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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Yale University, Robert F. and Patricia R. Weis Professor of Religious Studies in Classical Judaica, 2005 – present (Professor, 2002-2005; Associate Professor, 1999-2002; Assistant Professor, 1996-1999) Department chair, 2011- 2015.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

University of Antwerp, 2016 Chair for Jewish-Christian Relations, March 2016
Tel Aviv University Buchmann Faculty of Law, Visiting Professor at the Zvi Meitar Center, December 2015-January 2016; taught intensive 4-week course
Tel Aviv University Law Faculty, Shaul Fellow, The Mortimer and Raymond Sackler Institute of Advanced Studies, 2015-16
The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, Faculty Fellow, 2015-
Cardozo Law School, Affiliate in the Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, 2009-

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Studies, 1993-1996
Yale University, Instructor, spring 1993.
UC Berkeley, Teaching Assistant and Instructor, 1989 and 1991

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D., Spring, 1993. Talmudic and Judaic Studies (Dept. of Near Eastern Studies). Exchange student at **Yale University**, 1992.
University of California, Berkeley, M.A., December, 1988. Awarded **Distinction**. Exchange student at the **Hebrew University** in Jerusalem, 1987-88.
Harvard University, B.A., March, 1984. Study of Religion. **Summa Cum Laude**.

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION and TEACHING COMPETENCE

Research: Rabbinic and Talmudic Studies. History and Literature of Judaism in Late Antiquity. Hebrew Bible. Midrash.
Additional Teaching areas: Second Temple Judaism. Medieval Jewish Exegesis. Legal Theory. Hebrew and Aramaic Languages.

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Biblical Hebrew. Biblical and Talmudic Aramaic. Some Koine Greek. Some Pahlavi.

Modern: Modern Hebrew. French. German (reading).

BOOKS

What's Divine About Divine Law? Early Perspectives. Princeton University Press, 2015.
Winner of the 2015 National Jewish Book award in the category of Scholarship;
Winner of the 2016 PROSE award in the category of Theology and Religious Studies,
given by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing (PSP) Division of the Association of
American Publishers (AAP).

Introduction to the Bible. Yale University Press, 2012.

The Emergence of Judaism: Classical Traditions in Contemporary Perspective. Fortress
Press, 2010.

*Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the
Talmud,* Oxford University Press, 2002. Finalist, 2003 National Jewish Book Award.

Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds, Oxford University Press, 1997.
Awarded the Salo Baron Prize for a first book in Jewish Thought and Literature, by the
American Academy for Jewish Research, 1999.

EDITED VOLUMES

Judaism and Law. Cambridge University Press (UK; in press). Forthcoming, 2016.

The Interaction of Jewish and Other Legal Systems from Ancient to Modern Times.
Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Jewish Law Association. Co-editor Amos
Israel. 2014.

Current Issues in Priestly and Related Literature: The Legacy of Jacob Milgrom and Beyond.
Sub-editor. SBL Press, March 2015.

In progress:

Classic Essays in Early Rabbinic Culture and History. Ashgate Publishing Ltd, UK.
Forthcoming, 2016.

From Text to Context in Ancient Judaism: Studies in honor of Steven Fraade. Co-editors Tzvi
Novick and Michal Bar-Asher Siegal. JAJ Supplements, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and
Ruprecht, 2016.

The Literature of the Sages, Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum, new series. Leiden: Brill, projected, 2018.

ANTHOLOGIES

“Rabbinic Literature” in Carol Bakos (ed.) *Ancient Judaism*, vol 2, *The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization: Anthology of Primary Sources, Documents, Texts, and Artifacts in 10 vols*, James E. Young (ed.), (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, forthcoming).

TRANSLATIONS:

Mishnah Tractate Avodah Zarah, (completed and submitted) for annotated translation and commentary of *The Mishnah*, ed. Sh. Cohen and H. Lapin (Oxford University Press), 2016.

