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IN BRIEF

I am a political historian of the United States working at the intersection of history and digital humanities. My research examines the relationship between politics, public discourse, and collective memory in U.S. history. Drawing on extensive experience as an engineer and data scientist, I incorporate computational and data-driven methods into historical analysis.

EDUCATION

2026	PhD Tel-Aviv University, School of History. Supervisor: Prof. Yael Sternhell Dissertation Title: <i>This Tale Happened Once upon a Time: Remembering the Civil War in California, 1865-2020</i>
2019	MA, Magna cum Laude Tel-Aviv University, History. Supervisor: Prof. Yael Sternhell Thesis Title: <i>The California Democratic Party on the Eve of the Civil War – Anatomy of Failure</i>
2012	BA, Magna cum Laude Open University of Israel, History President Honors List (top 1%)
2005	BSc, Magna cum Laude Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mathematics, Computer Science, Jewish Philosophy. Amirim Honors Program; Rector Prize (top 1%)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026-2027	Post-doctoral fellow Huntington-USC Center for California and the West Host: Prof. William Devereil
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2025-[current]	Fellow Tel-Aviv University, Center for Applied Research and Risks to Democracy
2025-2026	Post-doctoral fellow Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Center for Digital Humanities. Hosts: Prof. Renana Kedar and Dr. Barak Sober Finalist, tenure-track position Hebrew University of Jerusalem, department of History
2022-2026	Chief data scientist Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Center for Interdisciplinary Data Science Research (CIDR)

PUBLICATIONS

2026	Rappel-Kroyzer, O. "Empty Memorialization: Geographic Names and the Decay of Collective Memory", submitted to <i>History and Memory</i> Rappel-Kroyzer, O. "Autocracy by Delegation: Non-Territorial Autocratic Enclaves and the Misuse of Multicultural Accommodation", submitted to <i>American Political Science Review</i> Rappel-Kroyzer, O., Stauber, D., Renana Keydar, ... "Using Large Language Models to create new Measures for the Quality of Deliberation in Parliamentary Debates", research note submitted to <i>Political Analysis</i> Livermore, M., Sober, B., Rockmore, D., "Diverging measures of Polarization", in preparation. Rappel-Kroyzer, O., "The Lost Cause in the Golden State: The California UDC and the Erasure of California's Civil War History", <i>Journal of the Civil War Era</i>, December 2026
2023	Rappel-Kroyzer, O. "The UDC California Division Members Database: Using Spatial Analysis to Shed new Light on the Formation of Civil War Memory in California", <i>Proceedings of the 7th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on Geospatial Humanities</i>, 2023. https://doi.org/10.1145/3615887.3627753. Sommer, U. and Rappel-Kroyzer, O. "Geographical Analysis of Political Epidemiology: Spatial Quantification of Simultaneity between Politics and Pandemics", <i>Political Geography</i>, 106(27):102939. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2023.102939 Sommer, U., Rappel-Kroyzer, O., Adamczyk, A. , Lerner. L. and Weiner, A., "The Political Ramifications of Judicial Institutions: Establishing a Link between Dobbs and Gender Disparities in the 2022 Midterms", <i>Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World</i>, 9. https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231231177157
2022	Sommer, U. and Rappel-Kroyzer, O. "Pandemic Politics in the USA", <i>Political Psychology</i>, 43(4), 769-792. https://doi.org/10.1111/pops.12792

Sommer, U. and **Rappel-Kroyzer, O.** "Online coverage of the COVID-19 outbreak in Anglo-American democracies: internet news coverage and pandemic politics in the USA, Canada, and New Zealand", *Information Technology and Politics*, 19(4), 393-410.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19331681.2021.1997869>

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	International Society of Public Law Annual Conference -ICON-S (paper on Non-Territorial Autocratic Enclaves)
2026	Society of Civil War Historians Biannual Meeting (presenting my PhD)
2026	The Israeli Conference and Digital Humanities and Social Studies (paper on the usage of digital tools to measure discourse)
2021-2025	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (papers on political behavior and its intersection with other aspects of behavior)
2024	DH2024 (paper on spatial analysis of Civil War memory)
2024	Israeli Data Science and AI Initiative Annual Conference (2024)

PATENTS

2022	Rabani, M; Ben-Hamo, M. Schwartz, M; Rosenberg-Biton, E; Shay, Y; Rappel-Kroyzer, O. Systems and Methods for Monitoring Lane Mark Quality. WO2022149046A1
	Bolless, E; Karavany, I; Neuhof, B; Rappel-Kroyzer, O; Shpigelman, S; Ben-Ami, H; Aviad, E, Systems and Methods for Determining Road Safety, WO 2021096935A2
2020	Rappel-Kroyzer, O; Raphael, A; Karavany, I; Kom, S; Chanovsky, A; Avidan, E and Bolless, E, Clustering Event Information for Vehicle Navigation. WO 2020154599.

AWARDS

2026	Yad Hanadiv (Rothschild) Foundation Rothschild Postdoctoral Fellowship (awarded)
2024	FFHEC (Pedagogica) PhD excellence grant
2024	Dan David Foundation Special support grant for the October 7 th archive
2022, 2023	Tel-Aviv University School of History PhD grant
2018, 2019, 2020	Tel-Aviv University Center for Study of the United States excellence grant

SOCIAL IMPACT

2024-2025	The Kroyzer Project https://www.thekroyzerproject.com/ Co-founder
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TEACHING

2026	"Digital History in the Age of AI", BA, History / Digital Humanities, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
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INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

2017-2022	Mobileye Technology Lead, Geographic Dynamic Data Analysis and GIS
2011-2016	BrightSource Senior Director, Power Generation Modeling
2010-2011	AlgoSec Manager, Software Infrastructure
2006-2010	BHive Networks, and after acquisition - VMWare Team Leader, Machine Learning
2005-2006	Kashya, and after acquisition - EMC Software Engineer