

MEYER JACOB WEINSHEL

Curriculum Vitae

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Center for Austrian Studies - Associate Director
Department of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch - Affiliated Faculty
Center for Jewish Studies - Affiliated Scholar

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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. — Germanic Studies and History (Ph.D. Minor) , University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
 Areas of Scholarly Expertise:
 German Jewish Studies
 Yiddish Studies
 Comparative Genocide Studies
 Memory Studies
 Translation Studies and Multilingualism
 Queer Studies
 Archival Studies and Practice
 Language Revitalization
- 2017 Advanced Yiddish — YIVO Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture
 Intermediate Yiddish - Vilnius Yiddish Institute (2016)
 Beginner Yiddish - YIVO Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture (2015)
- 2016 M.A. — Germanic Studies
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- 2012-13 Non-Degree Study at the University of Vienna (Germanistik/Austrian Studies MA-Studiengang)

2012 B.A., *with Honors* — German Studies, History & Classics (Minors)
Macalester College

EMPLOYMENT

Center for Austrian Studies - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

2024 Associate Director
Center for Austrian Studies (College of Liberal Arts - Institute for Global Studies)

2023-24 Assistant Director
Center for Austrian Studies (College of Liberal Arts - Institute for Global Studies)

2022-23 Head of Publications, Programs, and Research
Center for Austrian Studies (College of Liberal Arts - Institute for Global Studies)

Human Rights Program - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)

2022-23 Co-Principal Investigator, Postdoctoral Associate & Exhibition Designer
Minnesota Human Rights Archive Project
Human Rights Program (College of Liberal Arts - Institute for Global Studies)

2021 Feasibility Study Researcher and Grant Writer
Minnesota Human Rights Archive Project
Human Rights Program (College of Liberal Arts - Institute for Global Studies)

Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

2020-23 Educational Outreach & Special Collections Lead
Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (College of Liberal Arts - Institute for
Global Studies)

The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)

2021 Visiting Lecturer and Interim Director of Yiddish & Ashkenazic Studies

Yiddish Book Center (Amherst, MA)

2020 Assistant Instructor for Beginner Yiddish - Steiner Yiddish Summer Program

University of Minnesota - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch (Minneapolis, MN)

2014-2020 Graduate Instructor - Department of German, Nordic Slavic & Dutch, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)

Courses Taught:

PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARSHIP

2022 *Europa Orientalis*, Band 21 - Framing History in East-Central Europe and Beyond: "Reclaiming Multilingualism: The Role of Translation for Central European Jewish Cultures"

2020 *Journal of Austrian Studies* 53.3 Fall 2020. - *Special Issue on Czernowitz*: "Centering Centerlessness: "Czernowitz and Contiguities of German and Yiddish Modernism."

Forthcoming Peer-Reviewed Publications

2026 MLA volume, *Teaching German Literature for the 21st Century*
"Teaching in Jewish: Multilingualism, Translation, and the Place(s) of German Jewish Studies" (co-authored with Leslie Morris)

PUBLIC- FACING SCHOLARSHIP AND EXHIBITIONS

Panel Exhibition

2024 *Global Reach of Local Activism: Minnesota's Human Rights Stories*
Curated with Patrick Finnegan, Barbara Frey, Carrie Booth-Walling
Elmer L. Andersen Library (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)

StoryMaps/Digital Exhibitions

2023 [*Al Tocar Diana: Framing Memories of the Spanish Civil War*](#)
(project supervisor and lead curator)

2022 [*Misshapen Archives: Forgotten Photographs from the Maxine Rude Collection*](#)
(project supervisor and lead curator)

In Geveb - A Journal of Yiddish Studies

2022 [*Critical Language Pedagogy: A Report from an AJS Roundtable*](#)

2020 [*"In eynem's Communicative Approach to Yiddish Pedagogy: An Interview with*](#)

[Asya Vaisman Schulman](#),” June 2020

MinnPost

2021 [“Fragmented Mirrors: Queering Jewish Histories of the Holocaust”](#)

Society Pages

2023 [Navigating the “Personal:” Intersectional Pasts and the Politics of Memory](#)

