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Education

1995 Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, Duke University 1992

Certificate, Women's Studies, Duke University

1988 M.A. (cum laude) African Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

1982 B.A. African Studies/English [double major], Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel 1970

Academic Diploma, The Brearley School , New York, N.Y.

Teaching Positions, Grinnell College:

CURRENT POSITION

Professor, Senior Faculty

Anthropology and American Studies

POSITIONS HELD:

2001-2010 Promotion Associate to

Professor

Assistant Professor Fall 1996 -2001

Minority Scholar-In-Residence, Departments of Anthropology, American Studies, and Afro-American Studies Concentration. (Spring 1996).

Chair, Africana Studies Concentration: 1996 – 2000

Chair, American Studies Concentration: 2004 - 2005; 2015- 2019

Research and Teaching Interests

Racism, Antisemitism, Inequality – Identities - Representations – Pedagogy

Publications:

Book

Black, Jewish and Interracial: Its Not the Color of Your Skin but the Race of Your Kin and Other Myths of Identity. Durham and London: Duke University Press, 1997. (2nd printing 2003) [Honorable Mention for Outstanding Book Awards for books published in 1997 by The Gustavus Meyers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America, Boston University School of Social Work]

Chapters:

“Racism, Pedagogy and Willful Ignorance.” IN Botrugno, Carlo, Raymundo, Marcia Mocellin and Re, Lucia. *Bioethics and Racism: Practices, Conflicts, Negotiations and Struggles.* (In press) De Gruyter, 2023. <https://www.degruyter.com/document/isbn/9783110765120/html#Chicago>

"When Words Have Failed and Political Rhetoric Turns Stale: Race, Racism and Caste" In *Against Stigma: Studies in Caste, Race and Justice Since Durban* eds. Balmurli Natrajan and Paul Greenough, Delhi: Orient Longman Press (2008).

“Reflections on ‘Race’ and the Biologization of Difference.” In *Race and Contemporary Medicine.* Ed. Sander Gilman, London: Routledge, December 2007.

“Interpreting the Census: The Elasticity of Whiteness and the Depoliticization of Race.” In *Racial Liberalism and the Politics of Urban America* eds. Curtis Stokes and Theresa Melendez (East Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2003), 155- 170.

“Jewish Identity and the Politics of a (Multi)Racial Category.” In *Jewish Location: Traversing Racialized Landscapes.* eds. Lisa Tessman and Bat-Ami Bar On (Rowman & Littlefield, 2001), 89-113.

“Personal Landmarks on Pedagogical Landscapes.” In *Personal Effects: The Social Character of Scholarly Writing.* eds. Deborah Holdstein and David Bleich. (Utah State University Press, 2001), 277-295.

Articles

"Israel at 74: 'Reflections on 'Diversity'." *The Greater Des Moines Jewish Press* Issue 3 Volume 38 (Feb-March 2022), pp 11-12. <https://indd.adobe.com/view/0a1caf2d-dad5-453f-8832-f7bd3c66aab4>

"The suffrage movement was racist. Where did Jewish women fit in?" *The Forward*. 18 August 2020. <https://forward.com/culture/452830/suffrage-movement-racist-where-did-jewish-women-fit-in/>

"The Illusion and Elusiveness of Whiteness: Between Politics and Polemics." *ISGAP Flashpoint* [online], 4 December 2018. <https://isgap.org/flashpoint/the-illusion-and-elusiveness-ofwhiteness-between-politics-and-polemics/>

"Les identités juives au miroir de l'héritage du racisme aux Etats Unis." In ed. Shmuel Trigano, *Juifs & Noirs du mythe à la réalité*. Pardes 44 (2008), 119-132.

"Race, racism, and academic complicity." *American Ethnologist* Volume 34, Number 2 (May 2007).

"Reflections on 'Race' and the Biologization of Difference." *Patterns of Prejudice*, 40, 4- 5 (2006), 353-380. (ed. Sander Gilman (Routledge 2006)

"Not an Innocent Pursuit: The Politics of a 'Jewish' Genetic Signature." *Developing World Bioethics* (3,2 December 2003), 119-126.

Contribution to *The Woman's Table: A Passover Seder Sourcebook*, sponsored by Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale (Jewish Lights Publishing, 2003)

"Jewish in America or the Search for an Identity." Review Essay for *American Anthropologist* 103, 1 (March 2001), 197-203.

"Jewishness After Mount Sinai: Jews, Blacks and the (Multi)Racial Category." *Identities*.8, 2 (2001), 211-246. Version of this article also in *Bridges: A Journal for Jewish Feminists*. 9,1 (2001), 31-45.

