

# Mical Raz

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## Biography

Mical Raz, MD, PhD, MSH is Charles E. and Dale L. Phelps professor in public policy and health, and associate professor of history and medicine at the University of Rochester.

She completed her medical training at Tel Aviv University, from where she also received a PhD in history of medicine. Before moving to the US for a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale, she worked at the Tel Aviv Medical Center and volunteered with Physicians for Human Rights. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital in 2015, followed by a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a practicing hospitalist at the University of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, and is board certified in internal medicine.

A historian of American psychiatry, Raz is interested in the intersection of psychiatry, poverty and politics. Her current research project is a history of child abuse policy in the United States, from the 1970s and onwards.

She is the author of *The Lobotomy Letters: The Making of American Psychosurgery* (University of Rochester 2013), which was awarded the Pressman-Burroughs Wellcome Career Development Award. Her second book, *What's Wrong with the Poor? Race, Psychiatry and the War on Poverty* (UNC 2013), was a 2015 Choice Outstanding Academic Title.

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## Areas of Expertise

Psychiatry, Education Policy, Race Culture and Ethnicity, Poverty & Public Policy, Education, Child Abuse Policy, Public Health

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## Education

Tel Aviv University  
PhD History

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