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**EDUCATION:**

**New York University**, New York, New York

Ph. D. History, 1999: **Dissertation Committee:** **Anson Rabinbach, Jerrold Seigel, Tony Judt**

## M.A. History, 1990

**Colorado College**, Colorado Springs, Colorado

B.A. History and Philosophy, June 1985

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### California State University San Bernardino 2003 to Present

Professor of History

COLORADO COLLEGE 2001-2003

## Visiting Assistant Professor of History

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## STETSON UNIVERSITY 2000 – 2001

Visiting Assistant Professor of History

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Adjunct Professor of History

POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY 1992-94

Adjunct Professor of History

## NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 1990-94

Graduate Teaching Assistant

**HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

* Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, 1995
* Graduate Teaching Fellow, New York University, 1990-94
* Robert Lewis Walker Scholarship, 1984
* Social Science Research Grant, Colorado College 2002 and 2003
* Professional Development Grant CSUSB 2004 and 2006
* Teaching and Learning Center Grant CSUSB 2004, 2005 and 2006
* Silbermann Seminar Participant USHMM Spring 2006
* Summer Research Grant CSUSB 2006
* Hess Seminar Participant USHMM Winter 2009
* Kandersteg Seminar Participant Spring 2012

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**BOOKS:**

*Viktor Frankl: Das Ende eines Mythos?* Boltzmann Institut für Geschichte und Gesellschaft, Vienna: Studienverlag, Innsbruck – Vienna – Munich, 2005.

*Viktor Frankl’s Search for Meaning: An Emblematic 20th-Century Life,* New York: Berghahn Books, October 2015.

**BLOG:**

*On Authoritarian Therapy: Or my Journey as a Scholar of the Holocaust. For Psychology Today* <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/authoritarian-therapy>

**ARTICLES:**

“Was nicht in seinen Büchern steht: Viktor Frankl und seine Auto-Biographie,

*Werkblatt: Zeitschrift für Psychoanalyse und Gesellschaftskritik*, Nr.39, 1997 pp. 95-121.

Translated by Joe Berghold.

"Reply to Vorsitzender der Gesellschaft für Logotherapie und Existenzanalyse Alfred Längle,"

*Werkblatt: Zeitschrift für Psychoanalyse und Gesellschatkritik*, Nr. 41, 1999 pp.134-38.

“The Missing Pieces of the Puzzle: A Reflection on the Odd Career of Viktor Frankl,”

*Journal of Contemporary History* Vol. 35 No.2 April 2000 pp. 281-306.

“The Genesis of Viktor Frankl’s Third Viennese School of Psychotherapy,”

*The Psychoanalytic Review*, 88 (2), April 2001 pp.311-334.

“Viktor Frankl – Opposing Views”

*Journal of Contemporary History* Vol. 37 No.1 January 2002 pp. 105-113

“Redeeming the Unredeemable: Auschwitz and Man’s Search for Meaning,”

*Holocaust and Genocide Studies,* Vol. 17, No.1, (Spring 2003).

“Viktor Frankl”in *Holocaust Literature,* S. Lillian Kremer ed., New York: Routledge Press, 2003*.*

“Typology of Gray Flowers: Levi and Frankl on Surviving Auschwitz,”in *The Legacy of Primo Levi,* edited by Stanislao G. Pugliese, New York: Palgrave Macmillian 2004.

“Viktor Frankl’s Auschwitz” in *Beyond Camps and Forced Labour. Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution*, Steinert, Johannes-Dieter and Weber-Newth, Inge eds. London: Secolo, 2004.

“Transcending the Angel Beast: Viktor Frankl and the American Humanistic Psychology Movement” in *Psychoanalytic Psychology,* Vol. 23, No. 3, (Summer 2006).

“Extreme Experience, Psychological Insight and Holocaust Perception: Reflections on Bettelheim and Frankl” ” in *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, Vol. 24, No. 4 (October 2007)

“Weighing Genocide” in *Hate Crimes: Understanding and Defining Hate Crime* V. 1, edited by Barbara Perry and Brian Levin, Westport: Praeger, 2009.

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**ARTICLES (continued):**

“After Auschwitz What is a Good Death? A Reflection on the Deaths of Primo Levi and Jean Améry” in *Answering Auschwitz: Primo Levi’s Science and Humanism after the Fall* edited by Stanislao G. Pugliese, Fordham University Press.

“Shame and Beyond Shame: Reflections on Primo Levi and Tasdeuz Borowski” in *New German Critique* No. 117 Fall 2012.

