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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology with Graduate Certificate in Urban Studies, 2007
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

B.A., Sociology and Anthropology with minor in Spanish, 1995
Earlham College, Richmond, IN

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

New York University Tel Aviv, Israel 2022-Present
Lecturer

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel 2015-Present

MA Program in International Development
Lecturer 2016-Present
Visiting Lecturer and Internship Coordinator 2015-2016

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 2009-2022

Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies
Associate Professor of Instruction 2021-2022
Senior Lecturer 2018-2021
Lecturer 2013-2018

Department of Anthropology 2009-2013
Lecturer

2018-2022
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Middle Eastern Studies 2009-2022
Faculty Affiliate, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies

Ben-Gurion University, Sde Boker, Israel 2007-2009
Postdoctoral Fellow, Jacob Blaustein Institute for Desert Research

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Weinreb, A.R. (In press, expected November 2022). *Teaching Israel Studies: Global, Virtual, and Ethnographic Approaches for Active Learning*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 261 pp.
2. Weinreb, A.R. (2009). *Cuba in the Shadow of Change: Daily Life in the Twilight of the Revolution*. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida. 254 pp.

2a. Paperback edition. (2010). *Cuba in the Shadow of Change: Daily Life in the Twilight of the Revolution*. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida. 254 pp.

2b. Reprint edition. (2012). *Cuba in the Shadow of Change: Daily Life in the Twilight of the Revolution*. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida. 254 pp.
Reviewed in: *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Choice*, *Latin American Research Review*, *H-Net* and *Social Anthropology*

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

3. Weinreb, A.R. (2021). Pulsing and Pedestrian Life: Ideology in Motion in Mitzpe Ramon, Israel. *Cultural Geographies*, 28 (1): 123-139. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474474020956254>
4. Weinreb, A.R. (2018). Rebranding Desolation: The Allure of Israel's Desert Landscapes. *Israel Studies Review*, 33 (2): 25-50. <https://doi.org/10.3167/isr.2018.3302013>
5. Weinreb, A.R. (2017). Jewish Cuba's Contact Zone: Transnational Encounters in Havana's Adath Israel Synagogue. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, 22 (2): 254-275. doi:10.1111/jlca.12258
6. Weinreb, A.R. & Rofè, Y. (2013). Mapping Feeling: An Approach to the Study of Emotional Response to Built Environment and Landscape. *Journal of Architectural Planning and Research*, 30 (2), 127-145.

BOOK REVIEWS

7. Weinreb, A.R. (2018). Review of *Neoliberalism as a State Project: Changing the Political Economy of Israel*, edited by Asa Maron and Michael Shalev. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(6), 736-738. doi.org/10.1177/0094306118805422gg
8. Weinreb A.R. (2018). Review of *Sephardi, Jewish, Argentine: Creating Community and National Identity, 1960-1990*, by Adriana M. Brodsky. *Bulletin of Spanish Studies* 95 (7), 913-915. doi.org/10.1080/14753820.2018.1535465
9. Weinreb A.R. (2017). Review of *Diaspora and Trust: Cuba, Mexico, and the Rise of China*, by Adrian H. Hearn. In *The Americas*, 74 (3), 379-380. doi:10.1017/tam.2017.23

10. Weinreb A.R. (2017). Review of *The Merchant of Havana: The Jew in the Cuban Abolitionist Archive*, by Stephen Silverstein. *Hispanic Review* 85 (4), 501-503. doi: 10.1353/hir.2017.0043
11. Weinreb, A.R. (2017). Review of *The Jewish Community of Cuba: Memory and History* by Margalit Bejarano in *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de América Latina y el Caribe*, 27 (2). 2 pages.
12. Weinreb, A.R. (2010). Review of *Cuba: Religion, Social Capital and Development* by Adrian Hearn in *American Anthropologist*, 112 (4), 668-669.
13. Weinreb, A.R. (2008). Review of Cuba: The Accidental Revolution. *Expedition*, 50 (1), 34.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

