTANT – Prof. Natasha Raheja

Course title: Cultural Diversity and Contemporary Issues

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**Spring 2021** 

# TEACHING ASSISTANT - Prof. John Henderson

Course title: Ancient Peoples and Places: An Introduction to Archaeology

Guest lecturer: "The global antiquities market: museum ethics and standards" (12.2020)

Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Fall 2020

# ACADEMIC FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANT- Prof. Jonathan Boyarin

RESEARCH Research for a book project tentatively titled, Can the Jewish Dead Speak?

ASSISTANTSHIPS Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

*Spring* 2025

# FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Prof. Jonathan Boyarin

Research on the impacts of Dr. Talal Asad's scholarship on the field of Jewish Studies Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Spring 2022

# FACULTY RESEARCH ASSISTANT - Prof. Tf Ferguson

National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) inventory & aboriginal land claims research

School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Winter 2016

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE - CONTISUYO FIELD SCHOOL

Site excavation and drawing; artifact cleaning and sorting off-site at Tumilaca la Chimba

Moquegua, Peru – Field school of U. of Illinois at Chicago & Georgia State University Summer 2015

HISTORIC STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EXHIBITION DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT PRESERVATION Consultant for creation of Jewish heritage museum on the Portuguese island of Madeira

& HERITAGE Madeira, Portugal 2024 - ongoing

SECTOR

LIMMUD MEDITERRANEAN INAUGURAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Co-host and panel moderator

Limmud Mediterranean, remote 2024

STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Student scholarships committee; Call for papers comm.; Committee for Diversity & Inclusion Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation, U.S. and Canada 2020 - ongoing

TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation, U.S. Office

2019 - 2020

GUEST LECTURER – HISTORIC PRESERVATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Valley of the Moon, Tucson, AZ 2018

NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION & REPATRIATION CONSULTANT Development of NAGPRA compliance and cultural sensitivity training materials Grant writing, strategic planning, consultation, inventory dev. for tribes, museums Drafting of Federal Register Notices, Disposition Agreements, Letters of Commitment Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Denver, CO 2017 - 2018

CURATORIAL

CONSERVATION & CURATORIAL SPECIALIST/PUBLIC PROGRAMS & OUTREACH

Curatorial: research, content development, exhibition design

& ARTS ADMIN.

Collections/conservation: research, inventory & catalog, rehousing, condition assessment Historic landscape documentation: research & preservation planning for Jewish cemetery Development/admin.: grant writing, public programs and ed., community partnerships Supervisor: Sol Davis

Jewish History Museum/Holocaust History Center, Tucson, AZ

2017 - 2019

CURATORIAL INTERN - ARCHAEOLOGICAL & ETHNOGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS Rehousing, mount-making, cataloging Native American archaeological & ethnographic collections Supervisor: Dianne Dittemore

State Archaeological Repository, Arizona State Museum, Tucson, AZ

2017

# DIRECTOR OF ARTS & EDUCATION

Design/coordination of arts & educational programming at the rapeutic community The Amity Foundation Circle Tree Ranch, Tucson, AZ 2016

CO-CURATOR, SING OUR RIVERS RED TRAVELING EXHIBITION

Coordination of exhibition & programs featuring artists, scholars, community activists whose work centers on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's movement *American Indian Community House, New York, NY* 2015

GRANTS REVIEW & FOLK ARTS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION INTERN Assessment of grant proposals in Folk Arts, Museums, Visual Arts, Special Arts Services Supervisor: Robert Baron

New York State Council on the Arts, New York, NY

2014

CURATORIAL INTERN - DIVISION OF ANTHROPOLOGY, ASIAN ETHNOLOGY Collections research, concept & exhibition dev. for pre-planning of new Asia Wing Supervisor: Laurel Kendall

American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

2013

CURATORIAL INTERN

Exhibition design, install/deinstall: "NYC 1993: Experimental Jet Set, Trash and No Star" Supervisor: Margot Norton

New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York, NY

2013

CURATORIAL INTERN - ARTS OF AFRICA, OCEANIA, & THE AMERICAS Archiving & digitization of permanent collection; exhibitions, loans, research Supervisor: Eric Kjellgren

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

Yonkers Public Library Art Gallery, Yonkers, NY.