ON-LINE COURSE

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible. 24 lecture Yale College course with supplemental materials. <http://oyc.yale.edu/religious-studies>

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “Were the Noahide Commandments formulated at Yavne? T. AZ 8(9):4-9 in Cultural and Historical Context” forthcoming in *Yavne Revisited: the Historical Rabbis and the Rabbis of History*, ed. J. Schwartz, P. Tomson, CRINT series, forthcoming, 2016.
- “The Torah was not given to Ministering Angels’: Rabbinic Aspirationalism” in *Festschrift for Daniel Boyarin*, ed. Charlotte Fonrobert, Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Aharon Shemesh, Moulie Vidas, Forthcoming 2016.
- “Inventing Rabbis” in *Jewish Origins*, ed. Frederick Greenspahn. Forthcoming, 2016.
- “What is Bavli: A Response,” *The Talmud Blog*, March 29, 2015
<https://thetalmudblog.wordpress.com/?p=4566&shareadraft=5517f70b6f634>
- “In the West, they laughed at him:’ The Babylonian Talmud’s Mocking Realists,” in *The Journal of Law, Religion and State* 1:2 (2013) pp. 137-167.
- “Legal Realism and Sectarian Self-Fashioning in Jewish Antiquity,” in *Sects and Sectarianism in Jewish History*, University College London (2011) pp. 119-148.
- “Theoretical Pluralism in the Talmud: A Response to Richard Hidary,” in *Dine Yisrael: Studies in Halakhah and Jewish Law* 25 (2010) pp. 257-307
- “Legal Truth, Right Answers and Best Answers: Dworkin and the Rabbis” in *Dine Yisrael: Studies in Halakhah and Jewish Law* 25 (2008) pp. 73-121.
- “What is (the) Mishnah? Concluding Observations” in *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 32 (2008) 2:291-97.
- Response to John Witte’s “More than a Mere Contract” posted to the Religion & Culture Web Forum of the Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 2008.
- “The “Other” in Rabbinic Literature” in *The Cambridge Companion to the Talmud and Rabbinic Literature*, ed. Martin Jaffee and Charlotte Fonrobert (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007) pp. 43-269.

- "Rabbinic Contestations of Authority." *Cardozo Law Review* 28:1 (2006) pp. 123-141.
Text, Tradition, and Reason in Comparative Perspective, ed. Suzanne Last Stone and Adam Seligmann.
- "Golden Calf Stories: The Relationship of Ex 32 and Deuteronomy 9-10" in *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation*, ed. Hindy Najman and Judith H. Newman (Leiden: Brill, 2004) pp. 45-94.
- "Authority and Anxiety in the Talmuds: Legal Fictions" in *Jewish Religious Leadership: Images and Reality* (New York: JTSA, 2004) vol 1, pp. 127-54.
- "Genealogy, Illegitimacy, and Personal Status: The Yerushalmi in Comparative Perspective." *The Talmud Yerushalmi and Graeco-Roman Culture III*, ed. P. Schäfer (Tübingen: Mohr, 2003) 73-90.
- "Palestinian Rabbinic Attitudes to Intermarriage in Historical and Cultural Context." In *Jewish Culture and Society under the Christian Roman Empire*. Ed. Seth Schwartz and Richard Kalmin. (Leuven: Peeters, 2003) pp. 11-64.
- "Do Converts to Judaism Require Purification? M. Pes 8:8 -- An Interpretative Crux Solved." *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 9/4 (2002) pp. 327-352
- "*Halakhah le-Moshe mi-Sinai* in Rabbinic Sources: A Methodological Case Study." *The Synoptic Problem in Rabbinic Literature*, ed. Shaye J. D. Cohen (Providence, RI: Brown Judaic Studies). 2000, pp. 61-118.
- "Parallelism and Inversion in Lev 21:1b-15" in *Leviticus 17-22*, by Jacob Milgrom. The Anchor Bible. (New York: Doubleday). 2000, pp.1834-1836.
- "*Judeophobia*: Peter Schäfer on the Origins of Anti-Semitism." *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 6/3 (1999) pp. 261-273.
- "Intermarriage and Impurity in Ancient Jewish Sources." *Harvard Theological Review* 92/1 (1999) pp. 3-36.
- "The Abrogation of Torah Law: Rabbinic Taqqanah and Praetorian Edict." *The Talmud Yerushalmi and Graeco-Roman Culture*, ed. P. Schäfer (Tübingen: J.C.B.Mohr). 1998, pp. 643-674.
- "Displaced Self-Perceptions: The Deployment of *Minim* and Romans in Bavli Sanhedrin 90b-91a." *Religious and Ethnic Communities in Later Roman Palestine*. Ed. Hayim Lapin. 1998, pp. 249-289.
- "Response to Jacob Neusner." *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, 27/3 (1996) pp. 324-333.
- "Amoraic Interpretation and Halakhic Development: The Case of the Prohibited Basilica." *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, 26/2 (1995) pp. 156-168.
- "The Midrashic Career of the Confession of Judah (Genesis xxxviii 26), Part I: The Extra-Canonical Texts, Targums and Other Versions." *Vetus Testamentum* 45/1 (1995) pp. 62-81.
- "The Midrashic Career of the Confession of Judah (Genesis xxxviii 26), Part II: The Rabbinic Midrashim." *Vetus Testamentum* 45/2 (1995) pp. 174-187.
- Review Essay on David Kraemer's *The Mind of the Talmud*. *JAGNES* (Journal of the Assoc. of Grad. Near East. Stud.), Fall 1991, pp. 44-48.
- "Word Order in Biblical Aramaic." *JAGNES* Fall 1990, pp. 2-12.