"(White) Women and (Racial) Diversity in the Academy: Reflections on Intentions and Interventions." *The Review of Education/Pedagogy/Cultural Studies* 20, 3 (1998), 211-227.

"Experience, Empathy and Strategic Essentialism," *Cultural Studies* 11, 1 (1997), 89-110.

"Outside Our Parents' House: Race, Culture and Identity," *Research in African Literature* 27, 1 (1996), 129-142.

"Appropriating Anthropology: Epistemological Standpoints and the Space for Race" *SAPINA Bulletin* VI, 1 (1994), 13-29.

"Why are You Pushing Me Away?" *Noga: Feminist Journal* (Fall 1993), 31-33 [Hebrew]

"Historical Background of the African National Congress," *Israeli Defense Forces Monthly Bulletin* 10 (December 1990), 20-30 [Hebrew].

Book Reviews:

Review of André Levy. *Return to Casablanca: Jews, Muslims and an Israeli Anthropologist*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2015. *American Ethnologist* 44, 1 (2017)

Review of Ayala Fader, *Mitzvah Girls: Bringing Up the Next Generation of Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn*.

Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009. **American Ethnologist** 38.2 (2011)

Review of Cheryl Lynn Greenberg . *Troubling the Waters: Black-Jewish Relations in the American Century*. Politics and Society in Twentieth-Century America Series. Princeton University Press, 2006. **Transforming Anthropology Issue** 18, 2, (2010), 201–203.

Review of Eric Sundquist, *Strangers in The Land: Blacks, Jews, Post-Holocaust America*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2005. **Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies** 24, 4 (2006) 209-224.

Review of Maureen Mahon, *Right to Rock: The Black Rock Coalition and the Cultural Politics of Race*. Maureen Mahon. Duke University Press, 2004. **American Ethnologist** 32, 3, August 2005 (in print and on-line).

Review of Francisco Valdes, Jerome McCristal Culp, and Angela P. Harris, eds. *Crossroads, Directions and a New Critical Race Theory*. Temple University Press, 2002. **American Ethnologist Volume** 31, 3 August 2004 (in print and on-line)

Review of Lorraine Delia Kenny. *Daughters of Suburbia: Growing Up White, Middle- Class and Female*. East Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2000. **American Anthropologist** 105, 2 (June 2003), 434.

Review of Ed. David Parker and Miri Song. *Rethinking 'Mixed Race.'* London: Pluto, 2001. **Research in African Literature** 34, 2 (Summer 2003), 233-235.

Review of Betty N. Hoffman. *Jewish Hearts: A Study of Dynamic Ethnicity in the United States and the Soviet Union*. Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 2001. **American Anthropologist** 104, 3 (September 2002), 979-980.

Review of Rachel F. Moran. *Interracial Intimacy: the Regulation of Race and Romance*. Chicago & London: The University of Chicago Press, 2001. **The American Historical Review** (June 2002), 886-887.

Review of Oyekan Owomoyela, *The African Difference: Discourse on Africanity and the Relativity of Cultures*. New York: Lang, 1996. **Research in African Literatures** 32, 4 (Winter 2001), 217-218

Review of Emily Miller Budick, *Blacks and Jews in Literary Conversation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998. **Research in African Literatures** 32,1 (Spring 2001), 161-162.

Review of Crispin Sartwell, *Act Like You Know: African-American Autobiography and White Identity*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998. **Biography** 22, 3 (1999), 372-379.

Review of Jon Michael Spencer, *The New Colored People: The Mixed-Race Movement In America*. New York: New York University Press, 1997. **African American Review** 33, 1 (1999), 151-153.

Op-Ed Essays

"Injustice, Prejudice and Peace," *New Outlook, Hashkafah Hadashah*, Tel Aviv (June 1991), 1416.

"Reflections on the Failure of Feminist Rhetoric," *Noga: Feminist Journal* (Winter 1991), 17, 19 [Hebrew].

"South Africa: Reflections and Lessons," *New Outlook, Hashkafah Hadashah*, Tel Aviv (April 1990), 35-37.

"Inaccurate Equations: Racism vs. Nationalism," *New Outlook, Hashkafah Hadashah*, Tel Aviv (March/April 1989), 38-39.

"Rather than Curse the Darkness: A Call for Mobilization," *New Outlook, Hashkafah Hadashah*, Tel Aviv (March 1987), 13-14.

