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Ela Bauer, UC Davis

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Ela Bauer is the chair of the Department of Media & Film at Ha-Kibbutzim College in Tel Aviv. She also teaches in the Jewish History Department at Haifa University and is the academic coordinator of the Posen Research Forum at Faculty of Law at Haifa University. Her academic interests include modern Jewish history, Zionism, modern Jewish cultural history, Polish Jewry, and the history of the Jewish press. Her book *Between Poles and Jews: the Development of Nahum Sokolow's Political Thought* was published at the Hebrew University Magnes Press, Jerusalem. Dr. Bauer is also the academic adviser of the Posen Foundation in Israel.



Sariel Birnbaum, SUNY Binghamton

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Sariel Birnbaum is a Brenda Danet post-doc at the Smart Institute of Communication at Hebrew University, now entering his second year as a visiting Israeli professor at SUNY Binghamton. He received his Ph.D. from Hebrew University after conducting research on the history of Egyptian cinema. He has published many articles about film and media, including "Historical Discourse in the Media of the Palestinian National Authority" and "Iraq in Contemporary Egyptian Cinema – Impotence and Lack of Interest." Dr. Birnbaum was also a research fellow at the Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace at Hebrew University and has participated in many conferences at Israeli universities.



Chen Bram, University of Florida

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Chen Bram is an anthropologist and organizational psychologist. He is a research fellow at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem and at the Ben-Zvi Institute of Hebrew University, and a managing partner of a research group called Anthropological Knowledge: Relevance, Use and Potential. Dr. Bram lectures at the graduate programs at the Rupin Academic Center and the Hebrew University. His work focuses on issues of diversity, multiculturalism and ethnic relations. Dr. Bram has initiated programs about the meeting of groups in Israeli society and the development of a multicultural environment. He was an advisor to the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption and has worked with many organizations, municipalities and NGOs. Bram has conducted field work in Israel, the Caucasus,



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Central Asia and among immigrant communities in New York and Western Canada.. He is currently researching Jewish- Muslim relations.



Adam Danel, Virginia Tech Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Adam Danel received his B.A. from the Hebrew University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, in political science and philosophy, respectively. Since graduating, he has been working at Ben-Gurion University and Sapir College, both in the Negev. Dr. Danel has published two books, *A Case for Freedom* (NYU Press 1998) and *A Jewish and Democratic State- A Multicultural Perspective* (Hebrew, Israeli Democracy Institute, 2005), and a dozen articles. His current research projects are an inquiry into the democratic justifiability of the ideology of Zionism; an exploration of psychological impacts of studying natural sciences (with the Van Leer Institute); and an investigation of the impact of social media on the political attitudes in general, and the political tolerance in particular, of its users.



Michal Frenkel, Smith College Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Michal Frenkel is assistant professor of sociology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Her research focuses on the cross-national and cross- cultural translation of organizational models and practices and the way these models reconstruct local cultures in a globalizing world. Her current studies look at the diffusion and translation of work-family organizational discourse and practices in foreign and local corporations in Israel, and the ways in which Israeli hi-tech workers are constructing their gender identities and renegotiating their gender contract around this imported discourse. Dr. Frenkel's most recent publications include "From Americanization to Colonization: The Diffusion of Productivity Models Revisited." *Organization Studies* (2003, with Y. Shenhav) and "The Politics of Translation: How State Level Political Relations Affect the Cross-National Travel of Ideas"(2005); *Organization*, and "Something New, Something Old, Something Borrowed...: The Translation of the "Family Friendly Organization" in Israel". Forthcoming is Czarniawska and Sevón's *Global Ideas: How Ideas, Objects and Practices Travel in the Global Economy*.



Naomi Gale, College of Charleston Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Naomi Gale was born in Iraq, immigrated to Israel and was raised in Kiryat Malachi, a development town in the south of Israel. After completing her Ph.D., she conducted fieldwork in Western Australia for her postdoctoral research about the emigration of the Jews from Zfat at the turn of the twentieth



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century. Dr. Gale studies law, specializing in criminal, family and small clans, as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution, specializing in family law. She worked as a lecturer at several colleges under the auspices of Bar-Ilan University and was for a number of years a lecturer in the Departments of Political Science and Oriental studies. For several years, Dr. Gale coordinated the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Academic College of Ashkelon, where she has been working for the last eleven years as a senior lecturer. She has been a visiting Israeli professor at the University of Colorado and American University. Dr. Gale is presently completing a sabbatical year at the University of Cambridge, England, comparing the Israeli and the British legal systems. She has published works in the areas of immigration, gender and Israeli society, including two books called *Violence against Women* (2003), and *The Sephardim of Sydney* (2005), and several articles, including pieces in the *Journal of Sociology*, *Ethnology*, *NEW COMMUNITY* and the *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*.



