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**APPOINTMENTS**

2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University

2019-21 Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Harvard University

2018-19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program,Harvard University

**EDUCATION**

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

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING**

Cultural Sociology, Organizational Sociology, Sociology of Law, Political Sociology, Immigration, Gender, Race and Ethnicity, Nationalism, Transnationalism, Theory.

**PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES**

2021 Shiff, Talia. “A Sociology of Discordance: Negotiating Schemas of Worth and Codified Law in US Asylum Status Determinations,” forthcoming in the *American Journal of Sociology*.

* 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

2020 Shiff, Talia. "Reconfiguring the Deserving Refugee: Cultural Categories of Worth and the Making of Refugee Policy." *Law & Society Review* 54, no. 1: 102-132.

2020 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* 53, p. 567-596.

2019 Shiff, Talia. "Regulating organizational ambiguity: unsettled screening categories and the making of US asylum policy." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*: 1-19.

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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**

2020 Review of “Refugee Beyond Reach: How Rich Democracies Repel Asylum Seekers,” by David Scott FitzGerald, *Social Forces.*

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 Mizrachi, Hanna Herzog and Elisa Reis, *Contemporary Sociology*, Forthcoming 2020.

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

**AWARDS & HONORS**

2020 Certificate of Teaching Excellence by the Office of Undergraduate Education, Harvard University.

2019 Certificate of Teaching Excellence by the Office of Undergraduate Education, Harvard University

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 Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

2017-18 National Science Foundation (NSF), Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

2017-18 Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust

2017-18 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

2015 The Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf Peace Award, Northwestern University

2015 Buffett Institute Dissertation Research Travel Award, Northwestern University

2014 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University

2014 Buffett Center Graduate Student Dissertation Award, Northwestern University

2011 Buffett Center’s Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Awards Program, Northwestern University

2011 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University

2009 Jonathan Shapira Scholarship for M.A. Thesis, Tel Aviv University

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***

2020 Law & Society (undergraduate introductory course)

Gender & Immigration (undergraduate seminar)

2019-20 Gender & Immigration (undergraduate seminar)

Global & 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)**

2020 “A Sociology of Discordance,” Harvard Migration Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

2020 “Legal Standards and Moral Worth in Frontline Decision-Making: Evaluations of Victimization in US Asylum Determinations” Harvard Empirical Legal Studies, Harvard Law School

2019 “Citizenship, Migration, Deportation,” Weatherhead Forum, WCFIA, Harvard University

2019 “Legal Standards and Moral Worth in Frontline DecisionMaking: 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,” Weatherheard Forum, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

2016 “Standardizing Persecution in US Asylum Adjudications,” Conference for Junior Researchers in Law & Society, Stanford Law School

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

2019 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, USA, “Legal Standards and Moral Worth in Frontline Decision-Making: Evaluations of Victimization in U.S. Asylum Determinations,” Conference Presentation.

2018 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, USA, “The Role of Moral Deliberation in the bureaucratic setting of the U.S. Asylum Office,” Conference Presentation.

2018 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, Reconfiguring the Deserving Refugee: Cultural Categories of Worth and the Making of Refugee Policy,” Conference Presentation

2017 Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, Montreal, Canada, “Framing the Case: Bureaucratic Efficiency Pressures in the Humanitarian Politicization, Legitimation, and Adjudication of Refugee Claims,” Conference Presentation.

2016 Conference for Junior Researchers in Law & Society, Stanford Law School, USA, “Standardizing Persecution in US Asylum Adjudications,” Conference Presentation.”

2016 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association; New Orleans, USA, “Standardizing Individual Narratives of Harm: The Case of US Asylum Status Determinations,” Conference Presentation.

2016 Law and Society Graduate Student Workshop; Seattle, USA, Conference Presentation.

2015 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, USA, A Critical History of Deportation Reliefs: Competing Notions of Membership and Illegality, Conference Presentation.

2014 Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, Toronto, Canada, “The Reconstruction of Immigrant Illegality,” Conference Presentation.

2014 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, USA, “Taking the Political out of Asylum: A Reconstruction of the “True Asylum Seeker,” Conference Presentation.

2014 Revisioning Gender Workshop, Stockholm, Sweden, “Feminists in Power: Rethinking Gender Equality After the Second Wave,” Conference Presentation.

2014 Refugee Protection Outside of the International Legal Framework: Expanding Cross-National and Cross-Disciplinary Collaborations, oral presentation, Evanston, IL, USA, Conference Presentation.

2013 Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, Chicago, USA, “Feminists in Power: Rethinking the Meanings of Gender Equality After the Second Wave,” Conference Presentation.

**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