

## Curriculum vitae

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### **1. Academic Appointments**

2022-: Professor, Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology, Bar Ilan University.

2016-2022: Senior Lecturer, Department of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology, Bar Ilan University.

2014-2015: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University.

2013-2014: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Open University, Israel.

2012-2013: Rothschild Postdoctoral Fellow, affiliated with the Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London.

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### **2. Education**

Ph.D.: Department of History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2012. Advisors: Prof. Benjamin Z. Kedar and Prof. Laura Minervini. Title: "Intellectual Activity and Intercultural Exchanges in Frankish Acre, 1191-1291."

M.A.: Department of History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2006. Advisor: Prof. Benjamin Z. Kedar. *Summa cum laude*.

B.A.: Department of History and the School of History honors program, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 2003. *Summa cum laude*.

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### **3. Publications**

Books

---, *Learning in a Crusader City: Intellectual Activity and Intercultural Exchanges in Acre, 1191–1291* (Cambridge, 2018).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

---, "Travelling in time and space: early modern variations on Burchard of Mount Sion's *Descriptio Terre Sancte*," *Mediterranean Historical Review* 38.2 (2023), pp. 181–202.

---, "Ethnographic Writing in the Kingdom of Jerusalem: In Search of a Neglected Intellectual Tradition," *Journal of Medieval History* 48.3 (2022), pp. 323-346.

---, "Spiritual and Practical Instructions for Pilgrims: A Preliminary Presentation of Two Unknown Texts," *Mediterranean Historical Review* 35.2 (2020), pp. 211-218.

---, "The Manuscript Tradition of Burchard of Mount Sion's *Descriptio Terre Sancte*," *The Journal of Medieval Latin* 30 (2020), pp. 257-286.

---, "Burchard of Mount Sion's Description of the Holy Land: New Evidence concerning the Text and Its Author," *Cathedra* 171 (April, 2019), pp. 29-48 [Hebrew].

---, "A Missing Link in European Travel Literature: Burchard of Mount Sion's Description of Egypt," *Mediterranea: International Journal on the Transfer of Knowledge* 3 (2018), pp. 55-90.

--- (With Pinchas Roth), "A Medieval Hebrew Adaptation of Two Crusading Texts: Presentation, Analysis and Edition," *Medieval Encounters* 23 (2017), pp. 508-530.

---, "Burchard of Mount Sion's *Descriptio Terrae Sanctae*: A Newly Discovered Extended Version," *Crusades* 13 (2014), pp. 173-190.

---, "The Use of the 'Jericho *Tyrus*' in the *Theriac*: A Case Study in the History of the Exchanges of Medical Knowledge between Western Europe and the Realm of Islam in the Middle Ages," *Medium aevum* 83.2 (Autumn, 2014), pp. 234-253.

--- (With Cornelia Linde), "Western Medicine for the Masters of Damascus: Benvenutus Grapheus's *Experimenta*," *Al-Masaq* 26.2 (Summer 2014), pp. 183-195.

---, "Intellectual Activity in the Frankish Kingdom of Jerusalem," *Zmanim – A Historical Quarterly* 124 (Autumn, 2013), pp. 44-51 [Hebrew].

---, "Benoit d'Alignan and Thomas Agni: Two Western Intellectuals and the Study of Oriental Christianity in 13<sup>th</sup>-century Kingdom of Jerusalem," *Viator* 44.1 (Spring, 2013), pp. 189-199.

---, "John of Ancona's *Summae*: A Neglected Source for the Juridical History of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem," *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 29 (2012), pp. 183-218.

---, "The Debate on 12<sup>th</sup>-Century Frankish Feudalism: Additional Evidence from William of Tyre's *Chronicon*," *Crusades* 8 (2009), pp. 53-62.

Book Chapters:

- , "Multilingualism and the Attitude toward French in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem," in *Multilingualism and History*, ed. Aneta Pavlenko (Cambridge, 2023), pp. 123-137.
- , "Authorial and Scribal Interventions in Medieval Accounts of the Holy Land Burchard of Mount Sion's 'Descriptio Terre Sancte' as a Test Case," in *To Jerusalem and Beyond. Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Latin Travel Literature, c.1200-1500*, eds. Martin Bauer, Philip Booth and Susanna Fischer (Heidelberg, 2023), pp. 15-33.
- , "Intellectual Life in the Latin East," *Cambridge History of the Crusades*, ed. Jonathan Phillips [forthcoming]
- , "The Beginnings of the Study of Foreign Languages in the Dominican Order: Regulation, Implementation and Impact," in *Making and Breaking the Rules. Discussion, Implementation, and Consequences of Dominican Legislation*, ed. Cornelia Linde (Oxford, 2018), pp. 253-272.
- , "John of Antioch and the Perceptions of Language and Translation in Thirteenth-Century Acre," in *The Falls of Acre*, ed. John France (Leiden, 2018), pp. 90-104.
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Book Reviews:

- , "A Review of: Julian Yolles, *Making the East Latin: The Latin Literature of the Levant in the Era of the Crusades* (Washington, DC, 2022)," *Speculum* 99.3 (July, 2024), pp. 972-973.
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Online Resources:

