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EDUCATION

- 2011 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, Montreal, Quebec
 Ph.D., History & Philosophy of Religion
 Thesis Title: *Orthodoxy in Transition: The Vaad Ha'ir of Montreal in the Twentieth Century*
- Winner: Certificate of Excellence, Department of Religion
 - Nominee: Governor General's Gold Medal Award
- 2000 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, Montreal, Quebec.
 M.A., History & Philosophy of Religion
 Thesis Title: *Kitaigorod: A Profile of a Jewish Shtetl in the Ukraine*
- 1989 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, Montreal, Quebec.
 B.A., Psychology
 Thesis Title: *The Effects of Schema Availability and Typicality of Information on Recognition in Young and Older Adults*
- 1985 JERUSALEM TORAH COLLEGE, Jerusalem, Israel.
 Judaic studies (One year certificate program)

WORK EXPERIENCE

CURRENT: Director – Jewish Learning Initiative: supplementary Jewish pedagogical programming & professional development (Federation CJA)

University Teaching & Research Employment:

Coordinator: Sephardic Community Oral History Project (Institute for Canadian Jewish studies, Concordia University), 2009-2013

Adjunct Lecturer SUNY – Plattsburgh:

- Introduction to Judaism (Interdisciplinary Studies, fall, 2012)
- Introduction to Judaism (Interdisciplinary Studies, spring, 2013)

Lecturer (Concordia University):

- Introduction to Judaism (Religion, fall, 2013)
- Religious Imagination (Religion, fall, 2012)
- Sephardic Judaism (Religion, winter 2012)
- Introduction to Judaism (Religion, fall, 2011)
- Traditions, Wisdom, & Enlightenment (Religion, fall, 2011)
- Sephardic Judaism (Religion, winter 2010)
- Death & Dying (Religion, winter 2010)
- The Holocaust: Historical Circumstances (History Dept., Fall, 2009)
- Traditions, Wisdom, & Enlightenment (Religion, summer, 2008)
- Religion and Sexuality (Religion, winter 2008)
- Religion and Sexuality (Religion, winter 2007)
- Ancient Judaism (Religion, fall, 2006.)

Teaching assistant (Concordia University):

- Death & Dying (Religion, winter 2011)
- Introduction to Judaism (Religion, winter, 2011)
- Wisdom & Enlightenment (Religion, winter, 2005)
- Religion & Sexuality (Religion, fall, 2004)
- Golden Age of Islam (Religion, winter, 2004)
- Religion & Sexuality (Religion, fall, 2003)
- Religion & Sexuality (Religion, winter, 2003)

Non-University Positions:

- **Director, Jewish Learning Initiative** (April 2013 --)
- **Co-Curator & Education Director, Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre** (May, 2001-Sept. 2003)
- **Head of Public Programming, Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre** (Sept. 2000-May, 2001)
- **Research Coordinator and Data Bank Manager, Adult Development and Aging Laboratory, Department of Psychology, Concordia University** (May, 1989-Sept. 2000)

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2008 – 2009 **Bourses d'études Hydro Québec** – Faculté des arts et des sciences, faculté des beaux-arts et école de gestion John Molson, Concordia University
- 2007 – 2008 **Bourses d'études Hydro Québec** – Faculté des arts et des sciences, faculté des beaux-arts et école de gestion John Molson, Concordia University
- 2007 - 2008 **Campaign for a New Millennium Student Contribution Graduate Scholarship**, Concordia University
- 2007 - 2008 **Campaign for Concordia Graduate Award**, Concordia University
- 2006 - 2007 **Campaign for Concordia Graduate Award**, Concordia University
- 2006 - 2007 **Romek Hornstein Memorial Award** Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
- 2004 – 2007 **Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC)** – bourse de doctorat en recherche – Doctoral research scholarship
- 2004 – 2007 **Concordia University External Grant Holder Doctoral Scholarship**
- 2006 **Carolyn and Richard Renaud Teaching Assistantship** – Graduate Awards Committee, Concordia University
- 2005-2006 **Romek Hornstein Memorial Award** Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
- 2004 – 2005 **Harris and Ann Wetstein Foundation Graduate Scholarship** Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
- 2003 – 2004 **Mahlab Research Fellowship** Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
- 2003 – 2004 **Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies Doctoral Fellowship** (Renewal)
- 2002 – 2003 **Concordia University Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies Doctoral Fellowship**

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS (Refereed)

Lapidus, Steven. “Love Thy Neighbour: Hasidic Social Relations in Quebec,” in Stephan Gervais, Raffaele Iacovino, Mary-Anne Poutanen, eds. *Being Quebecois: Ethnicity and Race in 19th to 21st Century Quebec* (in print).

