

# Monika Rice, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA

M.A., Ethnology / Cultural Anthropology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

B.A., Ethnology / Cultural Anthropology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

Studies in English Philology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Lafayette College, Robert Weiner and Ilan Peleg Scholar in Jewish Studies, Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Russian and East European Studies, 2021-present

Gratz College, Director, Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program, and Assistant Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, 2018-2021

Claims Conference Saul Kagan Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Studies, 2017-2018

Gratz College, Adjunct Professor, 2016-2018

Seton Hall University, Adjunct Professor, 2014-2018

Clark University, Adjunct Instructor, 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*“What! Still Alive?!” Jewish Survivors in Poland and Israel Remember Homecoming.* Syracuse NY: Syracuse University Press, 2017 (2018 Choice Outstanding Academic Title).

## Works in Progress

Article: “Experiences of Jewish Students at a SLAC since October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.”

Principal editor: *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry* (vol. 40), “Current State of Holocaust Research in Poland.”

Book: “To Heal, For and From Poland: Postwar Identities of Polish-Jewish Doctors.”

## Refereed Journal Articles

“Dr. Arnold Mostowicz: ‘Not Alone in Space.’ Moral Injury and the Quest for Extraterrestrial Redemption.” *Jewish Culture and History* 25, no. 4 (2024): 601–31. Honourable Mention for the 2025 BASEES Polish Studies Article Prize (second prize overall); <https://basees.org/polish-studies-article-prize>

“Dr. Marek Edelman’s Bundist Humanitarianism: Theme and Variations from the Warsaw Uprising to Solidarity.” *Journal of Jewish Identities* 17, no.1 (2024): 47-73.

“The Many Hats of Dr. Krystyna Modrzewska.” *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*, no. 36 (2020): 177-204.

“Envisioning Poles: Polish-Jewish Relations at the Beginning of the German Occupation.” *Yad Vashem Studies* 46, no. 1 (2018): 11-40. English and Hebrew editions.

“Holocaust Diaries: On Postwar Death and Resurrection: A Tale of Two Doctors.” *Yad Vashem Studies* 43, no. 2 (December 2015): 109-41.

“Resisting a Phantom Book: A Critical Assessment of the Initial Polish Discussion of Jan Gross’s *Fear*.” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, edited by Adam Teller, Magda Teter, and Antony Polonsky. Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization (vol. 22, 2010): 427-53.

## Book Chapters

“On Avoiding Moral Injury: The case of Dr. Elie Cohen.” In *The Clinical Witness: Conflict, Catastrophe and Medical Testimony*, edited by Nicolas Barnett, Nicholas Chare and Dominic Williams (Routledge). Forthcoming.

“Survivors and Descendants.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Holocaust Memory*, edited by Thomas Kühne and Frances Tanzer (Oxford University Press). Forthcoming.

“Higher reasons for sending people to death? Male Narrativity and Moral Dilemmas in Memoirs and Diaries of Jewish Doctors.” In *The Holocaust and Masculinities: Critical Inquiries into the Presence and Absence of Men*, edited by Björn Krondorfer and Ovidiu Creanga, 99-127. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2020.

“A Doctor’s War Testimony: The Four Incarnations of Dr. Twardy.” In *Jewish Medicine and Healthcare in Central Eastern Europe: Shared Identities, Entangled Histories*, edited by Marcin Moskalewicz, Ute Caumanns, and Fritz Dross, 199-217. Cham: Springer International Publishing AG, part of Springer Nature, 2019.

“From Totalitarianism to Universal Participation: Globalization and the East-Central European Perspective” (with Joseph Rice). In *Eastern Europe and the Challenges of Globalization*, edited by Tadeusz Buksiński and Dariusz Dobrzański, 43-69. Series 4A (Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change), vol. 27 (Eastern and Central Europe). Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2005.

“Od totalitaryzmu do powszechnego uczestnictwa: globalizacja i doświadczenia Europy Środkowowschodniej” (with Joseph Rice). In *Kraje Europy Środkowowschodniej a globalizacja*, edited by Tadeusz Buksiński and Dariusz Dobrzański, 57-87. Poznań: Uniwersytet im. Adama Mickiewicza w Poznaniu, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Instytutu Filozofii, 2005.