"Israel-South Africa Ties: Avoiding Real Sanctions" *Viewpoint* : Publication of Mapam & Kibbutz Artzi/Hashomer Hatzair (April/May 1987), 1-2.

"Jews, Israel and South Africa" *Israel Horizons* (The Socialist Zionist Journal) (May/June 1986), 12-14.

The Jerusalem Post:

"Familiar Themes," *The Jerusalem Post* (Israel), 8 November 1989;

"Elitism in the Women's Peace Camp," *The Jerusalem Post* (Israel), 2 July 1989; "Courting

Pretoria," *The Jerusalem Post* (Israel), 9 October 1986;

"Stigma of Implicit Support," *The Jerusalem Post* (Israel), 8 April 1986; "Raising Wrong

Issues," *The Jerusalem Post* (Israel), 7 April 1985

Encyclopedia Entries

Entry on "Iowa." In *Civil Rights in the United States* edited by Waldo E. Martin and Patricia Sullivan (New York: Macmillian Reference, USA, 2000)

Invited Lectures and Presentations:

"The Subtext of Identities," *Women at Noon Series: Women Who Lead, Inspire and Contribute to Positive Change*. Des Moines University (5 March 2026)

Bioethics and Racism Book Talk - Organized by the RUEBES (*Research Unit on Everyday Bioethics and Ethics of Science*) at University of Florence, Italy. [Philosophy of Law UNIFI course Prof. Lucia Re] 8 May 2023.

Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health, *Des Moines University* - 28 March 2023: (panelist followed by teaching a class for medical students on culturally and socially responsive health care).

"Antisemitism and Curriculum: Decentering Identities/Curating Syllabi," *ISGAP-Oxford Summer*

Institute for Curriculum Development in Critical Antisemitism Studies. Pembroke College, Oxford UK (9 Aug 2022). (Interview with Professor Katya Gibel Mevorach at the 2022 ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYKPK1eQeWk>)

(Invited Speaker) "Antisemitism and Curriculum: Decentering Identities/Curating Syllabi," 2022 *ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute for Curriculum Development in Critical Antisemitism Studies*. Pembroke College, Oxford UK (9 Aug 2022). (Also Interview with Professor Katya Gibel Mevorach at the 2022 ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYKPK1eQeWk>)

Invited Participant in Scholars Convening, *The Naomi Foundation: special convening to consider how to recognize, teach, and study antisemitism and Jewish inclusion alongside Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives within schools/colleges/departments of education and other educational settings*. Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (1-2 June 2022).

"Intersectionality: The Both... And... Paradigms of Jewish Identities" *Keynote Address NJHSA & NAJC Joint Annual Conference 2022*. Minneapolis, MN (16 May 2022).

"Draft title: Jews, Jewish Identities and Racecraft" invited presentation to Faculty Seminar in the Jewish Studies program, Dartmouth College (1 June 2021).

Panelist, "*Jewish Identities*" sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Corridor (Eastern Iowa) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. (online 12 May 2021).

Guest on *The Study Podcast*: hourlong conversation with Raviv Ulman and Rabbi Matt Green to discuss the weekly Torah portion *B'midbar*, in which Moses is commanded to conduct a census. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ep-31-bamidbar-census-identity-feat-katya-gibelmivorach/id1528872739?i=1000521687940> (14 May 2021).

Panelist *Women in Academia: Learning from the Past, Building toward the Future*. Moderated by Dr. Valerie Johnson, Dean School of Arts, Sciences, and Humanities and Co-director, Center for Racial and Social Justice joined by Dr. Tamara Holmes Brothers, and Dr. Annette M. Rodriguez. Shaw University, North Carolina (online Zoom 29 March 2021)

"Strategic Interventions: uprooting racial taxonomy and challenging racism in science courses." *Bioethics in Action II – Seminar Series by the RUEBES Research Unit on Everyday Bioethics and Ethics of Science*, L'Altro Diritto Inter-university Research Centre Department of Legal Sciences, University of Florence. (online Webex 23 March 2021).

Roy Holler (University of Florida) in conversation with *Katya Gibel Mevorach (Grinnell College)* "Multiple Identity Politics: The Passing Narratives of Dahn Ben-Amotz." Salo Baron New Voices in Jewish Studies Award Lecture; Fordham University's Center for Jewish Studies and Columbia University's Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies (online Zoom 24 February 2021).

"Integrity," Beit Sefer Shalom High School, Des Moines, IA (online Zoom 24 February 2021).