2012

CO-CURATOR AND COORDINATOR OF TRAVELING EXHIBITION Collaboration with artist Doughba Hamilton Caranda Martin on international traveling exhibition, "MEND: RUPTURE & REPARATION"

Supervisor: Susan Kart

DAK'ART Biennale and the National Gallery Sorano, Dakar, Senegal

2012

2011 - 2012

#### MUSEUM STUDIES INTERN

Lectured visiting groups & professionals on concurrent exhibitions and gallery history Database entry of the collection's 40,000-volume contemporary art research library Assisted in receiving, documenting, & installing a donation of 60 multimedia works Supervisor: Juan Roselione-Valadez

Rubell Family Collection/Contemporary Arts Foundation, Miami, FL.

2011

#### EDITORIAL INTERN

Tracked and corrected image reproductions; edited citations and bibliographies for over twenty book and journal publications; managed inter-institutional image rights and reproduction communications; trained incoming interns

Supervisor: Gwen Roginsky

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

2009 - 2010

PROFESSIONAL JEWISH STUDIES GRADUATE CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZER

DEVELOPMENT Co-host & organizer of inaugural Jewish Studies Graduate Student Conference

& SERVICE "Making Space: Peopling and Placing the Matter of Jewish Studies"

Jewish Studies Program, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

April 2024

PRE-SCREENING FOR SOCIETY FOR VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY FILM FESTIVAL Pre-screener for the American Anthropological Association annual film festival *April 2024* 

ANTHROPOLOGY CURATOR AND FACULTY SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER Student member of the Anthropology Collections curator & faculty search committee Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Spring 2024

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONALIZATION WORKSHOP COORDINATOR
Coordinated & hosted series of professional development workshops for graduate students
Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Spring 2024

INCLUSIVE TEACHING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING TRAINING Inclusive Teaching Institute; Flashpoints in the Classroom; GET SET Course Design

Center for Teaching Innovation, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Spring 2024

ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH STUDIES 54<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

Chair, "Gendering Jewish Tradition" academic panel *Boston*, *MA* 

December 2022

WRITING ETHNOGRAPHY FOR A NON-ACADEMIC AUDIENCE WORKSHOP Intensive writing workshop led by anthropologist and novelist Dr. Kirin Narayan Cornell University, Ithaca, NY March 2020

MATERIALS CONSERVATION: CHEMICAL SPOT TESTING AND ANALYSIS

Objects conservation laboratory chemical safety course

The Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

May 2017

NAGPRA: PREPARING FOR AND WRITING GRANT PROPOSAL WORKSHOP

National Preservation Institute, San Diego, CA

December 2016

ACADEMIC WORKING GROUPS SEPHARDIC PERSPECTIVES READING GROUP

Prof. Sina Rauschenbach and Muzaffer Erol (University of Potsdam, DEU) 2024 - ongoing

NATURE, HUMANS & ECOLOGY READING GROUP

Prof. Thomas Stodulka & Flora Hastings (SOAS UCL, UK) 2023 - ongoing

ETHNOGRAPHIC DISRUPTIONS IN JEWISH STUDIES READING GROUP

Profs. Cara Rock-Singer (U. Michigan) & Natasha Zuretsky (New York University) 2021 - 2022

ROSH CHODESH READING AND WRITING GROUP

Interdisciplinary group of Ladino language and Sephardic studies scholars 2020 - 2022

COMPELLING FUTURES COLLECTIVE OF MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS AND CREATIVES

Jewish History Museum & Holocaust History Center, Tucson, AZ

2019 - 2020

PROFESSIONAL The American Academy of Religion; American Anthropological Association; American ASSOCIATIONS Folklore Society; Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation (CA/US); Association of Critical Heritage Studies; Association for Jewish Studies; Council of American Jewish Museums; European Association for Jewish Studies; European Association for the Study

of Religions.

LANGUAGES Fluent: Spanish; Intermediate: French, Hebrew, Ladino (Judeo-Spanish)

SKILLS Translation-Spanish, French, Ladino, Biblical Hebrew

Audio transcription, including oral histories and ethnographic interviews

Museum exhibition development and design

Collections management and preventive conservation (mount-making, safe storage, etc.)

Historic sites & landscapes survey, condition assessment, formal documentation

Archival database management: PastPerfect, FileMakerPro, Collections Information System (CIS) Microsoft Office Suite; Adobe Creative Suite including Premiere Pro; Google Workspace

Documentary filmmaking

References available upon request.