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Employment

- 2020- Professor (Abrams Chair of Jewish Thought and Culture),
Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- Spring 2021 Visiting Professor, Hebrew University Law School
- 2013-20 Associate Professor (Abrams Chair of Jewish Thought and Culture),
Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 2009-13 Assistant Professor (Jordan Kapson Chair of Jewish Studies; Abrams
College Chair of Jewish Thought and Culture), Department of
Theology, University of Notre Dame
- Concurrent Assistant Professor, Law School, University of Notre Dame
(since 2010)
- 2008-09 Instructor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

Education

- 2003-08 Yale University
M.A. (2006); Ph.D. (Dec. 2008) (Religious Studies)
- Dissertation: "Duties and Ends: On the Structure of Normativity in
Tannaitic Judaism" (awarded the Theron Rockwell Field Prize, one of
only two general dissertation prizes awarded at graduation)
- 1999-2002 Yale University
J.D. (2002)
- 1998-2003 Yeshiva University
M.A. (2003) (Hebrew Bible)
- 1995-98 Yale University
B.A. (1998) (Philosophy, *summa cum laude*)

Research Interests

Rabbinic Judaism (law and legal expertise, ethics, ritual, biblical interpretation); Hebrew Bible; literature of the Second Temple period (especially Philo, Ben Sira, Tobit); late antique *piyyuṭ*; linguistics and Semitics

Teaching Interests

Rabbinic Literature, Bible, Judaism, Hebrew, Aramaic

Classes taught:

Ritual in Early Rabbinic Ritual (doctoral)
Readings in Talmud (doctoral)
Narrative Structure in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature (doctoral)
The Wisdom Tradition in Rabbinic Literature (doctoral)
Advanced, Intermediate, Elementary Hebrew (undergraduate, masters, doctoral)
The Song of Songs and its Jewish Readings (masters)
The Garden of Eden (masters)
Introduction to Rabbinic Literature (undergraduate, masters)
Introduction to Midrash (undergraduate, masters)
Introduction to Judaism (undergraduate, masters)
The Holocaust: Literature and Theology (undergraduate)
Introduction to the Old Testament (undergraduate)
Hope in God: The Spiritual Horizon of the Hebrew Bible (undergraduate)
Christianity and Judaism (undergraduate)
Foundations of Theology: Biblical/Historical (undergraduate)

Books

Piyyuṭ and Midrash: Form, Genre, and History (JAJ Supp. 30; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2019)

An Introduction to the Scriptures of Israel: History and Theology (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2018)

Editor, with Michal Bar-Asher Siegal and Christine Hayes, *The Faces of Torah: Studies in the Texts and Contexts of Ancient Judaism in Honor of Steven D. Fraade* (JAJ Supp. 22; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2017)

What is Good and What God Demands: Normative Structures in Tannaitic Literature (JSJ Supp. 144; Leiden: Brill, 2010)

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Covenant and Community in Early Rabbinic Literature,” *Harvard Theological Review* (forthcoming)

“Israel, the Nations, and the Angels in a Qillirian *Silluq* for Rosh ha-Shanah,” *Oqimta: Studies in Talmudic and Rabbinic Literature* (forthcoming)

“A Biblical Metaphor for כֹּהֵן,” *Vetus Testamentum*, 70 (2020), 667-73

“Ritual and Rhetoric among Jews, Christians, and Samaritans: Two Comparative Observations,” *Oqimta: Studies in Talmudic and Rabbinic Literature* 6 (2020), 23-39

“‘I am Not a Butcher’: Authority and Expertise in Rabbinic Laws of Meat Production in Classical Rabbinic Literature,” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 8 (2017), 112-44

“‘Like an Expert Sharecropper’: Agricultural Halakhah and Agricultural Science in Rabbinic Palestine,” *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 38 (2014), 303-20

“Scripture as Rhetor: A Study in Early Rabbinic Midrash,” *Hebrew Union College Annual* 82-83 (2011-12) [2014], 37-59

“‘Let Me Flee for Help’: Israel as ‘I’ and the *Teqi’ot* of Yose ben Yose,” *European Journal of Jewish Studies* 8 (2014), 147-74

“Poverty and Halakhic Agency: Gleanings from the Literature of Rabbinic Palestine,” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy* 22 (2014), 25-43

“Overt Acknowledgement of Practical Considerations in Legal Texts from Qumran,” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20 (2013), 1-18

“Between First Century Apocalyptic and Seventh Century Liturgy: On 4 Ezra, 2 Baruch, and Qillir,” *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period* 44 (2013), 356-78

“Column Five of the Community Rule: Two Notes,” *Revue de Qûmran* 101 (2013), 115-26

“Liturgy and the First Person in Narratives of the Second Temple Period,” *Prooftexts* 32 (2012) [2013], 269-91