"Black & Jewish Multicultural Identities and Antisemitism," *We Stand Against Hate (WSAH) series*, Sponsors: Africana Studies, Judaic Studies, Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership (S.A.I.L.), Tanger Hillel, Brooklyn College, City University of New York (online Zoom 4 Feb 2021).

“Pedagogy, Politics and 21st century Challenges: Teaching about the intersecting phenomenon of 'Antisemitism and Racism” *United Against Racism Conference, World Jewish Congress Jewish Diplomatic Corps Program*, (online Zoom, 13 Nov 2020)

“Challenges Teaching about the Intersecting Phenomenon of ‘Racism and Antisemitism’” *Race And Antisemitism: Contemporary Global Perspectives* Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, School of Arts & Humanities The University of Texas at Dallas (online Zoom 24 Sept 2020)

“Thinking, Talking and Teaching about Antisemitism (anti-Jews) and Racism (anti-Blacks) in an Era of Amnesia, Erasure, and Omissions” *Anti-Semitism and Racism* University of Birmingham Conference, UK “Comparative Approaches to Black and Jewish Studies in Britain and the U.S.” (online Zoom, 2 July 2020)

Panelist “The Festering Wound: Racism in the United States, Where Do We Go From Here?” *Zoom Webinar*, The Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, 4 June 2020.
<https://isgap.org/media/2020/06/the-festering-wound-racism-in-the-united-states-where-do-we-go-from-here/>

Workshop Leader with Leslie Gregg-Jolly, Dr. Rachel Bergstrom, Dr. Diane Angell “Integrating social issues related to demographic categories into science.” *Pre-Conference Workshop AAC&U’s Transforming STEM Higher Education conference*. Chicago, Ill 8 Nov 2019.

“Racecraft and an Expulsion from Diaspora.” *Racialisation and Publicness in Africa and the African Diaspora Conference* African Studies Centre, University of Oxford, UK 28 June 2019.

(Invited Lecture) “Teaching about Antisemitism in an Era of Amnesia, Erasure, and Omissions” (Invited) Lecture *ISGAP Oxford Summer Institute*, Institute for the Global Study of Antisemitism and Policy at Oxford (UK) July 2019.

Invited participant to “convening,” “Racial Justice Initiative (RJI)” Scarritt Bennett Center (SBC) Nashville, Tennessee. 17-19 May 2019.

(Invited Lecture) “The Challenge of Addressing Anti-Semitism Today: Reflections on ISGAP Summer Seminars.” *CRC Antisemitism Forum*. Tuesday, Temple B'nai Des Moines, IA. 19 March 2019.

(Invited Lecture) “Strategic Interventions: Contextualizing and Challenging the New Antisemitism” *ISGAP Oxford Summer Institute*, Institute for the Global Study of Antisemitism and Policy at Oxford (UK) 8 August 2018. <https://isgap.org/media/2018/09/isgap-oxfordsummer-institute-2018-day-nine-professor-katya-gibel-mevorach-strategic-interventionscontextualizing-and-challenging-the-new-antisemitism/>

(Invited Lecture) “Jews, Intersectionality and Contemporary Anti-Semitism.” College of the Holy Cross (Worcester MA, 19 April 2018).

Panelist, “Nouns, Adjectives and the Jewish Question,” Session: Convergences: jewblack is

blackjew. *Association for Jewish Studies 49th Annual Conference*. (Washington D.C. 17-19 December 2017).

"Pedagogic Challenges in Teaching About Anti-Semitism and Antisemitism" *ISGAP Oxford Summer Institute*, Institute for the Global Study of Antisemitism and Policy at Oxford (UK) 21 July 2017.

Faculty Speaker, *Baccalaureate Ceremony*, Grinnell College May 2017.

Seminar Lecture, "Bloodless Racism: Anti-Semitism/antisemitism and campus politics." *ISGAP seminar series* (Columbia University, 26 Oct 2016).

Panelist, "*Diversity in the Jewish Family*." Jewish Women's Conference of Southern California

1 March 2015, National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles UCLA campus,)

Faculty Discussant, "*Real Talk*" sponsored by Black Cultural Center, Grinnell College. 26 Feb 2015.

Panelist, "*Recent Events in France: A Conversation*." Rosenfield Center, Room 101. Feb. 18, 2015

Discussant, *Candid Talk about Race Categories, Racism and Racial Disparity*. (Organizer with Jeremy Chen, American Studies Concentration sponsored discussion), Faulconer Art Gallery, Grinnell College 12 Feb 2015.

Presentation and Panelist "*Who Owns the Symbol?*" Faulconer Gallery, Grinnell College [panel in presence of Canadian artist John Scott and his piece designed for Faulconer Gallery, "Europe"] 30 October 2014.

