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Curriculum Vitae
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Personal Information

Robert M. Beren Distinguished Professor of Modern Jewish Studies
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Biography

While doing the research and writing for my recent book, *Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim*, I located some major sociological and humanities themes in my respondents' interviews that I am pursuing in articles now. One article introduces the concept of 'disinscription, a concept I constructed to illustrate that leaving religion is not only about faith, but about changing and removing deeply ingrained ritual bodily practices as well. Building on that, I am also writing an article about bodily rituals among Mormons, comparing their exit stories with those of the Jews. A third article I am pursuing is one on religion and emotion. The exit narratives I collected are quite emotionally charged and I would like to delve more deeply into the subject of religion and emotions, for example, how religious conversion and defection involve different emotional valences and lead to different courses of action. I am currently working on comparing the Jewish 'exiters' experiences with those of Mormon defectors.

My current research also involves several distinct research projects, in addition to the articles. One is a book comparing contemporary Jewish mindfulness and meditation, with parallel Buddhist practices. The book will involve analysis and comparison of the ancient texts contemporary practitioners draw upon, participant observation at each group's rituals, including meditation sessions, silent retreats, and interviews with contemporary practitioners.

I am also beginning to conduct interviews for a series of articles on Jewish 'tribalism,' (articulated as 'genetics') highlighting this key means of identification with Judaism on the part of Jews who do not practice or belong to any Jewish organizations. In an era in which racial descriptors are generally eschewed in society, I am exploring how unaffiliated Jews use this language to describe the nature of their Judaism.

On the side, I am working on a project arising from my long-time interest in mental health and society. I was a psychology major in college; since then I have continued to pay attention to psychology and psychiatry. My long-term goal is to write an intellectual biography of Oliver Sacks, the famous neurologist who showed the strengths in patients who might otherwise be "disabled." The tentative title here is *Oliver Sacks: The Doctor Who Learned from his Patients*.

In addition to my major projects, occasionally I respond to writers' and reporters' questions about current issues in religion. For example, last fall I spoke to a reporter in New York from American Catholic, who was writing an essay about rural Catholic churches. He located me through the Sociology Department and asked whether I would do some field research at a Church in rural Kansas. He directed me to a priest in Axtell, KS, I set up an appointment with him, went to a Sunday Mass, interviewed the priest, and then wrote a report on my findings. These small projects offer me opportunities to learn about other religion and help me build a reputation as a public scholar.

Education

- Ph.D., Sociology, 1986
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- M.A., Religion and Psychological Studies, 1978
University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL
- B.A., Psychology & Religion, 1975
Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY
(HONS)

Employment History

Academic

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Robert M. Beren Distinguished Professor Modern Jewish Studies, Fall 2008 - Present
Professor of Sociology, Fall 2008 - Present
Director, Program in Jewish Studies, Fall 2008 - December 2011
Professor of Religious Studies, Fall 2008 - December 2011

Brown University, Providence, RI
Professor of Judaic Studies, 2002 - 2008
American Civilization, Gender Studies
Associate Professor, 1994 - 2002
Judaic Studies, American Civilization, Sociology, Women's Studies
Assistant to Associate Professor, 1992 - 1994

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Visiting Scholar, 1994 - 1995
Center for the Study of American Religion
Visiting Associate Professor, 1994 - 1995
Sociology

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Assistant Professor of Sociology, 1987 - 1992

Administrative Assignments

Director of Jewish Studies, August 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011
Functioned as "chair" of a small unit.

Honors/Awards/Honor Societies

Individual Honors/Awards

Robert M. Beren Distinguished Professor, University of Kansas (2008 - Present)
Visiting Scholar, Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion (Fall 2015)
Scholar-in Residence, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY (October 10, 2007 - October 11, 2007)
Visiting Fellow, Hebrew University Institute for Advanced Study, Jerusalem, Israel (Spring 2005)

Participate in a 5 month research seminar on Contemporary Jewish Studies
 National Jewish Book Award, National Committee on Jewish Book Awards (Fall 2002)
 My book, *Tradition in a Rootless World: Women Turn to Orthodox Judaism* awarded
 national award in the Category of CONTEMPORARY JEWISH LIFE
 Research Fellowship, Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, Harvard University (1997 - 1998)
 Scholar in Residence, women and religion, Princeton Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton
 University (1993 - 1994)

