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## ***Curriculum Vitae***

### **Academic positions**

Professor, Department of History, Yale University (07/2007 – present)  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Yale University (01/2004–06/2007)  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Venice, Italy (11/2001–12/2003)

### **Education**

Ph.D., History, Brown University (2004)

Dissertation: "Trading Diasporas and Trading Networks in the Early Modern Period: A Sephardic Partnership of Livorno in the Mediterranean, Europe, and Portuguese India (ca. 1700-1750)." *Winner of the 2004 prize for the best unpublished manuscript awarded by the Society for Italian Historical Studies.*

Ph.D., Economic and Social History, Università Luigi Bocconi, Milan, Italy (1999)

Dissertation: "Arti e mercati: Produzione e commercio del vetro a Venezia nei secoli XVII e XVIII."

M.A., History, Brown University (1997)

B.A., History, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy (1995)

Honors thesis: "L'arte madre. Il vetro veneziano nel XVII secolo;" grade: 110/110 cum laude. *Co-winner of the 1999 prize for the best honors thesis awarded by the Italian Committee of the Association Internationale pour l'Histoire du Verre.*

### **Grants, fellowships, and awards**

MacMillan Center Director's Award, Research Fellow in International and Area Studies, Yale University (2006-08)

Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (2006-07)

Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advance Study, Harvard University (2006-07)

Fellowship, National Humanities Center (2006-07), declined

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center (2006-07), declined

Membership, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (Fall 2006), declined

Morse Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University (2006-07), declined

Prize for the best unpublished manuscript awarded by the Society for Italian Historical Studies (2004)

The Maurice Amado Foundation Research Grant in Sephardic Studies, Center for Jewish Studies, University of California – Los Angeles (Summer 2003)

Research fellowship awarded by the Luso-American Foundation for research in the Arquivos Nacionais / Torre do Tombo of Lisbon (February–April 2001)

Visiting Scholar at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris (November 1999, March–April 2000)

Research fellowship awarded by the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples (1998-99)

Research grant awarded by the Comissão para as Comemorações dos descobrimentos portugueses for research at the Biblioteca Nacional of Lisbon (August 1997)

Fulbright Scholarship for the first year of graduate studies at Brown University (1996-97)

Exchange Program (Education Abroad Program), University of California at Berkeley (1992-93)

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*The Familiarity of Strangers: The Sephardic Diaspora, Livorno, and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Early Modern Period* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, in print).

*Fondamenta dei Vetrai: Lavoro, Tecnologia e Mercato a Venezia tra Sei e Settecento* (Rome: Donzelli, 2000).

### **Journal articles**

“The ‘Port Jews’ of Livorno and their Global Networks of Trade in the Early Modern Period.” *Jewish Culture and History*, 7.1-2 (2004): 31-48.

“Les juifs d’origine portugaise entre Livourne, le Portugal et la Méditerranée (c. 1650-1750).” *Arquivos do Centro Cultural Calouste Gulbenkian*, XLVIII: La Diaspora des “Nouveaux-Chrétiens” (2004): 171-82.

with Giovanni Favero, “Gli abitanti del ghetto di Venezia in età moderna: dati e ipotesi.” *Zakhor: Rivista di storia degli ebrei d’Italia*, VII (2004): 9-50.

“Juifs de Livourne, Italiens de Lisbonne et hindous de Goa: Réseaux marchands et échanges culturels à l’époque moderne.” *Annales HSS*, 58.3 (2003): 581-603.

“From Livorno to Goa and Back: Merchant Networks and the Coral-Diamond Trade in the Early-Eighteenth Century.” *Portuguese Studies*, 16 (2000): 193-217.

“Salaires et justice dans les corporations vénitienes au 17<sup>e</sup> siècle: Le cas des manufactures de verre.” *Annales HSS*, 54.1 (1999): 245-73.

“I Friulani nelle arti del vetro a Venezia, secoli XVII-XVIII.” *Rivista della Stazione Sperimentale del Vetro*, 6 (1999): 303-11.

“Un percorso museale: il vetro a Murano.” *I Beni Culturali*, III.6 (1995): 57-60.

“Echi della periferia. Note sulla circolazione e la produzione delle perle di vetro veneziane nei secoli XVII-XVIII.” *La Ricerca Folklorica*, 34 (1996): 25-34.