REFERENCE WORKS -- ARTICLES

- Entries for *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* include: “Intermarriage” (2015), “Haqhel” and “Huldah” (2014), “Edict” and “Exorcism” (2013), “Gemara” and “Deliverance” (2012), “Abrogation of Torah Law” (2009).
“Palestinian Talmud” -- entry for *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed. John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow (Eerdmans Publishing, 2008).
“Purity and Impurity, Ritual.” *Encyclopedia Judaica*, ed. M. Berenbaum and F. Skolnik vol 16, 2nd edition (Detroit 2006) pp. 746-56.
Contributor to the *Oxford Dictionary of Judaism* (New York: Oxford University Press).

REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

2015. Daniel Boyarin's *A Traveling Homeland: The Babylonian Talmud as Diaspora*.
2009. Judith Hauptman's *Rereading the Mishnah in Zion* (in Hebrew).
2001. Hyam Maccoby's *Ritual and Morality: The Ritual Purity System and its Place in Judaism* in *The Jewish Quarterly Review*.
2001. Charlotte Fonrobert's *Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstruction of Biblical Gender* in *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*.
2001. Moshe Benovitz' *Kol Nidre: Studies in the Development of Rabbinic Votive Institutions* in *The Jewish Quarterly Review*.
2001. Jeffrey Rubenstein's *Talmudic Stories* in *HaDoar* 80, 4:18-20 (in Hebrew)
2000. Richard Kalmin's *The Sage in Jewish Society of Late Antiquity* in *The Journal of Biblical Literature*.
1998. Hayim Lapin's *Early Rabbinic Civil Law and the Social History of Roman Galilee: A Study of Mishnah Tractate Baba' Mesi'a'* in *The Jewish Quarterly Review* LXXXIX, 1-2 pp. 199-204.
1997. Richard Kalmin's *Sages, Stories, Authors and Editors in Rabbinic Babylonia* in *The Jewish Quarterly Review* LXXXVII, 3-4, pp. 406-411.
1996. Jeffrey Rubenstein's *The History of Sukkot in the Second Temple and Rabbinic Periods* in *The Journal of Biblical Literature* on-line.
1995. Angel Sáenz-Badillos' *A History of the Hebrew Language* in *Shofar* 13, 3: pp. 101-103.
1991. David Kraemer's *The Mind of the Talmud* in *JAGNES*, Fall, pp. 44-48.
Several book notes for *Religious Studies Review*.

ACADEMIC LECTURES, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, and COLLOQUIA

- Three part seminar series on divine law presented at Yeshivat Maharat, New York, May 29. 16, 2016.
“What’s Divine about Divine Law?” University of Pennsylvania, April, 2016.
“Divine Law, Revelation and Authority,” Symposium/Book Talk, Slifka Center, Yale University, April, 2016.
Series of three lectures for the Institute of Jewish Studies at the University of Antwerp and Universitair Centrum Sint Ignatius Antwerpen as the 2016 Chair in Jewish-Christian Relations, March 2016.

“Different Differences: The Complicated Goy in Rabbinic Literature,” conference on “Perceiving the Other: Ancient and Modern Interactions with Outsiders” at Ben Gurion University, March 2016.

“Human Dignity in Biblical and Rabbinic Sources,” 4-part series for the Intercontinental Academia, Jerusalem, March, 2016.

Respondent, Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, March, 2016.

“Talmudic Tales in Their Iranian Context,” Roundtable participant, UCLA, February, 2016.

“Law and Virtue in Ancient Jewish Sources,” keynote address, Princeton Undergraduate Judaic Studies conference, February, 2016.

“Law and Virtue in Ancient Jewish Sources,” Lecture at Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv, January 2016.

