

## Jessica Goldberg

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### UNIVERSITY POSITIONS

**Associate Professor**, Department of History, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 2013-

**Assistant Professor**, History Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2006-2013

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Stanford Humanities Fellows Program, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 2005-2006

### EDUCATION

**Columbia University**, New York, NY. **Ph.D** in Medieval History with Distinction *October 2005*

**Bank Street College of Education**, New York, NY. **M.S.** in Education *September 1997*

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA. **B.A.** in Social Studies *May 1991*

### SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Shier Visiting Professor, Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, University of Toronto. Toronto, 2021.

Residential fellow, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Research Group: Cultural Brokerage in Pre-Modern Islam. Jerusalem, 2020-2021.

2012 Charles V. Ryskamp Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies. 2012-2015

Theme Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 2012-2013. Theme: "Economy and Politics"

Mellon Foundation Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 2009-2010

### PUBLICATIONS (AND CURRENT RESEARCH)

**Published** (items marked with \* are in refereed journals or books)

*Trade and Institutions in the Medieval Mediterranean: The Geniza Merchants and their Business World* (Cambridge Studies in Economic History, Cambridge University Press, August 2012). xxi, 426 pages.\*

Co-editor with Eve Krakowski, *Jewish History*. "Special Issue: Documentary Geniza Research in the Twenty-First Century" 32: 2-4 (2019) 464pp.\* Contributions include

"Editors' Introduction," (with Eve Krakowski) pp. 115-130.\*

"Mercantile Letters," pp. 397-410.\*

"Lists," 419-428.\*

"Writing History from the Geniza: Issues, Methodologies, Prospects," pp. 497-523.\*

"Choosing and Enforcing Business relationships in the Eleventh-century Mediterranean: re-examining the 'Maghribi traders'," *Past & Present*, 215 no. 2 (August 2012): 3-40 (38 pages)\*

"On reading Goitein's *A Mediterranean Society*: a view from economic history," *Mediterranean Historical Review* 26 no. 2 (2011): 171-186. (16 pages)\*

"The Legal Persona of the Child in Gratian's *Decretum*," *Bulletin of Medieval Canon Law* 24 (2000): 10-53.

### **In Press**

"Ordinances for Sanitation in a Time of Mortality, Pistoia, May 2, 1348," editor and translator, in *Voices from the Italian Renaissance*, ed. Lisa Kaborycha. London: Pearson, 2023.

### **In Preparation**

*The Documentary Geniza: A Handbook*. Co-editor with Eve Krakowski (Princeton, NJ: Gorgias Press, under contract).

"Trade and Communication in Late-Medieval Europe," in *The Cambridge History of International Law, Vol. 5.2: International Law in Late-Medieval Europe (1000-1492)*, eds. Benham, Lockwood, Kosto. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (under contract, 12,000 words, commissioned for 2024).

"Re-considering risk and the 'Maghribi traders': Agency relations, contract enforcement, and changing business organization in the eleventh and twelfth centuries," in preparation (*Journal of Economic History*, 15,000 words.)\*

### **CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED**

*Law and Communal Identity in the Early Medieval World*, Conference for Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, co-organized with Luke Yarbrough (Department of Near East Languages and Civilizations, UCLA), January 26-28, 2020.

*Languages of everyday writing in the medieval Islamic world: History methodology, digital prospects*. Symposium and Public Lecture for Center for Jewish Studies (co-sponsored by Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and History Department), UCLA, Dec. 8-10, 2014.

### **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED RECENT)**

"Crossing the Mediterranean: Economies of Literacy in Islamic and Christian Lands," Literacy and Everyday Culture among Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Middle Ages, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, *February 2020* (invited).

"The soap trade in the Medieval Islamic Mediterranean: transit, textiles, and hygiene," European Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Talinn, Estonia *August 2019*.

"Sea Change in Medieval Ifrīqiyya: Evidence from the Cairo Geniza," Histories of Economy in the Middle East, University of California, Santa Barbara, *May 2018* (invited)

“The Courts, the Qadi and the People,” Keynote lecture, *Conflict management in the Mediterranean and Atlantic*, Prix Descartes-Huygens Conference, Paris, France *October 2017* (invited)

#### MEMBERSHIPS

Medieval Academy of America (Elected Member of Nominations Committee, 2018-2020), American Historical Association, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, American Oriental Society, Middle East Medievalists, Association for Jewish Studies, Renaissance Society of America, American Society for Legal History

#### LANGUAGES

Latin: reading, translation, and competence in Classical and Medieval; Arabic: reading, writing, paleography and translation competence in Classical, speaking competence in Egyptian colloquial; Judeo-Arabic: reading, paleography and translation competence; Italian: reading, speaking and translation competence; French: reading, speaking and translation competence; Spanish: reading and translation competence, basic speaking ability; Catalan: reading and translation competence; German: translation competence; Hebrew: reading and translation competence.

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