“Viktor Frankl’s All-Too-Austrian-Life” in *Contemporary Austrian Studies,* vol. XXI edited by Günter Bischof and Fritz Plasser eds. UNO Press/Innsbruck University Press, 2012.

“Viktor Frankl’s Spiritualized Survival” in *Europe in the Eyes of Survivors of the Holocaust* edited by Zeev Mankowitz, David Weinberg and Sharon Kangisser Cohen. Diana Zborowski Center for the Study of the Aftermath of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem, 2014.

#### BOOK REVIEWS:

“Meaning, Myth and the Biography of Viktor Frankl: A Review of Haddon Klingberg Jr.’s, *When Life Calls Out to Us: The Love and Lifework of Viktor and Elly Frankl* and Alfred Längle’s, *Viktor Frankl: Ein Porträt*.” *The Psychoanalytic Review*, 91 (2), April 2004 pp. 289-296.

“Too Big for History - - But not Too Big for Blame” A Review of Moishe Postone and Eric Santner, eds. *Catastrophe and Meaning: The Holocaust and the Twentieth Century.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003. Published by H-German (June 2005) http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=253651124314015

#### A Review of *Jung Stripped Bare by His Biographers, Even* by Sonu Shamdansi. *Bullentin of the History of Medicine, John Hopkins University Press (Spring 2006).*

#### “The Horror of the Strange Defeat: The Shock and Awe of Warrior Barbarians” a review of *Massacre at Oradour: France, 1944 Coming to Grips with Terror* by Jean-Jacques Fouche. Translated by David Sices and James B. Atkinson. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2005. Published by H-Genocide http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=255241169491397 (December 2006).

#### “Romancing the Fin de Siécle” a review of *Sacred Spring: God and the Birth of Modernism in Fin de Siécle Vienna* by Robert Weldon Whalen. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007. H-German http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showpdf.php?id=14091 January 2008.

“How Jewish was Freud?” a review of *On Freud's Jewish Body: Mitigating Circumcisions* by Jay Geller. New York: Fordham University Press, 2007. H-German, H-Net Reviews. July, 2009. URL: http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=24933.

Review of *Revolution in Mind: The Creation of Psychoanalysis*. by George

Makari, New York: Harper/Harper Collins, 2008. In *Central European History* Volume 42 Number 2, June 2009 p.345-47.

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**BOOK REVIEWS (continued):**

“Jewish” Modernism?” a review of. *Viennese Jewish Modernism: Freud, Hofmannsthal, Beer-Hofmann, and Schnitzler* by Abigail Gillman. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009. H-German, H-Net Reviews. February, 2010.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

"Death and the Twentieth Century Sense of Self,"

Faculty Works in Progress Seminar, The Cooper Union May 1, 1996.

Interview: "Vom Sinn des Leidens Logotherapie - Viktor Frankls Antwort auf die Psychoanalyse," Rüdiger Sommerling, German Radio New York, 3/13/98**.** Broadcast: 3/25/98 Hessischer Rundfunk by Ulfried Geuter.

"The Ambiguous Past: Viktor Frankl and Reconciliation in the Face of Auschwitz,"

Midwest Jewish Studies Conference, Chicago, IL. October 18, 1998.

"Viktor Frankl and Medical Practice under National Socialism,"

The Richardson History of Psychiatry Seminar, New York Hospital, October 21, 1998.

“Trauma, Guilt and Redemptive Meaning in Viktor Frankl’s Holocaust,”

The Richardson History of Psychiatry Seminar, New York Hospital, September 22, 1999

“Auschwitz, Redemptive Meaning and Viktor Frankl,”

Millersville University’s 20th Annual Holocaust Conference, Millersville University, April 3, 2000.

“’First Victims’ Reconciled: Waldheim, Haider and Frankl,”

German Studies Association 24th Annual Conference, Houston, Texas October 6, 2000.

“Governments in Theory and Practice” (Chair)

Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, University of Central Florida, April 7, 2001.

“Typology of Gray Flowers: Levi and Frankl on Surviving Auschwitz”

If This is a Man: Life and Legacy of Primo Levi, Hofstra Cultural Center, Long Island, New York October, 24 2002

“Redeeming the Unredeemable: How I Came to Criticize a Holocaust Survivor,”

European History Seminar, Fordham University, October 24, 2002

“Viktor Frankl and National Socialism in Germany and Austria,”

American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 4, 2003.

“The Gray Zone: Viktor Frankl’s Auschwitz,”

Beyond Camps and Forced Labour: Current International Research on Survivors of Nazi Persecution,"

The Imperial War Museum, London, January 31, 2003.

“Extreme Experience and Psychological Insight,”

The Richardson History of Psychiatry Seminar, New York Hospital, March 17, 2004.