“Rabbis and their Others: Between Reality and Cultural Fantasy,” Hebrew University Seminar presentation, January, 2016.

“Law and Virtue in Ancient Jewish Sources,” Law and History Workshop, Tel Aviv University, January, 2016.

“What’s Divine about Divine Law?” Judeo-Christian Studies Lecture Series at **Tulane University**, December, 2015.

“Mapping Communities: Israel and the Nations in Biblical and Rabbinic Sources,” Keynote address at Conference on Community at **Notre Dame University**, November, 2015.

“Heaven on Earth: The World to Come and its (Dis)locations,” The Annual Klutznick Lecture at **Creighton University**, October, 2015

“What’s Divine about Divine Law?” **University of Nebraska**, November 2015.

“What’s Divine about Divine Law?” **University of Chicago**, May 2015.

“The (Ir)rationality of Torah,” **Hebrew University Law School**, Jerusalem, May 2015.

“What’s Divine about Divine Law?” **Columbia University** Seminar, April 2015.

“The Flexibility of Torah,” Religious Ethics Colloquium, **Yale Divinity School**, February 2015.

“What’s Divine about Divine Law?” The first annual Flegg lecture delivered at a symposium on my forthcoming book: *What’s Divine about Divine Law: Early Perspectives*, **McGill University**, with respondent Professor David Flatto, February 2015.

“Were the Noahide Commandments formulated at Yavneh? T. AZ 8(9):4-9 in Cultural and Historical Context.” Conference on the historical Yavne at **Bar Ilan University**, Ramat Gan, Israel, January 2015.

“Looking in the Mirror: Philo and the Rabbis on Divine Law and Truth,” presented for the Jewish Studies seminar, **Ben Gurion University**, Beer Sheva, Israel, January 2015.

“What is Bavli?” Panel respondent, **Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference**, Baltimore, MD, December 2014.

“We’re No Angels: Perfectionism in Rabbinic Literature,” The Bamberger Lecture at the **Hebrew Union College**, New York City, November 2014.

“Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts (and Three Responses)” presented at the **University of Minnesota**, September 2014.

“The Rabbinic Mind and Divine Law” 5 day series of workshops for the Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, **New York City**, August 2014.

“We’re No Angels: Perfectionism in Rabbinic Literature” Presented to participants in a summer program in Jewish Thought, **Yale University**, July 2014.

“The Land-Diaspora Dichotomy” – lecture and workshop, **Shalom Hartman Institute** Philosophy Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, June 2014.

“The Torah was not given to Ministering Angels’: Rabbinic Aspirationalism.” Conference in honor of Daniel Boyarin held at **UC Berkeley**, CA, April 2014.

“Judaism and the Core Curriculum” – presentation for students in the Core Curriculum at Columbia University, March 2014.

Respondent for three papers presented at the Regional Seminar in Ancient Judaism, March 2014.

“We’re No Angels: Aspirationalism in Rabbinic Literature,” The Goldberg Lecture at the **University of Illinois** Urbana-Champaign, March 2014.

“The (Ir)rationality of Torah,” Faculty Workshop, **University of Illinois** Urbana-Champaign, March 2014.

“Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts (and Three Responses),” The Albert List Lecture, **Harvard Divinity School**, March 2014.

“Looking in the Mirror: Philo and the Rabbis on Divine Law and Truth,” presented at Philo Conference, **Yale University**, March 2014.

“Inventing Rabbis” Conference on Jewish Origins, **Florida Atlantic University**, February, 2014.

“Divine Law between Athens and Jerusalem,” Slifka Faculty lecture series, **Yale University**, January, 2014.

Moderator and Respondent, “The Relation between History and Philosophy in Jewish Studies: Cooperative? Indifferent? Adversarial?” **AAJR session at the Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting**, December, 2013

Respondent, “Thinking Legally vs. Thinking Historically” 1-day workshop at the **University of Pennsylvania Law School**, December, 2013.

“Sectarian, Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism: Contested Voices” presented at the **Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference**, Baltimore, November, 2013.

“Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts (and three responses)” presented at **Georgetown University**, November, 2013.

“Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts (and three responses).” The June Baumgardner Gelbart Lecture, **University of South Florida**, October, 2013.

“Immutability in the Hellenistic Near East” presented at the **University of South Florida**, October, 2013.

“Revelation and Divine Knowledge in the Judaic Tradition” presented for the Technologies of Knowledge Seminar, **Yale University**, September, 2013.