“Schizobajka.” In *Po co nam . . . rzeczywistość: Ekran, mit, rzeczywistość*, edited by Wojciech J. Burszta, 83-93. Warsaw: Wydawnictwo “Twój Styl,” 2004.

## Book Reviews

Review of: *Testimonial Montage: A Family of Israeli Holocaust Testimonies from the Cracow Ghetto Resistance* by Sheila E. Jelen (Rowman & Littlefield, 2024). *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of: *Combating antisemitism in Germany and Poland: strategies since 1990*, by Thomas Just (L. Rienner, 2024). *Choice* 62, no. 8 (April 2025).

Review of: *Poland under German occupation, 1939–1945: new perspectives*, ed. by Jonathan Huener and Andrea Löw (Berghahn Books, 2024). *Choice* 62, no. 3 (Nov 2024).

Review of: *The atrocity of hunger: starvation in the Warsaw, Lodz, and Krakow ghettos during World War II*, by Helene Julia Sinnreich (Cambridge, 2023). *Choice* 61, no. 2 (Oct 2023).

Review of: *Islands of Memory: The Landscape of the (Non)Memory of the Holocaust in Polish Education from 1989 to 2015*, by Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs (Jagiellonian University Press 2020). *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 37, no. 2 (2023).

- Review of: *Resurrecting the Jew: Nationalism, Philosemitism, and Poland's Jewish Revival*, by Geneviève Zubrzycki (Princeton; Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2022). *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 47, no. 2 (2023): 491-93.
- Review of: *Jewish Childhood in Kraków: A Microhistory of the Holocaust*, by Joanna Sliwa (Rutgers University Press, 2021). *Central European History* 56, no. 2 (2023): 329-331.
- Review of: *Jewish Childhood in Kraków: A Microhistory of the Holocaust*, by Joanna Sliwa (Rutgers University Press, 2021). *Choice* 60, no. 4 (December 2022).
- Review of: *The Polish Catholic Church under German Occupation: The Reichsgau Wartheland, 1939–1945*, by Jonathan Huener (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2021). *Journal of Church and State*, 64, no.3 (2022): 523-25.
- Review of: *Here in our Auschwitz and other stories*, by Tadeusz Borowski, tr. by Madeline G. Levine (New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 2021). *Choice* 59, no. 12 (August 2022).
- Review of: *The Jewish Heroes of Warsaw: The Afterlife of the Revolt*, by Avinoam J. Patt (Wayne State University Press, 2021). *Choice* 59, no. 7 (March 2022).
- Review of: *Ghost Citizens: Jewish Return to a Postwar City*, by Lukasz Krzyzanowski (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2020). *Central European History*, 54, no. 3 (2021): 575-77.
- Review of: *Poland 1945: War and Peace*, by Magdalena Grzebałkowska (Pittsburgh, Pa.: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2020). *Choice* 58, no. 10 (June 2021).
- Review of: *Borderland Generation: Soviet and Polish Jews Under Hitler*, by Jeffrey Koerber (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2020). *Choice* 58, no. 2 (October 2020).
- Review of: *Yellow Star, Red Star: Holocaust Remembrance after Communism*, by Jelena Subotić (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2019). *H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews* (June 2020).
- Review of: *Such a Beautiful Sunny Day. . . : Jews Seeking Refuge in the Polish Countryside, 1942-1945*, by Barbara Engelking (Jerusalem: Yad Vashem, 2016). *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, 32, no. 2 (September 2018): 293-95.
- Review of: *The Holocaust and Historical Methodology*, ed. Dan Stone (New York: Berghahn Books, 2012). *Holocaust Studies: A Journal of Culture and History* 19, no. 2 (2013): 136-40.
- Review of: *The Life and Thought of St. Edith Stein*, by Freda Mary Oben (New York: Society of Saint Paul, 2001). *The Review of Metaphysics* 56, no. 1 (September 2002): 195-97.

Review of: *Błogosławiony Bóg Izraela* (The Blessed God of Israel), by R. J. Weksler-Waszkineł (Lublin, Towarzystwo Naukowe KUL, 2000). *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, edited by Michael C. Steinlauf and Antony Polonsky. Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization (vol. 16, 2003): 554-59.

### **Web-Based Publication**

“The ‘Gross Effect’: Polish-Jewish Historiography in Poland after *Neighbors*.” The American Association for Polish-Jewish Studies, *New Views: The Holocaust and its Aftermath in Poland*, online at <http://www.aapjstudies.org/newviews>.

