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EDUCATION

Ph.D., BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, 1992
Dept. of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
Dissertation Topic: The Religious Ethics of Samuel David Luzzatto

M.A., BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, 1988
Dept. of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

B.A. COLUMBIA COLLEGE, 1979
Major: European Intellectual History

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, Fairfax, VA
INSTITUTE FOR CONFLICT ANALYSIS AND RESOLUTION
James H. Laue Professor of World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution
Director, Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution, 2003-

BOOK CONTRACTS (2007-8)

To Make the Earth Whole: Citizen Diplomacy in the Age of Religious Militancy
(Rowman & Littlefield, approved for publication)

Book and accompanying documentary video, tentatively titled *Unusual Pairs: the surprising stories of friendships that have defied history*, documenting peacebuilding efforts that cross cultural/religious divides and are undertaken by two individuals, supporting by Fetzer Institute grant)

GRANTS (most recent)

Conference of the Abrahamic Family, opening up new relationships and methods of intervention in peacebuilding in the Middle East, The United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, 2008-2010

Unusual Pairs: the surprising stories of friendships that have defied history, award to author book with accompanying documentary video on peacebuilding work across religious and ethnic divides, The Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, MI, 2008-2011

MEDIA APPEARANCES (most recent)

Commentator and conflict analysis in relation to Middle East issues on Canada TV, Haaretz TV (can be found on YouTube), and Syrian TV, CNN, CNN International, Court TV, The Jim Lehrer News Hour, Israel Radio, National Public Radio, The Connection, and Voice of America

WEBLOG

Creator and principal author of www.marcgopin.com a daily weblog exploring the transformation of conflicts facing humanity

RELIGION AND PEACEBUILDING:

Conflict Resolution Intensive Course as part of the Jerusalem conference, Hamline University School of Law, MN

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM, 2004-present,
Council of 100

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Changing Course: A New Direction for US Relations with the Muslim World, co-author and member of Leadership Group (US Muslim Engagement Project, Washington DC, Cambridge, MA, September 2008)

OPEDs (selection)

Series of opeds in 2007-8 on *Common Ground News Service* available at www.commongroundnews.org including "New Treaty for Iran and Israel," "Winds of Change in Syria," "Counter Religious Extremism with religious Compassion," "A New Coalition for Justice and Peace I Israel," "A Mufti, a Christian, and a Rabbi," "Jewish Arabs and a New Middle East," "What Exactly is Pro-Israel?" "Regional Peace with Palestine at the Core," "Testing Hamas and a Saudi Option," "Lebanon for the Golan," "Leo the Healer: an untold story of Jewish/Palestinian medical partnership," "Israelis are Talking to Hamas: religion at the cutting edge."

"New Treaty for Iran and Israel," *Middle East Times*, June 26, 2008.

"How to challenge Iran's militancy without using arms,' with Rep. Gregory Meeks, *Christian Science Monitor*, August 22, 2007

LECTURES

1984-present

In 2007-8

"Religion as a positive force in resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict" University of Michigan-Dearborn, "Religions dealing with their own violent extremisms," International Peace Research Association, Leuven, Belgium, "Religious Pluralism in a time of extremism: the campus responds, Tufts University, Boston MA, "West-Islamic Dialogue: Citizenship and Integration," Georgetown University, "The Future of World Religions," Geneva Security Policy Center, Switzerland, "Religion, Diplomacy and International Relations," Vienna, Austria, with the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University, "The Crisis in Interfaith Relations in the Middle East," United States Institute for Peace, Washington DC, "In the Footsteps of Gandhi: Creating a Culture of Inter-Religious Peace in Sri Lanka," United States Institute for

Peace, Washington DC, "Understanding Conflict and Cross-Cultural Understandings," University of Aarhus, Denmark, "Madrid Interfaith Dialogue Conference," Madrid, Spain, "Sulha Process in Israel," Israel, "State of the Peace Process in the Middle East," Hebrew College, MA, "Boston Interfaith Dialogue," Boston, MA with MIT, "What Exactly is Pro-Israel?" Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, Boston, MA.

HONORS

Recipient of the 2008 Andrew Thomas Peacebuilder Award, New York State Dispute resolution Association (NYSDRA)

AFFILIATIONS

International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, member of the Academic Advisory Committee

Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding, Chairman of the Advisory Board on Religion and Conflict Resolution

American Friends of the Parents Circle, Board Member, Organization of bereaved Israeli and Palestinian parents

A Different Future, Board member. Organization dedicated to the use of media to promote shared values of the monotheistic traditions for peace in the Middle East

American Friends of the Open House at Ramle, Board member. Organization dedicated to Arab/Israeli coexistence and coeducation.