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EMPLOYMENT

- 2026-2027 Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2021– Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University
- 2019–21 Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 2018–19 Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard University

EDUCATION

- 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
- 2011–18 Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, J.D., September 2018
- 2009–11 Northwestern University, M.A. in Sociology
- 2007–09 Tel Aviv University, M.A. in Sociology and Anthropology, magna cum laude. Supervisors: Yehuda Shenhav, Ronen Shamir
- 2004–09 Tel Aviv University, The Adi Lautman Interdisciplinary Program for Outstanding Students (no degree)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Shiff, Talia. *Morality Within the State: Frontline Decision-Making in US Asylum Adjudications*. Forthcoming with Princeton University Press.

Refereed Articles

1. Shiff, Talia. Forthcoming. "Seeking Meaning in U.S. Asylum Adjudications: Aspirations, Affect, and Morality on the Frontlines of the State." *Social Forces*.
2. Shiff, Talia. 2026. "Shared Aspirations for Moral Realignment as Mechanisms of Moral Boundary Work in Times of Crisis: Asylum Decision-Making under Trump." *American Journal of Sociology* 131 (4): 1-39.
 - *Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Award*, ASA 2026, Honorable Mention.
3. Shiff, Talia. 2024. "Moral Logics of Bureaucratic Indifference." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 20(1): 1–15.
4. 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.
 - *ASA Sociology of Law Article Award*, 2022, Honorable Mention.
5. 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.
6. Shiff, Talia. 2020. "Reconfiguring the Deserving Refugee: Cultural Categories of Worth and the Making of Refugee Policy." *Law & Society Review* 54(1): 102–132.
7. Shiff, Talia. 2019. "Regulating organizational ambiguity: unsettled screening categories and the making of US asylum policy." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*: 1–19.

8. 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.
9. "Between Minor and Major Identity: Jaqueline Kahanoff and the 'Israelization' of Levantinism." *Theory and Criticism* [Hebrew], 37: 125-149.

Chapters in Books

10. 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).
11. 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

12. Shiff, Talia. 2020. Review of "Refugee Beyond Reach." *Social Forces*.
13. Shiff, Talia (equal author), Yurdakul Gökce and Atshan Sa'ed. 2019. Review comment on "Getting Respect." *Contemporary Sociology*.
14. 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).
15. 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

- 2026-30 *Israel Science Foundation Grant* for “Morality, Organizations, and Institutional Crisis” (552,000 NIS).
- 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 *Distinguished Article Award (Honorable Mention)*, ASA Sociology of Law Section.
- 2022 *Yonatan Shapira Scholarship for Young Scholars*, Tel Aviv University (15,000 NIS).
- 2019-21 *Certificate of Teaching Excellence*, Harvard University (awarded 3 consecutive years).
- 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