### **Other Publications**

“With Anti-semitism on the Rise, Can Poland Come to Terms with its Past?” *America Magazine*, November 12, 2018: 28-33.

“Józef Życiński: Obituary.” *Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry*, edited by Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern and Antony Polonsky. Oxford: Littman Library of Jewish Civilization (vol. 26, 2013): 545-51.

“Accounts by Jewish Survivors from Poland Collected during the 1950s and 1960s in Yad Vashem.” *Perspectives on Europe* 41, no. 2 (Autumn 2011): 85-88.

### **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Claims Conference Saul Kagan Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Studies, 2017-2018

Direct Grant (“HBI Conference Travel Award”) from the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute to deliver a paper to the 14<sup>th</sup> *Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust Conference*, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California, November 3-6, 2016

Fellowship to *Israel: Balance and Complexity*, NYC Faculty Crash Course, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies and Jewish Community Relations Council, CUNY Graduate Center, NYC, January 11-14, 2016

Grant from The Kosciuszko Foundation, The American Center of Polish Culture to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the German-Polish Society for the History of Medicine: *Jewish-German-Polish: Histories and Traditions in Medical Cultures*, Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland, September 9-11, 2015

Fellowship to *The Initial Turmoil. The First Months of the Nazi German Occupation in Poland*, International Research Workshop, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel, June 21-24, 2015

Fellowship to *Building Christian-Jewish Understanding after the Holocaust*, Annual Seminar for Seminary and Religious Studies Faculty, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, June 8-12, 2015

Claims Conference Saul Kagan Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Studies, 2011-2013

Fellowship to *The Overlooked Revolution: The Shift in Catholic Teaching on the Jews since Vatican II*, Annual Seminar for Seminary and Religious Studies Faculty, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, June 10-14, 2013

Council for European Studies at Columbia University Fellowship, (Pre-Dissertation Grant Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation), Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Summer 2011

Tauber Institute Award, Brandeis University, 2010-2011

Albert Abramson Fellowship in Holocaust Studies, Brandeis University, 2009-2013

David and Fela Shapell Family Endowment for Holocaust Studies, Brandeis University, 2007-2009

Fellowship to *Confronting Catastrophe: Jewish Religious Responses to the Holocaust*, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, August 14-18, 2006

Ruth Ann & Nathan Perlmutter Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2005-2010

Phoenix Institute Seminar Scholarship, Oxford, England, Summer 1999

Phoenix Institute Seminar Scholarship, Bruges, Belgium, Spring 1999

Humboldt University Graduate Student Scholarship, Berlin, Germany, 1998-1999

American Enterprise Institute Fellowship, Tertium Millennium and Free Society Seminar, Cracow, Poland, Summer 1998

Humboldt University Summer Scholarship, Berlin, Germany, 1997

Adam Mickiewicz University Academic Merit Scholarship, Poznań, Poland, 1995-1999

## INVITED LECTURES

“Reading Testimonies of Holocaust Trauma: a Case of Jewish Doctors.” Keynote address at the 9th Annual Tree of Life Undergraduate Jewish Studies Conference, Gettysburg College, April 7, 2024.

Seminar “On Complicity and Solidarity” with Prof. Jan Gross. Lehigh University, March 28, 2024 (moderator).

“Dr. Arnold Mostowicz: Coming to Terms with Ethical Dilemmas in the Lodz Ghetto.” Center for Medicine, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, March 22, 2023 (Zoom).

A conversation with Yechiel Weizman on his book *Unsettled Heritage: Living Next to Poland’s Material Jewish Traces after the Holocaust* (Ithaca, 2022). The Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and the Avraham Harman Research Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, November 30, 2022 (Zoom).

“Universal perpetrators, Particular Victims.” Panel on The Universal Implications of the Holocaust, Lafayette College, April 29, 2022.

“Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, or on the Meaning of Heroism.” Virtual presentation at Keneseth Israel Synagogue, Elkins Park, PA, May 5, 2021.

“Confronting the Challenging Landscape of Holocaust Research in Poland.” Virtual event organized by Holocaust Resource Center of Kean University and the Institute of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Raritan Valley Community College, April 19, 2021.