2022 [Against the Brittleness of Memory: Complex Parallels on Yom HaShoah](#)

2022 [Marking Women’s History Month](#)

2022 [January 27th: Commemorating Uncertainties on the Long Road to Liberation](#)

2021 [“Divide Up Those in Darkness...”](#) (Exhibition Review)

2021 [“Kindertransport: Rescuing Children on the Brink of War”](#) (Exhibition Review)

2021 [Unearthing Yiddish Archival Objects](#)

2020 [Yiddish Activism: The Need for, and Hidden Costs of Seriousness...](#)

CONFERENCES

Convener

2021 Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (Chicago, IL)
Roundtable: Shared language(s)? In Search of Critical Identities in Hebrew, Judeo-Spanish, and Yiddish Pedagogy

2020-21 German Studies Association Conference (Washington, D.C)
Seminar Title: “The Pasts and Futures of German Jewish Studies”
Co-Conveners: Abigail Gillman (Boston University), Jennifer Hoyer (University of Arkansas), and Matthew Johnson (University of Chicago)
NOTE: Planned for 2020; postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Panel Chair

2024 Hebrew Type Symposium: Letters that Link Us (Minneapolis Minnesota)
Panel: Jewish Printing and European-American Modernity

Presenter

2020 Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (online)
“Selective Memory: Anthologizing Postwar Yiddish from 'Another Germany’”

2019 Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (San Diego, CA)

“Anthologizing multilingualism: German Literature and Yiddish Translation in and Beyond Habsburg Central Europe”

- 2019 Thirteenth Annual Austrian Studies Center Conference (Vienna, Austria)
“*Fun andere shprakhn*: Afterlives of Habsburg Literature in Translation”
- 2019 German Studies Association Conference (Portland, Oregon)
“Reclaiming *Sondersprachen*: The Case of Habsburg Jewish Cultures”
- 2019 Sixth Biennial German-Jewish Studies Workshop (Notre Dame, Indiana)
“German-Yiddish Translation and the Development of Habsburg Jewish Culture”
- 2018 German Studies Association Conference (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)
“Das andere Deutschland: German-Jewish Literature in Yiddish Translation”
- 2017 German Studies Association Conference (Atlanta, Georgia)
“Centering Centerlessness: Echoes of Habsburg Central Europe in Yiddish Modernism”

Panelist

- 2025 Humanities Without Walls - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
“Project and Program Management in and beyond Higher Education”
- 2025 Austrian Studies Association Conference - Gettysburg College
“A Guide to Graduate Student Publishing”
- 2023 Humanities Without Walls - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
“Higher Ed Beyond Research and Writing”

COMMITTEES

- 2026 Undergraduate Honors Thesis - Ryken Farr (Department of History, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities)

TEACHING

The Ohio State University

- 2021 Beginner Yiddish 2 (Yiddish 1102)
2021 Introduction to Yiddish Culture (Yiddish/Jewish Studies 2241)

University of Minnesota

2020	German Jewish Culture, Memory, Elegy - 1648-Present (GER 3104W)
2018	Intensive Intermediate German I (GER 1003 - Summer Term)
2016-17	Intermediate German I-II (GER 1003-1004)
2015-16	Elementary German I-II (GER 1001-1002)

Community Course Instructor

2020	<i>Lomir redn yidish!</i> Yiddish for Advanced Beginners Jewish Community Action (Minneapolis, MN)
2019	<i>Lomir onheybn!</i> An Introduction to Yiddish Language and Culture Jewish Community Action (Minneapolis, MN)

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies

2020-21	Graduate Intern - Creator of Subject Guide for German-Language Materials Held in Tretter Collection
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Department of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch - University of Minnesota

2017-18	Technology Liaison - German Language Program Curricular Design
2017, 2020	Grader (for Professor Leslie Morris) - "Holocaust: Memory, Narrative, History"

Program in Translation and Interpreting

2016-17	Translation Evaluator - Program in Translation and Interpreting
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ACADEMIC CONSULTING

2020	Yiddish Language Assessment (LPE) Designer - Carleton College
2018	Yiddish Consultant - Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest

LANGUAGE PEDAGOGY & RESEARCH - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021	"The Yiddish Object" - Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture - UW-Madison
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2018-19	Yiddish Pedagogy Program - Yiddish Book Center (Amherst, MA)
2018	“Teaching with Testimony” - UMN Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies
2017	Curriculum Enhancement Reading Group - UMN Language Center
2016	Language Learning and Student Accessibility Workshop - UMN Language Center
2015	ACTFL Standards Workshop for Reading and Listening - UMN Language Center
2012	Cambridge CELTA (Certificate of English Language Teaching to Adults)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Project Grants

2022	HRI (Human Rights Initiative) Grant - grant writer & co-PI on \$50k award
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External Fellowships & Grants

2018-19	Yiddish Pedagogy Program Grant - Yiddish Book Center (Amherst, MA)
2018	Visiting Research Fellowship - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2017	FLAS Fellowship: Advanced Yiddish - US Dept. of Education
2015	FLAS Fellowship: Elementary Yiddish - US Dept. of Education

University of Minnesota Semester- & Year-Long Fellowships

2021-22	Max Kade Fellowship
2019-20	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship - The Graduate School
2019	Mears Legacy Fellowship - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
2017-18	Hella Lindemeyer Mears Fellowship - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
2014-15	CLA Graduate Fellowship - College of Liberal Arts

University of Minnesota Short-Term Research Fellowships and Grants

2020	Dissertation Completion Grant - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
2019	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Travel Grant - The Graduate School
2019	Professor Riv-Ellen Prell Research Fellowship - Center for Jewish Studies
2019	Gerhard Weiss Fellowship - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
2018	Theresa and Nathan Berman Research Fellowship - Center for Jewish Studies
2018	Summer Research Grant - Center for Austrian Studies
2018	Doctoral Dissertation Grant - College of Liberal Arts
2017	Travel Grant - Center for Jewish Studies
2017	Summer Research Grant - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
2016	Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship - College of Liberal Arts

2016 Summer Research Grant - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
 2014 Travel Grant - Center for Jewish Studies

Undergraduate Awards

2012 Virginia McKnight Binger Prize for Outstanding Achievement in German
 Languages and Literatures
 2012 Delta Phi Alpha, German Honor Society
 2011-12 Macalester College Dean's List

SERVICE

University of Minnesota

2019-22 DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Committee - Dept. of German, Nordic,
 Slavic & Dutch
 2018-19 Visiting Instructor Hiring Committee - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
 2016-17 Graduate Program Curricular Design - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
 2016 DAAD Graduate School Experience - Center for German and European Studies
 2015-18 Graduate Program Representative - Dept. of German, Scandinavian, & Dutch
 2015-16 Departmental Representative - COGS (Graduate Student Council)
 2015 Professional Development Workshop - Dept. German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch
 2014-15 Graduate Conference Committee - Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic & Dutch

OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERING

University of Minnesota

2021-22 DDGC "Why German" Working Group - Facilitator
 2017-18 UMN Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies - Education Outreach Volunteer
 2017-18 College in the Schools (CIS) - Outreach Representative for German
 2016 Reconceptualizing German Studies (Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges) - Event
 Volunteer

Community Volunteering

2023 Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival, *SHTTL* (2022)- Guest Commentator
 2022 The Aliveness Project - Programs volunteer

2021 Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest - Yiddish cataloguer
2020 Rhetor News Podcast: Language Warriors - Ojibwe and Yiddish Language
Outreach - Discussant with Professor Anton Treuer and McKnight Foundation
Distinguished Artist Marcie Rendon
2019 Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival, Documentary: *Black Honey* (2018) - Guest
Commentator
2019- *Leyenkrayz* - Yiddish reading group facilitator

LANGUAGES

English - native
German - superior proficiency/fluent
Yiddish - advanced high proficiency/fluent
Israeli (Modern) Hebrew - intermediate mid proficiency/basic reading knowledge
Biblical Hebrew - intermediate mid proficiency/basic reading knowledge

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Austrian Studies Association