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Rutgers Professor Nancy Sinkoff Wins National Jewish Book Award

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY, N.J. – Dr. Nancy Sinkoff has won a 2020 National Jewish Book Award in the category of biography for her book *From Left to Right: Lucy S. Dawidowicz, the New York Intellectuals, and the Politics of Jewish History* (Wayne State University Press, 2020). *From Left to Right* is the first comprehensive biography of Dawidowicz (1915–1990), a pioneer historian in the field now known as Holocaust studies, and it chronicles Dawidowicz’s story as a window into twentieth-century Jewish life. The book was also named a Natan Notable Book by the Natan Fund and Jewish Book Council in fall 2020.

Dr. Sinkoff is a professor of Jewish studies and history and the academic director of the Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University. Sinkoff’s research interests include early modern and modern Jewish history with a focus on East European Jewish intellectual history, the Enlightenment, politics, and gender. She is the author of *Out of the Shtetl: Making Jews Modern in the Polish Borderlands* (Brown Judaic Studies, 2004; 2nd edition, digitized and with a new preface, 2020). With Rebecca Cypess, she coedited *Sara Levy’s World: Gender, Judaism, and the Bach Tradition in Enlightenment Berlin* (University of Rochester Press, 2018), which won the 2019 Book Prize of the Jewish Studies and Music Study Group of the American Musicological Society.

Inaugurated in 1950 by the Jewish Book Council, the National Jewish Book Awards is the longest-running North American awards program of its kind and is recognized as the most prestigious. The Awards are intended to recognize authors, and encourage reading, of outstanding English-language books of Jewish interest.

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