

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2026 (anticipated). University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology
Dissertation: *The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Colonial Settlement, Splintered Sovereignty, and the Making of an Injurious Alliance*
Committee: Aliza Luft (chair), Rogers Brubaker, Kevan Harris, Areej Sabbagh-Khoury
- C.Phil. 2024. University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology
Field exams: Political Sociology and Economic Sociology
Methodologies: comparative-historical, ethnographic
- M.A. 2022. University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology
Thesis: "Migration as Contentious Politics: *Gegenwart* Struggle and Colonizational Preparedness in the North American 'Hechalutz' Settlement Movement, 1905–1953"
Committee: Aliza Luft and Cecilia Menjivar
- B.A. 2020 (magna cum laude). New York University, Gallatin School, Sociology
Colloquium committee: Kimberly McClain DaCosta, George Shulman, Sybil Cooksey

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative-historical sociology
Political sociology
Colonial settlement
Violence and war
Social theory

POSITIONS

- Graduate Research Assistant to Areej Sabbagh-Khoury, University of California, Berkeley 2020–
and Hebrew University of Jerusalem (remunerated)
–Research, writing, translating, editing, grant writing, and consulting
–Investigator on Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Distinguished Scholar
Grants (2022-2023, 2023-2024), "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea:
Disintegration and Intracommunal Violence Among the Palestinians in Israel and
East Jerusalem"

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Junior Library Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute 2025–2026
Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation (\$25,000) 2025–2026
Richard Sutch Graduate Student Travel Grant, Social Science History Association 2025
International Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA International Institute (\$1,000) 2025
Bluma Appel Travel Grant, UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies (\$3,000) 2025
Graduate Research Stipend, Sady and Ludwig Kahn Chair Fund, UCLA Department of
History (\$7,500) 2024
Travel Grant, UCLA Center for Near East Studies (\$500) 2024
International Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA International Institute (\$1,200) 2024
Dissertation Research Grant, American Academy for Jewish Research (\$4,000) 2024
Bluma Appel Research Travel Grant, UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies (\$2,500) 2024
Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar, Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced 2024

Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education/UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Summer Advanced Arabic (\$7,500 + \$1000 travel grant)	2023
Doctoral Student Travel Grant for Conferences, Professional Development and Off-Campus Research (DTG), UCLA Graduate Division (\$1,000)	2023
Alan D. Leve Endowment for Student Excellence Grant, UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies (\$2,500)	2023
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education/UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies, A/Y Intermediate Yiddish (\$33,000, declined)	2023–2024
Summer Language Study Grant, UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies (\$3,000)	2023
Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division (\$32,000)	2023–2024
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division (\$6,000)	2023
Travel Grant, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Northwestern University (\$700)	2023
Fellow, Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization, Holocaust Educational Foundation, Northwestern University	2023
Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for European and Russian Studies (\$5,000)	2022
Chaskel & Sara Roter Research Grant, UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies (\$2,500)	2022
Yiddish Summer Fellowship, The Naomi Foundation (\$950)	2022
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education/UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Summer Advanced Arabic (declined)	2022
Bluma Appel Research Grant, UCLA Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies (\$2,500)	2021–2022
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education/UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, Academic Year Intermediate Arabic (\$33,000)	2021–2022
Fein & Lapidus Fellowship, American Jewish Historical Society (\$1,000)	2021
Graduate stipend, UCLA Graduate Division (\$5,525)	2021–2022
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division (\$6,000)	2021
Doctoral Fellowship, UCLA Department of Sociology	2020–2026
Dean's Award for Graduating Seniors, NYU Gallatin (\$2,000)	2020
Undergraduate Research Fund Award, NYU Gallatin (\$1,000)	2019–2020
Dean's Award for Summer Research, NYU Gallatin (\$2,500)	2018–2019
Jewish Studies Grant, NYU Gallatin (\$1,200)	2018–2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

Excellence in Teaching Award, UCLA Department of Sociology	2023
Service Award, UCLA Department of Sociology	2023
Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA Department of Sociology	2023
Silton Undergraduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA Department of Sociology	2022
Senior Thesis Highest Honors, NYU Gallatin	2020
Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Academic Excellence Graduation Award, NYU Gallatin	2020
NYU Founders' Day Award, University Honors Scholar, New York University	2020
Academic Scholarship, NYU Gallatin	2016–2020
Spring Award, NYU Gallatin (\$7,800)	2020
Dean's Honor Society, NYU Gallatin (Portugal)	2019–2020
Dean's Conference Fund Award, NYU Gallatin (\$750)	2019
Dean's Honor Society, NYU Gallatin (New Zealand)	2018–2019
Dean's List, New York University	2017–2020
New York University Global Pathways Scholarship (\$1,600)	2017

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Weinger, Joseph Kaplan. "Migration as Contentious Politics: Gegenwart Struggle and Colonialization Preparedness in the North American 'Hechalutz' Settlement Movement, 1905–1953." *Social Science History* 49(3): 585–619. <https://doi.org/10.1017/ssh.2025.10095>. 2025
- Weinger, Joseph Kaplan. "'One is a Frontier': Settler Migration as Transmogrification." *Sociological Forum* 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.70020>. 2025
- Weinger, Joseph Kaplan. "Digital Hyperconnectivity and the Queer Self." *Sociology Compass* 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.70142>. 2025