“Liturgy and Law: Approaches to Halakhic Material in Yannai’s *Kedushta’ot*,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 103 (2013), 475-502

- "Test and Temptation in 4 Ezra," *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 22 (2013), 238-44
- "'Who Resembles You? But They Resemble You': Israel and the Apophatic in Yannai," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 63 (2012), 263-84
- "Din and Debate: Some Dialectical Patterns in Tannaitic Texts," *Jewish Studies, an Internet Journal* 11 (2012), 1-29
- "Eschatological Ignorance and the *Haftarah*: On Acts 13:27," *Novum Testamentum* 54 (2012), 1-8
- "Charity and Reciprocity: Structures of Benevolence in Rabbinic Literature," *Harvard Theological Review* 105 (2012), 33-52
- "Wages From God: The Dynamics of a Biblical Metaphor," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011), 708-22
- "Peddling Scents: Merchandise and Meaning in 2 Cor 2:14-17," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 130 (2011), 543-49
- "Blessings over *Misvot*: The Origins of a Category," *Hebrew Union College Annual* 79 (2008) [2011], 69-86
- "Succeeding Judas: Exegesis in Acts 1:15-26," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 129 (2010), 795-99
- "The 'For I Say' Presumption: A Study in Early Rabbinic Legal Rhetoric," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 61 (2010), 48-61
- "Naming Normativity: The Early History of the Terms *Šurat ha-din* and *Lifnim miš-šurat ha-din*," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 55 (2010), 391-406
- "Tradition and Truth: Scholastic Virtues in Tannaitic Judaism," *Jewish Quarterly Review* 100 (2010), 223-43
- "A Lot of Learning is a Dangerous Thing: On the Structure of Rabbinic Expertise in the Bavli," *Hebrew Union College Annual* 78 (2007) [2010], 91-107
- "האמין in Jud 11,20 and the Semantics of Assent," *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 121 (2009), 577-83
- "'They Come Against Them with the Power of the Torah': Rabbinic Reflections on Legal Fiction and Legal Agency," *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* 50 (2009), 1-17

- "Perspective, Paideia, and Accommodation in Philo," *Studia Philonica Annual* 21 (2009), 49-62
- "She Binds Her Arms': Rereading Proverbs 31:17," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 128 (2009), 109-15
- "The Modality of *sarîk* in Tannaitic Hebrew," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 54 (2009), 149-160
- "The *Borer* Court: New Interpretations of Mishnah Sanhedrin 3," *Zutot* 5 (2008), 1-8
- "Duping the Prophet: On אִנִּי (Amos 7.8b) and Amos' Visions," *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 33 (2008), 115-28
- "Crafting Legal Language: *Four or Five* in the Mishnah and the Tosefta," *Jewish Quarterly Review* 98 (2008), 289-304
- "The Meaning and Etymology of אִוֵּט," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 127 (2008), 339-43
- "Wisdom's Wandering Wandering: On the Evolution of a Motif," *Henoch* 30 (2008), 104-18
- "Pain and Production in Eden: Some Philological Reflections on Genesis iii 16," *Vetus Testamentum* 58 (2008), 235-44
- "Praying with the Bible: Speech Situation in the *Qedushta'ot* of Yannai and Bar Megas," *Masoret HaPiyyut* 4 (2008), *7-*39
- "Law and Loss: Response to Catastrophe in Numbers 15," *Harvard Theological Review* 101 (2008), 1-14
- "Amaleq's Victims ('הַנְּחָשִׁים) in Dtn 25,18," *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 119 (2007), 611-15
- "Biblicized Narrative: On Tobit and Genesis 22," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 126 (2007), 755-64
- "Metaphorical Law in Pseudo-Jonathan and the Case for Targumic Midrash," *Journal of Jewish Studies* 58 (2007), 79-90
- "The Blemished First-Born Animal: A Case Study in Tannaitic Sources," *Hebrew Union College Annual* 76 (2005), 113-32
- "Almost, at Times, the Fool': Abimelekh and Genesis 20," *Prooftexts* 24 (2004), 15-28

“עקב הלב מכל ואנש הוא מי ידענו” (Jeremiah 17:9),” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 123 (2004), 531-35

“A New Approach to Old Cases: Reconsidering Statutes of Limitation,” *Toronto Law Journal* 54 (2004), 129-83 (with Ehud Guttel)

“Narrow Clauses and Trial Balloons,” *Yale Law Journal* 110 (2000), 543-48

Contributions to Edited Volumes, Peer-Reviewed

“Tradition, Scripture, Law, and Authority,” in *The Literature of the Sages* (ed. Christine Hayes; 64-92 (forthcoming)

“An Epithalamium for Abraham,” in conference volume on Biblical Figures in Late Antique Poetry (ed. Andrew Faulkner and Jeffrey Wickes; CUA Press) (forthcoming)