“La missione diplomatica a Venezia del fiorentino Giannozzo Manetti a metà Quattrocento.” *Studi Veneziani*, XXVIII (1994): 203-35.

with Giovanni Favero, Maria Moro, Pierpaolo Spinelli and Francesco Vianello, “Le anime dei demografi. Fonti per la rilevazione dello stato della popolazione di Venezia nei secoli XVI e XVII.” *Bollettino di demografia storica*, 15 (1991): 23-110.

### Book chapters

- “Sephardic Merchants in the Early Modern Atlantic and Beyond: Toward a Comparative Historical Approach to Business Cooperation.” In *Atlantic Diasporas: Jews, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in the Age of Mercantilism, 1500-1800*, eds. Richard L. Kagan and Philip D. Morgan (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, in print).
- “I commerci europei transoceanici: la prima fase della globalizzazione dei mercati?” In *Storia dell'Europa e del Mediterraneo*, ed. Alessandro Barbero, Vol. X: “Età Moderna: Ambiente, popolazione, società”, ed. Roberto Bizzocchi (Naples: Salerno Editrice, in print).
- “Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean.” In *The Self-Perception of Early Modern Capitalists*, eds. Margaret C. Jacob and Catherine Secretan (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), 49-74.
- “Guilds, Technology, and Economic Change in Early Modern Venice.” In *Guilds, Innovation and the European Economy, 1500-1800*, eds. S.R. Epstein and Maarten Prak (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 199-231.
- “Merchants' Letters Across Geographical and Social Boundaries.” In *Correspondence and Cultural Exchange in Europe, 1400-1700*, eds. Francisco Bethencourt and Florike Egmond (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), 80-103.
- “A Republic of Merchants?” In *Finding Europe: Discourses on Margins, Communities, Images, 13th to 18th Centuries*, eds. Anthony Molho and Diogo Ramada Curto (Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books, 2007), 133-58.
- “Murano Glass, Continuity and Transformation (1400-1800).” In *At the Center of the Old World: Trade and Manufacturing in Venice and the Venetian Mainland, 1400-1800*, ed. Paola Lanaro (Toronto: Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, 2006), 143-83.
- “Scienziati, artefici, corporazioni e privilegi nella Venezia di tardo Settecento: l'ottico Lorenzo Selva.” In *Dalla corporazione al mutuo soccorso: Organizzazione e tutela del lavoro tra XVI e XX secolo*, eds. Angelo Moioli and Paola Massa (Milan: Franco Angeli, 2004), 381-8.
- “La fiera del corallo (Livorno, secoli XVII e XVIII): istituzioni e autoregolamentazione del mercato.” In *La pratica dello scambio: sistemi di fiere, mercanti e città in Europa (1400-1700)*, ed. Paola Lanaro (Venice: Marsilio Editori, 2003), 111-27.
- “Trading Diasporas and Chartered Companies: Evidence from the Coral-Diamond Trade between the Mediterranean and India in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.” In *The Value of the Norm: Legal Disputes and the Definition of Rights*, ed. Renata Ago (Rome: Biblink, 2002), 163-92 (also available at <http://www.biblink.it>).
- “Intorno alla corporazione: identità professionale e stratificazione sociale tra Murano e Venezia nel sei e settecento.” In *Le regole dei mestieri e delle professioni (secoli XVI-XIX)*, eds. Marco Meriggi and Alessandro Pastore (Milan: Franco Angeli, 2000), 53-74.
- “Out of Women's Hands: Notes on Venetian Glass Beads, Female Labour and International Trades”, in: *Beads and Bead Makers: Gender, Material Culture and Meaning*, eds. Lidia D. Sciana and Joanne B. Eicher (Oxford and New York: Berg, 1998), 47-82.

### Book reviews, encyclopedia entries, commentaries and reports

- Review of James E. Shaw, *The Justice of Venice: Authorities and Liberties in the Urban Economy 1550-1700* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006). In *Journal of Modern History*, forthcoming.
- “Barovier, Ercole.” In *Dizionario biografico degli imprenditori italiani* (Rome: Istituto dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, forthcoming).