In Progress

- "Role Collapse: The Israeli Settler–State Compact and Pathways to Hybrid Domination in the Occupied West Bank." *American Journal of Sociology*. Re&R
- "Methodological Partisanship in Conflict Ethnography" *Under review*
- "Colonization in the Digital Age: Israeli Settlement and the Affordances of Hyperconnectivity" (with Areej Sabbagh-Khoury) *Working paper*
- "Primitive Accumulation and the Political Economy of Occupation: The Proletarianization of Palestinian Shepherding Post-Oslo" *Work in progress*
- "Settling Gaza, Past, Present, and Future: Colonialism and Embedded Autonomy" *Work in progress*

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- Weinger, Joseph Kaplan. "A Life That is Not a Life." *New York Review of Books*. 2025
<https://www.nybooks.com/online/2025/09/05/a-life-that-is-not-a-life-avdab-hathaleen/>.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- "Role Collapse: The Mechanisms of Hybrid Domination and Violence in the Contemporary Occupied Territories." Paper presentation, Politics of the Middle East, Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Chicago. November 22. 2025
- "Role Collapse: Mechanisms of Hybrid Domination in the Occupied West Bank." Political Sociology and the Global South Working Group, UCLA Department of Sociology. January 16. 2025
- Co-organizer, Panel on Colonial Legacies in Comparative Perspective, Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada. October 31–Nov 3. 2024
- "The Mechanisms of Hybrid Sovereignty." Paper presentation and Discussant, panel on New Developments in Political Sociology: Reimagining State Power, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montréal, Canada. August 9–13. 2024
- "Splintered Sovereignty and Colonial Genocide: Modulations in Perpetration." Paper presentation, Ninth International Conference of the International Network of Genocide Scholars, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. June 23–26. 2024
- "The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Colonial Settlement, Splintered Sovereignty, and the Fluctuations of an Injurious Alliance." Political Sociology and the Global South Working Group, UCLA Department of Sociology. May 31. 2024
- Problem Solving Sociology Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop, Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University, Friday. May 10. 2024
- "The Phenomenon of Settler Soldiers." Panelist, Palestinian-led Coresistance in Masafer Yatta, Center for Jewish Nonviolence and Vashti Media. April 7. 2024
- "Splintered Sovereignty and the De-Monopolization of Legitimate Violence in Colonial State Formation and Expansion." Paper presentation, panel on State Power and State Development: Bureaucracy and Political Violence, Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. 2023

"Redefining Colonial State Formation: Splintered Sovereignty and the De-Monopolization of Legitimate Violence." Paper presentation, panel on Conquest and Colonial Violence, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.	2023
"Towards a Sociology of Contentious Migration." Paper presentation, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Sacramento, CA. April 7-10.	2022
"From Social Movement to Spatial Movement: Gegenwart Struggle and Colonizational Preparedness in the North American 'Hechalutz' Movement." Paper presentation, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY/Virtual. February 25.	2022
"Crisis as Political Opportunity: Contentious Politics in the American Hechalutz, 1905-1953." Paper presentation, 10th Annual Indiana University Jewish Studies Graduate Student Association Conference, February 3-4.	2022
"Migration as Contentious Politics: Gegenwart Struggle and Colonizational Preparedness in the North American 'Hechalutz' Settlement Movement, 1905–1953." Paper workshop, Working Group for Political Sociology and the Global South, UCLA Department of Sociology.	2021
"Transmogrifying 'Our Roots.'" Paper presentation, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Virtual. March 17.	2021

TEACHING

Reader, Israel's Minority Politics in a Comparative Perspective	Winter 2024
Teaching Associate, Introductory Sociology (Prof. Andrés Villarreal)	Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Sociology (Prof. Rogers Brubaker)	Spring 2023
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Sociology (Prof. Andrés Villarreal)	Winter 2023
Teaching Associate, Introductory Sociology (Prof. Andrés Villarreal)	Fall 2022

SERVICE

Departmental

-Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, Junior and Senior Lines	2023–2024
-Faculty Liaison, Sociology Graduate Student Association	2023–2024
-Coordinator, Political Sociology and the Global South Working Group	2022–2024
-Coordinator, Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis	2022–2024
-Graduate mentor, UCLA Sociology Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program	2021–2024

External

-Member, Academic Council, Jewish Voice for Peace	2025–
-Steering Committee, Center for Jewish Nonviolence	2025–
-Docent educator, Holocaust Museum LA	2022–2024
-Event coordinator, ASA Comparative Historical and Global & Transnational Sociology Sections	2021–2024

MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

Interviews with <i>The Guardian</i> , <i>The New York Times</i> , <i>The Washington Post</i> , <i>Times of Israel</i> , <i>Yedioth Ahronoth</i> (in Hebrew), and <i>Hazqinor</i> (in Hebrew) about settler pogroms in the Occupied West Bank, Spring 2025.	2025
"How the Jewish National Fund Abets U.S.-Sanctioned Settlers." <i>Mondoweiss</i> .	2025
"How Extremist Settlers in the West Bank Became the Law." <i>Financial Times</i> .	2024
"Who Does America Protect?" <i>Mother Jones</i> .	2024

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

-Ethan Wang, UCLA Sociology Honors Thesis	2023–2024
-Louis Vela, UCLA Sociology Honors Thesis	2022–2023
-Daniella Lukic, UCLA Sociology Honors Thesis	2021–2022

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association; Social Science History Association; Middle East Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Hebrew (advanced)
Arabic: Modern Standard and Palestinian Dialect (advanced)
Spanish (intermediate)
Yiddish (elementary)

REFERENCES

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