“Mishnah as Story: Aspects of the Reception of the Mishnah in Midrash and Piyyut,” in *Studies in Rabbinic Narrative I* (ed. Jeffrey Rubenstein; Providence, RI: Brown Judaic Studies, 2021), 93-114

“Social Justice in Rabbinic Judaism,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Biblical Law* (ed. Pamela Barmash) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 537-52

“Rhetorical Markers in *A Fortiori* Argumentation in Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew,” in *The Reconfiguration of Hebrew in the Hellenistic Period: Proceedings of the Seventh International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira at Strasbourg University, June 2014* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 174-88

“Holiness in the Rabbinic Period,” in *Holiness in Jewish Thought* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), 35-53

“The Wrath of Moses: On the Construction of Exemplary Dichotomies in Rabbinic Literature,” in *Die Idee des Mose – Eine rezeptionsgeschichtliche Betrachtung einer identitätsstiftenden Idee* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017), 341-64

“Creator, Text, and Law: Torah as Independent Power in Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Creation from Nothing* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2017), 195-211

Other Contributions to Edited Volumes

“Temurah,” in the *Oxford Mishnah Study Edition* (ed. Shaye Cohen et al.; Oxford: Oxford University Press) (forthcoming)

“The Mishnah and the Bible,” in *What is the Mishnah?* (ed. Shaye Cohen et al.; Harvard: Harvard University Press) (forthcoming)

“Life as Test: Reflections on *m. 'Abot* 2:4 and Related Texts,” in *Testing and Temptation in Second Temple Jewish and Early Christian Texts* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020), 81-92

“Jewish Studies and Analytic Philosophy of Judaism,” in *Jewish Philosophy in an Analytic Age* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 325-30

“On the Paucity of Biblical Exemplars in Sectarian Texts,” in *Rewriting, Interpreting, and Translating Scripture in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature: Studies in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein* (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 248-56

“Formal Mirroring and Iterative Paraphrase in Tannaitic Midrash,” in *The Face of Torah: Studies in the Texts and Contexts of Ancient Judaism in Honor of Steven* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017), 473-85

“Etiquette and Exemplarity in Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Character: New Directions from Psychology, Philosophy, and Theology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 522-37

“The Rabbis’ Written Torah and the Heavenly Tablets,” in *A Teacher for All Generations: Essays in Honor of James C. VanderKam* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), 589-600

“The Poetics of Yannai’s Sixth: Between Scripture, God, and Congregation,” in *Giving a Diamond: Essays in Honor of Joseph Yahalom on the Occasion of His Seventieth Birthday* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), 69-81

Encyclopedia Entries

“Innocence (Rabbinic Judaism)”; “Imitation of God (Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism)”; “Humility (Rabbinic Judaism)”; “Hasid, Hasidim (Rabbinic Judaism)”; “Free Will (Rabbinic Judaism)”; “Forgiveness (Rabbinic Judaism)”; “Ethics (Rabbinic Judaism)”; “Eli (Rabbinic Judaism)” in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013-16)

“Rabbi Joshua”; “Rabbi Abbahu”; “Honi”; Simeon b. Laqish” in the *Cambridge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013)

Book Reviews

Katell Berthelot, *Jews and Their Roman Rivals: Pagan Rome’s Challenge to Israel* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2021), in H-Net (February 2022)

Joseph Yahalom, *Sources of the Sacred Song; Crossroads in Jewish Liturgical Poetry* (Jerusalem: Magnes, 2019), in *H-Judaic* (January 2022)

David C. Flatto, *The Crown and the Courts: Separation of Powers in the Early Jewish Imagination* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2020), in *Shenaton le-Mishpat Ivri* 31 (2021-22), 315-23

Michael Fishbane, *Fragile Finitude: A Jewish Hermeneutical Theology* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021), in *Theological Studies* 82 (2021), 707-09

Jack Wertheimer, *The New American Judaism: How Jews Practice Their Religion Today* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018), in *Commonweal*, October 2, 2019

Paul D. Mandel, *The Origins of Midrash: From Teaching to Text* (Leiden: Brill, 2017), in *Dead Sea Discoveries* 26 (2019), 131-34

Amos Oz, *Judas: A Novel* (Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt, 2016), in *Commonweal*, March 24, 2017

Reuven Hammer, *Akiva: Life, Legend, Legacy* (Philadelphia and Lincoln: The Jewish Publication Society and University of Nebraska Press, 2015), in *AJS Review* 40 (2016), 407-09

Roberta Rosenthal Kwall, *The Myth of the Cultural Jew: Culture and Law in Jewish Tradition* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Shofar* 34 (2015), 133-36

Jon D. Levenson, *The Love of God: Divine Gift, Human Gratitude, and Mutual Faithfulness in Judaism* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), in *Commonweal*, October 9, 2015