Reading the Holy Land Database: <https://data.readingtheholyland.org/>

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**4. Popular Publications**

- , "How the Latin East contributed to a unique cultural world?" *Aeon* (<https://aeon.co/ideas/how-the-latin-east-contributed-to-a-unique-cultural-world>)
- , "The Story of a Medieval Bestseller: Burchard of Mount Sion's Description of the Holy Land, Et-Mol 259 (Nov. 2018), pp. 4-7 [Hebrew].
- , "What Did Europe Learn from the Crusades?" An article published in a blog dependent on Ha'aretz: 25.4.2017 (<http://www.haaretz.co.il/blogs/sadna/1.4037924>).
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## 5. Grants

Israel Science Foundation, Grant no. 1080/20. Project Title: “The Reception of Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries Latin Accounts of the Holy Land.”

(With Dr. Jonathan Schler) Bar Ilan Data Science Institute Research Grant (2020). Project Title: “*Burchard of Mount Sion’s Descriptio Terre Sancte: Application of Machine Learning Technologies to the Study of Its Transmission and Reception.*”

(With Prof. Ingrid Baumgärtner) Minerva-Gentner Symposium Grant. Project Title: “Burchard of Mount Sion’s Descriptio Terre Sancte: Toward a Critical Edition and Beyond.”

Israel Science Foundation, Grant no. 1443/17. Project Title: “Burchard of Mount Sion’s Descriptio Terrae Sanctae: The Text, Its Development and Its Circulation and Reception.”

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## 6. Teaching

*Courses designed and taught:*

“Reading and Writing History: Basic Principles and Practical Training within the Context of the History of the Holy Land,” 2022-2023.

“Healing and Fighting: The Hospitallers in the Kingdom of Jerusalem,” 2021-2022.

“A Military History of the First Crusade,” 2022.

“An Introduction to Bibliography and Academic Writing,” 2020-2022.

“The Military Orders, An Online Course,” 2020.

“Fortification and Settlement in the Kingdom of Jerusalem,” 2019-2020.

“Redrawing the Map of the Kingdom of Jerusalem: A Research Workshop,” 2019-2020.

“Who Were the Crusaders? An Online Course,” 2019-2020.

“Pilgrimage and Travel Literature in the Middle Ages,” 2018-2019.

“The First Crusade: Reading Witness Accounts,” 2018-2019.

“The Jews in the Kingdom of Jerusalem,” 2017-2018.

“Muslims, Christians and Jews: The Holy Land between the Crusader and Ottoman Conquests,” 2015-2022 (introductory course).

“Pilgrimage and Holy Sites in the Frankish Period,” 2016-2017.

“Social and Cultural History of the Kingdom of Jerusalem,” 2015-2016.

“Jerusalem and Acre: The Capitals of the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem,” 2015-2016.

"Jerusalem in the Frankish Period," Bar Ilan University, 2014.

"Intercultural Exchanges in the Holy Land during the Frankish Period," 2014 (MA course).

"From Clermont to Hattin: The First Crusade and the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem," 2009-2010, 2010-11, 2011-2012.

"Introduction to Historical Thought," 2006-12.

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## **7. Prizes and Fellowships**

2022: Student Council Prize for Inspiring Lecturer

2021: Rector Prize for Innovation in Research

2015-: Alon Fellowship

2014-15: A Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University

2014-15: Yad Ben Zvi Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)

2013-14: A Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Open University, Israel

2012-13: Rothschild Fellowship

2008-12: Polonsky scholarship

2007: President's scholarship

2005-6: Special Dean's prize

2005: Rector prize

2003-5: Faculty prize for outstanding research students

2001: Dean's prize

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## **8. Additional Professional Experience**

2011: Historical Advisor for the Old Acre Development Company

2008-9: Production Coordinator of the book: *Where Heaven and Earth Meet: Jerusalem's Sacred Esplanade*, eds. B.Z. Kedar and O. Grabar (Jerusalem, 2009).

2001-6: Research Assistant, The Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities

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## **9. Papers Read**

--- "Envoys, Translators and Ethnographers: Mendicants in the Service of Western Rulers in and around the Kingdom of Jerusalem," *Mendicants and Political Power(s) in the Middle Ages*, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald, 11-13.9.2023.