“Successful strategies for teaching the Holocaust, genocide, and international human rights online.” Virtual panel organized by the Midwest Consortium of Academic Centers for Studies in Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, and the Holocaust Education Foundation, July 17, 2020.

“*Higher reasons for sending people to death?* Male Narrativity and Moral Dilemmas in Memoirs and Diaries of Jewish Doctors.” Webinar panel discussion organized by Holocaust and Genocide Centre, Cape Town, June 1, 2020.

“*You Are No Longer Welcome Here: The Experiences of Jewish Survivors in Postwar Poland.*” Stockton University, February 13, 2020.

“Holocaust Education for the Future.” Gratz College Holocaust Symposium for College Students. Gratz College, January 26, 2020.

“Poland—No Country for the Jews?” Gratz at Home (online presentation). Gratz College, March 13, 2019.

Book talk: “Scholar to Discuss Her Work on Jewish Survivors Returning to Poland after Holocaust.” The Gross Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Ramapo College, February 28, 2019.

“In conversation” with Rebecca Erbelding, author of *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*.” The Maplewood-South Orange Book Festival, June 9, 2018.

“Postwar Experiences of the Survivors: History and Memory.” International Day of Holocaust Remembrance Commemorative Book Talk, Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education (CHHANGE) at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ, January 25, 2018.

“Survivors and Holocaust Historiography in Israel: a Story of Awakening.” Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program Study Day, Seton Hall University, March 8, 2017.

“Returning Home: Survivor Testimonies from Poland and Israel.” *The Arnold and Esther Tuzman Memorial Holocaust Teach-In*, Gratz College, November 13, 2016.

“The Finite and the Eternal: Edith Stein’s Dark Night.” St. Joseph Church, Toms River, NJ, March 3, 2016.

“Poles and Jews during the War.” Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program Study Day, Seton Hall University, March 13, 2014.

“How to Approach Jedwabne.” Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program Study Day, Seton Hall University, March 13, 2014.

“Catholic Converts During the Holocaust in Poland, and the Fate of Baptized Hidden Children.” Brandeis University, March 22, 2013.

“A Jewish Saint in Auschwitz: What We Can Learn from the Life and Death of Edith Stein.” St. Joseph Church, Toms River, NJ, October 22, 2011.

“Face, Function, and Sanctity: Foundations of a Human Response to the Shoah.” Brandeis Hillel, Brandeis University, October 5, 2008.

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

### **Conferences/Seminars (co-organizer)**

Seminar “*Neighbors, Twenty Years Later.*” *XVI Lessons & Legacies Conference*, Ottawa, Canada, November 12-15, 2022 (co-organized with Antony Polonsky).



Tribute Event for Antony Polonsky (online). Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University, June 21, 2021.

“Refugees: World War II and Now.” Annual Teachers Study Day at Jewish-Christian Studies Graduate Program, Seton Hall University, March 8, 2017 (initiated the topic and invited the main speaker).

### **Panels Organized**

“Jewish Utopias and Dystopias in XX and XXI C. European Culture,” *29th International Conference of Europeanists*: “Europe’s Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias,” University of Iceland, Reykjavik, June 27-29, 2023.

“Jewish Trespassers: Multiple, Mixed, and Transgressive Jewish Identities in the Twentieth Century,” *54th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Boston, December 18–20, 2022.

“Historians of Societies in Turmoil: Cultural Memory and Politics of Memory.” Panel with Dalia Ofer and Omer Bartov, online conference: *What’s New, What’s Next? Innovative Methods, New Sources, and Paradigm Shifts in Jewish Studies*, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, October 3-7, 2021.

“Reverence and Reference: Recent Trends in Catholic Feminism.” *Conference on Women and Gender*, Seton Hall University, February 12, 2016.

“New Research on Polish Jewish Experience during the Holocaust and in its Aftermath.” Panel in Holocaust Studies, *46th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Baltimore, December 14-16, 2014.

### **Conference Presentations**

“Astral Utopias of Holocaust Survivors: on Seeking Liberation through Paleoastronautics,” *29th International Conference of Europeanists*: “Europe’s Past, Present, and Future: Utopias and Dystopias,” University of Iceland, Reykjavik, June 27-29, 2023.

“Jewish Identities Within and Without Polish Ethno-Nationalism: A Case of Jewish Doctors,” *54th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Boston, December 18–20, 2022.