Panelist, "*In/Tolerance: Religious Expression in the Classroom*" Grinnell College JRC 101 sponsored by Chaplain's Office. 21 April 2014.

"When Multiplicity and Being Black are Colored Ivory and Ebony." *UMOJA Conference sponsored by Grinnell College and African Student Union*, 28 April 2012.

"The 'Body' of Difference: Strategic Politics of 'Coloring' Jew." Keynote Address presented to *Conference on Jews, Color, Race*, Ben Gurion University, 6-10 June 2010.

"Anti-Semitism and the Interstice between Xenophobia and Racism." *8th European Sociological Association: Sociology of Racism Research Stream*. Glasgow 3 September 2007.

"Les identités juives au miroir du racisme au États-Unis." *Ham et Sem, Juifs et Noirs du mythe à la réalité Symposium international*. Collège des études juives de l'Alliance israélite universelle, Paris, France 3 décembre 2006. http://www.akadem.org/sommaire/themes/histoire/3/6/module_1683.php

"Grounded by Roots and Routes: The Politics of Identities Within the African and African American Diaspora." Presentation to *Laying Claim to Our Sprit: 2006 African American Women's Leadership Conference*, Cedar Rapids, IA, 29 September 2006

"Just Between Ourselves: Black Female Students and the Challenge of American Racism." Presentation to *The African Woman in Perspective*, UMOJA Conference sponsored by Grinnell College and African Student Union, 8 April 2006.

“History of Affirmative Action.” *Affirmative Action in College Admission*, sponsored by Rosenfeld Program, Grinnell College, 30 November 2005.

Plenary Panelist, *Jewish Women Changing America: Cross Generational Conversations*, Barnard College, 29 October 2005 http://www.barnard.edu/sfonline/jewish/panel1_02.htm

“Education as a Weapon against Racism: strategic self-empowerment in the liberal arts environment.” Concerned Black Students (CBS) Awareness Week, Grinnell College. Oct 6, 2005.

Omissions and Oversight: The Politics of Race-ing Jews and Blacks.” Faculty Lecture, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 27, September 2005.

Pedagogy Workshop: “Black/Jewish/Interracial: Placing Difference(s) at the Center of the Liberal Arts Curriculum.” Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 27 September 2005.

“Concepts, Clarity and Curriculum: placing *race* at the center.” 6th *Whiteness and Privilege Conference*. Central College, Pella, Iowa, 30 April 2005.

"Multiculturalism and the 'Alchemy of Race' in the Midwest," *CODAS Spring Forum on Complex Identities and Social Justice*. Sponsored by Faculty Center for Teaching Excellence Jewish Student Association, and the Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs. St. Cloud State University, 30 March 2005

“Intellectual and Political Legacies of Malcolm X in the 21st Century.” Presented to *Symposium Remembering Malcolm: Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Malcolm X* sponsored by Concerned Black Students (CBS), Grinnell College, 23 February 2005.

“B.A. or Bamboozled?: Reflections on Malcolm X, Education and Political Consciousness.” *Pathfinder presentation* sponsored by Concerned Black Students (CBS), Grinnell College, 22 February 2005.

“Labels, Boxes and Stereotypes: Tools for Navigating Jewish Multiculturalism.” (Two 60 minute presentations). *Jewish Leaders of Color Jubilee Conference* sponsored by Ayecha Research Organization; Bronfman Center for Jewish Life, NYU, 20 February 2005.

“Curricular and Faculty Diversity in the Residential Liberal Arts College,” Two 95 minute presentations on cultivating curricular and faculty diversity with attention to the history of *race* in the professionalization and compartmentalization of academic disciplines. New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL. (11 January 2005 and 12 January 2005).

“The Four C’s: Curiosity, Commitment, Confidence and Compromise.” Commencement Speaker, *Mid-Year Graduation Dinner*, Grinnell College, 1 December 2004.

“Black, Jewish & Interracial: Theoretical Interventions and Disruptions in the Disciplines.” Dickinson College, co-sponsored by the Asbell Center, American Studies and the Anthropology Departments. 20 October 2004.

“Race and the Politics of Identity in Higher Education,” Evergreen State College *Series Placing Race at the Center of Education* (w/ live feed to Olympia and Reservation Based Program) – 2

presentations; 12 October 2004 (11am -1pm & 6-8pm).

“Placing Race at the Center of the Curriculum,” *5th Whiteness and Privilege Conference*. Central College, Pella, Iowa, 30 April 2004.

