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Curriculum Vitae

Academic positions

Professor, Department of History, Yale University (07/2007–present)

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Yale University (01/2004–06/2007)

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Venice, Italy (11/2001–12/2003)

Education

Ph.D., History, Brown University (2004)

Dissertation: “Trading Diasporas and Trading Networks in the Early Modern Period: A Sephardic Partnership of Livorno in the Mediterranean, Europe, and Portuguese India (ca. 1700-1750).”
Winner of the 2004 prize for the best unpublished manuscript awarded by the Society for Italian Historical Studies.

Ph.D., Economic and Social History, Università Luigi Bocconi, Milan, Italy (1999)

Dissertation: “Arti e mercati: Produzione e commercio del vetro a Venezia nei secoli XVII e XVIII.”

M.A., History, Brown University (1997)

B.A., History, Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia, Italy (1995)

Honors thesis: “L’arte madre: Il vetro veneziano nel XVII secolo;” grade: 110/110 cum laude. *Co-winner of the 1999 prize for the best honors thesis awarded by the Italian Committee of the Association Internationale pour l’Histoire du Verre.*

Honors and Grants

Adjunct fellow (non-stipendiary and non-resident position), Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Program on “Jews, Commerce, and Culture” (2008-09)

MacMillan Center Director’s Award, Research Fellow in International and Area Studies, Yale University (2006-08)

Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (2006-07)

Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study, Harvard University (2006-07)

Fellowship, National Humanities Center (2006-07), declined

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center (2006-07), declined

Membership, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (Fall 2006), declined

Morse Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University (2006-07), declined

The Maurice Amado Foundation Research Grant in Sephardic Studies, Center for Jewish Studies, University of California – Los Angeles (Summer 2003)

Research fellowship awarded by the Luso-American Foundation for research in the Arquivos Nacionais / Torre do Tombo of Lisbon (February–April 2001)

Visiting Scholar, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (November 1999, March–April 2000)

Research fellowship awarded by the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples (1998-99)

Research grant awarded by the Comissão para as Comemorações dos descobrimentos portugueses for research at the Biblioteca Nacional of Lisbon (August 1997)

Fulbright Scholarship for the first year of graduate studies at Brown University (1996-97)

Exchange Program (Education Abroad Program), University of California at Berkeley (1992-93)

Publications

Books

The Familiarity of Strangers: The Sephardic Diaspora, Livorno, and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Early Modern Period (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2009).

Fondamenta dei vetrai: Lavoro, tecnologia e mercato a Venezia tra Sei e Settecento (Rome: Donzelli, 2000).

Edited volumes

Co-edited with Christopher H. Johnson, David Warren Sabean, and Simon Teuscher, *Trans-regional and Transnational Families in Europe and Beyond: Experiences since the Middle Ages* (New York: Berghahn Books, forthcoming).

Co-edited with Diogo Ramada Curto, Eric R Dursteler, and Julius Kirshner, *From Florence to the Mediterranean and Beyond: Essays in Honour of Anthony Molho*, 2 vols. (Florence: Leo S. Olschki, 2009).

Journal articles

“Renaissance Italy and the Muslim Mediterranean in Recent Historical Work.” [Review essay] *Journal of Modern History* (forthcoming).

“The ‘Port Jews’ of Livorno and their Global Networks of Trade in the Early Modern Period.” *Jewish Culture and History*, 7.1-2 (2004): 31-48.

“Les juifs d’origine portugaise entre Livourne, le Portugal et la Méditerranée (c. 1650-1750).” *Arquivos do Centro Cultural Calouste Gulbenkian*, XLVIII: La Diaspora des “Nouveaux-Chrétiens” (2004): 171-82.

with Giovanni Favero, “Gli abitanti del ghetto di Venezia in età moderna: dati e ipotesi.” *Zakhor: Rivista di storia degli ebrei d’Italia*, VII (2004): 9-50.