Seminar presentation: “The Mission of a Historian in a Polish Context of Post-Traumatic, Disintegrated, National Identity,” *XVI Lessons & Legacies Conference*, Ottawa, Canada, November 12-15, 2022.

“What Went Wrong After *Neighbors*—And Can We Still Talk to One Another?” Online conference: *What’s New, What’s Next? Innovative Methods, New Sources, and Paradigm*

*Shifts in Jewish Studies*, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Warsaw, October 3-7, 2021.

“After Gross’s *Neighbors*: A New Historiography, or A New Antisemitism? An Assessment of the Meaning of Recent Events in Poland.” *50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Boston, December 12-18, 2018.

“Male and Female Doctors Facing Destruction: A Gendered Analysis of Physicians’ Experiences during the Holocaust.” *14<sup>th</sup> Lessons and Legacies of the Holocaust Conference*, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California, November 3-6, 2016.

“*My soll sich zejn in Erec Izrael*: Dilemmas of Polish-Jewish Doctors in Postwar Poland.” *15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the German-Polish Society for the History of Medicine: Jewish-German-Polish: Histories and Traditions in Medical Cultures*, Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Poland, September 9-11, 2015.

“Quiet before the Storm? Survivors’ Memory of the Beginning of the Nazi Occupation in Poland.” International Researchers’ Workshop *The Initial Turmoil: The First Months of the Nazi German Occupation in Poland*, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel, June 21-24, 2015.

“A Carmelite among the Sisters of Charity? The Contemplative Spirituality of Sister Miriam Teresa.” *Conference on Women and Gender*, Seton Hall University, March 27, 2015.

“First Encounters: The Curve of Jewish Memory of Polish Neighbors.” *46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Baltimore, December 14-16, 2014.

“Reassessing the Polish Martyrological Myth after Neighbors.” *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists*, New York, October 26-27, 2012.

“The Jewish Memory of Polish Neighbors after the War: The Israeli Case.” *19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Europeanists*, Council for European Studies, Boston, March 22-24, 2012.

“Against the Theology of Suffering: Susan Taubes’s Interpretation of Simone Weil.” *43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, Washington, DC, December 18-20, 2011.

“The Gross Effect: Polish-Jewish Historiography in Poland after *Neighbors*.” *69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America (PIASA)*, in cooperation with the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliot School of International Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC, June 10-11, 2011.

“The Necessity of Ethics after Auschwitz in the Thought of Emmanuel Levinas.” Jewish Source Study Initiative Summer Seminar *Confronting Catastrophe: Jewish Religious Responses to the Holocaust*, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, August 14-18, 2006.

“Jewish Reactions toward the Beatification and Canonization of Edith Stein.” First Judaic Young Scholars’ Conference, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland, June 21-23, 2005.

“From Totalitarianism to Universal Participation: Globalization and the East-Central European Perspective,” co-presented to the international conference, *Eastern European Countries and the Challenges of Globalization*, Institute of Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University; The Council for Research and Values in Philosophy; and The Poznań Society for the Advancement of the Arts and Sciences. Poznań, Poland, January 24, 2003.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lafayette College, Assistant Professor, 2021-present

Jewish Humor

The Holocaust

Jewish-Christian Relations: From Enmity to Dialogue?

Jews in Poland, Culture and Memory

Testimonies of Atrocity

Gratz College, Assistant Professor, 2018-2021

Holocaust and European Mass Murder (online course)

Historiography of the Holocaust (online course)

Warsaw Ghetto (online course)

Holocaust Resistance (online course)

Concept Paper Seminar

Dissertation Proposal Workshop

MA Thesis and Project Seminar

Thesis and Dissertation advising (supervised over 20 MA theses and dissertations)

Gratz College, Adjunct Professor, 2016-2017

Historiography of the Holocaust (online course)

Warsaw Ghetto (online course)

Holocaust Resistance (online course)

Seton Hall University, Adjunct Professor, 2014-present

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue on the Holocaust: A Catholic Perspective

Modern Women of Faith (both online and traditional courses)

Clark University, Adjunct Instructor, 2008

The Old Country: Two Hundred and Fifty Years of Jewish Life in Poland

Brandeis University, Teaching Assistant, 2006-2008

American Judaism (two semesters)

Modern History: Eastern-European Jewry

Film and the Holocaust

The Destruction of European Jewry