- Review of *Sul filo della scrittura: Fonti e temi per la storia delle donne a Livorno*, eds Lucia Frattarelli Fischer and Olimpia Vaccari (Pisa: Pisa University Press, 2005). In *Nuovi Studi Livornesi*, 14 (2007): 296-99.
- Review of Thomas Allison Kirk, *Genoa and the Sea: Policy and Power in an Early Modern Maritime Republic, 1559-1684* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005). In *Journal of Modern History*, vol. 79, no. 3 (2007): 690-92.
- Review of Daniel Carpi, *L'individuo e la collettività: Saggi di storia degli ebrei a Padova e nel Veneto nell'età del Rinascimento* (Firenze: L.S. Olschki, 2002). In *La Rassegna Mensile di Israel* LXX/2 (2004): 132-36.
- Review of Gérard Nahon, *Juifs et Judaïsme à Bordeaux* ([Bordeaux]: Mollat, 2003). In *La Rassegna Mensile di Israel* 3 (2003): 199-201.
- Review of W. Patrick McCray, *Glassmaking in Renaissance Venice: The Fragile Craft* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 1999). In *Economic History Review* LIV/1 (2001): 198.
- Review of Pier Cesare Ioly Zorattini (ed.), *L'identità dissimulata: Giudaizzanti iberici nell'Europa cristiana dell'età moderna* (Firenze: Leo S. Olschki Editore, 2000). In *Società e Storia* 88 (2000): 384-87.
- "Sarpi, Paolo" and "Bloch, Marc." In *Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing*, ed. Kelly Boyd (London and Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 1999): 95-96, 1050-52.
- Account of the International Conference "Tradizioni giuridiche a confronto: sistemi giuridici rigidi e flessibili nella storia delle società mediterranee" (Venezia, 26-27 aprile 1999). In *Quaderni Storici* 102 (1999): 842-46.
- Review of Lionel Lévy, *La nation juive portugaise: Livourne, Amsterdam, Tunis, 1591-1951* (Paris: L'Harmattan, 1999). In *Nuovi Studi Livornesi* VII (1999): 303-05.

### **Invited lectures, seminars, and panel discussions**

- Travel, Trade, and Translation: Renaissance Italy and the Muslim Mediterranean in Recent Historical Work*, New England Renaissance Conference, Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT, 11-12 October 2008)
- Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants: Inclusion and Exclusion in European Commercial Society (Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries)*, Medieval and Early Modern History Colloquium, Stanford University (Palo Alto, 8 May 2008)
- Sephardic Merchants between Rabbinic and Civil Courts: Probing Property Rights and Contesting Authority in the Eighteenth-Century Mediterranean*, "Entangled Lives: Social Encounters in the Mediterranean and Beyond," Mediterranean Studies Forum Symposium, Stanford University (Palo Alto, 4-5 May 2008)
- Discussant of four papers at a panel on "Construction of Blood: Genealogies, Rules of Succession, and Representations of Rules of Heredity," European Social Science History Conference (Lisbon, 26 February 2008)
- The Sephardic Diaspora and Cross-Cultural Trade (17th and 18th Centuries)*, Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass, 8 February 2008)
- Global History on a Small Scale*, European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization (Fiesole, 11 December 2007)
- Family Structures and Business Organization: Sephardic Merchants in Livorno and the Mediterranean, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries*, Economy and Society of the Low Countries Workshop, University of Utrecht (Utrecht, 25 October 2007)

*Merchants' Letters and the Legal and Social Sources of Business Cooperation in the Early Modern Period*, Triangle Universities' Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Duke University (Durham, 27 September 2007)

*Reason of Commerce, Raisons of State: Merchants, Diasporas and Citizenship in the Port-cities of Mediterranean Europe, 1500-1800*, "Concept de liberté de circuler de l'Antiquité à l'époque contemporaine", Collège de France and École Normale Supérieure (Paris, 21-24 March 2007)

*Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean*, "Sephardi Identities on the Margins of Europe," Mediterranean Studies Forum Symposium, Stanford University (Palo Alto, 11-12 March 2007)

*Images and Self-Images of Sephardic Merchants in Early Modern Europe and the Mediterranean*, "The Self-Perception of Early Modern Capitalists," UCLA Center for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library (Los Angeles, 19-20 January 2007)

*Stati, diaspora e reti mercantili: le strategie dei mercanti ebrei di Livorno nel Settecento*, "Livorno 1606–1806: un laboratorio dell'incontro tra popoli e culture" (Livorno, 22-24 October 2006)

