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Traveling Scholars on the East Coast

Michal Ben-Horin

University of Florida

Professor Ben-Horin is an Assistant Professor at the Center for Jewish Studies and the Department of African and Asian Languages and Literatures at the University of Florida. She teaches courses on literary memoirs by Israeli, German-Jewish and American writers, contemporary Israeli cinema, and political poetry and public controversy in Israel, along with a new course on music and literature. Her research interests include comparative literature, modern Jewish and Hebrew literature, Israeli culture, musical theories, and poetics of memory. Ben-Horin's current book project deals with representations of violence, narrative and musical discourse in Hebrew literature.

Anat Berko

George Washington University

Professor Berko is a Research Fellow at the Institute for Counter-terrorism (ICT) and also lectures at the Center's Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Security, the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya (IDC), Israel. She has served on Israel's National Security Council in the field of counter-terrorism providing insight into the criminal and moral aspects of suicide bombers. She has written extensively about various aspects of terrorism and published *The Path to Paradise: The Inner World of Suicide Bombers and their Dispatchers* (2007). She received her Ph.D. in Criminology from Bar-Ilan University.

Chuck Freilich

New York University/Harvard University

Until recently, Chuck Freilich was Israel's Deputy National Security Adviser. He is now a Senior Fellow at the Belfer Center at Harvard's Kennedy School where he is writing a book on Israeli national security decision making. Chuck's primary areas of expertise are U.S.-Mideast policy and Israeli national security policy. He teaches Political Science at Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities and also co-directs a Middle Eastern affairs consultancy. Chuck has appeared as a commentator for CNN, been quoted in the *New York Times*, published numerous articles and appeared on various U.S. and Israeli radio and TV stations. Chuck was a Senior Analyst at the Israel Ministry of Defense, focusing on strategic affairs, policy advisor to a cabinet minister, and a delegate at the Israeli Mission to the UN. He was the executive director of two non-profits and served in the Israel Defense Forces for five years (reserve major). Chuck earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University. Born in New York, he immigrated to Israel in his teens.

Sam Lehman-Wilzig

Brown University

Professor Lehman-Wilzig is the Chairman of the Department of Political Studies at Bar-Ilan University and an Adjunct Professor of Communication at Netanya College. His areas of expertise include: new media (internet, wireless telephony, digital communications) and its evolutionary development and influence on society and politics; Israeli politics – especially political communication, public protest and alternative socio-economic systems; and information, society, and politics – prediction, planning and public policy. Dr. Lehman-Wilzig received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Yoram Peri

American University

Professor Yoram Peri is the Head of the Rothschild Caesarea School of Communication. He is also the head of the Chaim Herzog Institute for Media, Politics, and Society and professor of Political Sociology and Communication in the Department of Communication at Tel Aviv University. He is a former political advisor to the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and former Editor-in-Chief of the Israeli daily, *Davar*. Professor Peri has published extensively on Israeli society, media and politics. Among his publications are: *The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin*, *Between Battles, Ballots: Israel Military in Politics*, *Telepopulism: Media and Politics in Israel*, and *Brothers at War: Rabin's Assassination and the Cultural war in Israel*. His most recent book is *Generals in the Cabinet Room: How the Military Shapes Israeli Policy*.

Arie Perliger

State University of New York, Stony Brook

Professor Perliger is the Lady David Fellow in the Department of Political Science at Hebrew University. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Haifa and focuses his research and teaching on terrorism and political violence, Middle East politics, the radical right in Europe and Israel, political socialization, and international security. His books include: *Middle Eastern Terrorism* and *Countering Terrorism in Urban Environment – The Case of Jerusalem*.

Traveling Scholars in the Mid-West

Alexander Bligh

Notre Dame University

Professor Bligh is a former Advisor to the Israeli Prime Minister on Arab Affairs (1990-1992). He also served as Deputy in that office for the three years prior. He is currently the Chair of the Department of Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies at the College of Judea and Samaria and the Director of that school's Center for International Strategic Assessment. He is a Senior Lecturer in Political Science at Bar-Ilan University and the Director of the Masters Program on Democracy and Democratization in the Arab World. His lecture topics include: ethnic conflicts in comparative perspective; history of Islam since the 7th century; international relations; minorities in the Middle East; political and social history of the Middle East since the 18th century; sources of radical Islam, development, and current political implications; refugees and human rights in the post-World War II world; regimes, societies, and political systems in the

Middle East; religious fundamentalism and its political implications; the political development, security, and foreign policies of Israel, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan; and the political, religious, and economic dimensions of terror.