“Jews, Genes and Race: Exchanging one Trope for Another” Presented to *Panel Session Hierarchical Ethnic Group Relations, Networks and Changing Cultural Representations of Jews and Judaism* (Session in memory of Walter Zenner); American Anthropological Association annual meeting, 23 November 2003

Discussant: *Looking Forward: Anthropologies of Black Experience*, Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA) Invited Session. American Anthropological Association annual meeting, 21 November 2003.

Panelist, “Affirmative Action in Higher Education.” *Grinnell College Reunion*. Grinnell College, 31 May 2003.

“Confronting Whiteness and Privilege in the Classroom.” *4th Whiteness and Privilege Conference*. Central College, Pella, Iowa, 11 April 2003.

Panelist, *Take Back the Night* (Faculty Panel), 6 November 2002, Grinnell College

“When Words Have Failed and Political Rhetoric Turns Stale: Race, Racism and Caste.” Presentation to *Beyond Durban: Caste and Race Dialogues, Symposium* Sponsored by The Crossing Borders Program and the South Asia Studies Program, University of Iowa, 4-6 Oct 2002.

“Current Issues Affecting Blacks in America: Commitment, Consistency, Continuity and Community” Presentation to Concerned Black Students (CBS), “*Not Done Yet...*” Presented to *The 1st Annual Black Awareness Week Kickoff*, Grinnell College, 6 October 2002.

Panel: “The Lasting International and Domestic Impact of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks.” Grinnell College, 11 September 2002.

Panelist, “International Students and Knowledge Networks.” *International Students Organization Conference on Global Issues 2002*. Grinnell College, 21 April 2002.

“Demystifying Jewish Diversity in White America.” Tifereth Israel Congregation. Washington D.C. 19 January 2002.

“Historicizing the Present and Moving Toward the Future.” New Jersey Project Student Achievement Award Dinner Speaker, *Twelfth Annual Spring Sinner: Student Achievement Awards for Excellence in Feminist/Multicultural Scholarship*. 8 May 2001.

“Media Narratives of the Census: the Depoliticization of Race.” Presentation for “Racial Classifications and the U.S. Census,” *Race in 21st Century America*. 2nd National Conference, Michigan State University April 4-6, 2001.

“The Racial Contract and the *Elasticity* of Whiteness.” *Critical Theory & Race: Contesting the Racial Contract*. 17th Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy. Purdue University 22-24 March 2001.

"The Limitations of the Discourse of Diversity and Multiculturalism." *Symposium at Grinnell* sponsored by The African American Historical Museum of Iowa, The Iowa Peace Institute, Grinnell College and its Alumni Office; 23 February 2001. "Historicizing *Mixed-Race*, Multiculturalism and Race Preferences," Grinnell Alumni College, 31 May-2 June 2000.

"Historicizing 'Mixed-Race' and Post-Modern Amnesia," *International Symposium, The Challenge of Difference: Articulating Gender, Race and Class*" organized by The Social Science Postgraduate Programme of the Federal University of Bahia, Salvador, Brazil. 9-12 April 2000.

"E-racing the Past and the Politics of "Mixed-race" in the 21st Century" *Women Writers Series of the African American Studies and Research Center*, Purdue University. 30 March 2000. "Myths of Identity" Presentation invited and sponsored by American Jewish Committee

-- Milwaukee Chapter and America's Black Holocaust Museum, 22 March 2000. "'Mixed-Race' and Postmodern Amnesia" Invited Session: *Mixing it Up with Mixed Race: Problematizing and Historicizing the Mixed Race Discourse* (Association of Latina & Latino Anthropologists, Association of Black Anthropologists) American Anthropological Association, 98th Meeting, Chicago, 20 November 1999. [Co-Organizer]

"Blacks, Jews and the Implications of Diversity in Higher Education." Susquehanna University 14 October 1999.

"Color-Blindness as an Impairment." *Hate-Free Lunch Series* sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, Grinnell College. 7 October 1999.

"Flaws in the Multiracial Discourse," *Colored Works: Readings and Performance by Writers of Color*. Grinnell College, 28 September 1999.

"Race a la Carte." Department of Anthropology, University of Iowa. 24 September 1999.

"Personal and Collective Identities and the Politics of Mixed Race Narratives" (Commentary for *Kinscripts and Ancestors: Mixed race, Lineage and Representations in Historical and the Biographical Narratives*). Presented to the 68th Anglo-American Conference of Historians, Institute of Historical Research. School of Advanced Study, University of London. 30 June 1999.