Alan Wolfe, *At Home in Exile: Why the Diaspora is Good for the Jews* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2014), in *Commonweal*, February 2, 2015

Elitzur A. Bar-Asher Siegal, *Introduction to the Grammar of Jewish-Babylonian Aramaic* (Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2013), in *Lešonenu* 77 (2015), 137-41

“Greenblatt and the Blatt: New Perspectives on the Nature and Reception of the Bavli” (review of Barry S. Wimpfheimer, *Narrating the Law: A Poetics of Talmudic Legal Stories* [Philadelphia, 2011] and Talya Fishman, *Becoming the People of the Talmud: Oral Torah as Written Tradition in Medieval Jewish Cultures* [Philadelphia, 2011]), in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 103 (2013), 259-70

Richard Hidary, *Dispute for the Sake of Heaven: Legal Pluralism in the Talmud* (Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2010), in *AJS Review* 37 (2013), 152-56

Calum Carmichael, ed., *Law and Wisdom in the Bible: David Daube's Gifford Lectures. Volume 2* (West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Foundation Press, 2010), in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 41 (2011), 232-33

Jordan D. Rosenblum, *Food and Identity in Early Rabbinic Judaism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 79 (2011), 768-71

Michael F. Bird, *Crossing Over Sea and Land: Jewish Missionary Activity in the Second Temple Period* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2010), in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 41 (2011), 163-64

Gwynn Kessler, *Conceiving Israel: The Fetus in Rabbinic Narratives* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), in *Shofar* 29 (2011), 172-74

Carol A. Dray, *Translation and Interpretation in the Targum to the Books of Kings* (Leiden: Brill, 2006), in *The Bible Translator* 58 (2007), 154-56

Work in Progress

“Oppression,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (completed; in the editing process)

“Conceptions of the Collective in Qumran and Tannaitic Literature” (completed; to be published in a peer-reviewed conference volume)

“The *Saddiq* in Classical Rabbinic Literature” (completed; book to be sent to publisher)

“Laws and Rituals,” in *The Jewish Legal Tradition* (eds. Ari Mermelstein et al.) (completed; book under review with publisher)

“The Judges’ Oath: A Tannaitic Institution in its Roman Context” (completed; out for review)

“Utopian Community: Property and Community in Early Rabbinic Thought”

“The Conception of Sarah in Jewish Late Antiquity”

“Marked and Unmarked in Tannaitic Literature: Two Case Studies”

Conference Papers

“Covenant and the Collective in Tannaitic Literature” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2021)

“Noncompliance and Gender in the Bavli: A Response” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2018)

“Expertise, Evaluation, and Measurement: Some Soundings from Classical Rabbinic Literature” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2017)

“Piyyut and Religious Experience” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2016)

“Time and Rhetoric in Midrash and Piyyut” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2015)

“Lament and Song in Early Piyyut: Matrices of the Congregational ‘I’” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2013)

“Dialectic as Litigation in Rabbinic Literature” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2013)

“Rabbis and Butchers” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2013)

“Rabbinic Specialization” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2011)

“Rabbis and Butchers” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2010)

“Charity and the Scapegoat: On Structures of Exchange in Some Rabbinic Texts” (Colloquium on Violence and Religion, 2010)

“Pedagogy and Legal Language: A Case Study” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2009)
Malka Simkovich (Catholic Theological Union), of conference on “Many Rooms: Space and Sanctity in Judaism and Christianity” at Catholic Theological Union” (April 2019)

“Psalms in Acts 1: The Election of Matthias” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2009)

“Judges 11:20 and the Semantics of Assent” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2008)

“Allegory and God: A Study in Philonic Exegesis (Society of Biblical Literature, 2008)

“Re-Citing Scripture: On the Formal Links Between Lemma and Comment in Early Rabbinic Exegesis” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2007)

“Pain and Production in Eden: A Hypothesis about *‘Išavon*” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2005)

“Accounting for Context: Vehicle-tenor Doublets in Pseudo-Jonathan’s Renderings of Legal Verses” (Society of Biblical Literature, 2005)

“Crafting Legal Language: *Four or five* in the Mishnah and the Tosefta” (Association for Jewish Studies, 2005)

Invited Lectures and Workshops

“Private and Public Property: Ownership and Community in Rabbinic Thought.” Catholic Theological Union, Hayim Perelmuter Conference in Jewish-Christian Dialogue. (March 2022)

“Conceiving the Collective at Qumran and Beyond.” Hebrew University, Seventeenth International Orion Symposium on “(Con)textual Perspectives on the Dead Sea Scrolls. (February 2022)

“The Judges’ Oath: A Tannaitic Institution in its Roman Context.” University of Pennsylvania, Katz Center Fall Colloquium on “Ancient Laws Ancient Contexts: Situating Israelites and Jews in Normative Discourses.” (December 2021)

Visiting Scholar, one-credit course on “Community and Covenant in Early Rabbinic Law.” Hebrew University Law School (May-June 2021)

