

## **Atalia Shragai**

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### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **EDUCATION**

- 2007-2014 PhD, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies, Tel Aviv University. Thesis entitled: "Over the Rainbow: Migration, Lives and Identifications among US Citizens in Costa Rica, 1945-1980." Supervised by Professor Billie Melman and Professor Raanan Rein.
- 2002-2006 MA, *summa cum laude*, Department of History, Tel Aviv University
- Thesis entitled: "The Banana Men: Creating a Colonial Culture in the United Fruit Company Colonies in Central America, 1900-1960." Supervised by Professor Billie Melman and Professor Raanan Rein.
- 1992-1995 BA, *magna cum laude*, Department of Film and Television, Tel Aviv University.

#### **ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2016-2017 Postdoctoral fellow, The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- 2015- 2016 Lady Davis Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Romance and Latin American Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Supervisor: Dr. Claudia Kedar.
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral fellow, Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies, The Open University of Israel. Supervisor: Dr. Inbal Ofer.
- 2013-2014 Research fellow, Sverdlin Institute for Latin American History and Culture, Tel Aviv University.

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT

"The New Mission Posts: North American Eco-Imperialism in Late 20th Century Central America"

A Postdoctoral research conducted in the Latin American Department at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

"In the Service of Their Homeland and Themselves: The USA Women's Club in Costa Rica, 1945-1980," *Journal of Social History*, 52:1, Fall 2018 (forthcoming).

"As Luck would Have it: Patterns of Narrative and Rhetoric Strategies in Life Stories of US Americans in Costa Rica," *Oral History Review*, vol. 44.2, Summer 2017 (forthcoming).

"¿Tienen una Cultura los bananos? Colonias de la United Fruit Company en América Central 1900-1960," in Jeffrey Cedeño Mark and Cristián Opazo (eds.) *Literatura, naturaleza y trabajo en la América Latina del siglo XX*, Santiago de Chile: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2017 (forthcoming).

"Do Bananas Have a Culture? United Fruit Company Colonies in Central America 1900-1960," *Iberoamericana* 42, June 2011, pp. 65-83.

"Iguanas and Apple Pies: Hybrid Culture in the United Fruit Company Colonies in Central America 1900-1960," *Historia* 23, May 2009, pp. 43-78 [in Hebrew].

Galia Sabar, Atalia Shragai, "Olumba Olumba in Israel: Struggling on all Fronts," *African Identities* vol. 6, no. 3, 2008, pp. 201-225.

## Reviews

Michael E. Donoghue, *Borderland on the Isthmus: Race, Culture, and the Struggle for the Canal Zone*, Durham: Duke University Press, 2014, *Canadian Journal of History*, vol. 51, issue 1, Spring-Summer 2016.

Lara Putnam, *Radical Moves: Caribbean Migrants and the Politics of Race in the Jazz Age*, Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2013, *E.I.A.L* vol. 26 (2), June-December 2015.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

"*Ms. Magazine* Meets *The Tico Times*: Gender, Space and Identity Making among US Citizens in Costa Rica in the 1970s," *Aran Annual Lecture, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies*, Tel Aviv University, 2014.

#### **CONFERENCES AND PANEL ORGANIZER**

"Education and Multiculturalism in 2017 Israel: Institutional Challenges and Individual Experiences," *Annual conference of the Humanities Faculty, Kibbutzim College of Education*, Tel Aviv, December 2016, co-organizer with Dr. Nimrod Tal, Kibbutzim College of Education.

"Creating US Cultures on the Other Side of the Border," *SHAFR 2014* (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations), Lexington KY, 2014, co-organizer with Professor David Sheinin, Trent University.

#### **SELECTED LECTURES AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

"As Luck would Have it: Discursive Strategies in Life Stories of US Americans in Costa Rica," *Oral Narratives and the Politics of History Making: The Second International Oral History Conference*, The Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 7, 2016.

"Counter Currents of Migration: Imperial Cultures and Identity Making Among US Citizens in Costa Rica, 1945-1980," *Rethinking Central America and the Caribbean in Israel: Challenging Debates, Challenging Perspectives*, The Truman Institute, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2015.

"The New Mission Posts: US citizens in Costa Rica between Capitalist Entrepreneurship and Ecological Paternalism," *Man and Nature: the 38th Annual*

*Conference of the Historical Society of Israel in Conjunction with Tel Aviv University,*  
Tel Aviv University, June 2015.

"Reading *The Feminine Mystique* in San José: US Women in Costa Rica 1945-1980,"  
*SHAFR 2014* (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations), Lexington KY,  
2014.

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow – US Immigrants' Narratives of Passage to Costa  
Rica," *ICA 54* (International Congress of Americanists), Vienna 2012.

"A Suburb in the Jungle – US Immigrants in Costa Rica 1945-1980," *LASA*  
*2012* (Latin American Studies Association), San Francisco 2012.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED COURSES)**

#### Amexica: History, Society and Culture in the US-Mexican Borderland

Tel Aviv University, Department of English and American Studies / Latin American  
and Iberian Studies – The Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities, Spring term 2016.

#### Central America and the Caribbean 1800-2000: People, Place and Culture

Tel Aviv University, Latin American and Iberian Studies – The Interdisciplinary  
Program in Humanities, Spring term 2015.

#### Through American Eyes: Contact Zones in the Americas

Tel Aviv University, Department of English and American Studies / Latin American  
and Iberian Studies – The Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities, Spring term 2014.

#### The Voice of the Past: Theory and Praxis in Oral History

Kibbutzim College of Education, Department of History, Fall term 2014-2015.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

2010-2012 Program coordinator and student counselor, Latin American and Iberian  
Studies – The Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities, Tel Aviv University.

2005-2007 Research assistant of Professor Raanan Rein, The S. Daniel Abraham  
Center for International and Regional Studies, Tel Aviv University.