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NORTHEAST



Gur Alroey
Rutgers University, Newark
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
History, Jewish Migration

Dr. Gur Alroey is a Senior Lecturer and Chair of the Land of Israel Studies Program at the University of Haifa. His research focuses on Jewish history and immigration, more specifically the early Zionist movement, the conflict and the Mandate period. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Author of the book *Immigrants: The Jewish Immigration to Palestine in the Early Twentieth Century* (2004), Professor Alroey has also written numerous articles addressing Jewish history and migration. Several of his publications focus on the female role in Jewish migration.



Dana Blander
Tufts University
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Political Science

Dr. Dana Blander is an Academic Coordinator and Researcher at the Israeli Democracy Institute (IDI) in Jerusalem and the editor of IDI's online Magazine "Parliament." Her research focuses on Israeli politics, specifically public opinion and investigation committees. She received her degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, including her Ph.D. in Social Sciences. Her doctoral thesis, "Ambivalence as a Challenge to The Political Order", won the Hebrew University Berger Prize for academic excellence. She has written numerous articles addressing different aspects of Israeli politics, some of which were cited in Supreme Court rulings. Currently, she is co-authoring a book about the Israeli political system.

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Sarina Chen

Northeastern University
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Jewish Studies, Folklore, Jerusalem

Dr. Sarina Chen is a Jewish studies professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her research focuses on Jerusalem, ethnography, Jewish thought, national-religious society in Israel and women and Judaism in modern times. She received her Ph.D. in Jewish Studies from the Hebrew University's Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies. She has written several articles addressing Jewish Studies and Jewish art, including the textbook *Jerusalem and Art* (1996) for a televised course by Israeli Educational Television. She has taught classes on memory and folklore, Jewish culture, women and Judaism, Jewish art and Jerusalem.



Isaac Kfir

Syracuse University
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Political Science, Counter-Terrorism, Law

Dr. Isaac Kfir is a Lecturer of political science and terrorism at the Raphael Racanti International School and Senior Researcher at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. His research focuses on the challenges of Islamic radicalism and terrorism in Pakistan, Britain and East Africa. He received his Ph.D. in International Relations from the London School of Economics. He has written widely for academic journals and newspapers covering a variety of foreign and security affairs issues such as politics and humanitarianism in Zimbabwe. Professor Kfir has taught courses on counter-terrorism, international organizations, state and non-state actors, development in Latin America, Africa and Asia and the role of international intervention and international peacekeeping.



Muli Peleg

Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Political Science, Communications, Cinema and Politics

Dr. Muli Peleg is an Associate Professor at Tel Hai College, an Associate Professor at Netanya College's School of Communication and an Adjunct Professor at Tel Aviv University. In addition, he serves as an advisor to the Peres Peace Center and was a member of then-Prime Minister Ehud Barak's Steering Committee on Multiculturalism. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University. His numerous publications include *Terrorism and the Liberal State: A Multi-variant Approach* (co-editor 2006), *Spreading the Wrath of God: From Gush Emunim to Rabin Square* (1997) and the forthcoming *Ploughshares to Swords: Religious Terrorism in the Contemporary World*. Professor Peleg specializes in comparative politics and political communication, specifically Israeli society, culture and politics, political conflicts and terrorism, cinema and politics and the dynamics of war and peace.

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Nahshon Perez
 Boston University
 Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Political Theory, Israel Studies

Dr. Nahshon Perez is a Professor of political science who spent the 2009-10 academic year as a visiting scholar at UCLA’s Nazarian Center for Israel Studies. His research interests include both Israel Studies and political theory. He received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has written multiple articles and publications addressing illiberal communities, Israeli society and pluralism and market created pressures including “Why Tolerating Illiberal Groups is Often Incoherent: On Internal Minorities, Liberty, 'Shared Understandings' and Skepticism” in *Social Theory and Practice* (2010). Professor Perez is currently working on “Discrimination vs. Permissible Preferential Treatment in U. of Haifa’s Dormitories, or, When Cicero Met *Adalah* in the Cafeteria” for *Israel Affairs*.



