

## TALIA SHIFF

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### APPOINTMENTS

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- 2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2019-21 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and Lecturer in the Department of Sociology, Harvard University
- 2018-19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University

### EDUCATION

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- 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

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOK

Shiff, Talia (forthcoming). *Morality Within the State: Frontline Decision-Making in US Asylum Adjudications*, Princeton University Press (under contract).

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 Shiff, Talia. "A Sociology of Discordance: Negotiating Schemas of Worth and Codified Law in US Asylum Status Determinations," *American Journal of Sociology* 127 no.2: 337-375. *Q1, IF=4.7*
- Recipient of 2022 of the Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article, Sociology of Culture Section of the American Sociological Association.
  - Honorable Mention for the 2022 Sociology of Law Distinguished Article Award, American Sociological Association.
- 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. *Q1, IF=1.86*
- 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. *Q1, IF=2.3*
- 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. *Q1, IF=2*
- 2010 Shiff, Talia. "Between Minor and Major Identity: Jaqueline Kahanoff and the 'Israelization' of Levantinism." *Theory and Criticism* [Hebrew], 37: 125-149.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- 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.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Shiff, Talia. 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 Mizrahi, Hanna Herzog and Elisa Reis, *Contemporary Sociology*.

- 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).
- 2020 Shiff, Talia. Review of "Mongrels and Marvels: The Levantine Writing of Jacqueline Shoheit." *Israeli Sociology*, [Hebrew], 15 (1): 220-222.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 2022 Alon Scholarship for the Integration of Outstanding Faculty
- 2021 Certificate of Teaching Excellence by the Office of Undergraduate Education, Harvard University
- 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

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- 2018-19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (\$50,000)
- 2017-18 National Science Foundation (NSF), Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$12,000)
- 2017-18 Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust (\$21,000)
- 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 (\$2,500)
- 2014 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$2,500)
- 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 (\$1,800)
- 2011 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University
- 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

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### *Assistant Professor, Sociology and Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University*

- 2021 Law & Society (undergraduate course)  
Qualitative Methods (undergraduate introductory course)

### *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)**

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- 2022 “Schemas of Worth and Codified Law in Asylum Status Determinations,” School of Social Science, Lecture Series: “Celebrating Excellence in Research,” Tel Aviv University.
  - 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 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,” 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)

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- 2021 Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, Philadelphia, US, “Moral Bricolage: Negotiating Deservingness, Gender and Law in the Context of Asylum Status Determinations,” Conference Presentation.
- 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

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- 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 & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Social Politics*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
 Social Science History Association  
 Law and Society Association