Lapidus, Steven. “North American Hasidim: Between Modernity and the Old World,” in Ira Robinson, Lorenzo diTomasso, Naphtali Cohn (eds.), *History, Memory, And Jewish Identity* (in print).

- Lapidus, Steven.** “The Golden Century? Canada’s Jews in British North America” in Ira Robinson (Ed.), *Canada's Jews: In Time, Space, and Spirit*, (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2013).
- Lapidus, Steven.** “Bottoming for the Queen: Queering the Jews in Protestant Europe at the Fin de Siècle,” in Frederick S. Roden (ed.) *Jewish/Christian/Queer: Crossroads and Identities*. (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Press, 2009), 105-25.
- Reprinted in Donald L. Boisvert & Jay Emerson Johnson (eds), *Queer Religion: Homosexuality in Modern Religious History*, Praeger: Santa Barbara, CA, 2012, Volume I, 147-67.
- Lapidus, Steven.** « Tradition religieuse et patrimoine culturel dans la communauté juive québécoise. » in Solange Lefebvre (ed.) *Le patrimoine religieux du Québec : Éducation et transmission du sens* (Québec, QC : les presses de l'Université Laval, 2009), 273-84.
- Lapidus, Steven.** « Les archives du Vaad Ha'ir : un reflet sur l'histoire juive montréalaise. » In *Le patrimoine des minorités religieuses du Québec : Richesse et vulnérabilité*. Edited Marie-Claude Rocher & Marc Pelchat, (Québec: Marquis, 2006), 161-68.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (Refereed)

- Lapidus, Steven.** “The Problem of the Modern Orthodox Rabbinate:” Montreal’s *Vaad Harabbonim* at Mid-Century.” *Studies in Religion* 40(3), Sept. 2011, 351-64.
- Lapidus, Steven.** “Maggid of Montreal”: Rabbi Hirsch Cohen on the Dilemmas of the Canadian Rabbi. *Jewish History* 23(2), June, 2009, 179-93.
- Lapidus, Steven.** “The Jewish Community Council of Montreal: A National *Kehillah* or a Local Sectarian Organization?” *Canadian Jewish Studies*. Vol. 16&17, 2008/2009, 27-52.
- Lapidus, Steven.** The Forgotten Hasidim: Rabbis and Rebbes in Prewar Canada. *Canadian Jewish Studies*, Vol. 12, 2004, 1-30.

BOOK REVIEWS (Refereed)

- Lapidus, Steven.** Review of Joe King, “Fabled City: the Jews of Montreal.” *Globe: revue internationale d'études québécoises*, Vol. 13 (1), 2010, 176-79.
- Lapidus, Steven.** Review of Gerald Tulchinsky, “Canada’s Jews: A People’s Journey.” *American Jewish Archives Journal*, Vol. 61(2), 2009, 200-201.
- Lapidus, Steven.** Review of Biderman, M. “A life on the Jewish left: An immigrant’s experience.” *Canadian Jewish Studies*, Vol. 10, 2002, 158-161.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES (Refereed)

- Lapidus, Steven.** “Maxwell Goldstein.” *Canadian Biographical Dictionary/Dictionnaire biographique canadien*. Forthcoming.
- Lapidus, Steven.** “Goldbloom Family.” *Encyclopaedia Judaica*. Forthcoming.
- Lapidus, Steven.** “Saul Levinson.” *Canadian Biographical Dictionary/Dictionnaire biographique canadien*. Forthcoming.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (Juried)

- «*La migration hassidique à Montréal depuis 1941*». Migrations juives contemporaines, circulations et ancrages, Montréal, QC. Oct., 2014. (Avec Ira Robinson)
- «*Le problème d'Outremont : Nouveaux regards sur le phénomène de l'antisémitisme dans l'histoire du Québec*». Association francophone pour le savoir. Montréal, QC. Mai, 2014.
- *Logging Off: Hasidim & the Internet*, Le Mood. Montreal, QC. October, 2012.
- *Beyond Black & White: Hasidic Levush*, Le Mood. Montreal QC. June, 2011.
- *North American Hasidim: Between Modernity and the Old World*, Symposium on History, Memory and Jewish Identity. Montreal, QC. May, 2011.
- *Hasidic Social Relations in Quebec*, Vivre au Québec: ethnicité, race et genre du 19e au 21e siècle. Montréal, QC. April, 2011.
- *Rabbinic Strife in Mid-Century Montreal*, Association of Canadian Jewish Studies. Montreal, QC. May, 2010.
- “*The Pearl Harbour of the Vaad Ha'ir of Montreal*”: *Rabbinic Strife in the 1950s & 60s*, American Association of Religion. Montreal, QC. November, 2009.