Teaching Key Words

culture; religion; gender; sociology of the body; identity; qualitative and narrative research methods;
 theory; critical whiteness theory; sociology of American Jews; contemporary Jewish identities

Research Key Words

culture; the therapeutic; mindfulness and meditation; religion; gender; sociology of the body; identity;
 qualitative and narrative research methods; theory; critical whiteness theory

Research/Scholarly Work

Publications

Reviewed/Refereed

Books

Davidman, L. R. (2014). *Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim*. Oxford University Press. 275.

Davidman, L. (2000). *Motherloss*. University of California Press.

Reinharz, S., & Davidman, L. (1992). *Feminist Methods in Social Research*. Oxford University Press.

With the assistance of Lynn Davidman.

Davidman, L. (1991). *Tradition in a Rootless World: Women Turn To Orthodox Judaism*. University of California Press.

Book Chapters

Davidman, L. (2011). The Transformation of Bodily Practices among Religious Defectors. In C. Bobel & S. Kwan (Eds.), *Embodied Resistance: Challenging the Norms, Breaking the Rules*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.

Davidman, L. (2007). The New Voluntarism and the Case of Unsynagogued Jews. In N. Ammerman (Ed.), *Everyday Religion: Observing Modern Religious Lives* (pp. 51-67). Oxford University Press.

Greil, A. L., & Davidman, L. (2007). Religion and Identity. In N. J. Demerath III & J. Beckford (Eds.), *Handbook of Sociology of Religion* (pp. 549-565). Cambridge University Press.

- Davidman, L. (2003). Beyond the Synagogue Walls. In M. Dillon (Ed.), *Handbook for the Sociology of Religion* (pp. 261-275). Cambridge University Press.
- Davidman, L. (2002). Truth, Subjectivity, and Ethnographic Research. In J. Spickard, J. S. Landres, & M. B. McGuire (Eds.), *Whither Ethnography? Transforming the Social-Scientific Study of Religion* (pp. 17-26). New York: New York University Press. (Invited)
Lead article.
- Davidman, L. (2001). Turning to Orthodox Jewish Judaism. In H. Goldberg (Ed.), *The Life of Judaism* (pp. 92-104). Berkeley: University of California Press.
Reprinted excerpt from *Tradition in a Rootless World*.
- Davidman, L., & Stocks, J. (1995). Varieties of Fundamentalist Experience: Lubavitch Hasidic and Fundamentalist Christian Approaches to Contemporary Family Life. In J. Belcovce-Shalin (Ed.), *New World Hasidism* (pp. 107-133). Albany: SUNY Press.
- Davidman, L. (1994). I Come Away Stronger: The Impact of a Loosely-Structured Jewish Feminist Group. In R. Wuthnow (Ed.), *I Come Away Stronger: How Small Groups Are Shaping American Religion* (pp. 322-343). Michigan: Eerdmans. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (1990). Women's Search for Family and Roots: A Jewish Religious Solution to a Modern Dilemma. In T. Robbins & D. Anthony (Eds.), *In Gods We Trust II* (pp. 385-407). New Brunswick: Transaction Books. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (1986). Sex and the Modern Jewish Woman: An Overview. In J. Scherer Brewer (Ed.), *Sex and the Modern Jewish Woman: An Annotated Bibliography*. Fresh Meadow: Biblio Press.
Ten-page essay.

Journal Articles

- Davidman, L., & Bailey, C. (in review). Disincription of Embedded Bodily Rituals among Jewish and Mormon Religious Defectors.
- Davidman, L., Bailey, C., & Winfield, T. P. (in review). Disincription of Embedded Religious Bodily Rituals: Identity Transformation in Stories of Hasidic Jewish Defectors.
- Davidman, L. (in press). Jews: The Ever Dying, Ever Renewing, People. *American Jewish Year Book*.
- Davidman, L., & Greil, L. (2007). Characters in Search of a Script. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 46(2), 201-216.
- Davidman, L., & Tenenbaum, S. (2007). It's in My Genes: Biological Discourse and Essentialist Views of Identity Among Contemporary American Jews. *Sociological Quarterly*, 48(3), 435-450.
- Davidman, L., & Cadge, W. (2006). Ascription, Choice, and the Construction of Religious Identities in the Contemporary United States. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 45(1), 23-38.