14. Weinreb, A.R. (2008). Race, FE (Faith) and Cuba's Future. *Transforming Anthropology*, 16 (2), 168-172.
15. Weinreb, A.R. (2008). Cuba in the Shadow of Change: Daily Life in the Twilight of the Revolution. *Expedition* 50 (1), 26-33.
16. F. E. Johnston and Weinreb, A.R. (2002). Linking Intellectual Resources and Community Needs at the University of Pennsylvania: An Evaluation of the Kellogg Program 1996-1999. *Universities and Community Schools*, 7 (1-2): 29-47.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

Israel

Independent ethnographic research project on space, place and landscape in a Negev desert town of Mitzpe Ramon. 2007-2009; 2010, 2012. Directing MA fieldwork in Jerusalem 2015-Present.

Cuba

Independent ethnographic research project on lived experiences of socialist transition in Havana. 1994, 2000, 2003, 2008.

Costa Rica

Independent ethnographic research study of citizenship and consumption in Costa Rica's mixed economy. 2003.

Malawi

Member of a University of Pennsylvania/University of Malawi qualitative research team that explored the impact of globalization on health practices. 1999.

USA

Conducted independent ethnographic fieldwork on pregnant and parenting teen mothers in North and Northeast Philadelphia in their homes, neighborhoods, clinics, schools and social service agencies. 1997-1999.

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

US Air Force Culture and Language Center, *Expeditionary Field Guide: Israel*. May-June 2022.
Masa Journey Israel “Prepare for Campus” curriculum development and design. June 2022- Present.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 Fall SSD (Services for Students with Disabilities) Clock Award
- 2019 Faculty Innovation Center Microgrant Award
- 2019 Finalist, Faculty Supervisor, President’s Award for Global Learning
- 2020 Global Virtual Exchange Development Grant from Texas Global for “Multicultural Israel” in partnership The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2021 Global Virtual Exchange Implementation funds from Texas Global, for “Multicultural Israel” in partnership The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2021 Global Career Launch (Faculty-driven), Contemporary Jerusalem Research Internship
- 2021 Israel Studies Summer Research Stipend for *The Essential Israel Studies Guidebook*

PRESENTATIONS

Interview

“Pathways to Parenting” Interviewed by Dr. Daniel Osborn. *Joy and Conversation: A podcast about Jewish history and culture. With scholars. For everyone.* April 27, 2022.

Invited Talk

“Reassessing the Role of Development Towns in Mizrahi and Ashkenazi Relations in Israel.”
Department of History, Temple University. Philadelphia, PA. April 2013.

“Public Interest Anthropology in the Global Context,” Department of Anthropology, Franklin and Marshall College. Lancaster, PA. October 1999.

Conference Presentations

“Emotion in the Israel Studies Classroom” Association for Israel Studies 38th Annual Conference. Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel. June 2022.

“Praying with Your Feet: Innovative Pedagogies in Jewish Studies Classrooms and Beyond” Panel Participant Association for Jewish Studies 52nd Annual Meeting (held virtually), December 2020.

“Israel’s ‘New Towns’ and International Development Discourse.” Association for Israel Studies, 34th Annual Conference. University of California at Berkeley. Berkeley, CA. June 2018.