Maina Singh
 Fall 2010: Georgetown University
 AICE Visiting Israeli Professor
Indian Jewry

Dr. Maina Chawla Singh is an Associate Professor in the College of Vocational Studies at the University of New Delhi. From 2005 to 2008, Professor Singh researched and lectured in Israel at Bar-Ilan University, the University of Haifa and Tel Aviv University. Her previous research focused on gender and cross-cultural missionary work in colonial India. Professor Singh is the author of the widely acclaimed book *Being Indian, Being Israeli: Migration, Ethnicity and Gender in the Jewish Homeland* (2010).

SOUTHEAST



Ilan Fuchs
 Tulane University
 Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Law, Gender Studies

Dr. Ilan Fuchs is a Professor of secular and religious law at Bar-Ilan University. His research focuses on women in Jewish law as well as general Israeli legal issues. He received his Ph.D. in Law from Bar-Ilan University and received his Rabbinic Ordination from Bar-Ilan University’s Institute for Higher Torah Learning. He clerked at the Israeli Supreme Court for its Registrar, Judge Oded Shaham and Justice Elyakim Rubenstein. He has published several articles addressing women’s rights in Israel, specifically under modern Orthodox law. Professor Fuchs has taught classes on Israeli constitutional law, legal theory, legal writing, Jewish law, Jewish family law and the history of Chasidism.

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Alec Mishory
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Art History

Dr. Alec Mishory is a Lecturer of art history at the Open University in Tel Aviv. He is a well-known author and art critic in Israel and has taught at the prestigious Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem and the State Art Teacher's College. He was a member of the Visual Arts Committee of the Israeli Ministry of Education and Culture's Organization of Cultural Arts. He is widely published in academic journals and his art critiques are featured in newspapers and on Israel Radio. His books include *Still Life: from Depicted Objects to Real Objects* (2008), *Joseph Budko and H.N. Bialik's Complete Works Edition of 1923: Modern Hebrew Poetry and Art in Harmony* (2006) and *Lo and Behold: Visual Aspects of Zionist Myths in Israeli Culture* (2000).



Menachem Mor
University of Virginia
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
History, Ancient Jewish History

Dr. Menachem Mor is a Jewish history scholar and the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Haifa. His research focuses on the Second Temple, Mishnaic and Talmudic periods. He has written scores of scholarly articles and books about the Jews, pagans and Christians of these historic periods. He received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and spent six years as the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization at the Creighton University, a Jesuit university in Omaha. Professor Mor's expertise centers on Jewish revolts in the ancient world, such as the Bar-Kochva Revolt, the topic of his first book, *The Bar-Kochva Revolt – Its Extent and Effect* (1991).

MIDWEST



Sarai Aharoni
University of Michigan
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Gender Studies

Dr. Sarai Aharoni is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and a Research Fellow at the Jerusalem Van-Leer Institute. She received her Ph.D. in Gender Studies from Bar-Ilan University, writing her dissertation on gender perspectives and the participation of Israeli women in formal Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations. She has published articles on gender, peace and conflict in Israel and co-edited the book *Where Are All the Women? U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325: Gender Perspectives of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (2004). She is currently working on *Gender and 'Peace-Work': An Unofficial History of Israeli-Palestinian Formal Peace Negotiations*. Professor Aharoni is one of the founding members of the IWC (International Women's Commission) and has been active in promoting women's rights in Israel as a member of Isha l'Isha- Haifa Feminist Center.