- “Religious Fanatics or Proto-Ethnographers? Religious Fanatics or Proto-Ethnographers? Outremer's Intellectuals and 'the other'” The Medieval Seminar, Stockholm University, 3.4.2023.
- “Outremer’s Intellectuals and the Geography of the Holy Land,” SSCLE 10th International Conference: Crusading Encounters, Royal Holloway, University of London, 27.6-1.7.2022.
- “Intellectual life in the Latin kingdom of Jerusalem: An Overview,” Epigraphic Writing on Monuments, Objects, Seals and Coins in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem: A Workshop, Centre de recherche français à Jérusalem, 30.6-1.7.2021.
- “From Manuscript to Print: The Case of Burchard of Mount Sion’s *Descriptio Terre Sancte*,” The Science of Pilgrimage, University of Bern, through ZOOM, 17-18.6.2021.
- “Eudes of Nevers’ Account-Inventory: Some Reflections from the East,” Crusading Things and the Material Outremer, Harvard University and Johns Hopkins University, through ZOOM, 26.3.2021 (invited talk).
- “Burchard of Mount Sion's Descriptio: Toward a Stemma codicum,” Leeds, International Medieval Congress, 4.7.2019.
- “Contact between Languages in the Kingdom of Jerusalem,” Multilingual Practices from Antiquity to the Present Day, University of Oslo, 29-30.4.2019.
- “Burchard of Mount Sion’s Descriptio Terre Sancte: A Provisional Stemma and What We Can Learn from It,” To Jerusalem and Beyond: New Directions in the Study of Latin Travel Literature ca. 1250-1500, University of Innsbruck, 4-5.4.2019.
- “Burchard of Mount Sion’s Discussion of the Holy Land’s Inhabitants: Structure, Content and Development,” The Latin East in the 13th Century: Institutions, Settlements and Material Culture, Haifa University, 31.1-2.2.2018.
- , “From Al-Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock to Templum Domini and Palatium Salomonis: The Temple Mount in the Frankish Period,” Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif: Conflict, Culture, Law, an international conference at the Harvard Law School, 28-29.11.2017 (invited talk).
- , “The Middle East in History: From the Byzantine Period to the Ottoman Conquest,” Exploring the Commonalities of the Mediterranean Region, an EMAN (Euro Mediterranean Academic Network) conference, Istanbul, 6-7.11.2017 (invited talk).

---“Western Writing about Egypt in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries: Preliminary Survey and Analysis,” Journey culture: Voyages, Pathways and Everything Between Them – Between East and West From the Middle Ages Onward, Bar Ilan University, 29.10-2.11.2017.

---, “Frankish Acre as an Arena of Inter-religious Conflicts and Exchanges,” Religion and the City: Inter-Religious Exchanges in Urban Environments, Humboldt Foundation Workshop, Berlin, 3-4.11.2016.

---, “Prester John and the Lost Tribes in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem,” The Ten Lost Tribes between Christians, Muslims and Jews, University of Haifa, 1.6.2016.

---, "Burchard of Mount Sion's *Descriptio Terre Sancte*: New Evidence on the Text and Its Author," Medieval Pilgrims' Accounts to Jerusalem: New Evidence, New Interpretations, Centre de recherché français à Jérusalem, Israel, 15.3.2016.

---, "Burchard of Mount Zion's Description of Jerusalem: New Evidence and New Insights," Jerusalem and the Crusades: New Trends in the Study of the Crusading Movement and the Medieval Levant, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, 8.12.2014.

---, "The Accumulation of Pharmacological Knowledge by the Franks of *Outremer*," Leeds, International Medieval Congress, 7.7.2014.

---, "Latin Identities in the Frankish Kingdom of Jerusalem," Bar Ilan University, 19.6.2014.

---, "The Intellectual Activity in the Kingdom of Jerusalem: Methodological Considerations and New Directions," The French of *Outremer*: Communities and Communications in the Crusading Mediterranean, Fordham University, New York, 29.3.2014.

---, "The Beginnings of the Study of Foreign Languages in the Dominican Order: Regulation, Implementation and Impact," Making and Breaking the Rules: Discussions, Implementation and Consequences of Dominican Legislation, German Historical Institute, London, 8.3.2014.

---, "Exchanges of Medical Knowledge in the Latin East: Some Methodological Considerations and Preliminary Findings," The Israel Institute of Advanced Studies, 11.12.2013.

---, "The Composition, Circulation and Reception of Geographical Texts Describing the Holy Land," International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 3.7.2013.

---, "The Intellectual Activity in the Kingdom of Jerusalem: A New Perspective," Crusades and Latin East Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London, 11.2.2013.

---, "Benoit d'Alignan and Thomas Agni: Two Frankish Intellectuals and the Study of Oriental Christianity in 13<sup>th</sup>-century Kingdom of Jerusalem," The Crusades, Islam and Byzantium: An Interdisciplinary Workshop and Conference, German Historical Institute, London 2011.

---, "Jean d'Antioche and the Perception of Language and Translation in 13<sup>th</sup>-Century Acre," International Congress of Historical Sciences, Amsterdam 2010.

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### **10. Languages**

Hebrew - Native Speaker

Italian – Good reading ability

English - Mother tongue level

German – Good reading ability

Latin – Excellent reading ability

Arabic – Basic reading ability

French – Very good reading ability

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### **11. Academy and Community**

Two public excursions to Latrun and Tzuba 12.7.2016, 2.8.2016.

“Crusader Acre: A Latin Political, Commercial and Cultural Capital in the Medieval Levant,” A lecture to the Tel Aviv University International Women’s Club, 17.1.2017.

Participation as judge in the “Young Scientists and Developers Competition, in Honor of the Goren-Monti-Ferrari Family in Cooperation with the Ministry of Education.”