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CURRENT POSITIONS

Hebrew University Faculty of Law *Lecturer* 2012 – present
Teaches courses in Evidence, Criminal Procedure and Legal History

- Co-founder, Collaborative Research Network (CRN) on British Colonial Legalities, Law and Society Association.
- Member of Convening Committee, Second Biennial Conference on Comparative Commonwealth and British Empire Legal Histories, University of Ghana, Accra, July 2016: “Traditions, Borrowings, Innovations, and Impositions: Law in the Post-Colony and in Empire”
- Co-Chair, Hebrew University Faculty of Law Interdisciplinary “Crime Group.”
- Chair, Faculty Admissions Committee

Stanford Law School *Visiting Professor* Fall, 2013; Fall 2014

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School *Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D)* 2006 –2012
Dissertation Title: “Evidence Rules of Colonial Difference: Identity, Legitimacy and Power in the Law of Mandate Palestine, 1917 – 1939”

Fellowships, Scholarships and Activities

- Presidential Fellow, Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship (2008 – 2011)
- Fellow, J. Willard Hurst Institute in Legal History, Madison, WI (2009)
- Law and Society Association Graduate Student Workshop (2009)
- E. David Fischman Scholarship (2006 – 2011)

Stanford University *M.A. (History)* 2009 – 2011

Stanford Law School *Master of the Science of Law (J.S.M.)* 2005 – 2006

Thesis Title: “To Concur, Or Not To Concur, That Is the Question: The Judicial Independence of Judges Appointed Temporarily to the Supreme Court of Israel”

Honors: Gerald Lieberman Fellow, Stanford University (2005-2006)

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem *LL.B., B.A. (History and Philosophy)* 2000 – 2004
(Summa Cum Laude)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Office of the District Attorney, Jerusalem 2004 – 2005
Law Clerk, Criminal Division
Represented the State at trials, hearings and arraignments; conducted plea negotiations; evaluated police reports; determined charges and proposed sentences; prepared witnesses for testimony; conducted direct and cross-examination at trial.

Supreme Court of Israel, Chambers of the Hon. Justice Ayala Procaccia
Law Clerk

2003 – 2004

Performed legal research on both domestic and comparative law; drafted bench memoranda in civil, criminal, constitutional and administrative cases; prepared drafts of court decisions in various fields of public and private law.

Admitted to the Israeli Bar

2005

PUBLICATIONS

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

- “Doctrines Without Borders: The New Israeli Exclusionary Rule and the Challenges of Legal Transplantation” 60 *STANFORD LAW REVIEW* 2131 (2008)
- “‘Exclude Evidence You Exclude Justice’? A Critical Evaluation of Israel’s Exclusionary Rule After *Issacharov*” 16 *SOUTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 385 (2010) (Symposium Volume on the Future of the Exclusionary Rule: American & International Perspectives)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- “Same-Sex Spousal Privilege: From Patriarchy to Heteronormativity” in *LGBT RIGHTS IN ISRAEL* (Alon Harel, Y. Lushinsky and E. Morgenstern eds, forthcoming)

PRESS & MEDIA

- “The Temporary Has Become A Tradition,” Op-Ed , *HAARETZ* (in Hebrew), June 24, 2007.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Forensic Culture in the Age of Empire: Colonialism’s Role in Shaping Forensic Science”
- “Breeding Injustice: The Rise of Dog Tracking as Forensic Evidence in the British Empire, 1909-1945”
- “What Bones Won’t Tell: Using Skeletal Ageing to Establish the Moral Maturity of Criminal Defendants in the British Empire, 1925-1945”
- “Evidence Rules of Colonial Difference: The Colonial Origins of Israel’s Evidence Ordinance”
- “The ‘Levantine Delinquent’: British Construction of the ‘Irrational’ Criminal”
- “An Irish Home Ruler in the Crown’s Service: The Blurred Lines Between Colonizer and Colonized in the Life of Chief Justice Michael McDonnell”
- “All the President’s Women: *Katsav* and the Erosion of the Rule Barring Character Evidence in Israeli Law”
- “Corroboration in Another Form: Why Admitting Evidence of Defendant’s Past Sexual Acts Reinforces Rape Myths”
- “College Degree Required: California’s ‘Yet Means Yes’ Legislation as Class Discrimination”