"Disciplining Canons and the Subject of Race." Cornell College, Mt Vernon IA. 30 April 1999.

"Jewishness After Mount Sinai: Jews, Blacks and the (Multi)Racial Category," for *Session: The Legacy of Franz Boas for A Multicultural Analysis of Jews and Issues in Race*. Association of Jewish Studies, 30th Meeting, Boston, 20 December 1998.

Invited Discussant for Panel Session: *Hybridity and Colonial Desire* (sponsored by American Ethnological Society) American Anthropological Association, 97th Meeting, Philadelphia, 6 December 1998.

Author/Discussant for Invited Session: *Different Differences: Race, Nation and Identity in Recent Books by Black Anthropologists* (Association of Black Anthropologists), American Anthropological Association, 97th Meeting, Philadelphia, 3 December 1998.

Author Talk in series, "Places We Call Home." Queensboro Public Library, New York, 14 November 1998

"The Political Implication of Diversity in Higher Education," University of Central Florida, 20 October 1998.

"Black-Jewish Relations and the Politics of Racial Categories," University of Central Florida, 19 October 1998]

"Cultivating a Culture of Diversity: The Challenge of 'Race'," Presidential Inauguration Symposium, Grinnell College, 10 October 1998.

"Trespassing on the Wings of Theory," *Global Theories and the Future of Area Studies*, University of Iowa, 25 September 1998.

Faculty Speaker, *Baccalaureate Ceremony*, Grinnell College, 17 May 1998.

"Jewishness After Mount Sinai: Jews, Blacks and the (Multi)Racial Category." University of Gainesville, Florida. 6 April 1998.

"Myths of Socio-Cultural Identity." University of Kansas, Medical Center, Kansas City, MO. 20 March 1998.

"Jews, Blacks, and 'Racial' Categories." Address to the Bridge Committee, a joint effort of Temple B'nai Jehuda, St. James United Methodist Church and Community Christian Church." Kansas City. MO., 19 March 1998.

"Not the Color of Your Skin but the Race of Your Kin." St. Mary's College." 26 February 1998. Also Chaired two Roundtables as an Invited Consultant by Intercultural Studies Committee and Multicultural Affairs: "Teaching Intercultural Studies," and "Beyond Syllabi..."

"Black, Jewish and Interracial: It's Not the Color of Your Skin, But the Race of Your Kin." Presentation on politics of race and racial identities in the Black community. *Sisterspace and Books*, Washington D.C. 22 November 1997.

"Black, Jewish and Interracial: It's Not the Color of Your Skin, But the Race of Your Kin." Presentation on race and identity and discussion of book. *Cross Cultural Colloquium Series*, American University, Washington D.C. 20 November 1997.

"Race Relations in Higher Education -- Not All Black and White: Affirmative Action and American Values." Videoconference Sponsored by Black Issues in Higher Education. 19 November 1997.

"Complexities of Identity: Implications for the Curriculum." *Diversity, Learning and Institutional Change*. Association of American Colleges and Universities, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 19 April 1997.

"Minorities and Women: Unveiling Racial Homogeneity." *ACM Committee on Women's Concerns*, Spring Workshop, Grinnell College. 4 April 1997.

"African American - Jewish Relations and Coalition Building," *Diversity and Learning Association of*

American Colleges and Universities, Washington D.C. 27-30 June 1996.

"The Politics of Identities in the Classroom: Students, Professor and Syllabi in Process," *Diversity and Learning Association of American Colleges and Universities*, Washington D.C. 27- 30 June 1996.

Panelist, "Playing the (R)ace Card." SCOLA Broadcast (18 February 1996).

"Experience, Empathy and Strategic Essentialism," *Keynote Address, Conference on Teaching Cultural Encounters as General Education* organized by St. Lawrence University and American Association of Colleges and Universities, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2-4 March 1995. Also presented as Convocation to Grinnell College, 1 February 1996.

"In Our Parents' House: Race, Culture and Identity," *SAPINA Panel 1994 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association*, Toronto, Canada.

Panelist, "Power, Deception & the Myth of Race in America: A Symposium on Racial Identity." Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 19 November 1994. (Broadcasted on Duke University Cable Channel 13 and on SCOLA).

"Appropriating Anthropology: The Space for Race," *1993 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Panelist, "Bridging Cultures: Understanding Multiculturalism," *Project sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council*. City Gallery of Contemporary Art, Raleigh, North Carolina, 21 November 1993 (Broadcasted on St. Augustine College, North Carolina, Cable Channel).