- Davidman, L. (2004). Children of Intermarriage: Identity by Choice or Genetics? *Humanistic Judaism*, XXXII(II), 28-35. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (2000). Studying Close to Home: The Intersection of Life and Work. *Sociology of Religion*, 61(4), 425-432.
Reprinted in Mary Jo Neitz and Nancy Nason Clark, eds., *Feminist Narratives in the Sociology of Religion*. California: Alta Mira Press, 2001, pp. 59-66.
- Davidman, L. (1999). Growing up Motherless. *Lilith*. (Invited)
Four-page essay.
- Davidman, L. (1997). The Personal, the Sociological and the Intersection of the Two. *Qualitative Sociology*, 20(4), 507-515.
Reprinted in Barry Glassner and Rosanna Hertz, eds., *Qualitative Sociology as Everyday Life*. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 1999, pp. 79-88.
- Davidman, L., & Greil, A. L. (1993). Gender and the Experience of Conversion: The Case of Newly Orthodox Jews. *Sociology of Religion*, 54(1), 83-100.
- Davidman, L., & Jacobs, J. (1993). Feminist Perspectives on New Religious Movements. *Religion and the Social Order*, 3B, 173-190.
- Davidman, L. (1990). Accommodation and Resistance: A Comparison of Two Contemporary Orthodox Jewish Groups. *Sociological Analysis*, 51(1), 35-51. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (1985). Reaching Out on the Upper West Side: Women Ba'alot Teshuvah at Lincoln Square Synagogue. *The Melton Journal*, 19.
Four-page essay.

Book Reviews

- Davidman, L. (in press). [Review of *Coming of Age in Jewish America: Bar and Bat Mitzvah Reinterpreted*, Patricia Kerr Munro]. *Gender and Society*. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (in press). [Review of *JewAsian*]. *Contemporary Sociology*. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (in press). [Review of *Summoned*, Iddo Tavory]. *Contemporary Sociology*. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (2015, May). [Review of *The Men's Section: Orthodox Jewish Men in an Egalitarian World*, Elana Maryles Sztokman]. *Contemporary Sociology*, 44(3), 422-423. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (2014, July 21). [Review of *God's Gangs: Barrio Ministry, masculinity, and Gang Recovery*, Edward Orozco Flores]. *Gender and Society*, 29(1), 154-156. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (2011, November). [Review of *Mitzvah Girls: Bringing Up the Next Generation of Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn*, Ayala Fader]. *AJS Review*, 35(2), 456-459. (Invited)
- Davidman, L. (2002, April). [Review of *Fighting to Become Americans: Jews, Gender and the Anxiety of Assimilation*, Riv Ellen Prell]. *Sh'ma*, p. 12. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (2002, February). [Review of *Beyond the Synagogue Gallery*, Karla Goldman]. *Journal of the American Historical Association*, 222-223. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (2001). [Review of *When a Jew Dies*, Samuel Heilman]. *American Jewish History*, 89(3), 320-323. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (2000). [Review of *God Gave Us the Right*, Christel Manning]. *Contemporary Sociology*, 29(3), 523-524. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (2000). [Review of *Lubavitcher Women in America*, Bonnie J. Morris]. *The American Historical Review*, 105(3), 968-969. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (1995). [Review of *Gender Play: Girls and Boys in School*, Barrie Thorne]. *Qualitative Sociology*, 18(1), 105-107. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (1995). [Review of *Priestess, Mother, Sacred Sister: Religions Dominated by Women*, Susan Sered]. *Contemporary Sociology*, 24(5), 693-694. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (1992). [Review of *Women and Jewish Divorce: The Rebellious Wife, the Agunah and the Right of Women to Initiate Divorce in Jewish Law--A Halakhic Solution*, Shlomo Riskin]. *Journal of Church and State*, 34(1), 153-154. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (1991). [Review of *Returning to Tradition*, Herbert Danzger]. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 30(1), 134-136. (Invited)

Books, Edited Volumes

Davidman, L., & Tenenbaum, S. (Eds.). (1994). *Feminist Perspectives On Jewish Studies*. Yale University Press.