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Tamar Arieli

Indiana University

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

History, Conflict Management, Political Geography, Environmental Challenges

Dr. Tamar Arieli heads the Conflict Management Program at Tel Chai Academic College in Israel and teaches in the political science department at Ashkelon Academic College. Her academic background is in history and political geography, with a specific interest in concepts and processes of conflict management through regional and urban planning in border regions. Recently, she completed her doctoral dissertation, *Bordering on Conflict: An Evaluation of Developing Interdependence along the Israel-Jordan Border*, at Bar-Ilan University. She has written articles addressing methodological aspects of research in conflict zones and both practical and conceptual aspects of borders, such as Israeli-Palestinian commercial and industrial border enterprises, various Israeli-Jordanian cooperative projects and the concept of borders in rabbinical sources.



Ofer Ashkenazi

University of Minnesota

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

History, German Studies, Film

Dr. Ofer Ashkenazi is a Teaching Fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Haifa. His research interests include German-Jewish history, Zionist history and the international peace movement of the interwar years. He received his Ph.D. in History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His numerous publications addressing Zionism, Germany and films include the forthcoming book, *A Walk into the Night: Madness and Subjectivity in Weimar Film*. Many of his classes address the portrayal of national identity in films, particularly in Israel and Germany. Professor Ashkenazi is currently working on a book addressing pre-1948 Jewish sport and body-culture in Palestine.



Rhona Seidelman

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

History, Medicine in Israel

Dr. Rhona Seidelman's field of expertise is in quarantine, disease and immigration in Israel. She received her Ph.D. in Israeli History and the History of Medicine from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and her dissertation is the first scholarly work written on the history of Shaar Haaliya, "Israel's Ellis Island." She has published widely on the subject of health and immigration in Israeli history. Her recent publications include "Immigrants, Disease and the Zionist Ethos" in *Ha'aretz* (2009) and "That I Won't Translate: The Experiences of a Family-Member Medical Interpreter in a Multi-Cultural Environment" in the *Mt. Sinai Journal of Medicine* (with Bachner, forthcoming). Professor Seidelman challenges conventional definitions of quarantine and highlights the contradictions involved in the quarantine of immigrants during Israel's foundational years. She uses the issues of health, disease and medicine as an entry into discussion on belonging, exclusion and power.

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WEST

Gideon Aran

Fall 2010: San Francisco State University
Spring 2011: University of California, Berkeley
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor
Sociology, Ideological Communities, Extremism

Dr. Gideon Aran is a Scholion Scholar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Interdisciplinary Research Center in Jewish Studies. His research interests include extremism, fundamentalism and zealotry, Israeli subcultures, modern Israeli mythology, terrorism and the relationship between religion and politics. He has written many articles addressing the Israeli settlements and mystic and messianic themes. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology and Anthropology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is currently researching "The Other Side of Suicide Bombing: Religion, Body and Death in Judaism and the Middle East" as well as writing a book, *Jewish Zealotry*. Courses he has taught include Religion and Society; Fundamentalism in Christianity; Islam and Judaism; Zionist Mythology and Israeli Political Culture; Israeli Judaism; Terrorism and Suicide Terrorism.



Gil Ariely

Spring 2011: California State University, Chico
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor
Political Science, Counter-Terrorism, Knowledge Management

Dr. Gil Ariely is the CKO (Chief Knowledge Officer) of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and a Senior Researcher at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. He initiated the field of Operational Knowledge Management in the IDF Ground Forces in 2001 and helped lead the efforts of learning during fighting in the 2006 war in Lebanon. He was the first CKO of the Ground Forces IDF and has written the Army's first doctrine book on Operational Knowledge Management and Learning. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Westminster, London. Professor Ariely lectures on Operational Knowledge Management and Learning during fighting at the High Command Academic Courses of the IDF and at other international academic forums. He has consulted on Knowledge Management and Intellectual Capital to large organizations and government services around the world.



