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ACADEMIC TRAINING

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| Columbia Univ. | Ph.D. | | 1981 |
| Political Psychology Dissertation: German Jews, Political Engagement and Political Re-socialization | | | |
| Columbia U., SIPA | M.Phil. | | 1974 |
| Intl. Affairs Certificate, Middle East Studies | | | |
| Focus: The rise of Arab nationalism, modernization and national development. Survey research in Syria | | | |
| UCLA School of Management | | | 1971-72 |
| Studies toward M.B.A. in business and management, strategic planning, and organizational psychology with additional study at the Center for Evaluation. | | | |
| Columbia Univ. | M.A. | Political Science | 1972 |
| Focus on German Nationalism, 1900-1945 | | | |
| UCLA | B.A. | | 1970 |
| Political Science/Psychology | | | |
| Hebrew University | | | |
| Specializing in Comparative Politics | | | |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service 2008-
Henry and Marilyn Taub Professor of Practice in Public Service and Leadership. Focus on social justice community organizing and advocacy as a means to address public policy issues. Collaborative impact research on Identity, Marginalization and Grit as well as faith-based communities and faith leader civic engagement training to promote civil discourse and constructive national and international policy. Faculty Director, Dual Degree program for Jewish communal professionals as well as the Advocacy and Political Action specialization. Co-Founder Wagner SEAD – Social Justice, Equity and Democracy Project.

Courses Developed and Taught:

- MPSO – developed present structure and syllabus
- Identity, Policy and Politics
- Community Organizing and Advocacy
- Advocacy Lab- Collaborations with Make the Road, Center for Popular Democracy, JustLeadershipUSA, The Innocence Project

DME Consulting

1999-

Organizational consultant for corporate and NGO organizations specializing in building community-wide coalitions and leadership training institutes with a focus on institutional change as well as branding and marketing as a mission-driven activity. Developed a model of collaborative inquiry and engagement to address tough issues. Consulted and delivered a variety of services to community organizing efforts across North America by creating teams of talent and expertise with a focus on interfaith mobilization on issues such as workers rights, immigration and peace.

Israel Policy Forum

2006-2007

Executive Director of a progressive pro-peace, pro-Israel organization. Led diplomatic missions, lobbying efforts, publications and political coalitions to support peace efforts. Led alternative model negotiations with senior leaders (foreign ministers, kings, prime ministers and cabinet members) in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Palestine and Morocco.

American Jewish Committee

2003-2006

U.S. Director of Interreligious Affairs responsible for coalition building around conflict issues such as *The Passion of the Christ*, immigration reform, Middle East peace. German-Jewish reconciliation
Represented the Jewish community in negotiations with the Vatican, the National and World Councils of Churches, Religions for Peace and in Coalitions with the Mainline Protestant churches.

CLAL- Vice-President and COO

1984-1999

The National Center for Learning and Leadership

Managed the rapid growth of a start-up multi-denominational institute that grew from a two-class enterprise in NYC to a North American Jewish institution that served over ninety communities in a wide array of activist leadership programs.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND PROJECTS

- Executive Leadership Training, Legacy Heritage Foundation
- Producer, *The Passengers* - the story of Ethiopian Jews' search for home
- Co-Sponsor, multiple programs, with the EKIR, Palestinians and Israeli Jewish leaders in Germany, Jerusalem and the United States
- MLK Faculty Award 2013 NYU
- Multi-Foundation grants, Baby Boomers, Public Service and Minority Communities
- Scholar in Residence, University at Tuebingen, 2008
- Meyerhoff Foundation Grant, Baby Boomers and Public Service 2012
- Ford Foundation, Freedom of Expression Grant, Religious Leaders, Civil Discourse and Democracy 2012,
- COJECO, Synergy Project, Training Faith-Based leaders, 2014, Fall, 2016

- SYNERGY, Empty-Nesters and Synagogue Affiliation, 2014
- Rockland County Federation, Synagogue Affiliation, 2014
- Ford Foundation, Freedom of Expression Grant, Understanding Difficult Conversations, 2015, 17
- Innovation Fund Grant, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, Boomer Engagement and Affiliation, 2015, 2016, 2017
- NYU Curricular Grant, Managing Ethical Organizations, 2015
- Teams in Difficult Conversations, a Study of Wagner's Capstone Teams, with Erica Foldy, 2015-16, 17
- Boomers and Engagement, Covenant Foundation, June, 2016 conference
- Littauer Foundation Grant for Dual Degree Program

PUBLICATIONS

Faith, Nationalism and the Future of Democracy (Notre Dame Press, anticipated March, 2021)

