

# Jacob Beckert

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## EDUCATION

2020-present	<b>Doctoral Candidate   History   GPA: 4.0</b> <i>University of Washington, Seattle</i> <i>Committee: Liora Halperin (advisor), Noam Pianko, Margaret O'Mara</i>
2017-2020	<b>Dual Masters Student   Jewish Studies and History   GPA: 3.973</b> <i>Indiana University, Bloomington, IN</i> <i>Advisor: Noam Zadoff 2017-June 2019   Sarah Imhoff June 2019-2020</i>
2010-2014	<b>BA   Triple Major   History, Jewish Studies, Hebrew   Middle East Studies Minor   GPA:3.93</b> <i>University of Wisconsin Madison</i>
Languages:	Fluent in <b>English</b> and <b>Hebrew</b> Proficient in <b>Yiddish</b> and reading <b>German</b>

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Peer Reviewed Publications

2024	“Capitalism and the Jewish Problem: Mission Capitalism in the Inter-War Era.” <i>AJS Review</i> . (Forthcoming, Accepted 12/9/2024).
2024	“What Is Zionism?” In <i>Judaism in Five Minutes</i> , edited by Sarah Imhoff. Religion in Five Minutes. Sheffield, South Yorkshire: Equinox Publishing, (Forthcoming).
2024	“A Looking Glass for Early American Zionism: The Maccabean (1901–1920).” <i>Studies in American Jewish Literature (1981)</i> 43, no. 2 (2024).

### Other scholarship

2022	<b>The Washington Post: Made by History</b> “ <i>Biden’s Promises to Palestinians Probably Won’t Help Foster Peace</i> ”: July 24, 2022.
2023	<b>NPR KUOW Week in review</b> “ <i>Words In Review: Seattle police leave. Is it an ‘exodus’?</i> ” Interview, February 27, 2023.
2023	<b>Stroum Center online Article</b> “ <i>American Jews &amp; Israel: The History of the Palestine Economic Shows How ‘Support’ Can Take Many Forms.</i> ”
2022	<b>Israel History 101</b> <i>Presented a series of lectures on an introduction to Israeli history for a UW Seattle cohort of MBA Students traveling to Israel.</i>

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## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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- 2024 **Consulting on AI in academia**  
*Served as a consultant for Open AI (makers of chat GPT) and for Google Gemini on the use of AI in the humanities.*
- 2024 **Digital Humanities Colloquium on AI**  
*Conceived of, planned and presented a college wide colloquium on the use and pitfalls of AI in academia.*
- 2023 **Demystifying the Archive**  
*Planned and conducted a workshop for students in multiple UW graduate programs teaching modern methods for archival research.*
- 2022-Present **Jewish Studies Colloquium Organizer | University of Washington**  
*Initiated and currently oversee an interdepartmental colloquium for the Jewish Studies program, fostering collaboration across disciplines. Coordinate participation and logistics with visiting faculty and other contributors.*
- 2021-2023 **Diversity Committee, Student Representative | University of Washington**  
*"Organized diversity training sessions, facilitated university-wide events promoting diversity, and developed a system to track engagement within the department."*
- 2021-2023 **Executive Board, Graduate Liaison Committee | University of Washington**  
*Advocated for the needs of graduate students to department leadership. Attended all department faculty meetings as a graduate representative. Successfully advocated to university leadership for the creation of a history graduate student lounge.*
- 2017-2018 **Treasurer| Jewish Studies Graduate Student Association | Indiana University**  
*One of five officers on the JSJSA, assisted in planning and budgeting for all events. Planned 2018 annual Jewish Studies graduate conference.*
- 2017-2018 **District Area Coordinator | J Street**  
*Served as the direct liaison between J Street and Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly. Took regular meetings with Senator Donnelly and informed him of policy goals and objectives of J Street.*
- 2015-2018 **Young Professional Leadership Cohort | J Street**  
*One of fifteen founding members of J Street's young professional outreach arm. Advised on and helped implement J Street's national lobbying efforts.*

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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- Graduate  
University of Washington, Seattle**
- 2024-2025 **Society of Scholars fellowship Award**  
*Prestigious yearlong writing fellowship awarded to 3 graduate candidates and 12 faculty across disciplines at UW Seattle in order to facilitate cross departmental collaboration.*
- 2023-2024 **Fulbright/Hays PhD Research fellowship Award**  
*Awarded for doctoral research in Israel.*
- 2023 **Israel Studies Fellowship**  
*Grant for archival research at the Central Zionist Archives.*
- 2023 **Charles Bergquist Labor Research Grant**

2023 *Research Grant Awarded for Research on Labor in an International Context*  
**AAJR Research Fellowship**  
*Summer Research Fellowship from the American Academy for Jewish Research*

2023 **Temple Feinstein Center Fellowship**  
*Research Fellowship awarded by the Temple Feinstein Center*

2022 **Stroum Center Jewish Studies fellowship**

2022 **Israel Studies Fellowship**  
*Grant for archival research at the NYPL rare books archive*