“Juifs de Livourne, Italiens de Lisbonne et hindous de Goa: Réseaux marchands et échanges culturels à l’époque moderne.” *Annales HSS*, 58.3 (2003): 581-603.

“From Livorno to Goa and Back: Merchant Networks and the Coral-Diamond Trade in the Early-Eighteenth Century.” *Portuguese Studies*, 16 (2000): 193-217.

“Salaires et justice dans les corporations vénitienes au 17^e siècle: Le cas des manufactures de verre.” *Annales HSS*, 54.1 (1999): 245-73.

“I Friulani nelle arti del vetro a Venezia, secoli XVII-XVIII.” *Rivista della Stazione Sperimentale del Vetro*, 6 (1999): 303-11.

“Un percorso museale: il vetro a Murano.” *I Beni Culturali*, III.6 (1995): 57-60.

“Echi della periferia. Note sulla circolazione e la produzione delle perle di vetro veneziane nei secoli XVII-XVIII.” *La Ricerca Folklorica*, 34 (1996): 25-34.

“La missione diplomatica a Venezia del fiorentino Giannozzo Manetti a metà Quattrocento.” *Studi veneziani*, XXVIII (1994): 203-35.

with Giovanni Favero, Maria Moro, Pierpaolo Spinelli and Francesco Vianello, “Le anime dei demografi. Fonti per la rilevazione dello stato della popolazione di Venezia nei secoli XVI e XVII.” *Bollettino di demografia storica*, 15 (1991): 23-110.

Book chapters

“Marriage, Commercial Capital, and Business Agency: Sephardic (and Armenian) Trans-regional Families in the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-century Mediterranean.” In *Trans-regional and Transnational Families in Europe and Beyond: Experiences since the Middle Ages*, eds. Christopher H. Johnson, David Warren Sabean, Simon Teuscher, and Francesca Trivellato (New York: Berghahan Books, forthcoming).

“Stati, disapore e commerci mediterranei: mercanti ebrei tra Livorno, Marsiglia e Aleppo (1673-1747),” in *Livorno 1606-1806: Luogo di incontro tra popoli e culture*, ed. Lucia Frattarelli Fischer (Turin: Allemandi, 2009), pp. 301-11.

“Sephardic Merchants between State and Rabbinic Courts: Malfeasance, Property Rights, and Religious Authority in the Eighteenth-Century Mediterranean.” In *From Florence to the Mediterranean and Beyond: Essays in Honor of Anthony Molho*, eds. Diogo Ramada Curto, Eric R Dursteler, Julius Kirshner, and Francesca Trivellato, 2 vols. (Florence: Leo Olschki, 2009), vol. II, pp. 625-48.

“Sephardic Merchants in the Early Modern Atlantic and Beyond: Toward a Comparative Historical Approach to Business Cooperation.” In *Atlantic Diasporas: Jews, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in the Age of Mercantilism, 1500-1800*, eds. Richard L. Kagan and Philip D. Morgan (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009), pp. 99-120.

“I commerci europei transoceanici e la prima, incerta fase della globalizzazione dei mercati.” In *Storia d'Europa e del Mediterraneo*, ed. Alessandro Barbero, Vol. X: “Età Moderna: Ambiente, popolazione, società”, ed. Roberto Bizzocchi (Naples: Salerno Editrice, 2009), pp. 243-74.

“Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean.” In *The Self-Perception of Early Modern Capitalists*, eds. Margaret C. Jacob and Catherine Secretan (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), pp. 49-74.

“Guilds, Technology, and Economic Change in Early Modern Venice.” In *Guilds, Innovation and the European Economy, 1500-1800*, eds. S.R. Epstein and Maarten Prak (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 199-231.

“Merchants' Letters Across Geographical and Social Boundaries.” In *Correspondence and Cultural Exchange in Europe, 1400-1700*, eds. Francisco Bethencourt and Florike Egmond (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), pp. 80-103.

“A Republic of Merchants?” In *Finding Europe: Discourses on Margins, Communities, Images, 13th to 18th Centuries*, eds. Anthony Molho and Diogo Ramada Curto (Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books, 2007), pp. 133-58.