Includes co-authored chapter with Shelley Tenenbaum, "Towards a Feminist Sociology of American Jews"

Invited Presentations/Lectures

International

Davidman, L. (2017, August). *Hasidic Defection as an Embodied Accomplishment*. World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel.
Forthcoming.

Davidman, L. (2014, November 2). *Author Meets Critics: Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim*. Society for Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN.

Davidman, L. (2013, May 21). *Transformation of Embodied Identities*. French Association of American Studies, France.

Davidman, L. (2012, April). *Which Half? Identity Formation for Children of Inter-marriage*. International Society for Secular Humanistic Judaism, Annual Conference.

Davidman, L. (2003, November). *The New Voluntarism and the Case of Religious/Ethnic*

- Groups*. Invitation-only Conference at Boston University on the Future of the Sociology of Religion.
- Davidman, L. (2000, October). *When A Mother Dies*. Parent's Weekend, Brown University.
- Davidman, L. (1997, November). *Narratives of Motherloss*. Harvard Center for Literary and Cultural Studies.
- Davidman, L. (1997, September). *Interrupted Lives: Adolescent Motherloss and Beyond*. Annual Women's Studies Lecture, Brown University.
- Davidman, L. (1996, October). *On Growing Up Motherless*. Brown University Parents' Weekend Continuing Education Program, Brown University.
- Davidman, L. (1995, June). *Gender, Judaism, and Multicultural Studies*. Keynote Address, National Association of Women's Studies, Des Moines, IA.
- Davidman, L. (1995, February). *Gender and the [Dis]Ordering of Normal Sociologies of Religion*. Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Davidman, L. (1994, April). *Jewish Studies in the Social Sciences*. Panel participant in day-long conference at Yale University.
- Davidman, L. (1993, November). *Deconstructing Traditional Models in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*. Plenary session, The Society for Scientific Study of Religion, Raleigh, NC.
- Davidman, L. (1989, June). *Women's Search for Family and Roots: A Jewish Religious Solution to a Modern Dilemma" and "Gender and Religious Experience*. Talks presented at the University of Tel Aviv, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The University of Haifa, and the Jerusalem Anthropology Circle.

National

- Davidman, L. (2016, August). *Presentation of a review of Iddo Tavory's Summoned*, (part of an "Author Meets Critics" session). Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle, WA.
- Davidman, L. (2016, April). *Keynote Speaker*. Conference on "Orthodoxy Faces Modernity", Bernard Baruch College, New York City.
- Davidman, L. (2016, April). *The Racialization of American Immigrants, 1840-Present*. Race and Immigration: Critical Perspectives and Future Directions, KU Institute for Policy and Social Research.
- Davidman, L. (2015, December 13). *'Coming out': Identity Narratives of Hasidic Jews, and those of Gays and Lesbians*. Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion.
- Davidman, L. (2014, November 12). *Panel Discussion: Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim*. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton, NJ.
- Davidman, L. (2006, October). *Narratives of Leaving Orthodoxy*. Department of Sociology,

- Brandeis University.
- Davidman, L. (2003, October). *The Benefits of Inter-marriage*. The Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism.
- Davidman, L. (2002, March). *Marginal Jews*. Boisi Center for Religion and Public Life, Boston College.
- Davidman, L. (2001, October). *Beyond the Synagogue Walls*. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
- Davidman, L. (2000, November). Panel Presentation on Michele Dillon's book, *Catholic Identity*, at the Boisi Center for Religion and Public Life, Boston College.
- Davidman, L. (2000, March). *Dilemmas of Women in Orthodox Judaism*. University of New Hampshire.
- Davidman, L. (1999, October). *The Impact of Jewish Women's Studies on Contemporary Jewish Life*. Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY.
- Davidman, L. (1998, January). *On Growing Up Motherless*. The Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College.
- Davidman, L. (1997, March). *Ethnographic Methods and the Study of Religion*. Loyola University, Chicago, IL.
- Davidman, L. (1997, February). *Methods of Studying Trauma: The Case of Adolescent Motherloss*. Lecture presented at University of Missouri, Columbia.
- Davidman, L. (1997, February). *Religion, Gender and Feminist Studies*. Lecture presented at University of Missouri, Columbia.
- Davidman, L. (1995, November). *Judaism, Gender, and Models of Family Life*. Panel presentation at the Illinois Council for the Humanities Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Davidman, L. (1993, December). *Orthodox Judaism and the Social Construction of Gender*. Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Davidman, L. (1988, April). *Family, Community, and Roots: The Appeal of Orthodox Judaism to Contemporary Women*. Invited participant at conference on "Gender, Politics, and Religion," Smith College, Northampton, MA.
- Davidman, L. (1986, October). *Reclaiming Religious Tradition*. American Jewish Historical Society.