- "Immigrants or Olim?: Latin American Perspectives on Immigration to and Emigration from Israel, Chair. Association for Israel Studies, 34th Annual Conference. University of California at Berkeley. Berkeley, CA. June 2018.
- "Image, Narrative and Landscape in Israel's Development Towns." Association for Israel Studies, 31st Annual Conference. Concordia University. Montreal, Canada. June 2015.
- "Mitzpe Ramon and Israel's National Mythology of Desert Desolation and Redemption." Association for Israel Studies, 29th Annual Conference. UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. June 2013.
- "Friday nights in Jewish Cuba." Latin American Jewish Studies Association XVI International Research Conference. University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. June 2013.
- "Development Towns: Reconsidering Life and Space in the 'Other' Israel." Association for Israel Studies, 28th Annual Conference. Haifa, Israel. June 2012.
- "Postsocialist Ethnographies and the Legacy of Urban Space." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association Meetings. Montreal, Canada. November 2011.
- "Consuming Cuba: Urban Life, Digital Revolution, and Commodity Desire under Raúl." 108th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA. December 2009.
- "Socialist Pasts and Futures in Contemporary Asia, Africa and Latin America." Co-Chair: 106th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. November 2007.
- "Trapped: Perspectives on Constraint in Late Socialist Cuba." 106th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. November 2007.
- "The Shadow Public: Citizen-Consumers in Cuba and Costa Rica." Annual Meeting of the Israeli Anthropological Association. Ashdod, Israel. June 2006.
- "Unsatisfied Citizen-Consumers: Insights from Cuba and Costa Rica." (Invited Session). Public Interest Ethnography: Research, Practice and Action. 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC, December 2005.
- "Bridging Boundaries: Practicing Anthropologists as Cultural Brokers." (Discussant) 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. December 2005.
- "Citizenship, Consumption and the Welfare State: Ethnographic Insights from Cuba and Costa Rica." Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Student Conference. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. April 2005.
- "Cuba and the Teenage Pregnancy 'Epidemic'." Cuban Research Institute 4th Conference on Cuban and Cuban American Studies. Florida International University, Miami, Florida. March 2002.
- "Survival Skills for Graduate Students and Young Professionals: A Panel Exploring Job Opportunities Outside of Academia." (Organizer, Special Event). 100th Meeting of the American

Anthropological Society. Washington, DC. November 2001.

“Reviving Ethnography: Feminist Critiques of Science and Team Ethnographic Research.” Invited Session: Feminist Critiques of Anthropological Practice: Reflections on Recent Trends. 99th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA. November 2000.

“Defining a Public Interest Anthropology.” (Discussant). 97th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA. December 1998.

COURSES TAUGHT: ISRAEL STUDIES AND JEWISH STUDIES

Israel Studies

“Multicultural Israel” 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

“Israel: Space, Place, Landscape” 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

“Qualitative Research Methods, Tel-Aviv” 2015, 2016, 2017

“Qualitative Research Methods, Jerusalem” 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

“Gender and International Development” Israel/Palestine Unit: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

“Cultural Geographies of Israel” 2019, 2020, 2021

“Contemporary Jerusalem” 2021, 2022

“Food, Culture, and Globalization: Tel-Aviv” 2022

Jewish Studies

“Introduction to Jewish Latin America” 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

“Jewish Cuba” 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

“Introduction to Jewish Studies” 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

“Spatializing Culture-Honors” (Jewish Studies and Israel Studies focus): 2018, 2021

ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE

Dissertation Committees

Derrick Washington, PhD. in Cultural Anthropology, 2014. (Member).

Jerry Lord, PhD. in Cultural Anthropology, 2012. (Member).

MA Thesis Committees

Felix Rubogora, MA in International Development, The Hebrew University, 2018 (Member).

Alice Niyonkuru, MA in International Development, The Hebrew University, 2018 (Member).

Hannah Reinl, MA in International Development, The Hebrew University, 2018 (Member).

Skyler Inman, MA in International Development, The Hebrew University, 2018 (Member).

Gal Kramarski, MA in International Development, The Hebrew University, 2019 (Member).

Pablo Sasson, MA in International Development, The Hebrew University, 2021 (Member).

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Tyler Seth Collins, Urban Studies, 2011. (Supervisor).
George Barrientos, Urban Studies, 2011. (Supervisor).
Marcus Waters, Urban Studies Senior Project, 2011. (Supervisor).
Victoria Torres, Anthropology, 2013. (2nd reader).
Tracy Fryberg, Middle Eastern Studies, 2015. (Supervisor).
Layne Cox, European Studies, 2018. (Supervisor).
Susana Alalu, Humanities, 2018. (2nd reader).
Anna Smith, Honors/Art History, 2019. (2nd reader).
Rachel Mitchell, Plan II/International Relations and Global Studies, 2020. (Supervisor).
Frances Garnett, LAH Honors/International Relations and Global Studies, 2021. (Supervisor).
Audrey Balliette, Plan II/Middle Eastern Studies, 2021. (2nd reader).
Olivia Costa, LAH Honors/Middle Eastern Studies, 2021. (Supervisor).
Evie Dunsky, Plan II, 2022. (2nd reader).
Sean Daley, Polymathic Honors Scholar, 2022. (Supervisor).