“Murano Glass, Continuity and Transformation (1400-1800).” In *At the Center of the Old World: Trade and Manufacturing in Venice and the Venetian Mainland, 1400-1800*, ed. Paola Lanaro (Toronto: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, 2006), pp. 143-83.

“Scienziati, artefici, corporazioni e privilegi nella Venezia di tardo Settecento: l’ottico Lorenzo Selva.” In *Dalla corporazione al mutuo soccorso: Organizzazione e tutela del lavoro tra XVI e XX secolo*, eds. Angelo Moioli and Paola Massa (Milan: Franco Angeli, 2004), pp. 381-88.

“La fiera del corallo (Livorno, secoli XVII e XVIII): istituzioni e autoregolamentazione del mercato.” In *La pratica dello scambio: sistemi di fiere, mercanti e città in Europa (1400-1700)*, ed. Paola Lanaro (Venice: Marsilio Editori, 2003), pp. 111-27.

“Trading Diasporas and Chartered Companies: Evidence from the Coral-Diamond Trade between the Mediterranean and India in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.” In *The Value of the Norm: Legal Disputes and the Definition of Rights*, ed. Renata Ago (Rome: Biblink, 2002), 163-92 (also available at <http://www.biblink.it>).

“Intorno alla corporazione: identità professionale e stratificazione sociale tra Murano e Venezia nel sei e settecento.” In *Le regole dei mestieri e delle professioni (secoli XVI-XIX)*, eds. Marco Meriggi and Alessandro Pastore (Milan: Franco Angeli, 2000), pp. 53-74.

“Out of Women’s Hands: Notes on Venetian Glass Beads, Female Labour and International Trades”, in: *Beads and Bead Makers: Gender, Material Culture and Meaning*, eds. Lidia D. Sciamia and Joanne B. Eicher (Oxford and New York: Berg, 1998), pp. 47-82.

Book reviews and encyclopedia entries

“Barovier, Ercole (1889-1974).” Commissioned for the *Dizionario biografico degli imprenditori italiani* (Rome: Istitutedell’Enciclopedia Italiana). The publication was discontinued. Text available from the author.

Review of Corine Maitte, *Les Chemins de verre: Les migrations des verrier d’Altare et de Venise (XVIe-XIXe siècles)* (Rennes: Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2009). In *Annales: H,SS* (forthcoming).

Review of James E. Shaw, *The Justice of Venice: Authorities and Liberties in the Urban Economy 1550-1700* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006). In *Journal of Modern History* (in press).

Review of Michael Plaisance, *Florence in the Time of the Medici: Public Celebrations, Politics, and Literature in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries*, trans. and ed. by Nicole Carew-Reid (Toronto: Center for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, 2008), in *Bulletin of the Society for Renaissance Studies*, XXV.2 (2008): 50-52.

Review of *Sul filo della scrittura: Fonti e temi per la storia delle donne a Livorno*, eds. Lucia Frattarelli Fischer and Olimpia Vaccari (Pisa: Pisa University Press, 2005). In *Nuovi Studi Livornesi*, 14 (2007): 296-99.

Review of Thomas Allison Kirk, *Genoa and the Sea: Policy and Power in an Early Modern Maritime Republic, 1559-1684* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005). In *Journal of Modern History*, 79.3 (2007): 690-92.

Review of Daniel Carpi, *L’individuo e la collettività: Saggi di storia degli ebrei a Padova e nel Veneto nell’età del Rinascimento* (Firenze: L.S. Olschki, 2002). In *La Rassegna Mensile di Israel*, LXX.2 (2004): 132-36.

Review of Gérard Nahon, *Juifs et Judaïsme à Bordeaux* ([Bordeaux]: Mollat, 2003). In *La Rassegna Mensile di Israel*, LXIX.3 (2003): 199-201.

Review of W. Patrick McCray, *Glassmaking in Renaissance Venice: The Fragile Craft* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 1999). In *Economic History Review*, LIV.1 (2001): 198.

