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## BRIEF BIO

Klara Naszkowska, PhD is a Polish Jewish research scholar, educator, writer, and organizer. She is a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship at Union Theological Seminary in New York and the Founding Director of the International Association for Spielrein Studies. Naszkowska is a cultural historian of Jewish East-Central and Eastern European women, working in the fields of gender and women's history, and emigration studies. She is currently completing her research on the diaspora of Jewish East-Central and Eastern European female mental-health professionals in the U.S., writing a narrative nonfiction book, *Clara Happel, Judaism, and Psychoanalysis in America: Memory, History, and Interpretation* (Routledge Press, 2024), and editing a book on the foremothers of psychoanalysis (Routledge Press, 2023).

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2013	University of Edinburgh (Scotland, UK) Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures	PhD, Comparative Literature
	Dissertation: <i>The Living Mirror: the Representation of Doubling Identities in the British and Polish Women's Literature (1846-1938)</i>	
2006	University of Warsaw (Poland) Faculty of Polish Studies	M.A., Polish Philology
2004	University of Warsaw (Poland) Faculty of Polish Studies	B.A., Polish Philology

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2022-present: Harriman Institute, Columbia University (New York, NY)  
Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar  
Research and Book Project: *Roots and Uprootedness: Jewish Female Mental-health Professionals between Poland, Nazis, and New York. Memory, History, and Interpretation*
- 2022-present: Center for Psychoanalytic Thought (Warsaw, Poland)  
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science  
Team Member
- 2021-2022: Center for Jewish History (New York, NY)  
Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar in Residence  
Research and Book Project: *The Forced Migration of Women Psychoanalysts from Europe to the United States (1930-1941): A Personal, Interpretative and Documentary History*
- 2020-2022: Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)

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Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar

Research and Book Project: *The Forced Migration of Women Psychoanalysts from Europe to the United States (1930-1941): A Personal, Interpretative and Documentary History*

• 2019-2020: Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)

Senior Fulbright Visiting Scholar

Project: *Sabina Spielrein, a Thinker Ahead of Her Time. Sabina Spielrein's Model of the Development of Language and Thought from 1920-1931 as an Anticipation of the Concepts of Jacques Lacan, Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray*

• 2017-present: International Association for Spielrein Studies

Founding Director

• 2013-2020: Polish Centre for Holocaust Research (Warsaw, Poland)

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Research fellow

## AWARDS & GRANTS

• Sept. 2019-Sep. 2020: Fulbright Senior Award

Union Theological Seminary in New York

Project: *Sabina Spielrein, a Thinker Ahead of Her Time. Sabina Spielrein's Model of the Development of Language and Thought from 1920-1931 as an Anticipation of the Concepts of Jacques Lacan, Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray*

• 2019-2022: Stiftung für deutsch-polnische Zusammenarbeit (Polish-German Cooperation Foundation)

• Jewish Historical Institute Association (Poland)

• Köhler-Stiftung Foundation (Germany)

• Ursula Lachnit-Fixson Stiftung Foundation (Germany)

• Organization of the international conference *Sabina Spielrein and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis*.

• 2022: Stiftung zur Förderung (Germany)

Publication of the book *Sabina Spielrein and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis*.

## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• 2021-2022: A seminar for upper-level undergraduate and graduate students, *Roots and Uprootedness: Jewish Women Émigré Psychoanalysts to the United States and the Great Wave of European Intellectual Immigration in 1930-1941* (online)

[www.womeninpsychoanalysis.com](http://www.womeninpsychoanalysis.com)

• 2021: A seminar for graduate students and faculty, *Roots and Uprootedness. Jewish Women Émigré Psychoanalysts to the United States and the Great Wave of European Intellectual Immigration in the 1930s*

Theodore Reik Guest Lectureship at The National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis

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•2020: A seminar for undergraduate students, *We Refugees: Jewish Women Émigré Psychoanalysts and the Great Wave of European Intellectual Immigration in the 1930s to the United States*  
Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- K. Naszkowska [2024]. *Clara Happel, Judaism, and Psychoanalysis in America: Memory, History, and Interpretation*.
- K. Naszkowska (2014). *The Living Mirror: The Representation of Doubling Identities in the British and Polish Women's Literature (1846–1938)*. Peter Lang.

### Edited volumes & journal issues

- K. Naszkowska (Ed.) [2023]. *Sabina Spielrein and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis*. Routledge.
- K. Naszkowska & J. Hanenberg (Eds.) [2023]. *Sabina Spielrein*. Special Edition of *American Imago*.

### Journal articles

- K. Naszkowska [2023]. Sabina Spielrein's theory of the development of language and thought as an anticipation of the concepts of Jacques Lacan, Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray. *Sabina Spielrein*. Special Edition of *American Imago*.
- K. Naszkowska [2023]. Judith S. Kestenberg i ucieczka w (nie)pamięć o Zagładzie. *Zagłada Żydów. Studia i Materiały / Holocaust Studies and Materials. Journal of the Polish Center for Holocaust Research*, Vol. 18 (peer-reviewed)
- K. Naszkowska (2022). Sabina Spielrein: to Love, to Die, to be Reborn. *American Imago*, Vol. 79, no. 2.
- K. Naszkowska (2022). Psychoanalyst, Jew, Woman, Wife, Mother, Emigrant: The Émigré Foremothers of Psychoanalysis in the United States. *European Judaism*, Vol. 55, no. 1.
- K. Naszkowska (2021). Pszichoanalitikus, zsidó, nő, feleség, anya, kivándorló: a pszichoanalízis emigráns alapító anyái az Egyesült Államokban. *Imágó Budapest*, Vol. 10, no. 3 (peer-reviewed).