“Qillir’s ‘Who Does Not Fear You, O King?’” Duke University, Hymnography Workshop (May 2020) (postponed: coronavirus)

“Rebuke in Early Rabbinic Literature.” Tel Aviv University (via Zoom) (January 2020)

“Gender Separation in the Literature of the Late Antique Synagogue.” University of Chicago (January 2019)

“Legal Reasoning in Rabbinic and Roman Law.” University of Chicago, Conference on “Rabbinic Judaism and its Contexts” (November 2019)

“Charity in *Piyyut*.” Hebrew University, Workshop on “Charity in Classical Jewish Law: Between Religion and Social Ethics” (July 2019)

“Marked and Unmarked in Tannaitic Literature: Two Case Studies.” Princeton University, Rabbinics Workshop (April 2019)

“In Those Days, At This Time: Rescue from Enemies in Late Antique Liturgical Poetry.” Yeshiva University, Jewish Studies Colloquium (December 2018)

“An Epithalamium for Abraham.” Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON, Workshop on “Biblical Figures in Late Antique Poetry” (June 2018)

“Mishnah as Story: Aspects of the Reception of the Mishnah in Midrash and Piyyut.” NYU, Conference on Rabbinic Narratives (June 2018)

“Midrash and Piyyut.” Princeton University, Rabbinics Workshop (May 2018)

“Testing as a Social Practice in Second Temple Judaism.” LMU Munich, Conference on “Test and Temptation in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christian Texts” (May 2017)

“Canon to Right of Them, Canon to Left of Them: Liturgical Poetry in Late Antique Palestine.” University of Michigan (January 2017)

“God in the Lab: Technical Expertise and Rabbinic Authority.” Purdue University, Larry Axel Memorial Lecture in Religion (September 2016)

“Narrative and Time in Liturgical Poetry and Midrash.” Northwestern University, Conference on “At the Crossroads: New Directions in the Study of Rabbinic Literature” (May 2015)

“Faith and Reason in the Talmudic Period.” Yeshiva University (December 2014)

“Rhetorical Markers in *A Fortiori* Argumentation in Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew.” University of Strasbourg, Seventh International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira (June 2014)

“Stringency, Lenience, and the Evacuation of Meaning in Early Rabbinic Literature.” University of Toronto, Centre for Jewish Studies (February 2014)

“Telling Stories to God: Liturgical Poetry in the Byzantine Synagogue.” Columbia University, Conference on “Jewish Storytelling” (May 2013)

Panel, “Ten Years Hence.” Mendoza College of Business (January 2013)

“Etiquette and Exemplarity in Rabbinic Judaism.” Character Project Research Colloquium (June 2013)

Panel, “Recent Trends in the Study of Tannaitic Midrash.” Association of Jewish Studies, (December 2012)

“‘How Long Will You Consume Israel’s Money!’: The Cost of Halakhah and the Problem of the Poor in Classical Rabbinic Literature.” Center for Jewish History, Conference on “Jewish Giving Throughout the Ages” (October 2012)

“What We Talk About When We Talk About Religious Ethics.” Touro Law Center, Conference of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools (May 2012)

“The Boundaries that the Canaanites Fashioned’: Agricultural Halakhah and Agricultural Science in Rabbinic Palestine.” NYU Law School and NYU Tikvah Center, Conference on Halakhah and Reality (May 2012)

“The Poetics of Law in Yannai.” University of Bochum, Sixth Medieval Hebrew Poetry Colloquium (July 2011)

“Women Wearing Weapons: Cross-Dressing in Ancient Judaism.” Yale University, Conference on “Pistol Packin’ Rabbis” (December 2007)

Presentations at Notre Dame

“The *saddiq* in Rabbinic Literature.” Workshop on “Ways of Perfection and Devout Lives: Saintliness Across Traditions.” (September 2021)

“Saintliness in Rabbinic Literature: Two Types.” Conference on “Ways of Perfection and Devout Lives: Saintliness Across Traditions.” (September 2020)

“Orality, Writing, and Language Choice in Early Roman Palestine.” Book Studies Workshop (November 2018)

“*Creatio ex nihilo* in Classical Jewish Sources.” Conference on “*Creatio ex nihilo*” (July 2015)

“The Bible and Theology.” Guest lecture for Gabriel Reynolds’ Theology Majors Pro-Seminar (February 2014)

“Speech and Silence at Sinai.” Guest lecture for Gary Anderson and Gerald McKenny’s CJA-MT Doctoral Seminar (November 2013)

“Judaism and Social Justice.” Guest lecture for Bill Purcell, “Interfaith Perspectives of Justice” (February 2012)

“Divine Pathos and the Exile of the *Shekinah*.” Guest lecture for Gary Anderson, “The Tabernacle/Temple in Ancient Israel” (April 2010)