Yehuda Halper, Tulane University

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Yehuda Halper's research examines topics at the intersections of philosophy and religion and of Judaism and Islam in the Middle Ages and Renaissance. He focuses on the history of philosophical concepts and their use in mainstream religious texts, and he approaches Israel Studies through the lens of the history of concepts. He was raised in the United States and made Aliya in 2004 after completing a B. A. in classical studies (Greek and Latin) and mathematics at the University of Chicago. Dr. Halper has an M.A. in philosophy from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2006) and a Ph.D. (with highest distinction) in Jewish philosophy from Bar Ilan University (2010). He has held research and library fellowships at the Shalem Center (2005-2007) and at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (2007-2010), where he directed work groups on philosophy, mysticism and poetry. For the last two years, he has been a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Liberal Arts at Tulane University in New Orleans.



Martin Kramer, Johns Hopkins University

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Martin Kramer is a Senior Fellow at the Shalem Center in Jerusalem, and President-designate of Shalem College (in formation). He is also the Wexler-Fromer Fellow at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. An authority on contemporary Islam and Arab politics, Dr. Kramer earned his undergraduate and doctoral degrees in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. During a twenty-five-year career at Tel Aviv University, he directed the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies; taught as a visiting professor at



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Brandeis University, the University of Chicago, Cornell University, and Georgetown University; and served twice as a fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington. Dr. Kramer was subsequently a senior fellow at Harvard University's Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, where he founded and co-convened Middle East Strategy at Harvard (MESH).



Gershon Lewental, University of Oklahoma

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Gershon Lewental earned his B.A. from Cornell University, received his Ph.D. in Middle Eastern history from Brandeis University in 2011, and wrote his dissertation on the Battle of al-Qadisiyyah during the Arab-Muslim conquest of Iran and the changing perceptions of the engagement through time. His fields of specialization include Iranian history, early Islam, the Baha'i faith, and Israeli history, and he seeks in his scholarship to examine the interplay of memory, religion, and nationalism in identity. Currently, he is preparing his dissertation for publication and working on a study of the Baha'i community in Israel from 1917 to the present. He will spend the 2011–2012 academic year at the University of Oklahoma as an AICE/Schusterman visiting Israel professor.



Anat Maor, UC Irvine

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Anat Maor is a professor in the fields of Israeli politics, the social and economic policies of Israel, and women in Israel. She served as a commander in the Israel Defense Forces and later as a member of the Knesset from 1992 to 2003. During that time she served on the Committee on Science and Technology as well as the committees of Education, Status of Women, Labour and Social Welfare. She also served as the Chairperson for the Sub Committee of Women at Work & Economy. Since then she has been a lecturer at Open University and the Academic College in Ruppin. Dr. Maor has written five books and has attended twelve academic conferences in countries outside of Israel.



Menachem Mor, University of Denver

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Mor is a Jewish history scholar and the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Haifa, starting his second year visiting at the University of Denver. His research focuses on the Second Temple, and the Mishnaic and Talmudic periods. He has written scores of scholarly articles and books about the Jews, pagans and Christians of these historic periods. Dr. Mor received his Ph.D. from the



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Hebrew University of Jerusalem and spent six years as the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization at the Creighton University. Professor Mor's expertise centers on Jewish revolts in the ancient world, such as the Bar-Kochva Revolt, which he wrote about in his book *The Bar-Kochva Revolt – Its Extent and Effect* (1991).

Moshe Naor, San Diego State

Meyerhoff Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Naor received his Ph.D. in History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His dissertation on the history of Zionism received awards from the Jewish National Fund and Haifa University's Forum for the History of the Jewish People and the Land of Israel. He has held several important fellowships including the Ray D. Wolfe Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Toronto and a fellowship at the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary. He has served as the Schusterman Visiting Professor at Tulane University and Visiting Professor of Israel Studies at York University in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Naor's research interests focus on Israeli History, War and Society, History of the Jewish community in Palestine, and Jewish-Muslim Relations in the Middle East. His book: *On the Home Front: Tel Aviv and the Mobilization of the Yishuv in the 1948 War of Independence* was published in 2009. He is also the editor of *State and Community* (Magnes Press, 2004) and *Army, Memory and National Identity* (Magnes Press, 2007). Among his recent articles are: "The 1948 War Veterans and Postwar Reconstruction in Israel", *Journal of Israeli History* (2010); "The Israeli Volunteering Movement Preceding the 1956 War", *Israel Affairs* (2010); and "Welfare and Reconstruction in the Aftermath of War: The Ministry of War Sufferers, 1948-1951", *Cathedra* (2010). His forthcoming book, [Social Mobilization in the Arab/Israeli War of 1948: On the Israeli Home Front](#), will be published by Routledge Press. His current research deals with Israeli Post-War Reconstruction and State Building in the early 1950s, and on the Jews from Islamic countries and Jewish-Arab Relations in Mandatory Palestine.



