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EMPLOYMENT

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

EDUCATION

- 2004–09 Tel Aviv University, The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students (no degree)
- 2007–09 Tel Aviv University, M.A. in Sociology and Anthropology, magna cum laude. Supervisors: Yehuda Shenhav, Ronen Shamir
- 2009–11 Northwestern University, M.A. in Sociology
- 2011–18 Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, J.D., September 2018
- 2009–18 Northwestern University, Ph.D. in Sociology, Dissertation: Reconfiguring the Deserving Refugee: Moral Boundary Work and Decision-Making in US Asylum Policy. Supervisors: Ann Orloff (chair), Bruce Carruthers, Erin Delaney, John Hagan, Laura Beth Nielsen

FURTHER STUDIES

- 2019–21 Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 2018–19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University

PUBLICATIONS

Book

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

Refereed Articles

1. Shiff, Talia. 2025. 'Shared Aspirations for Moral Realignment as Mechanisms of Moral Boundary Work in Times of Crisis: Asylum Decision-Making under Trump.' Accepted, American Journal of Sociology.
2. Shiff, Talia. 2024. 'Moral Logics of Bureaucratic Indifference.' Annual Review of Law and Social Science 20(1): 1–15.
3. Shiff, Talia. 2021. 'A Sociology of Discordance: Negotiating Schemas of Worth and Codified Law in US Asylum Status Determinations.' American Journal of Sociology 127(2): 337–375. • Clifford Geertz Award, ASA Culture Section, 2022. • Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Law Article Award, 2022.
4. Shiff, Talia. 2020. '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: 567–596.
5. Shiff, Talia. 2020. 'Reconfiguring the Deserving Refugee: Cultural Categories of Worth and the Making of Refugee Policy.' Law & Society Review 54(1): 102–132.
6. Shiff, Talia. 2019. 'Regulating organizational ambiguity: unsettled screening categories and the making of US asylum policy.' Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies: 1–19.
7. Shiff, Talia (equal author) and Orloff, Ann. 2016. 'Feminism/s in Power: Rethinking Gender Equality after the Second Wave.' Political Power and Social Theory 30: 109–134.
8. “Between Minor and Major Identity: Jaqueline Kahanoff and the ‘Israelization’ of Levantinism.” *Theory and Criticism* [Hebrew], 37: 125-149.

Submitted for Publication

Shiff, Talia. 'Seeking Meaning in U.S. Asylum Adjudications: Aspirations, Affect, and Morality on the Frontlines of the State.' Revise and Resubmit at *Social Forces*.

Chapters in Books

9. Shiff, Talia and Ron Levi (equal author). 2024. 'Connecting Law and Legal Institutions with Legality and Legal Stakes.' In Oxford Handbook of Comparative Historical Sociology (peer-reviewed).
10. Shiff, Talia (equal author) and Orloff, Ann. 2015. 'The Critics of Feminisms in Power: Rethinking Feminism after the Second Wave.' In *Emerging Trends*, edited by Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn, Wiley.

Other Publications

11. Shiff, Talia. 2020. Review of 'Refugee Beyond Reach.' *Social Forces*.
12. Shiff, Talia (equal author), Yurdakul Gökce and Atshan Sa'ed. 2019. Review comment on 'Getting Respect.' *Contemporary Sociology*.
13. Shiff, Talia. 2018. 'A Sociology of Schematic Discordance: Changing Relations Between Moral Worth and Legal Scripts in Asylum Adjudications.' *Perspectives*, ASA Theory Section Newsletter 40(2).
14. Shiff, Talia. 2012. Review of 'Mongrels and Marvels: The Levantine Writing of Jacqueline Shohet.' *Israeli Sociology* 15(1): 220–222.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022–25 Co-editor, Israeli Sociology
- 2022–25 Editorial Board, Law & Society Review
- 2023 Clifford Geertz Prize Committee, ASA Culture Section
- 2019–20 Nominations Committee, ASA Theory Section
- 2018–23 Crime, Justice and the Law Representative & Panel Organizer, Social Science Historical Association
- 2018–19 Coordinator, Weatherhead Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Harvard University
- 2018–19 Graduate Student Member, Council of ASA Section on Sociology of Law
- 2013–14 Editorial Board, Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy
- 2012 Co-President, Graduate Student Affairs, Northwestern University Sociology Department
- 2011 Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2008–09 Co-Editor, Journal of the Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students, Tel Aviv University

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- 2013 — 2025 Multiple presentations at ASA, LSA, SSHA, Harvard, Princeton, University of Milan, Reichman University, among others (full list available upon request)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- 2023–26 Israel Science Foundation Grant for Multidimensional Aspects of Gender Inequality: The Case of the Israeli Hi-Tech Industry (with Efrat Herzberger-Druker) (471,000 NIS).
- 2024 Faculty Exchange Program Award, University of Toronto's Munk School and Tel Aviv University (\$5,000, with Ron Levi).
- 2022 Alon Scholarship for the Integration of Outstanding Faculty (50,000 NIS).
- 2022 Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section.
- 2022 Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Law Distinguished Article Award.
- 2022 Yonatan Shapira Scholarship for Young Scholars, Tel Aviv University (15,000 NIS).
- 2021 Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Harvard University.
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- 2019 Certificate of Teaching Excellence, Harvard University.
- 2018–19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, Harvard University (\$50,000).
- 2018 ASA Shils-Coleman Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper in Theory, Theory Section (\$500).
- 2018 ASA Richard A. Peterson Award, Honorable Mention, Culture Section.
- 2017–18 Josephine De Karman Fellowship Trust (\$22,000).
- 2017–18 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Award (\$7,500).

- 2017–18 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$11,718).
- 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.
- 2015 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).
- 2013–14 Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Dean's List.
- 2011 Robert F. Winch Award, Honorable Mention for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University.
- 2011 Buffett Center's Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, Northwestern University (\$1,800).
- 2011 MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University (\$2,500).
- 2009 Jonathan Shapira Scholarship for M.A. Thesis, Tel Aviv University (\$1,000).
- 2008 Provost's Teaching Award: Best Teacher among Junior Teaching Staff, Faculty of Social Sciences, 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.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2011–2025 American Sociological Association
- 2011–2025 Social Science History Association
- 2011, 2022 Law and Society Association
- Reviewer for: AJS, ASR, Social Problems, Law & Social Inquiry, Social Politics

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

- 2025 Tomer Maron, Tel Aviv University
- 2024–25 Maya Levin, Tel Aviv University
- 2024–25 Smadar Silverberg, Tel Aviv University (with Erez Marantz)
- 2023–25 Keren Abrahams, Tel Aviv University (with Efrat Herzberger)
- 2023–25 Paz Eliav Sadon, Ben Gurion University
- 2023–24 Yuli Saito, Tel Aviv University
- 2023 Bashar Khateeb, Tel Aviv University
- 2023–24 Adva Regev, Tel Aviv University

