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EDUCATION

- 2019-20 Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Harvard University
- 2018-20 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program,
Harvard University
- 2018 Ph.D. Northwestern University, Sociology
Title: Reconfiguring the *Deserving Refugee: Moral Boundary Work and
Decision-Making in US Asylum Policy*
Committee: Ann Orloff (chair), Bruce Carruthers, Erin Delaney, John Hagan, Laura Beth
Nielsen
- 2018 J.D. Northwestern Prtizker School of Law
- 2011 M.A. Northwestern University, Sociology
- 2009 M.A. Magna cum Laude, Tel Aviv University, Sociology and Anthropology
- 2009 The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, 2004-2009, Tel Aviv
University

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Cultural Sociology, Sociology of Law, Political Sociology, Immigration, Organizations, Gender, Race and
Ethnicity

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2019 Shiff, Talia. "Reconfiguring the Deserving Refugee: Cultural Categories of Worth and the
Making of Refugee Policy." *Law & Society Review*, Forthcoming 2020, 1-43.
- 2019 Shiff, Talia. "Revisiting Immutability as the New Standard for Defining Membership in a
Particular Social Group and Its Impact on Asylum Claims Related to Gender." *University of
Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, Forthcoming 2020, 1-34.
- 2016 Shiff, Talia (equal author) and Orloff, Ann. "Feminism/s in Power: Rethinking Gender Equality
after the Second Wave." *Political Power and Social Theory*, 30: 109-134.

2010 Shiff, Talia. "Between Minor and Major Identity: Jaqueline Kahanoff and the 'Israelization' of Levantinism." *Theory and Criticism* [Hebrew], 37: 125-149.

ESSAYS AND REVIEWS

- 2019 Shiff Talia (equal author), Yurdakul Gökce and Atshan Sa'ed, review comment on "Getting Respect: Responding to Stigma and Discrimination in the United States, Brazil and Israel," by Michèle Lamont, Graziella Moraes Silva, Jessica S. Welburn, Joshua Guetzkow, Nissim Mizrahi, Hanna Herzog and Elisa Reis, *Contemporary Sociology*, Forthcoming 2020.
- 2019 Book Review on David Scott FitzGerald "Refugee Beyond Reach: How Rich Democracies Repel Asylum Seekers," *Social Forces*.
- 2018 Shiff, Talia. "A Sociology of Schematic Discordance: Changing Relations Between Moral Worth and Legal Scripts in Asylum Adjudications." *Perspectives, Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section*, Volume 40 (2).
- 2015 Shiff, Talia (equal author) and Orloff, Ann. "The Critics of Feminisms in Power: Rethinking Feminism after the Second Wave." *Emerging Trends*, edited by Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn, Wiley.
- 2012 Shiff, Talia. Book Review of "Mongrels and Marvels: The Levantine Writing of Jacqueline Shohet." *Israeli Sociology*, [Hebrew], 15 (1): 220-222

UNDER REVIEW

Shiff, Talia. "A Sociology of Discordance: Negotiating Schemas of Worth and Codified Law In US Asylum Status Determinations"

- Recipient of 2018 Shils-Coleman prize for the best graduate student paper in Theory, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association
- Honorable Mention for the 2018 Richard A. Peterson Award for the best student paper, Cultural Section of the American Sociological Association.
- Recipient of the 2017 Robert F. Winch Award for Best Published or Presented Paper, Northwestern University

Shiff, Talia. "Regulating Organizational Ambiguity: Unsettled Screening Categories and the Making of US Asylum Policy"

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

Shiff, Talia. Immigrant Illegality: A Statecraft Project of Negotiating Schemas of Worth and Codified Law

Shiff, Talia. The Moral World of Bureaucrats: Asylum Decision-Making in the United States and Canada