Aviad Raz, UC San Diego

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Aviad E. Raz is Professor of organizational and medical sociology in the Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology and Director of the Program in Behavioral Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Dr. Raz earned his B.Sc. and Ph.D. from Tel-Aviv University. He has been a post-doctoral Fellow at Harvard and has held fellowships from the Japan Foundation and The National Academy of Sciences in Israel (Alon Fellowship). His research focuses on religious/ethnic groups and identities in contemporary Israeli society, especially in the context of health and reproduction. Dr. Raz also studies the social and bioethical aspects of medical organizations, community genetics and patient support organizations. He has been published widely, has conducted research and taught in the field of organizational culture, cross-cultural management and organizational



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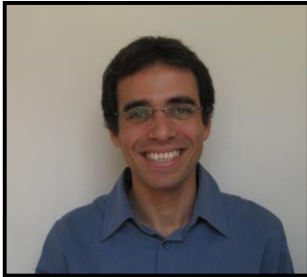


development. Dr. Raz has written seven books and over 43 articles and book chapters on topics in organizational and medical sociology, anthropology, culture, and science.



Maoz Rosenthal, SUNY Binghamton Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Rosenthal received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Tel-Aviv University and currently serves as an academic adviser at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center. He held a post-doc position sponsored by Israel's Higher Education Council at the Open University of Israel and was a visiting research fellow at Yale. Dr. Rosenthal specializes in comparative political economy and public policy. His main research and publications concern the strategic aspects of political systems emphasizing the interaction between citizens, parties and policy makers over public budgets. His main fields of teaching are public policy and administration, Israeli politics, research methods and political economy. This will be Dr. Rosenthal's second year teaching at SUNY Binghamton as a Visiting Israeli Professor.



Nimrod Rosler, University of Kansas Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Nimrod Rosler is a lecturer in the Conflict Management and Resolution Program at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and at the International School and School of Government, Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya. He is also a research associate in the Israel Democracy Institute in Jerusalem, in the "national security and democracy" and "Jewish-Arab relations" projects. In the 2012-13 academic year Dr. Rosler will serve as a Visiting Israel Professor in the University of Kansas on behalf of AICE-Schusterman Foundation. He received his Ph.D. from the Swiss Center for Conflict Research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His dissertation dealt with political leaders in ethno-national conflicts and their resolution process. Dr. Rosler's research interests include the political and psychological dynamics of intractable conflict and peace process, political leadership and emotions in conflict.



Jonathan Rynhold, George Washington University Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Rynhold is the director of the Argov Center for the study of Israel and the Jewish People, a senior researcher at the Begin-Sadat (BESA) Center for Strategic Studies, and a senior lecturer in the Department of Political Studies and at Bar-Ilan University. He received his Ph.D. in international relations from the London



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School of Economics (LSE) in 1998. His research focuses on Israeli and U.S. approaches towards the Middle East peace process. In this vein, he has authored many academic articles on, for example, the rise and fall of the Oslo process, the separation barrier, the Gaza disengagement, the policy of President George W. Bush, the wider U.S. role in the peace process and American Jews and the peace process. He is currently working on a book about U.S.-Israeli relations. Dr. Rynhold also played a leading role in combating the UK campaign to boycott Israeli universities. He has also assisted the Israeli Foreign Ministry and Diaspora Jewish organizations with the development of a global strategy to combat the assault on Israel's legitimacy.



Shalom Sabar, University of Washington

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Shalom Sabar is Professor of Jewish Art and Folklore at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Sabar is the last Jewish baby born in the ages old neo-Aramaic-speaking Kurdish-Jewish community of Zakho. He earned his Ph.D. in art history from UCLA (1987), and wrote about the illustrated marriage contracts of the Jews in Renaissance and Baroque Italy. His research joins together the disciplines of art history and folklore, highlighting issues pertaining to the folk nature of Jewish art and Jewish material culture, visual materials and objects associated with rituals in the life and year cycles, and the evidence these materials provide about the relationships between the Jewish minorities and the societies that hosted them in Christian Europe and the Islamic East.