Chair and Commentator, Panel on "Julfans Abroad: Circulation, Culture, and Identity among Iranian-Armenians," Sixth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (London, 3-5 August 2006)

*Discourse and Practices of Cosmopolitanism: Sephardic Jews and the 'Republic of Merchants' in the Eighteenth Century*, Department of History Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, 13 February 2006)

*Sephardic Jews, Cosmopolitan Merchants, and the Commercial Society of Eighteenth-Century Europe*, "Coming and Going: The Role of Hamburg in the Religious, Social, Economic and Cultural Sefardic Network", Institute for the History of German Jews (Hamburg, 18-20 September 2005)

*Information, Property Rights, and Bankruptcy Trials: A Set of Court Cases Involving the Sephardic Diaspora in the Early Eighteenth Century*, "Making Markets Through the Law", CNRS-IDHE (Paris, 10-11 June 2005)

Panel Discussant at the First Lavy Symposium, "Atlantic Jewry in the Age of Mercantilism," Department of History, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, March 25-26, 2005)

*Discourse and Practice of Trust in Business Correspondence in the Early Modern Period*, Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Yale University (New Haven, 13 October 2004)

*Business Letters as a Historical Source: Critical Reflections*, "Pratiquer l'échange: circuits, parcours et ressources", École Française de Rome (Rome, 17-18 June 2004)

*Trading Diasporas, Chartered Companies, and Long-Distance Commerce: Jewish and Armenian Practices of Trade in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago (Chicago, 8 March 2004)

*The Mediterranean after Braudel: A Sephardic Perspective (ca 1650-1750)*, Posthumus Institute (Utrecht, 28 November 2003)

*Les juifs d'origine portugaise entre Livourne, le Portugal et la Méditerranée (c. 1650-1750)*, "La diaspora des nouveaux chrétiens d'origine portugaise", Centre Culturel Calouste Gulbenkian (Paris, 30-31 October 2003)

*A Republic of Merchants in Early Modern Europe?*, "Images of Europe", European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization (Fiesole, 17-18 October 2003)

*Between Diaspora and Settlement: The Jews of Livorno in the Early Modern Period*, Italian Studies Colloquium, Department of Romance Languages, Cornell University (Ithaca, NY, 18 April 2003)

*Merchant Networks, Trust, and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Early Modern Period*, European History Colloquium, Department of History, Cornell University (17 April 2003)

*Trading Diasporas and Cross-Cultural Merchant Networks in the Early Modern Period: Questions and Finding of Research in Progress*, "Commercial Networks in the Early Modern World", European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization (Fiesole, 30-31 October 2001)

*Guilds, Artisans and Wages in Early Modern Italy*, History Department, University of Trent (Trent, 23 January 2001)

*Justice*, Master in Economic History, Luigi Bocconi University (Milan, 9 March 2000)

*Women at Work: Venetian Glass Beadmaking*, Department of Housing, Design and Apparel, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis-St Paul, 15 May 1997)

### Conference papers

*Trans-regional Sephardic Families and Business Organization in the Mediterranean (17th and 18th Centuries)*, "Transregional and Transnational Families" (workshop co-convener), German Historical Institute (Washington, D.C., 25-27 January 2008)

*Business Cooperation Within and Across Trading Diasporas: A Comparative Analysis of Sephardic and Armenian Merchant Networks in the Early Modern Period*, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Panel "Circulation and the Global Trade Networks of Armenian Merchants from Julfa, Isfahan" (Boston, 18-21 November 2006)

*Merchants on Trial: Legal and Extra-Legal Sources of Cooperation within the Jewish Trading Diaspora in the Eighteenth Century*, XIV International Economic History Congress, Session 35: "Making Markets Through the Law" (Helsinki, 21-25 August 2006)

*Marriage, Dowry, and Diaspora: Sephardic Merchant Families in Livorno (17th and 18th centuries)*, European Social Science History Conference, Panel "International Families IV: The Management of Capital" (Amsterdam, 22-25 March 2006)

*"The Big Diamond Affair": Information, Property Rights and the Jewish Trading Diaspora in the Eighteenth Century*, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Society, Session 88: "Information, Networks and Institutions in European and Atlantic Markets (17th-19th Centuries)" (Philadelphia, 5-8 January 2006); session organizer.