Naomi Gale

University of Colorado-Boulder

Naomi Gale was born in Iraq, immigrated to Israel and was raised in Kiryat Malachi, a development town in the south of Israel. After completing her BA in Sociology, Anthropology, and Social work, she went on to the University of Sydney where she received her PhD in the area of immigration of Sephardim to Australia during the period of the White Australia Policy. After receiving a generous grant from the University of Sydney, she went on to Western Australia to conduct fieldwork for her postdoctoral, researching the chain emigration of the Orthodox Jews from Zfat at the turn of the 20th century. Following that, she received the Golda Meir Fellowship followed by Sir Zalman Cowen's generous scholarship which enabled her to continue her post doctorate at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Professor Gale studied law, specializing in criminal law and small claims, and she is an attorney as well as an Alternative Dispute Resolution specialist, specializing in family law. She worked as a Schusterman Visiting Professor at American University and the Washington College of Law in Washington, DC, and will be a 2008-2009 Schusterman Visiting Professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder. She lectured at several colleges under the auspices of Bar-Ilan University and was, for more that a decade, a lecturer in the Departments of Political Science and Oriental Studies at Bar-Ilan University. For several years, she acted as the coordinator of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Academic College of Ashkelon, where she has been working for eleven years as a senior lecturer. Professor Gale completed a sabbatical at the University of Cambridge, England, comparing the Israeli and the British legal systems. She has published in the area of immigration, gender and Israeli society, with two books, *Violence against Women* (2003) and *The Sephardim of Sydney* (2005), and several articles, including pieces in the *Journal of Sociology*, *Ethnology*, *NEW COMMUNITY* and the *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*.

Yitzhak Reiter

University of Minnesota

Professor Reiter earned his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University's Department for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. He is an Associate Professor at Ashkelon Academic College and an adjunct lecturer at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem's Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. He has served as Chief Consultant to Israel's National Security Council on integrating Israeli Arabs into the state, and has been an advisor to Prime Ministers Menachem Begin and Shimon Peres and Minister Ezer Weitzman. He has written about the Land of Israel and Jerusalem under Islamic rule in historic and modern times, the status of Israel's Arab minority, and the religious aspects of the Israeli-Arab issues.

Elisheva Rosman

University of Texas at Austin

Dr. Rosman is a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Bar-Ilan University and the Ashkelon Academic College. She has written on topics that include religious Zionism and

military service; Qatar and democracy; the Gulf States and Israel; the Gaza disengagement; the mediation program of the *garin* in women's *midrashot*; and the relevance of the OSCE's security model for Mediterranean states. Her main research and teaching areas are Israel Studies, religious Zionism, civil society, religion and the military, the Gulf States and Israel, and the foreign policy of weak states.

Maurice Roumani

University of Oklahoma

Professor Maurice M. Roumani, born in Benghazi, Libya, is a Senior Lecturer in Political Sociology and the Middle East and founder and director of the J.R. Elyachar Center for the Study of Sephardi Heritage at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Israel. A graduate of Brandeis University, the University of Chicago and the University of London, he has held teaching and research positions at the Hebrew University, Bar-Ilan University, George Washington University, the University of Maryland, Harvard University and the University of Rome. His fields of interest are international relations, minorities, Middle East and North African politics, and Islam and Judaism. He is the author of many articles and books, including *From Immigrant to Citizen: The Contribution of the Army to National Integration*; *The Jews from Arab countries: A Neglected Issue*; and *Ethnicity, Integration and the Military* (edited with Henry Dietz and Jerrold Elkin). His forthcoming book deals with the history of Libyan Jewry between 1938 and their final exodus in 1967. He serves on the international board of *Religioni e Società*, a quarterly of social sciences of religion published in Italy.

Miri Talmon-Bohm

University of Wisconsin

Dr. Talmon-Bohm has been teaching about Israeli culture and identity through film and television for more than 20 years. She specializes in cultural studies with a focus on Israeli culture, including cinema, literature, folk/popular culture, and media in Israel. Her academic background in applied linguistics includes foreign language teaching expertise (specifically, Hebrew for speakers of English and English for speakers of Hebrew). Themes of courses previously and currently taught include the politics of identity in Israeli culture; the negotiation of collective and national Israeli identity in cinema and television; popular/folk Israeli culture: Jewish origins, Israeli variations; the impact of the Israeli context on Israeli society and culture as an immigrant society; being in a state of conflict, terror and war: changing trends in culture (cultural history); the impact of the Holocaust on Israeli consciousness; the conflict and terror in Israeli life; the Israeli media and its products (especially popular Israeli culture) as cultural reflections – in both American and Israeli contexts; impact of postmodernism and globalization on Israeli culture, especially as articulated in cinema and television.

Traveling Scholars on the West Coast

Shlomo Aronson

University of Arizona

Professor Shlomo Aronson is a historian and political scientist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. A former television executive and correspondent for the Israeli radio and television

system in Germany and Brussels, Belgium, he dedicated decades of research into the origins of the "Final Solution"; the background and career of the major perpetrators, rescue dilemmas and efforts during the Holocaust; and the impact of the Holocaust on Israel's society and behavior. He then studied Israel's domestic politics and security dilemmas, as well as U.S.-Israeli relations. Shlomo was appointed consultant to the Inter Agency Working Group, Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, at the U.S. National Archives and Record Administration in College Park, MD. Beforehand he held the 1939 Club Holocaust Chair as visiting professor at UCLA. He also served as a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, scholar in residence at the Library of Congress, and scholar in residence at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. His numerous books and articles on the Holocaust, Israeli politics, and foreign and security affairs were published by major German, American and Israeli publishers and won Israeli and international prizes.

Guy Ben-Porat

University of California at Davis

Professor Ben-Porat is a Lecturer in the Department of Public Policy and Administration at Ben-Gurion University's School of Management and is a Research Fellow at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem. Professor Ben Porat's research focuses on public policy in a multicultural society, globalization, Israeli politics, implementing peace agreements in Israel and Northern Ireland, the economic aspects of political and international affairs, comparative politics, secularism and liberalism in Israel's public square, and comparative neo-Conservatism in Israel and America.