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2018 Shils-Coleman prize for the best graduate student paper in Theory, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2018 Richard A. Peterson Award for the best student paper, Cultural Section of the American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention.
- 2017 Robert F. Winch Award for Best Published or Presented Paper, Northwestern University
- 2016 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University
- 2013-14 Northwestern Law Dean's list, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- 2011 The Robert F. Winch Award 2010-2011 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Honorable Mention, Northwestern University
- 2008 Provost's Teaching Award: Best Teacher among Junior Teaching Staff, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tel-Aviv University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018-19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow Award, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (\$50,000)
- 2017-18 National Science Foundation (NSF), Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$11,718)
- 2017-18 Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust (\$22,000)
- 2017-18 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$7,500)
- 2015 The Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf Peace Award, Northwestern University (\$5,000)
- 2015 Buffett Institute Dissertation Research Travel Award, Northwestern University (\$5,000)
- 2014 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$1,500)
- 2014 Buffett Center Graduate Student Dissertation Award, Northwestern University (\$2,500)
- 2011 Buffett Center's Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Awards Program, Northwestern University (\$2,500)

- 2011 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$1,800)
- 2009 Jonathan Shapira Scholarship for M.A. Thesis, Tel Aviv University (\$1,000)
- 2008 Dean of Social Sciences Scholarship for Distinctive Scholarly Achievements, Tel Aviv University
- 2008 Department of Sociology's Scholarship for Scholarly Achievements, Tel Aviv University

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

- 2019-20 Gender and Immigration (undergraduate seminar)
- Global and Transnational Sociology (undergraduate seminar)

Teaching Assistance, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University (Course evaluations available upon request)

- 2013-16 Legal Studies: Advanced Research Seminar
- 2011 Law and Society
- 2011 Health and Biomedicine as Social Concerns
- 2011 Global Health and Transnational Social Movements

Teaching Assistance, Department of Sociology, Tel Aviv University

- 2008-9 Classical Theories in Sociology
- 2007-8 Modern Theories in Sociology
- 2006-7 Intellectual and Historical Origins of the Social Sciences

Research Assistance

- 2012 Research Assistant to Prof. Len Robinowitz, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- 2011 Research Assistant to Prof. Laura Beth and Prof. Bob Nelson, Northwestern University
- 2010 Research Assistant to Prof. Wendy Griswold, Northwestern University

INVITED TALKS (selected)

- 2019 “A Sociology of Schematic Discordance,” Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University
- 2019 “Legal Standards and Moral Worth in Frontline Decision Making: Evaluations of Victimization in US Asylum Determinations,” Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School
- 2018 Evaluating the Case: Encounters of Schematic Accordance and Schematic Discordance in US Asylum Adjudications, Weatherhead Forum, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- 2019 American Sociological Association, New York
- 2018 American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2018 Law and Society Annual Conference, Toronto
- 2017 Social Science Historical Association, Montreal
- 2016 Social Science Historical Association, Chicago
- 2016 Law and Society Annual Conference, New Orleans
- 2016 Law and Society Graduate Student Workshop
- 2016 Third conference for Junior Researchers in Law & Society of Stanford Law School, oral presentation
- 2015 Law and Society Annual Conference, oral presentation, Seattle
- 2014 39th Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, oral presentation Toronto
- 2014 Law and Society Annual Conference, oral presentation, Minneapolis
- 2014 Revisioning Gender, oral presentation, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2014 Refugee Protection Outside of the International Legal Framework: Expanding Cross-National and Cross-Disciplinary Collaborations, oral presentation, Evanston
- 2013 38th Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, oral presentation, Chicago
- 2012 37th Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, oral presentation, Vancouver, BC

- 2011 Law and Society Annual Conference, oral presentation, San Francisco
- 2011 Engendering Change, oral presentation, Graduate Student Conference, Evanston
- 2010 35th Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, oral presentation, Chicago

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2019-20 Co-coordinator of the Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Harvard University
- 2019-20 American Sociological Association, Nominations Committee, Theory Section
- 2018-20 Social Science Historical Association, Crime, Justice and the Law Representative & Panel Organizer
- 2018-19 Coordinator of the Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Harvard University
- 2019 Co-organizer of Conference “*Law, Inequality and Moral Worth*,” sponsored by WCFIA, Harvard University
- 2018-19 Graduate student member of Council of ASA’s Section on the Sociology of Law
- 2013-14 Editorial Board of Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
- 2012 Co-President of Graduate Student Affairs, Northwestern University
- 2011 Graduate Affairs Committee, Northwestern University
- 2008-09 Co-Editor of the Journal of the Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University
- Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Social Politics*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 Social Science History Association
 Law and Society Association

REFERENCES

Ann Shola Orloff (Chair)

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