Perseverance Despite the Perception of Threat and Marginalization: Students' High Grit in Grad School and Implications for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Higher Education with Erica Foldy, Anindya Kundu and Amanda Winer, *Journal for the Study of Postsecondary and Tertiary Education*, May, 2020

Why evangelicals are OK with voting for Roy Moore, LA Times, Houston Chronicle, Chicago Tribune, AP December 11, 2017

Flexibility in American Religious Life: An Exploration of Loyalty and Purity with J. Andrew Sinclair, Policy Sciences, Feb, 2017

Religious Leadership, Civil Discourse and Democracy in the Public Square, <http://wagner.nyu.edu/leadership/research/public>

Directed Community Studies: Baby Boomers, Faith Communities and Voluntary Association:

- Rockland County, NY 2014
- Westchester County, NY 2015
- Palm Beach County, Florida 2016
- Canadian Jewish Community 2017

Can Democracy Survive Democracy?, Book Review, PAR, June 2014

Generations and Re-Generation: Engagement and Fidelity in 21st Century American Jewish Life, RCLA, 2014

Service-Learning and Baby Boomers: An Emerging Opportunity or a Best-Missed Chance? Journal of Jewish Communal Service, Volume 87, Nos. 1/2, Winter/Spring 2012

Baby Boomers, Public Service and Minority Communities: A Case Study of the Jewish Community in the United States, RCLA/BJPA monograph, 2010

“Meeting the Other: Judaism, Pluralism and Truth ,” in **Criteria Of Discernment In Interreligious Dialogue**, Cascade, Eugene, OR: 2009

“Five Introspective Challenges,” in J. Shawn Landres and Michael Berenbaum, eds. **After The Passion is Gone: American Religious Consequences**. Walnut Creek: Alta Mira, 2005.

A Sacred Journey: The Jewish Quest for a Perfect World, Jason Aronson:1996

Selected articles (prior to coming to NYU):

A Matter of Principle, Compass, Fall, 1979

Bitburg, Memory and Identity, Sh’ma, 1988

On Church and State, Sh’ma, 1988

Ethics and Judaism, The Forward, 1988

Perspectives on Unity, CLAL, ed., 1986

The Ethics of Power: Two Views, CLAL, with Irving Greenberg, 1988

War and Global Politics, CAJE, 1991

Sibling Rivalry, Sibling Love: Israel-North American Jewish Relations, CLAL/UJA, 1991

Renewing the Covenant in the Face of Unbearable Pain, with Irwin Kula, CLAL, 1995

Re-telling the Story: The New Israeli Historians, Middle East Insight, Winter, 1999

The Ethical Organization, with Michael Gottsegen, CLAL, 1999

The New World of Civic Engagement, The Jewish Public Forum, 2001

Conflicting Messages, Middle East Insight, Winter, 2002

The Ethics and Morality of War: War and Peace in Jewish Tradition,

<http://www.caje.org/war/war-elcott.htm>

What’s Jewish?, AJC, 2005 (Spanish version *Ser Judío?*)

“Is U.S. Support for Israel the Main Obstacle to Peace”, *Congressional Quarterly*, Oct, 2006

Explorers of New Worlds: Building Community in a post-Modern Age, CLAL/UJC (revised 2007)

The Limits of Friendship, Sh’ma, May, 2007

*Testimonies from **Multifaith Hearing** on Conversion*, Lariano (Italy), May 12-16, 2006, Oikoumene, no. 50, Feb., 2008

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND CITATIONS (2016-18):

- Editorial Board, *International Journal of Public Leadership*
- Editorial Board, *Studies In Judaism, Humanities and the Social Sciences*
- [Trump’s presidency challenges millennials in NYC to become more politically active](#)
- Convenings of international Faith Leaders addressing rise of nationalism and alt-right political parties and extreme religion, Israel-Palestine and Bonn, Germany, 2017
- Canadian Jewish Congress, Montreal, keynote, 2016
- [Synod, Protestant Church of Germany, keynote, “Thinking About Never Again,” Dusseldorf, January, 2016](#)

- Africa News TV – multiple appearances, 2016
- Keystone Fellowship, Executive Leadership Training, Conference on Émigrés from the Former Soviet Union, NYC, organizer and trainer, 2015-2017
- Fundraising University, “Managing an Ethical Campaign,” NYC, 2015
- NYU, Social Justice Community Organizing Intensive Training, NYC
- Facilitator, Training on Religious Leadership, Civil Discourse and Democracy, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley and Salt Lake City, LDS Church
- Facilitator, Training on Religious Leadership, Civil Discourse and Democracy, Archdiocese, Los Angeles
- Facilitator, Training on Religious Leadership, Civil Discourse and Democracy, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles

UNIVERSITY

Convenings:

Mohammed Darawshe Equality and Diversity in Israel and Palestine