

My talks

◆ **Hidden Footprints: Crypto-Jewish Passover Traditions in Modern Cuisine**

A culinary journey tracing ancestral memories through the secret rituals of the seder plate.
Xperience, Beit Shemesh — March 24, 2025 | Language: English

◆ **A Portrait of Jewish Life in Venezuela: Yesterday and Today**

A personal and cultural reflection on resilience, exile, and Jewish continuity in Latin America.
Telz Stone (Kiryat Yearim) — March 5, 2025 | Language: English

◆ **Doña Gracia Mendes: An Inspiring Story of Hope for a People in Exile**

Honoring a Sephardic heroine who turned exile into empowerment for generations to come.
Telz Stone (Kiryat Yearim) — February 5, 2025 | Language: English

◆ **The Undiscovered Discovery of America: The Hidden Jews**

Revisiting the foundations of the New World through the silenced presence of Crypto-Jews.
Xperience, Beit Shemesh — December 23, 2024 | Language: English

◆ **The Brave Trail of the Crypto-Jews**

Exploring hidden Jewish identity in Latin America through historical memory and cultural resilience.
Na'amat, Jerusalem — February 28, 2024 | Language: English

◆ **The Phoenix Rises from the Flames of the Inquisition**

A journey through survival, silence, and the rebirth of Crypto-Jewish consciousness.
Shepard Residential College, Northwestern University — April 24, 2023 | Language: English

◆ **Across the Border: The Crypto-Jews**

A transnational perspective on Crypto-Jewish identity, migration, and political theology.
Department of Political Science, Northwestern University — February 2023 | Language: English

◆ **Doña Gracia: The Queen Esther of the 16th Century**

A tribute to the visionary leader who defied the Inquisition and empowered exiled Jews. *Bendigamos, Jewish Community of the Netherlands (Zoom)* — September 11, 2022 | Language: English

◆ **The Undiscovered Discovery of America: The Hidden Crypto-Jews**

Reframing American history through the overlooked voices of Crypto-Jewish presence. *North Central College, Naperville, IL (Zoom)* — April 26, 2022 | Language: English

◆ **The Invincible Flame of Porto: Carlos Arturo Barros Basto**

Honoring the Portuguese “Marrano Captain” who fought to rekindle Jewish identity in Portugal. *Raíces de Sefarad, Centro Cultural Sefarad, Buenos Aires (Zoom)* — July 29, 2021
Language: Spanish [🔗 Watch on YouTube](#)

◆ **Emerging Communities of Crypto-Jewish Descendants in Latin America**

Stories of rediscovery, identity, and resilience among families reclaiming hidden heritage. *Raíces de Sefarad, Centro Cultural Sefarad, Buenos Aires (Zoom)* — August 6, 2020 | Language: Spanish

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◆ **Belmonte: Listening to the Whisper and Uncovering the Footsteps**

A personal and scholarly encounter with one of the last Crypto-Jewish communities in Europe. *Belmonte Jewish Museum, Portugal* — September 2019 | Language: English

◆ **A Psalm of Survival: The Sephardic Jews in Latin America**

A journey through spiritual endurance and cultural continuity among Sephardic communities. *Kesser Maariv Synagogue* — March 3, 2020 | Language: English

◆ **Crypto-Jews: The Culinary Recovery of Exile**

Exploring how ancestral recipes carry the unspoken language of survival.

Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, Denver Conference — June 30–July 2, 2019 | Language: English

◆ **The Treasure of Tradition**

An academic reflection on memory, exile, and spiritual inheritance in Latin American Jewish identity. *Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Northwestern University — April 24, 2018 | Language: English*

◆ **The Muslin of Mafalda and Djohá: Different Patterns, Common Threads**

Juxtaposing humor and heritage through two folkloric figures in Sephardic and Hispanic culture. *7th Annual ucLADINO Symposium, UCLA — March 14–15, 2018 | Language: English*

◆ **Preserving Sephardic Language Against Wind and Tide**

A testimony to resistance through language in the face of cultural erasure.

Hebrew Club, Panamá — March 18, 2016 | Language: Spanish

◆ **Echoes of Sephardic Culture in Hispanic Videos**

Analyzing visual storytelling as a vessel for Sephardic symbols and identity.

XVII International Congress of Hispanic Literature, Mérida, México — March 9–11, 2016 | Language: Spanish

◆ **The Iberian Inquisition Comes to the Americas**

Tracing the transatlantic terror of persecution from Spain to the New World.