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•K. Naszkowska (2012). Fathers Love to Torture. *Transcultural Studies. A Series in Interdisciplinary Research*, Vol. 8.

### **Book chapters**

•K. Naszkowska. [2023]. Olga Wermer. In *Sabina Spielrein and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis*. Ed. K. Naszkowska. Routledge.

•K. Naszkowska [2023]. Give me Permission to Remember: Judith S. Kestenberg and the Memory of the Holocaust. In *Psychoanalysis and Jewish Life*. Ed. L. Henik. Routledge.

•K. Naszkowska [2023]. Help, Health, Husbands, and Hutzpah: The Lives of Five Women Analysts. In *The Émigré Analysts and American Psychoanalysis: History and Contemporary Relevance*. Ed. A. Harris. Routledge.

•K. Naszkowska (2020). Sabina Spielrein (1885–1942). W poszukiwaniu własnej drogi. In *Psychoanaliza w cieniu wojny i zagłady*. Ed. E. Kobylińska–Dehe. Universitas.

•K. Naszkowska (2019). Passions, Politics, and Drives: Sabina Spielrein in Soviet Russia. In *Sabina Spielrein and the Beginnings of Psychoanalysis: Image, Thought, and Language*. Ed. P. Cooper-White, F. Kelcourse. Routledge. [Finalist for the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis NAAP 2020 Gradiva® Award for Best Edited Book]

•K. Naszkowska (2009). Sabina Spielrein–między Jungiem a Freudem?. In *Wokół Freuda i Lacana. Interpretacje psychoanalityczne*. Ed. L. Magnone, A. Mach. Diffin.

### **Encyclopedic entries**

•K. Naszkowska (2014). Ojciec; Ojcostwo. In *Encyklopedia Gender: Płeć w kulturze*. Ed. M. Rudaś-Grodzka, et al. Instytut Badań Literackich PAN.

### **Popular culture**

•K. Naszkowska (2015). Kim naprawdę była Sabina Spielrein? *Niebezpieczna metoda*. Teatr Dramatyczny w Warszawie. [theatre program]

•K. Naszkowska (2008). Sabina. Między Freudem a Jungiem. *Wysokie Obcasy. Gazeta Wyborcza*. [weekly feminist addition to the daily newspaper]

### **MOST RECENT RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCE & DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE (in English)**

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•October 2022: Presentation *The Re-History of the Jewish New Women: Mental-Health Professionals between Poland, the Nazis, and America*

First International Conference PhilPsyCh (Brazil)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sfdGd6rmIM&t=5326s>

•April 2022: Head of the scientific and organizational committee & moderator, international conference *Sabina Spielrein and the Early Female Pioneers of Psychoanalysis*

Program: <https://www.spielreinassociation.org/program>

Conference Presentation#1: *Sabina Spielrein. Introductory Lecture*

Conference Presentation#2: *Sabina Spielrein's Language of the Mother: Anticipation of the Ideas of Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray*

•2022: Guest presentation during the *Jews in New York* class

Brooklyn College, CUNY (New York, NY)

•2022: Presentation *Jewish Identities of Women Psychoanalysts who Fled Nazi Europe to the United States*

Psychology & Religion, Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)

Jewish Gender and Women's Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXp3WhDsY5Q>

•2022: Presentation *Jewish Women in Psychoanalysis: From Central Europe to the United States*

French Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences (CEFRES) (Paris, France)

Seminar "Rethinking Psychoanalysis in Central Europe. Interdisciplinary and Transnational

Perspectives", session "Jewish Women in Psychoanalysis: Central-European Careers and Emigrations"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyqFINKq-AA>

•2021: Public lecture *Give me Permission to Remember: Judith S. Kestenberg and the Memory of the Holocaust*

The National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis (New York, NY)

•2021: Public lecture *Roots and Uprootedness: Tracing the Cultural and Social Impact of Early Women Pioneers of the Psychoanalytic Movement*

The New Center for Psychoanalysis (Los Angeles, CA)

•2021: Public lecture *Roots and Uprootedness: Émigré Jewish Women Psychoanalysts of the Black Cat Group to the United States*

International Psychotherapy Institute (Bethesda, MD)

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•2021: Head of the scientific and organizational committee & moderator, webinar *Sabina Spielrein: History and Contemporary Relevance*

<https://www.facebook.com/SpielreinAssociation/videos/907649373407956>

•2021: Public lecture *Multiple Roots. Jewish Women Psychoanalysts & the Great Wave of European Intellectual Emigration in 1930–1941 to the United States*

New York University Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy & Psychoanalysis (New York, NY)

•2020: Public lecture *The Language of the Mother and the Language of the Father: Sabina Spielrein's Anticipation of the Concepts of Jacques Lacan, Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray*

Sándor Ferenczi Center and the Philosophy Department at the New School for Social Research (New York, NY)

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YOevF2iRmOgW\\_kPqb\\_Ms0sVZtxIXTmTJ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YOevF2iRmOgW_kPqb_Ms0sVZtxIXTmTJ/view)

•2020: Public lecture *Sabina Spielrein, a Thinker Ahead of Her Time*  
Blanton-Peale Institute and Counseling Center (New York, NY)

•2020: Public lecture: *The Language of the Mother and the Language of the Father: Sabina Spielrein's Anticipation of the Concepts of Jacques Lacan, Hélène Cixous and Luce Irigaray*

New York Psychoanalytical Society and Institute (New York, NY)  
Works in Progress Program

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