“Jewish Background to Paul’s Liturgical Theology.” Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, Annual Conference (June 2009)

“‘They Come Against Them with the Power of the Torah’: Rabbinic Reflections on Legal Fiction and Legal Agency.” Notre Dame Law School Faculty Colloquium (February 2009)

“Natural and Positive Law in Early Rabbinic Judaism.” St. Thomas More Society at Notre Dame Law School (November 2008)

Professional Service and Development

Membership (at various points): Society of Biblical Literature; Association for Jewish Studies; Society of Jewish Ethics; Jewish Law Association

Editorial Board, *Oqimta: Studies in Talmudic and Rabbinic Literature* (2018-present)

Editorial Board, *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History* (2005 to present)

Division Co-Chair for Rabbinic Literature and Culture, Association for Jewish Studies (2017-19)

Co-organizer, with Christine Hayes and Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, of conference on “Rabbis and Other Jews: Rabbinic Literature and Late Antique Judaism” (Yale University, May 2014)

Academic Board, Summer School for the Study of Jewish-Christian Encounters in the First Centuries CE (Tel Aviv University, 2011)

Participant, Notre Dame Summer Seminar: “Teaching Film Across the Humanities” (Summer 2010)

Outside Referee for Appointments (Bar-Ilan University; Hebrew University; Northwestern University; Yeshiva University); for Fellowships (Foundation for Jewish Culture; Israel Science Foundation); for Dissertations (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; Hebrew University); for conference volumes (Hebrew University)

Article and Book Referee (*AJS Review*, *Aramaic Studies*, *European Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Hebrew Union College Annual*, *Jerusalem Studies in Hebrew Literature*, *Jewish Law Association Review*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Jewish Studies—An Internet Journal*, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, *Journal of Ancient Judaism*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Iyyune Mikra u-Farshanut, Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, *Meghillot*, *Sidra, Vetus Testamentum*; Academy of the Hebrew Language, Bar-Ilan University Press, Brandeis University Press, Brown Judaic Studies Monograph Series, Cambridge University Press, Hebrew Union College Press, Magnes Press, Michigan State University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge Press, Society of Biblical Literature [WAWs], University of California Press, University of Pennsylvania Press)

Book Reviews Editor, *Yale Law Journal* (2001-2002)

Service at the University of Notre Dame

Faculty advisor, Jewish Club (Summer 2010 – present)

Notre Dame Jewish Studies Committee (Fall 2016 – present)

Worked with multiple areas to introduce visitors for colloquia and Scriptural Reasoning (Leora Batnitzky [2021]; Moshe Halbertal [2019]; Yonatan Brafman [2019], Edward Alam [2018], Devorah Schoenfeld [2018], Dov Weiss [2017]); coordinated visitor workshop on medieval Jewish biblical exegesis (2019); coordinated first annual Liss Lecture in Judaica (2019); coordinated a conference on Jesus and Judaism (2018); co-organized a Jewish faculty and staff lunch (2018); serve as point person for small grant requests.

Participant, podcast series “Minding Scripture” (Spring 2019 – present)

Faculty Advisory Committee, Jerusalem Global Gateway (Spring 2021 - present)

Co-organizer, with Malka Simkovich (Catholic Theological Union), of conference on “Home and the Community in Jewish and Christian Identity Formation” at Catholic Theological Union” (March 2022)

CJA Area Coordinator (Spring 2014 – Summer 2021)

Co-organizer, with Malka Simkovich (Catholic Theological Union), of conference on “Nature and Law in Judaism and Christianity” at Catholic Theological Union” (April 2021)

Member, Target of Opportunity (CSC priest) Committee (Spring 2021)

Member, Syriac Christianity Search Committee (2020-21)

Theology Department CAP (Fall 2017 – Spring 2020)

Chair, Jewish Studies Search Committee (Fall 2019)

Panelist, World Religions and World Church Book Launch for *Finding Beauty in the Other* (May 2019)

Panelist, Department of Theology Colloquium on Doctrine in Dialogue Courses (May 2019)

Co-organizer, with Malka Simkovich (Catholic Theological Union), of conference on “Many Rooms: Space and Sanctity in Judaism and Christianity” at Catholic Theological Union” (April 2019)

Reader for Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies, Nanovic Institute (March 2019)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Dedication of the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion (October 2018)

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies, Theology Review Committee (Fall 2015, 2016, 2018)

Respondent, Edward Alam, "Contemporary Trends in Philosophical Anthropology and Epistemology: Abrahamic Responses" (September 2018)

Member, Jerusalem Global Gateway Academic Director Search Committee (Summer 2018)

Participant, Panel on Pluralism and Ecumenism, Sorin Seminar for Faculty (May 2018)

Co-organizer, with Malka Simkovich (Catholic Theological Union), of conference on "The Scholar and the Pew: On Gaps and Bridges Between Scholarship and Community Leadership in Judaism and Christianity" (April 2018)