Oakton College — February 17, 2016 | Language: English

◆ **Las Muselinas de Mafalda y Djoha: Diferentes Patrones, Hebras Comunes**

A mirrored version of the Mafalda–Djohá talk, highlighting cultural threads in Sephardic identity. *VI International Symposium on Sephardi Studies, Buenos Aires — August 2015* | Language: Spanish

◆ **Tres Periplos... un Horizonte: Los Sefardíes**

Three symbolic journeys representing the Sephardic experience of exile and return. *18th Conference on Judeo-Spanish Studies, Madrid — June 30–July 3, 2014* | Language: Spanish

◆ **Against Wind and Tide**

Survival and memory in Latin American Jewish communities — a portrait of faith under pressure. *Jewish Communities of Latin America Conference, São Paulo — September 3–6, 2012* | Language: English

◆ **Ashorer Shira Lijvod Ha-Shabat (*Let's Sing Songs in Honor of Shabbat*)**

Celebrating Sephardic spiritual life through Shabbat melodies in Ladino. *IV Simposio Internacional de Estudios Sefardíes, Buenos Aires — August 2011* | Language: Spanish

◆ **Preserving the Ladino Language Through Zemirot Shabbat**

A melodic path to language transmission and cultural continuity. *Sephardic Learning Center, Chicago — December 23, 2010* | Language: English

◆ **Moshe, Akí Todos Son Djudíos, Áma Sus Vistídos Son Diferéntes**

A poetic reflection on diversity within Sephardic communities through humor and language. *AJS 42nd Annual Conference, Boston — December 19–21, 2010* | Language: English & Judeo-Spanish

◆ **What Methodology I Used in My Research About Language and Cultural Studies**

A reflective presentation on cross-disciplinary inquiry and scholarly tools.

Humanities Research Workshop, Northwestern University — January 24, 2011 | Language: English

◆ **Direct Object Marker in Spanish**

Grammatical precision and nuance in heritage and native speaker contexts.

AJS 48th Annual Conference, San Diego — December 2006 | Language: English

◆ **The Interview as Type of Text (*La entrevista como tipo de texto*)**

Analyzing interviews through discourse theory and textual framing.

II National Colloquium on Speech Analysis, Mérida, Venezuela — 1998 | Language: Spanish

◆ **Cohesion & Coherence (*La Coherencia y la Cohesión*)**

Unpacking how textual flow shapes meaning in communication.

Universidad de Oriente, Venezuela — 1998 | Language: Spanish

◆ **Analysis of Job Request Texts (*Análisis de textos de solicitud de empleos*)**

A linguistic breakdown of formality, tone, and rhetorical strategy in employment discourse.

Universidad de La Plata, Argentina — 1997 | Language: Spanish

◆ **Traces of Hebrew Influence Upon the Spanish Language (*El Matiz Hebreo en la Lengua Castellana*)**

Exploring the hidden Hebrew echoes in Castilian vocabulary and syntax.

Universidad Pedagógica Libertador, Caracas — 1994 | Language: Spanish

Teaching, Technology & Methodology – Presentations

◆ Promoting Community Dialogues in Target Languages: Spanish and English

Integrating language learning with meaningful intercultural exchange.

TEACHx, Northwestern University — May 24, 2021 | Language: English

◆ Creating a Community Through Cross-Cultural Conversations

Fostering belonging through student-led storytelling and global connection.

SLP Charla Divulgativa, Northwestern University — April 27, 2021 | Language: English

◆ Wooden Spoons and Blue Jeans: Spinning Language Threads Beyond the Classroom

Blending culinary culture with digital storytelling in heritage language education.

Third Intl. Heritage/Community Language Conference, UCLA — Feb 16–17, 2018 | Language: English

◆ How I Brought Chefs from Around the World into My Class with Blue Jeans

Innovative use of video conferencing to enhance language immersion.

Northwestern University Teaching Innovation Event — May 2017 | Language: English

◆ Outsourcing the Oral Presentation

Creating real-world language connections through tech-enhanced exchange.

Northwestern University, Professional Development Series — Feb 2012 | Language: English

◆ Using Clickers Uniquely in ESL Environments

A creative approach to classroom engagement and feedback.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College — Jan 18, 2011 | Language: English

◆ **Language Skills with Clickers**

Gamifying learning with interactive tools to develop fluency and recall.

Turning Point User Conference, Harvard University — Oct 9–11, 2010 | Language: English

◆ **Clickers and Bloom Taxonomy Questions**

Bridging pedagogy and technology through critical-thinking strategies.

IALLT Conference, Atlanta — May 26–30, 2009 | Language: English

◆ **Clickers in Spanish Class**

A case study in learner-centered instruction using technology.

Turning Technologies User Conference, Temple University — March 12, 2009 | Language: English

◆ **Teaching Spanish as a Second Language**

Pedagogical principles and approaches for diverse learners.

Workshop, Universidad de Panamá — December 12, 2011 | Language: Spanish

◆ **Bloom Theory in Teaching**

Using Bloom's taxonomy as a compass for lesson design and student assessment.

Jewish Studies Pre-Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem — July 2009 | Language: Hebrew

◆ **Written Evaluation**

Assessment as a formative tool in literacy development.

International Reading Association Conference, San Francisco — 2002 | Language: English