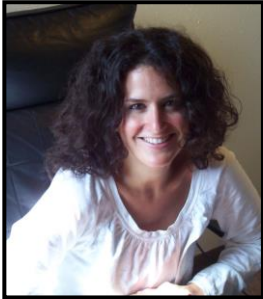
Ilai Saltzman, Claremont McKenna College

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Ilai Z. Saltzman teaches international relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He holds an M.A. in international relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (magna cum laude) and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Haifa. Dr. Saltzman was a research fellow at the International Security Program (ISP), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University. He is the author of *Securitizing Balance of Power Theory: A Polymorphic Reconceptualization* (2012). Dr. Saltzman is currently working on projects dealing with cyber warfare, US-Russian relations, the rise of China and Soviet interwar grand strategy.



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Rhona Seidelman, University of Illinois

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Dr. Seidelman is an expert in quarantine, disease and immigration in Israel. She received her Ph.D. in Israeli History and the History of Medicine from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and her dissertation was the first scholarly work written on the history of *Shaar Haaliya*, “Israel’s Ellis Island.” She has published widely on the subjects of health and immigration in Israeli history.

Her recent works include “Immigrants, Disease and the Zionist Ethos” (*Haaretz*, 2009) and “That I Won’t Translate: The Experiences of a Family-Member Medical Interpreter in a Multi-Cultural Environment” (*Mt. Sinai Journal of Medicine*). She uses the issues of health, disease and medicine as an entry into discussion on belonging, exclusion and power. This will be her second year serving as the visiting Israeli Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Assaf Shelleg, University of Virginia

Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

Musicologist and pianist Dr. Assaf Shelleg is entering his second year as the Israeli Visiting Assistant Professor in the Jewish Studies Program at University of Virginia. Shelleg earned his Ph.D. in Musicology from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2008 and received a post-doc fellowship at Tel Aviv University concomitantly. From 2009-11 he was appointed the Efroymson Visiting Israeli

Scholar in the Department of Jewish, Islamic & Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Shelleg studies twentieth-century Jewish and Israeli art music, focusing on the migration of musical idioms associated with Jewishness and their acquired meanings in Europe, America, mandatory Palestine and Israel. He writes about these topics in articles as well as in his book project, tentatively titled *Jewish Contiguities and the Soundtrack of Israeli History*. In addition to his academic career, Shelleg performs as a soloist with the repertoire he is researching, and has toured Europe and the U.S. with 20th century music solo recitals. Among the classes Shelleg has offered during the last two years are “Intro to Israeli Cultural History;” “Jewish identities in Western Music 1600-2000;” “The Soundtrack of Israeli History;” “Music in Jewish Culture and Society;” and “Music in the Holocaust.”



Yaacov Yadgar, UC Berkeley

Lisa & Douglas Goldman Visiting Israeli Professor

Dr. Yaacov Yadgar is a senior lecturer in the Department of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University. He received his Ph.D. from Bar-Ilan University and has served as a visiting scholar at Columbia University (2001) and a fellow at the



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Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University (2004). Professor Yadgar has received numerous grants and awards, including the Menachem Begin Heritage Center's award for his outstanding Ph.D. dissertation. He also received the Israel Foundation's Trustees research grant for the research proposal "Masortim (Traditionalists) in Israel: Modernity without Secularization?" an Israeli Parliament award for outstanding students; the Rector's award for outstanding students from Bar-Ilan University; and a grant for doctoral students from the Rabin Center for Israel Studies. His publications include, *Our Story: The National Narratives in the Israeli Press* (Haifa University Press, 2004, in Hebrew), and numerous articles on nationalism and ethnicity; culture and collective identity; Jewish identity in Israel; and media and politics. He has been a visiting Israeli professor previously at Rutgers University.



Daniel Zisenwine, U.S. Naval Academy Schusterman Israel Scholar Award Recipient

Daniel Zisenwine is a research fellow at Tel Aviv University's Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies. He also teaches modern North African history at the university's Department of Middle Eastern and African History and at the Hebrew University's Rothberg International School. His research focuses on modern North African history. Dr. Zisenwine is the author of *The Emergence of Nationalist Politics in Morocco* (I.B.Tauris, 2010) and co-edited, with Bruce Maddy Weitzman, *The Maghrib in the New Century* (University Press of Florida, 2007) and *Mohammed VI's Morocco* (Routledge, Forthcoming). Dr. Zisenwine was born in the U.S. and has lived in Israel since childhood. He received his Ph.D. in history from Tel Aviv University in 2005.