Regional

- Davidman, L. (2014, October 15). *The Process of Religious Defection*. Alfred University, Alfred, NY.
- Davidman, L. (1996, November). *Jewish Women's Search for Identity*. State University of New

York at New Paltz.

Davidman, L. (1994, May). *Bringing the Women Back In: Toward a Wider View of Jewish Life, Past and Present*. Keynote Speaker, Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Davidman, L. (1994, April). *Should Jewish Studies be Included in Multicultural Studies?* Plenary session, conference of the New Jersey Project, New Jersey.

Presentations/Lectures

International

Davidman, L. (2008, August). *Bodily Practices and the Process of Religious Defection*. Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston, MA.

Davidman, L., & Tenenbaum, S. (2005, December). *It's in My Genes: Biological Discourse and Essentialist Views of Identity Among Contemporary American Jews*. Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, DC.

Davidman, L. (2005, August). *Comparing Israeli and American Exiters from Orthodox Judaism*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Davidman, L. (2004, October). *The Dynamics of Religious Defection: A Case Study of Orthodox Jews*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, MO.

Davidman, L. (2003, October). *Choice and Voluntarism in Contemporary Jewish Identities*. The Association for American Studies, Hartford, CT.

Davidman, L. (2002, August). *Multi-Religiosity and Ethnicity: Individuals Born to One Jewish Parent*. The American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Davidman, L. (2000, November). *Religion Outside the Synagogues: Secular, or Unaffiliated Jews*. The Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA.

Davidman, L. (1999, August). *Symbolic Practices and Maintaining the Presence of the 'Dearly Departed'*. American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Davidman, L. (1998, November). *Ethnography and Emotion Work in the Sociology of Religion*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Montreal, Canada.

Davidman, L. (1997, November). *Postmodern Theory and the Study of Religion*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, CA.

Davidman, L. (1996, August). Presented review of *Mother, Sisters, Daughters: Women in Eastern Religious Movements* at "Author Meets Critics" session of the meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY.

National

Davidman, L. (2016, December 18). *The Uses of Concepts Developed in the Study of Jews for Understanding Role Exit*. Association for the Jewish Studies.

Davidman, L. (2015, December). *The Conceptualization of the word 'Disincscription' to Illustrate Bodily Changes Performed in Religious Defection of Hasidic Jews*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies.

Davidman, L. (2015, August). *Author Meets Critics: Lynn Davidman's Becoming Un-Orthodox, Stories of Ex-Hasidic Jews*. Special Session at Annual Conference of Association for the Sociology of Religion.

Regional

Davidman, L. (2006, March). *Leaving Orthodoxy: A Comparison between the United States and Israel*. Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, Boston, MA.

Davidman, L. (2001, March). *Author Meets Critics Session on Motherloss*. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Davidman, L. (1999, March). *Cultural Constructions of Motherhood*. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.

Davidman, L., Ciambone, D., & Benway, G. (1995, April). *I'm Not a Mama's Boy, But: The Negotiation of Adulthood Among Young Adults who Return Home*. Conference of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

Research Funding/Fellowships

University of Kansas

Externally-Funded Grant/Contract

Funded

Davidman, L. *Fellowship at the Princeton Center for the Study of Religion*. Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion (Fall 2015).

Internal Award

Funded

Davidman, L. *Organized Conference: Narratives of Jewish Experience*. University of Kansas Dean College of Liberal Arts and Sciences \$20,000 (Spring 2012).