Review of Pier Cesare Ioly Zorattini (ed.), *L’identità dissimulata: Giudaizzanti iberici nell’Europa cristiana dell’età moderna* (Firenze: Leo S. Olschki, 2000). In *Società e Storia*, 88 (2000): 384-87.

“Sarpi, Paolo” and “Bloch, Marc.” In *Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing*, ed. Kelly Boyd (London and Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 1999): 95-96 and 1050-52, respectively.

Account of the International Conference “Tradizioni giuridiche a confronto: sistemi giuridici rigidi e flessibili nella storia delle società mediterranee” (Venezia, 26-27 aprile 1999). In *Quaderni Storici*, 102 (1999): 842-46.

Review of Lionel Lévy, *La nation juive portugaise: Livourne, Amsterdam, Tunis, 1591-1951* (Paris: L'Harmattan, 1999). In *Nuovi Studi Livornesi*, VII (1999): 303-05.

Work in progress

The 'Jewish' Bill of Exchange: A Forgotten Chapter in European Debates about Jews and Capitalism (book in progress)

“Jews and the Early Modern Economy,” In *The Cambridge History of Judaism*, vol. II: *The Early Modern Period (c. 1500-c. 1815)*, eds. Jonathan Karp and Adam Sutcliffe (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)

Invited lectures, seminars, and panel discussions

The 'Jewish' Bill of Exchange: A Forgotten Chapter in European Debates about Jews and Capitalism, Department of Economics and Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA (20 May 2009)

Microstoria e storia globale, University of Venice, “Microstoria: A vent’anni dall’Eredità immateriale” (8 May 2009)

Round Table Discussion: Jews in Commerce—Histories and Images, 15th Annual Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, “Jews, Commerce, and Culture” (27-29 April 2009)

The Sephardic Diaspora, Livorno, and Cross-Cultural Trade in the 17th and 18th Centuries, Department of Judaic Studies, Brown University (6 March 2009)

The Sephardic Diaspora and Livorno in the 17th and 18th Centuries, Primo Levi Center (New York, 18 February 2009)

Renaissance Italy and the Muslim Mediterranean in Recent Historical Work, New England Renaissance Conference, Wesleyan University (11-12 October 2008)

Discussant of Molly Greene's paper “Consuls in the Shadow: The Representation of Ottoman Merchants in Early Modern Europe,” Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University (3 October 2008)

Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants: Inclusion and Exclusion in European Commercial Society (Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries), Medieval and Early Modern History Colloquium, Stanford University (8 May 2008)

Sephardic Merchants between Rabbinic and Civil Courts: Probing Property Rights and Contesting Authority in the Eighteenth-Century Mediterranean, Mediterranean Studies Forum Symposium, Stanford University, “Entangled Lives: Social Encounters in the Mediterranean and Beyond” (4-5 May 2008)

Discussant of four papers at a panel on “Construction of Blood: Genealogies, Rules of Succession, and Representations of Rules of Heredity,” European Social Science History Conference (Lisbon, 26 February 2008)

The Sephardic Diaspora and Cross-Cultural Trade (17th and 18th Centuries), Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Harvard University (8 February 2008)

Global History on a Small Scale, European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization (11 December 2007)

Family Structures and Business Organization: Sephardic Merchants in Livorno and the Mediterranean, 17th and 18th Centuries, Economy and Society of the Low Countries Workshop, University of Utrecht (25 October 2007)

Merchants' Letters and the Legal and Social Sources of Business Cooperation in the Early Modern Period, Triangle Universities' Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Duke University (27 September 2007)

Raison de commerce, Raison d'État: Merchants, Diasporas, and Citizenship in the Port-cities of Mediterranean Europe, 1500-1800, Collège de France and École Normale Supérieure, "Concept de liberté de circuler de l'Antiquité à l'époque contemporaine" (21-24 March 2007)

Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean, Mediterranean Studies Forum Symposium, Stanford University, "Sephardi Identities on the Margins of Europe" (11-12 March 2007)

Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean, UCLA Center for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, "The Self-Perception of Early Modern Capitalists" (19-20 January 2007)

Stati, diaspore e reti mercantili: le strategie dei mercanti ebrei di Livorno nel Settecento, "Livorno 1606–1806: un laboratorio dell'incontro tra popoli e culture" (Livorno, 22-24 October 2006)

Chair and Commentator, Panel on "Julfans Abroad: Circulation, Culture, and Identity among Iranian-Armenians," Sixth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (3-5 August 2006)

Discourse and Practices of Cosmopolitanism: Sephardic Jews and the 'Republic of Merchants' in the Eighteenth Century, Department of History Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University (13 February 2006)

Sephardic Jews, Cosmopolitan Merchants, and the Commercial Society of Eighteenth-Century Europe, Institute for the History of German Jews, "Coming and Going: The Role of Hamburg in the Religious, Social, Economic and Cultural Sefardic Network" (Hamburg, 18-20 September 2005)

Information, Property Rights, and Bankruptcy Trials: A Set of Court Cases Involving the Sephardic Diaspora in the Early Eighteenth Century, CNRS-IDHE, "Making Markets Through the Law" (Paris, 10-11 June 2005)

Panel Discussant at the First Lavy Symposium, "Atlantic Jewry in the Age of Mercantilism," Department of History, Johns Hopkins University (March 25-26, 2005)

Discourse and Practice of Trust in Business Correspondence in the Early Modern Period, Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Yale University (13 October 2004)

Business Letters as a Historical Source: Critical Reflections, École Française de Rome, "Pratiquer l'échange: circuits, parcours et ressources" (17-18 June 2004)

Trading Diasporas, Chartered Companies, and Long-Distance Commerce: Jewish and Armenian Practices of Trade in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago (8 March 2004)

The Mediterranean after Braudel: A Sephardic Perspective (ca 1650-1750), Posthumus Institute (Utrecht, 28 November 2003)

Les juifs d'origine portugaise entre Livourne, le Portugal et la Méditerranée (c. 1650-1750), Centre Culturel Calouste Gulbenkian, "La diaspora des nouveaux chrétiens d'origine portugaise" (Paris, 30-31 October 2003)

A Republic of Merchants in Early Modern Europe?, European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization, "Images of Europe" (17-18 October 2003)

Between Diaspora and Settlement: The Jews of Livorno in the Early Modern Period, Italian Studies Colloquium, Department of Romance Languages, Cornell University (18 April 2003)

Merchant Networks, Trust, and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Early Modern Period, European History Colloquium, Department of History, Cornell University (17 April 2003)

Trading Diasporas and Cross-Cultural Merchant Networks in the Early Modern Period: Questions and Finding of Research in Progress, European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization, "Commercial Networks in the Early Modern World" (30-31 October 2001)

Guilds, Artisans and Wages in Early Modern Italy, History Department, University of Trent (23 January 2001)

Justice, Master in Economic History, Luigi Bocconi University (9 March 2000)

Women at Work: Venetian Glass Beadmaking, Department of Housing, Design and Apparel, University of Minnesota (15 May 1997)

Courses taught at Yale

Undergraduate

"Renaissance Italy, 1250-1530" (lecture course)

"Venice and the Mediterranean, 1400-1700" (seminar)

"The City in Pre-Industrial Europe" (seminar)

"The Inquisition in Early Modern Europe and the Americas," with Stuart Schwartz (seminar)

Graduate

"European Commercial Expansion, 1500-1800"

"Introduction to Renaissance Studies: Renaissance Italy"

"Readings in Early Modern European History," with Keith Wrightson

"The Mediterranean: Histories and Representations," with Youval Rotman

"Early Modern Europe: Historians, Methods, and Sources," with Steven Pincus

"Readings in Economic History," with Timothy Guinnane

Languages

Italian (native), English and French (fluent), Portuguese, Spanish, and Latin (advanced working knowledge).