Co-organizer, with Deborah Tor and Margot Fassler, of conference on "Jewish Life in the Medieval Christian and Muslim Worlds" (April 2018)

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Dedication of the Jenkins Nanovic Halls Prayer Room (February 2018)

Instructor for 10-hour "Teachers as Scholars" course ("The Garden of Eden: Myth and Meaning in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam") for the Office of Public Affairs (November 2017)

Participant, Interfaith Dialogue on Human Dignity at the McGrath Institute for Church Life (September 2017)

Panelist, "Building Bridges of Faith" Photo Exhibition (September 2017)

Screening Committee, Ancient Languages SPF Search (2016)

Chair, lecture by Pól Ó Dochartaigh, "Hyphenated Identities: Irish-Jewish Autobiography" (September 2016)

Ad hoc Departmental Committee on Rome Gateway (Fall 2015)

Multi-Religious Prayer Space Committee, Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs (2015-16)

Co-organizer, with Matt Ashley and Todd Walatka, of conference on “Church and Synagogue: Conceptions of Community in Judaism and Christianity,” in honor of the 50th anniversary of “Nostra Aetate” (November 2015)

Ad hoc Departmental CAP Document Review (Summer 2015)

ISLA Peer Review Committee (Spring 2015)

College Council (Fall 2014 – Spring 2015)

Artistic Advisory Committee for the *Elijah* Project (Fall 2014 – Spring 2015)

Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Dialogue Task Force, Provost’s Office (2014-15)

Tantur Library Committee (Fall 2014)

Screening Committee, Jordan Kapson Chair Search (2013-14)

Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Committee (2012-14; co-chair 2013-14)

Liss Lecture: Gil Cohen-Magen, Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel (February 2013)

Conference: Jewish Religious Expression in Byzantine Palestine (October 2012)

Screening Committee, Abrams Chair Search (2011-12)

MA Committee (2011-12)

Fellowship Applications Committee, Jewish-Christian Encounters Summer Program, Tel Aviv University (Spring 2011)

Introduction, “A Serious Man,” for Films and Faith (February 2011)

Judge, Graduate Research Symposium (January 2010, January 2011)

Henkels Interdisciplinary Lecture: Meira Polliack, Dead Sea Scrolls and Karaite Judaism (March 2010)

Planning Committee and Moderator, Colloquium on Violence and Religion (2009-10)

New Faculty Orientation, Panel Participant (August 2009)

Crown-Minow Committee (2008-present)

Collegiate Committee (2008-09)

Student Supervision

Outside of Notre Dame: Shlomo Zuckier (Yale; doctoral dissertation committee)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees: Toochukwu Agha; Pauline Buisch; Warren Campbell; Jeremiah Coogan; Michael Cover; David DeJong; Josephine Dru; Michael Francis; Jimmy Haring; Andrew King; Ricky Klee; Joseph Riordan; Elizabeth Sunshine; Chontel Syfox; Jon Trotter; Shlomo Wadler; Paul Wheatley; Jeffrey Wickes; Jonathan Wilcoxson

Doctoral Candidacy Exams: Toochukwu Agha; Brandon Bruning; Pauline Buisch; Warren Campbell; Jeremiah Coogan; Elizabeth Clemons; Michael Cover; Enno Dango; David Dejong; Ashley Edewaard; Robert Edwards; Michael Francis; Jimmy Haring; Dov Honick; Kacie Klamm; Jake Kildoo; Matthew Lambert; Brian Lee; Stephen Long; Cory Louie; Clair Mesick; Edoth Mukasa; Joshua Noble; Bridget O'Brien; Anthony Pagliarini; Paul Saieg; Jonathan Sanchez; Elizabeth Sunshine; Chontel Syfox; Jon Trotter; Shlomo Wadler; Todd Walatka; Paul Wheatley; Rebecca Wiegel; Jonathan Wilcoxson; Wenxuan Yuan; Angela Zautke

Masters Comprehensive Exams: Kerry Casey; Rachel Corcho; Paul Cox; Cody David; Sandra Elizondo; Mark Enemali; Philip Gallagher; B.J. Heckner; Melanie Howard; Joseph Khalil; Mark Mariani; Cinammon Sarver; Rita Spiller; Kevin Steward; Andy Wilent

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor: Annie Scully

Directed Readings: Late Second Temple Judaism (Jonathan Sanchez); Rabbinics Research (Vince Heeremann); Reason and Revelation in Judaism (Jimmy Haring); Hermeneutics in Ancient Judaism (Paul Saieg); Sifre Numbers (Jeremiah Coogan)

Hebrew Reading Group: Rabbinic (Fall 2008; Spring 2011; Summer 2014: 1 student); Modern (Spring 2009; Spring 2010: 3 students)