Brown University

Externally-Funded Grant/Contract

Funded

Davidman, L. *Invited Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies, 5 month seminar on Contemporary Jewish Identity*. The Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (Spring 2005).

Full salary. This fellowship was highly competitive. I was one of eight international scholars who were brought together for a four-month seminar on Jewish Identity.

Davidman, L. *Research Fellowship*. Bunting, Radcliffe College, Harvard University \$50,000 (1997 - 1998).

Davidman, L. *Scholar in Residence; Women and Religion*. Princeton Center for the Study of Religion (1993 - 1994).

Internal Award

Funded

Davidman, L. (Principal). *Curricular Development Grant*. Brown University \$12,500 (2006 - 2008).

Amount is per annum.

Davidman, L. (Principal). *Humanities Research Grant*. Brown University \$3,000 (2004 - 2007).

Amount is per annum, to support my research for DANCING AT TWO WEDDINGS.

Activity Currently in Progress

Davidman, L., "Jewish and Buddhist Meditation/Mindfulness," (2016 - Present).

Possible book and other publications

Status: On-Going

Davidman, L., "The Re-Triumph of the Therapeutic," (2016 - Present).

Possible book and other publications

Status: On-Going

Davidman, L., "Jewish Tribalism," (2015 - Present).

Possible book and other publications

Status: On-Going

Davidman, L., "Oliver Sacks: The Doctor Who Listened to His Patients," (2015 - Present).

Possible book and other publications

Status: On-Going

Dissertation/Thesis Supervision

University of Kansas

Dissertation Committee Chair

Bo Cassells, Ph.D. student, Sociology, "Consumerism and Religion: A Research Question"

Status: completed. December 2, 2016

Proposal defense

Chelsea A Bailey, Ph.D. student, Sociology, "Global Climate Change and Social Inequality"

Status: in progress. April 2016

Dissertation Committee Member

Jonathan Burrow-Branine, Ph.D. American Studies, Status: completed. Spring 2014

Thanh Hai Le Cao, Ph.D. American Studies, Status: completed. August 26, 2013

Doctoral Examination Committee Chair

Chelsea A Bailey, Ph.D. student, Sociology, "Environmental Change in its Global Context"
Status: completed. Spring 2015

Chelsea A Bailey, Ph.D. student, Sociology, "Comprehensive Review Essay in Inequality"
Status: completed. Fall 2014

Master's Committee Chair

Nathan Collins, M.A. Sociology, Status: completed. Spring 2014

KU Courses Taught (past five years)

Fall 2016

SOC 910-25765, Seminar Special Topics Methods: Narrative Methods
SOC 999-18634, Dissertation

Summer 2016

SOC 999-88527, Dissertation

Spring 2016

JWSH 601-70767, Senior Seminar in Jewish Studi
SOC 600-64621, Sociological Perspectives: Becoming White:Ethnicity in US
SOC 991-63249, Individual Doctoral Readings
SOC 999-59053, Dissertation

Fall 2015

SOC 991-19417, Individual Doctoral Readings

Summer 2015

SOC 991-84678, Individual Doctoral Readings

Spring 2015

SOC 105-64387, Elements of Sociology, Honors
SOC 600-69921, Sociological Perspectives: Becoming White:Ethnicity in US
SOC 891-70934, Individual Master's Readings
SOC 899-70935, Thesis
SOC 991-65717, Individual Doctoral Readings

Fall 2014

SOC 891-20329, Individual Master's Readings
SOC 899-20333, Thesis
SOC 910-25680, Seminar Special Topics Methods: Narrative Methods
SOC 991-20343, Individual Doctoral Readings

Spring 2014

SOC 105-66706, Elements of Sociology, Honors
SOC 991-70969, Individual Doctoral Readings

Fall 2013

SOC 105-24287, Elements of Sociology, Honors

SOC 900-26509, Smnr on Spcial Tpcs in Theory: Feminist Theory

Spring 2013

SOC 910-62845, Seminr Special Topics Methods: Qualitative Methods

Fall 2012

SOC 105-26620, Elements of Sociology, Honors

SOC 780-29141, Advanced Topics in Sociology: Sociology of Religion

Spring 2012

JWSH 490-58018, Directd Study in Jewish Stdies

SOC 910-64368, Seminr Special Topics Methods: Narrative Methods

University Service

University of Kansas

Director

Jewish Studies Program. (August 2008 - 2011)