“Shades of Gray: Survival and Ambiguity in Bettelheim and Frankl”

Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, San Diego, March 29, 2004.

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**PRESENTATIONS (continued):**

“Hero-Saint-Sinner: The Ambiguities of Viktor Frankl

Congregation Dor-Hadash San Diego California, May 10, 2004

“Transcending the Angel Beast: Viktor Frankl and Humanistic Psychology”

The Richardson History of Psychiatry Seminar, New York Hospital, March 3, 2005

“Man’s Search for Transcendence: Viktor Frankl and American Humanistic Psychology”

Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, Tucson, Arizona, March 13, 2005

“Popularized Suffering: Viktor Frankl’s Logotherapy in America”

Popular Culture Association National Conference, San Diego, California March 23, 2005.

“Death and Survival in Amery and Levi”

Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery: Images of Power

Colorado Springs, Colorado March 9, 2006.

“After Auschwitz: ‘To be or not to be’”

Western Jewish Studies Association, Long Beach California March 19, 2006

“Suicide Brings on Many Changes” Lessons and Legacies: International Conference

On the Holocaust: Memory, History, and Responsibility: Reassessments of the Holocaust,

Implications for the Future, Claremont McKenna College November 4, 2006.

“Austrian Jews Respond to Nazism Bettelheim, Amery and Frankl”

Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, Portland Oregon, March 18, 2007.

“Levi, Amery and Suicide”

Answering Auschwitz: Primo Levi’s Science and Humanism after the Fall

Hofstra University New York, April 26, 2007

“Impending Threat: Austrian Jews Respond to Nazism”

German Studies Association, San Diego, California, October 4-7, 2007

“Rethinking Holocaust Testimony: Primo Levi and Tadseuz Borowski”

Western Jewish Studies Association Conference, Los Angeles, April 6, 2008

“Genocide and Discontent”

American Historical Association, New York, January 5, 2009

“Oedipal Tension and Group Laughter: Reconsidering Primo Levi and Tasdeuz Borowski

Richardson History of Psychiatry Research Seminar, Cornell Hospital, New York, March 18, 2009

“Revisiting ‘Holocaust Laughter’: Reflections on Tadeusz Borowski”

Western Jewish Studies Association, University of Denver, Denver, Co, April 25, 2009

“Ethics in Light of the Holocaust” Panel Chair, Western Jewish Studies Association,

Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona March 15, 2010

“Shame and Beyond Shame: Reflections on Levi and Borowski”

Conflict and Crisis in 20th -Century Europe: Conference in Honor of Anson Rabinbach

Deutsches Haus, Columbia University, New York, NY May 1, 2010

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**PRESENTATIONS (continued):**

Roundtable, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Regional Education Summit, San Diego, Ca. October 27to 29, 2010.

The ‘Muzelman’, Shame and Versions of Survival: Reflections on the Life and Work of Tadeusz Borowski” Eleventh Biennial Lessons and Legacies Conference on the Holocaust, Florida Atlantic University November 4-7, 2010.

“Tony Judt as Teacher,” Kandersteg Seminar, Sponsored by the Remarque Institute. Kandersteg, Switzerland, April 6 to 10, 2011.

“Courage to Remember – Courage to Act,” Presentation at the opening reception for the traveling exhibit *The Courage to Remember the Holocaust*, Pfau Library California State University, May 1, 2012.

“Tribute to Professor Lawrence Baron, Western Jewish Studies Association, Loyola Marymount University, April 8, 2013.

“Crisis, European Union and Global Citizenship,” Eighth International Conference on the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, July 30 to August 1, 2014.

Is Modernity Inherently Genocidal? Conversations on Diversity, California State University San Bernardino October 28, 2014.

“Revisiting Lawrence Langer’s *Preempting the Holocaust,*” Western Jewish Studies Association

Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA March 26-27, 2017

“Viktor Frankl’s Search for Meaning” Podcast with Raj Persaud Royal College of Psychiatry, January 23, 2018 <http://www.psychiatrycpd.co.uk/default.aspx?page=27337>

“Revisiting George Mosse’s Nationalism and Sexuality in Light of Genocide Studies” Western Jewish Studies Association, California State University San Bernardino (Palm Desert Campus), May 5-6 2019.

“Nazi Concentration and Death Camps” Panel Chair Western Jewish Studies Association, California State University San Bernardino (Palm Desert Campus), May 5-6 2019.

Current Research on the Holocaust in Germany, Bohemia-Moravia, and Hungary” Panel Chair Western Jewish Studies Association March 28-29 2021 online.