*Discourse and Practice of Trust in Business Correspondence in the Early Modern Period*, Tenth Symposium of Economic History, "Network Analysis in Economic History" (Barcelona, 27-29 January 2005)

*From Global to Local? Sephardic Merchants in Europe during the Eighteenth Century*, "Geographies of the Eighteenth Century: The Question of the Global", The Third Annual Bloomington Eighteenth-Century Studies Workshop (Bloomington, 19-22 May 2004)

*Trust, Reputation, and the Market: Sephardic Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean*, 35th Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, Panel "Trade and Modernization in the Sephardic Mediterranean" (Boston, 21 December 2003)

*Manifatture di lusso nella repubblica di Venezia del settecento: corporazioni, brevetti, privilegi* (co-presented with Michela Dal Borgo and Marcello Della Valentina), "Dalla corporazione alla mutuo soccorso: organizzazione e tutela del lavoro tra XVI e XX secolo" (Imperia, 15-17 May 2003)

*Livorno, the Sephardic Diaspora and Cross-Cultural Trade in the Early Modern Period*, "Port-Jews: Jews and non-Jews in Cosmopolitan Maritime Trading Centers", AHRB Parkes Centre for the Study of Jewish/non-Jewish Relations of University of Southampton, UK and the Isaac and Jessie Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies (Cape Town, 5-8 January 2003)

*The Italian Merchants of Lisbon and their Relation to the Mediterranean World, 1500-1800*, Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Session 141: "Crossing Boundaries: Identity in the Pre-Modern Mediterranean World" (San Francisco, 6 January 2002)

*Italian Merchants in Lisbon and the Sephardic Diaspora during the 17th and 18th Centuries: A Mediterranean Liaison?*, Fourth Annual Conference of the Mediterranean Studies Association, "Occitania-Provence and the Mediterranean: Contributions, Exchanges, and Relationships" (Aix-en-Provence, 23-26 May 2001)

*The Coral Fair of Livorno (17th and 18th Centuries)*, Fifth International Conference on Urban History, "European Cities: Networks and Crossroads" (Berlin, 30 August – 2 September 2000)

*Merchant Networks and Chartered Companies: Evidence from Armenian and Jewish Practices of Trade between the Mediterranean and India in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, Third European Social Science History Conference (Amsterdam, 12-15 April 2000)

*Geographical and Social Mobility in the Entrepreneurial Strategies of an Eighteenth-Century Merchant-Producer: Giorgio Barbaria and the Glass Manufacturing of Venice*, "Mobilité du capital humain et industrialisation régionale en Europe: entrepreneurs, techniciens et main-d'oeuvre spécialisée (XVIe-XXe siècles)", Université Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris, 27-28 November 1998)

*Intorno alla corporazione: identità professionale e stratificazione sociale tra Murano e Venezia, secoli XVII-XVIII*, "Le regole dei mestieri e delle professioni" (Pontignano, 10-12 September 1998)

*Was Technology Determinant? The Case of Venetian Glass Manufacturing, Late 17th–Late 18th Centuries*, Third Summer School of the European Historical Economics Society (Montecatini, 17-23 June 1996)

*Women at Work: Venetian Glass Beads in the International Markets. A Historical Perspective*, "Gender in the Making, Trading and Use of Beads", Centre for Cross-Cultural Research on Women, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford (Oxford, 5 January 1995)

## Teaching at Yale

### Undergraduate

"Renaissance Italy, 1250-1530" (lecture course)

"Venice and the Mediterranean, 1400-1700" (seminar)

"The City in Pre-Industrial Europe" (seminar)

with Stuart Schwartz, "The Inquisition in Early Modern Europe and the Americas" (seminar)

### Graduate Seminars

"European Commercial Expansion, 1500-1800"

"Introduction to Renaissance Studies: Renaissance Italy"

with Keith Wrightson, "Readings in Early Modern European History"

with Youval Rotman, "The Mediterranean: Histories and Representations"

with Steven Pincus, "Early Modern Europe: Historians, Sources, and Methods"

with Tim Guinnane, "Readings in Economic History"

**Languages**

Italian (native), English and French (written and oral fluency), Portuguese, Spanish, and Latin (advanced working knowledge).

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