Arie Dubnov

Stanford University
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor
European History, Jewish History, Zionism

Dr. Arie Dubnov is a Lecturer of history at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research interests focus on modern intellectual history, with an emphasis on the history of Zionism in comparison to other European nationalisms and the history of British liberal thought. He has written several articles, many of which address Isaiah Berlin, Jacob Talmon, Jewish nationalism and Zionism. He received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and has taught classes there as well as at the Open University of Israel and Stanford University. Courses Professor Dubnov recently taught include What is Anti-Semitism?; History of the Zionist Movement; European History 1914-1945 Through the Lens of Popular Cinema and Tel Aviv: State, City, Symbol.

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Menachem Hofnung

University of California, Irvine
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Political Science, Law, National Security

Dr. Menachem Hofnung is a Professor of political science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research covers national security and civil liberties, constitutional politics and comparative political finance. He taught at the University of California at Irvine, San Francisco State University, the University of Florida at Gainesville and Moscow State University and was a Research Fellow at the Center for Law and Society at the University of California at Berkeley. He was President of the Israeli Law and Society Association (2007-2010) and served as Chair of the International Political Science Association Research Committee on Political Finance (2006-2009). Professor Hofnung was also a member of the National Commission on the Structure of Governmental Administration in Israel (Magidor Commission, 2006). He has published many articles addressing the politics of elections and serves as the referee for several scholarly journals.



Aziza Khazzoom

Spring 2011: University of California, Davis
Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor
Sociology, Gender Studies

Dr. Aziza Khazzoom was a Professor of sociology at UCLA from 2000 to 2007. She is an expert in the ethnic diversity of Israel and was awarded the Fleg Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research focuses on the multifaceted ethnic composition of Israeli society and how well those groups blend together to form an Israeli identity. She concentrates on Jews from Middle Eastern countries, especially Iraq, as well as women's socialization and modernization from among those traditional cultures. Professor Khazzoom has been widely published in scholarly journals in addition to authoring the book *Shifting Ethnic Boundaries and Inequality in Israel: Or, How the Polish Peddler Became a German Intellectual* (2008).



Zach Levey

University of Colorado
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
International Relations, Arab-Israeli Conflict, Israel-U.S. Relations

Dr. Zach Levey is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Haifa. His research focuses on international history, the Cold War, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the foreign policies of Israel, the United States and Britain. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His publications include *Israel and the Western Powers, 1952-1960* (1997) and *Israel in Africa: 1956-1973* (forthcoming). Professor Levey serves on the peer review committees of the following academic journals: *Civil Wars*, *Diplomatic History*, *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *The Journal of Contemporary History*, *The Journal of Israeli History*, and *The Journal of Strategic Studies*. His published work focuses on Israel's relations with the United States, Great Britain and Africa.

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David Mendelsson

Hebrew Union College and University of Southern California
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
History, Education

Dr. David Mendelsson is the Director of Israel Studies at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and lectures at the Rothberg International School at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His research interests focus on Jewish education in both private and public schools. He received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University's Department of Contemporary Jewry, the subject of which was the History of Jewish Education in England from 1944-1988. He has been a scholar-in-residence at Brandeis University, Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and at Michigan State University. Professor Mendelsson's most recent publication is an article in the *History of Education* on Embracing Jewish Day School Education in England 1965-79.



Oren Meyers

San Diego State University
Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor
Communications, Holocaust Studies

Dr. Oren Meyers is a Lecturer in the Department of Communication at the University of Haifa. His research interests focus on journalistic practices and values, Israeli collective memory, popular culture and the security discourse in Israeli society. He received his Ph.D. in Communications from the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication. Professor Meyers' recent publications include "The Engine's in the Front, But its Heart's in the Same Place: Advertising, Nostalgia and the Construction of Commodities as Realms of Memory" in *The Journal of Popular Culture* (2009), "Prime Time Commemoration: An Analysis of Television Broadcasts on Israel's Memorial Day for the Holocaust and the Heroism" in the *Journal of Communication* (2009 - with Eyal Zandberg & Motti Neiger) and "Expanding the Scope of Paradigmatic Research in Journalism Studies: The Case of Early Mainstream Israeli Journalism and Its Discontents" in *Journalism* (forthcoming).