Supplementary Class Session: Advanced Hebrew: Fall 2010, to provide 3 weaker students with the opportunity to reinforce reading skills; Fall 2018, for 1 exceptional student

Languages

Reading knowledge of Akkadian (elementary), Arabic, Aramaic (including Syriac), Middle Egyptian (elementary), French, Ancient Greek, Hebrew (Biblical, Mishnaic, Medieval), Latin, Ugaritic

Speaking knowledge of German, Hebrew (Modern)

Awards and Fellowships

University of Michigan Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies Fellowship, Spring 2022 (declined)

Schlindwein Family Tel Aviv University – Notre Dame Research Collaboration Grant, 2018-19 (“Interpretive Cultures in Late Antiquity”) (with Gretchen Reydams-Schils and Ishay Rosen-Zvi) (\$15,000)

Faculty Research Support Program, Initiation Grant, 2018 (\$9984)

ISLA Indexing and Copyright Support Grant, 2018 (\$1500)

American Academy for Jewish Research, Special Initiatives Grant, 2015-16 (“Beyond the Book: Thinking Biblically without the Bible”) (with four others) (\$5000)

Wake Forest Character Project, 2012-13 (\$46,850)

Miscellaneous Research and Materials Grant, 2010 (University of Notre Dame)

Henkels Interdisciplinary Lecture Grant, 2010 (University of Notre Dame)

Theron Rockwell Field Prize, 2009 (Yale University)

Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture: International Doctoral Scholarship for Studies Specializing in Jewish Fields, Fall 2008

Foundation for Jewish Culture: Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Fund for Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies, 2008-09 (declined)

A. Bartlett Giamatti Fellowship, 2003-05 (Yale University)

Ira Marienhoff Scholar, 2002-03 (Yeshiva University)

Gordon Cup, 1998 (Yale College, awarded to the graduating senior of Pierson College with the highest G.P.A.)

E. Francis Riggs Prize, 1996 (Yale College, awarded to the best student in Yale’s Directed Studies program)

Community Service, Lectures, Popular Writing

“Passover and Historical Contingency in Jewish Theology.” *Church Life Journal* (April 2022)

“Forgiveness and Repentance.” Kol Sasson synagogue, Skokie, IL (December 2022)

“Does Jewish Law Recognize Righteousness?” Renee and Alexander Bohm Memorial Lecture, Drisha Institute, New York (November 2021)

“Tzom Gedaliah: Why Commemorate His Assassination?” (thetorah.com) (September 2021)

“Sinking and Surfacing on Tisha b’Av.” *Times of Israel* (timesofisrael.com) (July 2021)

“*Yatziv Pitgam*: Poetry as Talmud Commentary.” Lehrhaus (thelehrhaus.com) (May 2021)

“A Talmudist Writes Poetry: On *Yatziv Pitgam* and its World.” Drisha Institute, New York (May 2021)

“Beyond Chismukkah: On Hanukkah and Jewish Theology.” *Church Life Journal* (December 2020)

“Land or Torah: What Binds Israel as a Nation?” thetorah.com (May 2020)

Participant, Panel on “Shared Legacies: The African American Jewish Civil Rights Alliance,” Michiana Jewish Film Festival (May 2020)

“Deuteronomy 5.” 929.org.il (February 2019)

“Deuteronomy 1.” 929.org.il (February 2019)

“The Depiction of Jeroboam and Hadad as Moses-like Saviors.” thetorah.com (January 2019)

“Does the Land of Israel Belong to the Jewish People? A Non-Political Discussion.” Midwest Torah Center, South Bend, IN (May 2017)

“Teaching an Introduction to Judaism.” *AJS Perspectives* (Spring 2017)

“The Poetry of the Land.” Lehrhaus (thelehrhaus.com) (May 2017)

“Catastrophe and Communication.” thetorah.com (May 2017)

“Judaism: An Introduction.” Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend, IN (September 2016)

“Morality and Prepositions: On Taking a Mother on her Young.” thetorah.com (September 2016)

Quoted in Andrew Keh, “A House of Worship, Converted and Renewed,” *New York Times* (May 27 2015)

“Standing under Sinai: On the Origins of a Coerced Covenant.” thetorah.com (May 2015)

“Mother and Child: Postpartum Defilement and Circumcision.” thetorah.com (March 2014)

Search Committee for Executive Director of Jewish Federation, South Bend, IN (Fall 2013)

“The Virtues of Ignorance: Scientific Knowledge and Jewish Law.” Jewish Federation, South Bend, IN (November 2010)

“The Song of Songs in the Second Century and Today.” Granit Hotel, Kerhonkson, NY (April 2010)

“Judaism Before the Rabbis: The Case of Shavuot.” Midwest Torah Center, South Bend, IN (May 2009)

“The Ten Commandments: Conflicting Reports.” Sinai Synagogue, South Bend, IN (May 2009)