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Criminal Law Workshop, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (June, 2014): “The Emperor’s New Hounds: The Rise of Dog Tracking Evidence in the British Empire, 1909-1945”
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (June, 2014): “Forensic Technology in the Age of Empire: Colonialism’s Role in Shaping the New Forensic Culture”
- Legal History Workshop, Tel Aviv University (May, 2014): “Trial by Canine: The Rise of Dog Tracking as a Forensic Science in the British Empire”

- Israeli Law and Society Association, Ramat Gan, (December 2013) Book Panel: “Proportionality and the Culture of Justification” (Moshe Cohen-Eliya and Iddo Porat)
- American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference, Miami (November, 2013), “Forensic Technology in the Age of Empire”
- Invited speaker, Legal History Workshop, University of Minnesota (February 2013), “Forensic Technology in the Age of Empire: Inventing Science in the Colonies”
- American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference (November 2012), “The C.S.I. Effect in Mandate Palestine: Forensic Technology, Surveillance and Empire”
- Legal Histories of the British Empire, Singapore (July 2012), “The C.S.I. Effect in Mandate Palestine: Forensic Technology, Surveillance and Empire”
- Invited Speaker, The Academic Center for Law and Business, 18th conference in criminal law and criminology entitled “The New Wave of Rulings on Unlawfully Obtained Evidence: Innovation or Restoration?” invited panelist (June 2012), “A Critical Analysis of the District Court’s Rulings on Unlawfully Obtained Evidence”
- American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference, Atlanta (November 2011), invited discussant for panel entitled: “Currency and Exchange Regulation: Cases and Consequences in the Colonial and Post-Colonial Eras.”
- American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference, Philadelphia (November 2010): “The Rule of (Martial) Law: Judicial Review, Executive Backlash and the Forced Resignation of Chief Justice McDonnell During the Arab Revolt, 1936”
- Israeli Society for Legal History Annual Conference, Yad Ben Zvi, Jerusalem (October 2010): “Ireland in Palestine: Irish Home Rule, Arab Nationalism and the Rulings of Chief Justice McDonnell During the Arab Revolt, 1936”
- World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies, UAB, Barcelona (July 2010): “Subversive Legalities: The Rule of Law in Mandate Palestine during the Arab Revolt, 1936-1939”
- Invited Panelist, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles (October 2009), Symposium: “The Future of the Exclusionary Rule: An American and International Perspective”
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, Denver CO (May 2009): “Colonial Perceptions of Truthfulness in the Middle East”
- European Forum for Young Legal Historians, Fiesole, Italy (European University Institute, April 2004): “Traditionalizing Prejudice: The Corroboration Requirement in Mandate Palestine”
- American Society for Legal History, Annual Conference, Ottawa (November 2008): “Steps in Shaping Israeli Law” (chair and discussant; panelists P. Lahav, R. Harris and A. Likhvski).
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, Montreal (May 2008): “East Meets West: The Law of Evidence in Mandate Palestine” and “Doctrines Without Borders: The “New” Israeli Exclusionary Rule and the Dangers of Legal Transplantation.”
- Law and History Research Workshop, Humanities Center, Stanford University (May 2008): “Legal Change During the Military Administration In Palestine: 1918-1920”
- Law and History Research Workshop, Humanities Center, Stanford University (June 2007): “Legal Reform During the 1936 Riots in Palestine”
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore (June 2006): “The Judicial Independence of Judges Appointed Temporarily to the Israeli Supreme Court.”