College Service

University of Kansas

Mentor (Appointed)

Undergraduate mentor for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. (2016 - 2017)

Department Service

University of Kansas

Jewish Studies

Director

Director of Jewish Studies Department. Functioned as "chair" of a small unit (August 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011)

Sociology

Member

Undergraduate Studies Committee. (Fall 2016 - Present)

Undergraduate Program Committee. (August 2014 - Present)

Personnel committee. (August 2010 - 2014)

Mentor

Faculty Mentoring of Junior Faculty. Mentoring two colleagues for promotion: Tracey

LaPierre for promotion to Full Professor and Emily Rauscher for tenure and promotion. (Fall 2016 - Present)

Faculty Mentoring of Junior Faculty. For over six years I have read, commented upon, and

then re-read approximately 8 articles and 2 grant applications (Fall 2009 - Present)

Professional Service

Advisory Boards

International

Member of Advisory Board

International Research Institute on Jewish Women, (HBI) Brandeis University, Academic Advisory Committee Member. (1997 - Present)

Academic Advisory Council Member

(Appointed) Jewish Women's Archive. (1998 - Present)

Member of Advisory Board

Sociological Quarterly, (Appointed). (2008 - Present)

Qualitative Sociology, (Appointed). (1995 - Present)

(Appointed) Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University. (1995 - Present)

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, (Appointed). (2012 - 2015)

Other Professional Service

International

External Evaluator

Promotion Committees in Israel; one or two annually. (1998 - Present)

Organizer

Three sessions on Sociology of Religion for the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Ontario. (August 1997)

Reviewer, Fellowship Applications

Brandeis Women in Judaism Fellowship.

Canadian Research Council Humanities Fellowships.

Occasional Reviewer for Internal Fellowships for CUNY, Emory University and others.

Woodrow Wilson Women's Studies Fellowships.

Reviewer, Journal Submissions

American Journal of Sociology.

American Sociological Review.

Gender and Society.

Journal for Feminist Studies in Religion.

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Journal of Contemporary Ethnography.

Journal of Cultural Anthropology.

Journal of Cultural Studies.

Qualitative Sociology.

Social Forces.

Social Problems.

Sociological Inquiry.

Sociology of Religion.

Reviewer, Manuscript
 Harvard University Press.
 New York University Press.
 Oxford University Press.
 Princeton University Press.
 Rutgers University Press.
 University of California Press.
 University of Chicago Press.
 University of Indiana Press.

National

External Evaluator

Each year I write approximately two letters evaluating scholars for promotion to associate or full professor. (1992 - Present)
 Reviewed colleague for promotion to Full Professor. (Spring 2016)

Organizer

Conference on Narratives of Jewish Lives and Jewish Studies, Hall Center for the Humanities. (April 2011)
 National conference on "Religion Outside the Institutions" at Princeton University. (Together with Karen McCarthy Brown) (1998)

Service Presentations

Davidman, L. *Jewish Mourning Rituals*. Guest Lecture on "Jewish Mourning Rituals" in Tracey LaPierre's class, *Death and Dying*, University of Kansas.

Davidman, L. (2016, August). *The Whitening of the Immigrants*. Day of Discovery at the Kansas City Jewish Community Center. (Invited)

Davidman, L. (2013, Summer). *Five different lectures on my research*. Kansas City Jewish Community Center, Kansas City, MO. (Invited)

Reviews

(November 2014), *Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidim*. Publisher's Weekly.

Interviews

Podcasts

"Society for Scientific Study of Religion". (2016)

"Unorthodox". (2016)

Television

"Interview with Lynn Davidman" *Modern Jewish Lives*. (2015)

Interview about my book, *Becoming Unorthodox*

Other Activity or Information

Language Proficiencies

Hebrew (fluent); French (reading)

External or International Connections and Collaborations

Occasional Participation in Seminars

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Israel, Colleague with research interests in common (2005 - Present)

Research Collaboration

Alfred University

NY, Co-author of two articles