- *Communal Isolation in the North American Hasidic Press*. Association of Canadian Jewish Studies. Ottawa, ON. May, 2009.
- *Walking the Line: Boundary Maintenance in Montreal's Hasidic Community*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. Ottawa, ON. May, 2009.
- *Les hassidim du Québec: entre deux mondes*, Cultures juives et maillages culturels en Europe centrale et orientale et en Amérique du Nord. Montréal, QC. October, 2008.
- *Real or Symbolic Space: Revisiting the Outremont Eruv Controversy*, Thirteenth Annual Graduate Students' Interdisciplinary Conference. Montreal, QC. February, 2008.
- *Highlights: A Hasidic Magazine Made in Canada*, Celebration of Jewish Studies in Ottawa. Library & Archives Canada. Ottawa, ON. October, 2007.
- *Tradition religieuse et patrimoine culturel dans la communauté juive québécoise*. Colloque sur le patrimoine religieux du Québec. Montréal, QC. November, 2006.
- *Jewish Community Council: The Evolution of Sectarianism in a Montreal Organization*. Biennial Scholars' Conference on American Jewish History. Charleston, SC. June, 2006.
- *Communal Isolationism: A Study in Contemporary Ultra-Orthodox Judaism*. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. Toronto, ON. May, 2006.
- *To Connect or Not To Connect: The Internet Controversy among Haredi Jewry*. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for Jewish Studies. Toronto, ON. May, 2006.
- *Les archives du Vaad Ha'ir: un reflet sur l'histoire juive montréalaise*. Association francophone pour le savoir. Montréal, QC. May, 2006.
- *The Paradoxical Relationship Between Ultra-Orthodox Jewry and Modern Technology*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion – Eastern International Region Annual Meeting. Quebec, QC. May, 2006.
- *Europe in America? The Historiography of the Landsmanshaft Synagogue*. American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, PA. November, 2005.
- *Queering the Other: The Homosexual and the Jew in Nineteenth-Century Thought*. American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, PA. November, 2005.
- *With My Lips I Have Declared all the Judgments of Your Mouth: Rabbi Hirsch Cohen on the Role of the Preacher*. Association for Canadian Jewish Studies Conference. London, ON. May, 2005.
- *Tale of Three Synagogues*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. London, ON. May, 2005.
- *A Conversation with Bawon Samedi: A Haitian Vodou Ceremony in Montreal*. American Academy of Religion – Eastern International Region Annual Meeting. Montreal, QC. May, 2005.
- *The Montreal Jewish Community Council: Lofty Aspirations?* Graduate Student Colloquium on Quebec/Canadian Jewish Studies. Montreal, Quebec. November, 2004.
- *To Speak or Not to Speak: The Dilemma of Preaching for Rabbi Tzvi Hirsch Cohen*. 'A Skilled Tongue: Sermon and Society in the Canadian Jewish Experience.' Montreal, QC. October, 2004.
- *The Founding of the Montreal Jewish Community Council: A Study in the Maintenance of Ethnic Identity*. Association for Canadian Jewish Studies Conference. Winnipeg, MN. May, 2004.
- *Montreal's Hasidic Community over the Past Thirty Years: A Microcosm of International Hasidic Centres*. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. Winnipeg, MN. May, 2004.
- *The Montreal Jewish Community Council*. 6^e Colloque du CEETUM (Centre d'études ethniques des universités montréalaises) pour étudiant(e)s et jeunes diplômé(e)s. February, 2004. Montréal, QC.

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2011 – Research Associate: Concordia Institute for Canadian Jewish Studies
- January – May, 2011: Member, Organizing Committee, Being Quebecois: Ethnicity and Race in 19th to 21st Century Quebec
- 2009 —: Chairman, Membership Committee, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies
- 2005 — 2008 : Executive Committee, Canadian Society for Jewish Studies
- 2004 — 2006 : Graduate Conference Committee, Concordia University Department of Religion

LANGUAGES

English, French, Yiddish, Hebrew