2022 **UW Jewish Studies Opportunity Grant**  
*Grant for Archival research at American Jewish Archives*

2021 **Israel Studies Fellowship**

2021 **UW Jewish Studies Opportunity Grant**  
*Grant for Archival research at NYPL rare books archives*

2020-2021 **Graduate Top-Scholar Tuition Award**  
*Award for highly recruited incoming PhD Student*

2020-2021 **History Department Fellowship**  
*Full year academic fellowship*

2020 **UW Provost Recruitment Fellowship**  
**Indiana University Bloomington**

2020 **Bicentennial Jewish Studies Fellowship**  
*Grant in aid of research*

2020 **AJHS Travel Grant**  
*Grant from Association for Jewish Studies to cover cost of presenting at their conference*

2020 **Gurion Family Fund Conference Funding**  
*Awarded to cover costs of presenting at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference*

2019-2020 **Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship for 2019-2020 Academic Year**  
*Competitive fellowship funded by the US Government*  
*Awarded for the study of Yiddish*

2019 (Summer) **Jewish Studies grant-in-aid of research**  
*Received competitive funding for archival research*

2019 **Gurion Family Fund Conference Funding**  
*Awarded to cover costs of presenting at Middle East History and Theory Conference*

2018 (Summer) **Jewish Studies grant-in-aid of research**  
*Received competitive funding for research towards my master's thesis*

2017-2018 **Born Jewish Studies Fellowship**  
*Full year academic fellowship awarded to one incoming MA student*  
**Undergraduate**  
**University of Wisconsin, Madison**

2014 **Lipton Essay Award (UW Madison)**  
*Winner of annual essay competition*

2014 **Ida and Isaac Lipton Major Scholarship**  
*Scholarship for Best Senior in Jewish Studies*

2013 **Grant from UW Madison Business Center for International Business and Research**

2013 **Lipton Essay Award**  
*Winner of annual essay competition*

2012 **Lauren and Frances Weinstein Scholarship**

2012 **Marjorie and Harry Tobias Jewish Studies Scholarship**

2012 **Joseph Elder Scholarship**

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**Haifa Presidential Merit Scholarship**

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 **Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference**  
*Organized the panel “Israel and Jewish Americans: building Homeland in a Transnational Context” and presented my paper “Profit in the Holy Land, Louis Marshall and the upbuilding of Palestine” (note: due to COVID-19 the actual panel I presented on was not the same as the panel I organized).*
- 2019 **Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference**  
*Presented my paper “At the Crossroads: Ahad Ha’am and Post-1967 American Judaism.”*
- 2019 **Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference | University of Chicago**  
*Presented my research on Birthright Israel.*
- 2019 **Jewish Studies Graduate Conference | Indiana University**  
*Presented my paper “Bedouin Tents and Camel Rides: Orientalism and Gendered Paradigms on Birthright Israel.”*
- 2018 **Jewish Studies Graduate Conference | Indiana University**  
*Presented my paper “There and Back Again: Conception of Homeland and Diaspora among American Jews Returning from Israel”*
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**ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022, Summer 2024 **Web Student Assistant | Department of History University of Washington**  
*In charge of regular maintenance and updates on the history department website. Wrote and edited content for history website and newsletter.*
- 2022 **Student Assistant | Central Circulation Suzzallo and Allen Library**  
*Assisted with all functions of library central circulation, including book checkout and return, resource requests, and major projects.*
- 2021-present **Teaching Assistant | University of Washington**  
*Led multiple discussion sections, held regular office hours Graded and provided feedback on assignments, delivering both in-person and virtual instruction.*
- 2020 **Research Assistant | University of Washington**  
*Assisted Professor Liora Halperin in researching her book “The Oldest Guard”*
- 2019-2020 **Assistant Jewish Studies Librarian | Indiana University**  
*In charge of purchasing of all Hebrew and Yiddish books for the IU library.  
In charge of designing purchasing plan for all future Hebrew texts.*
- 2019-2020 **Research Assistant | Indiana University**  
*Assisting professor Sarah Imhoff with research for her upcoming book “A Queer Crippled Zionism” Read Hebrew documents in order to aid in incorporating their use in the book. Edited and provided suggestions on manuscript.*
- 2018-2020 **Associate Instructor | Indiana University**  
*Led multiple discussion sections, held regular office hours, corrected and provided feedback on all assignments, guest lectured to class*

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2013- 2018

**Chalutzim Hebrew Immersion program | Olin-Sang-Ruby-Union-Institute**

- **Director** (2015, 2018) *Developed a Hebrew immersion curriculum for 70–90 high school participants. Managed a staff of over 20 adults entirely in Hebrew.*
- **Counselor educator** (Summer 2013, 2014) *Taught Hebrew in both formal and informal settings to high school students.*

2015- 2016

**History Teacher** | Alexander Muss High School in Israel

*Taught AP European and AP World History to high school students studying abroad in Israel*