"The Politics of 'The Politics of Representation': Cultural Capital, Ethnicity and Israeli Women," Presented to Department of Anthropology, University of Rochester, 30 April 1993. Also presented to Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University 19 April 1993. Also presented at Conference on Ethnicity, National Identity and the Invention of the Past, Harry S. Truman Research Institute, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, 13 June 1993. [Edited version published in *Hebrew in Noga*, Fall, 1993].

"The Civil Rights Movement and Malcolm X," *Hurston-James Interdisciplinary Symposium*, Duke University, 27 March 1993.

"Injustice, Prejudice and Peace," *Tikkun Israel Conference*, Jerusalem, Israel, June 1991 [Invited].

Panelist. "Women Talk Peace." *Discussion on Palestinian-Israeli Dialogue*. Women's Network for Peace & Partnership. Haifa, Israel, December 1990.

"Addressing the Issue of Class and Ethnic Exclusion in the Women's Peace Camp," *Identities in Israeli Society: The Place of Oriental Women in Peace Activities*, 26 July 1990, Tel Aviv University, Israel [Primary Conference Organizer and Participant].

"The Struggle Against Apartheid on the Jewish Agenda," *Presentation to the Executive Board of the World Union of Jewish Students*, 29 July 1988, Jerusalem Israel.

"The ANC in Israeli Perspectives," *Presentation to the Conference on the Struggle Against Apartheid*, 20 March 1988, Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv Israel [Primary Conference Organizer and Participant].

Working Conferences Scholars

- Scholar-in-Residence ISGAP Oxford Summer Institute, *Institute for the Global Study of Antisemitism and Policy at Oxford* (UK) 31 July -1 Aug 2016.

(Invited) Presenter, "Community Participation." Genetic Technologies and Racial Justice" Track. *Center for Genetics & Society Tarrytown Meetings*. Tarrytown NY, July 2012

(Invited) Presenter, "Filling the Gaps." Education Track, *Center for Genetics & Society Tarrytown Meetings*. Tarrytown NY, July 2011

(Invited) "Common Ground" Scholars Meeting re 2004 Exhibition , The Jewish Museum, NY: 28 October 2002.

(Invited) Jewish Public Forum Conference, CLAL (The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership): "Playing the Jewish Futures: Scenarios on Religion, Ethnicity and Civic Engagement in the Year 2015." New York 14-16 January 2001.

(Invited) The Jewish Museum, NY: Scholars Meeting, planning exhibition exploring the diversity of the Jewish family and community. New York 13 Nov 2000.

Curricular Development

Scholar-In-Residence, ISGAP-Oxford Summer Institute [The Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy], Oxford UK ,July 2016

Curricular Development Grant, Africana Studies Curricular Development Committee: *Racial Representations of the U.S. South in American Popular Culture* (received summer 2003; planned for Spring 2005)

Curricular Development Grant, Multicultural Intercultural Curricular Development Committee: *Race & Gender On Screen* (received 2000; Offered as a senior seminar in Spring 2003).

Research Support

Grinnell College Support for Faculty Development, (6 week intensive French language course at *Accord: L'école des langues*, Paris, France, Summer 2006.

Grinnell College Travel Stipend (research in Israel, Dec 26 '00 -13 January 2001.

NEH Summer Stipend FT-45693-01 (research in Israel, summer 2001),

Grinnell College Committee for Support of Faculty Scholarship (Summer 2001 research support).

Professional Activities & Service

Cultural Films Committee 2010-11 and 2015- 2020

Chair, Africana Studies Concentration: 1996 – 2000

Chair, American Studies Concentration: 2004 - 2005; 2015- 2019

Reviewer, *Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (SSHRC, International), 2012-2013.

Evaluator for The Humanities Iowa (HI)- evaluation of *Exhibit Race: Are We So Different* at University of Northern Iowa (invited – Spring 2012)

Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Board, Grinnell College (2010-2011)

Presidential Diversity Committee Task Force, Grinnell College: draft specific definition of diversity and outline recommendations for procedures to significantly increase faculty diversity. (Fall 2004).

Grinnell College Diversity Steering Committee (2002-2005).

Guest Editor and contributor, *Bridges: A Journal for Jewish Feminists*. Special Issue, “Writing and Art by Jewish Women of Color.” Volume 9, 1 (2001).

Presidential Diversity Committee Task Force, Grinnell College: summer effort to craft specific action-oriented proposals to address issues of diversity in faculty hiring procedures. (Summer 2000)

Screener, 2000 SSRC-ACLS International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship (IDRF program)