Faculty Mentorship

Dedman Distinguished Scholars Program, 2018-2022.
Jon Bishop, Bridging Disciplines Program, International Studies and Global Relations, 2021.
Kolby Lee, McNair Fellow, Government, 2013.
Alicia Santana, Bridging Disciplines Program, Latin American Studies, 2013.
Ana Hernandez, Bridging Disciplines Program, Latin American Studies and History, 2013.

Independent Study

Abigail Pew, Latin American Studies, 2014. (Supervisor).
Shira Hovav, Jewish Studies 2019. (Supervisor).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

Israel Studies Fellowship Committee 2019-2022
Executive Committee, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies 2018-2022
Scholarship Committee, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies 2017-2022
Search Committee, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies 2017

University and Local Service

Global Career Launch Selection Committee 2021.
Faculty Mentor, Dedman Distinguished Scholars Program 2018-2022.
Co-Facilitator, COLA Community Conversations: Antisemitism on Campus, September 2021.

Guest Presentation, Microgrant Outcomes, Faculty Innovation Center, March 2020.

Student Affairs Committee 2017-2019.

Guest Lecture, MES 342: Media and Protest Culture in the Arab Spring, April 2018.

Guest Lecture, LAH 102H: The Idea of Liberal Arts, September 2017.

Guest Lecture, Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, November 2017.

Guest Lecture, McComb's School of Business, Global Connections Studies Tours: Cuba. Professor Stephen Limberg, February 2017.

Guest Lecture, Social Inequality and Education in Latin America, Professor Leticia Marteleto, November 2013.

Panelist, Latino-Jewish Student Coalition, Center for Multicultural Engagement, UT Austin, April 2013.

Panelist, "Israel vs. Israel: Do Social, Economic and Religious Conflicts Threaten Israeli Democracy?" Jewish Community Relations Council, Jewish Community Center of Austin. Austin, TX. March 2013.

"Contemporary Multiculturalism and Nation-building in Israel." Lecture presented at Tapestry of Jewish Learning, Jewish Community Center of Austin, January 2013.

Guest Lecture, Social Inequality and Education in Latin America, Professor Leticia Marteleto, November 2012.

"Tales from the Crossroads of Anthropology and Jewish Studies" Lecture presented at University Fellows Speaker Series of the Texas Interdisciplinary Plan (TIP), March 5, 2012.

"Mapping Feeling: An Approach to the Study of Emotional Response and Aesthetic Preference." Lecture presented at Department of Sociology Workshop, February 2011.

"Absorbing Israel: Understanding Contemporary Multiculturalism and Nation-building in Ordinary Life." Lecture presented at Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies Faculty-Student Seminar, November 2010.

"Inscribing the Desert: Space, Place and Landscape in a Small Desert Town." Lecture presented at Seminar #68, Department of Man in the Desert, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sde Boker, Israel. May 2008.

"Shadow Public: Citizens and Consumers in Late Socialist Cuba." Lecture presented at Seminar #61, Department of Man in the Desert, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sde Boker, Israel. December 2007.

"Unsatisfied Citizen-Consumers in Late Socialist Cuba." Lecture presented at Colloquium, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, January 22, 2007.

Guest Lecture, "Perspectives on 'Third World' Consumption: Views from Latin America," Course on Consumption, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Haifa University, May 2006.

"Public Interest Ethnography," Lecture presented at Sociology Colloquium Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. April 2005.

Professional Service

Peer-Reviewer (ad hoc since 2011)

Journals: *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Cultural Geographies*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Urban Technology*, *Current Research Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*

Presses: Oxford University Press, SUNY Press, Vanderbilt University Press, University Press of Florida, Magnes Press of Hebrew University

Professional Memberships

Association for Jewish Studies, 2020-present.

Association for Israel Studies, 2012-present.

Latin American Jewish Studies Association, 2013-2019.

American Anthropological Association, 1998-2011.

Society for Latin American & Caribbean Anthropology, 1998-2011.

Languages

English (native), Spanish (professional working proficiency), Hebrew (proficient)