“Tradition and Authority in Classic Jewish Sources.” Three workshops for the Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, **Princeton University**, July 2013.

“The ‘Truth’ about Divine Law” Presented to summer program in Jewish Thought and the Good Society: Politics, Economics, and the Human Person,” **Yale University**, July 2013.

“Truth, Principle and Compromise: Can they Coexist?” Conference Discussant, **Shalom Hartman Institute** Philosophy Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, June 2013.

- “The Moses of Midrash: God’s Partner or Adversary?” **Case Western Reserve University**, May, 2013.
- “In the West they laughed at him:’ The Babylonian Talmud’s Mocking Realists” presented at the annual Judaic Studies Colloquium, **Yale University**, April 2013.
- “Ancient Discourses of Law” presented for the Ancient Societies Workshop, **Yale University**, February 2013.
- “The Myth of Perfect Torah Observance” presented at the **Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting**, Chicago, November 2012.
- “Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts (and three responses).” The Eleventh Annual Gruss Lecture. **New York University Law School** and the Tikvah Center for Jewish Law and Civilization, November 2012.
- “Two Concepts of Divine Law in Antiquity: Implications for Interpretation.” Presented at the Conference on Legal Interpretation and Rabbinic Texts hosted by Bar Ilan University and the Tikvah Center for Jewish Law and Civilization at **NYU**, September, 2012.
- “The Interaction of Jewish and Other Legal Systems from Ancient to Modern Times” delivered at the plenary session of the Jewish Law Association Conference, held at **Yale University**, July 2012.
- “Tradition and Authority.” Three workshops for the Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, **Princeton University**, July 2012
- “We’re No Angels: Aspirationalism in Rabbinic Literature.” Presented to summer program in Jewish Thought and the Good Society: Politics, Economics, and the Human Person,” **Yale University**, July 2012.
- “Divine Law in Classical Thought and the Scandal of Rabbinic Resistance” presented at the **Shalom Hartman Institute** Philosophy Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, June 2012
- “Conscious Error: Is Truth Always the Best Policy?” presented at the Conference on Forgetting and Error in Jewish legal Culture, **Harvard Law School**, May 2012.
- “Realism and Nominalism – a Response” presented at the Conference on Halakhah and Reality at **New York University**, May 2012.
- “The Moses of Midrash: God’s Partner or Adversary?” The Hannah A. Quint lecture in Jewish Studies at **Middlebury College**, VT, December, 2011.
- “Biblical Ambiguity and the Midrashic Imagination: The Culpability of Aaron in Ex 32.” Seminar meeting, **Middlebury College**, VT, December 2011.
- “The Kaleidoscope Turns: Continuities and Discontinuities in Ancient and Rabbinic Judaism,” **Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting**, San Francisco, November 2011.
- “Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts (and Three Responses).” The Mytelka Memorial Lecture on Jewish Civilization at **Princeton University**, October 2011
- “Law and Authority.” Three workshops for the Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, **Princeton University**, July 2011
- “Peoplehood” Conference Discussant, **Shalom Hartman Institute** Philosophy Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, June 2011.
- “What’s So Divine about Divine Law.” A three part lecture series for the **Rochester Clergy Institute**, Rochester NY, March 2011.
 Lecture I -- Divine Law: A Tale of Two Concepts
 Lecture II -- Does Divine Law Assume or Negate Free Will?

- Lecture III -- When Reason Can't be Enough... or Can It?
- "The Moses of Midrash: God's Partner or Adversary?" Seminar meeting, **Arizona State University**, March, 2011
- "Canon and the Voice(s) of Authority." The **Drisha Institute** for Jewish Education in New York City, March 2010
- "Words and Law: From the Hebrew Bible." Seminar Presentation, **Princeton University**, February 2010.
- "Legal Empiricism and the Fashioning of Sectarianism in Jewish Antiquity." **Duke University**, January 2010.
- "Methodological Issues in the Interdisciplinary Study of Jewish Law." Graduate Fellows Seminar, **Cardozo Law School**, April 2009, November 2009, 2010, 2011, January 2013
- Respondent to two papers presented on the topic "Rabbis and Others in Conversation." Conference held at **Princeton University**, May 2009.
- "We're no Angels: Aspirationalism in Rabbinic Literature," invited paper for the **Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting** in Rome, July 2009.
- "Legal Empiricism and Sectarian Self-Fashioning in Jewish Antiquity." Conference on Sects and Sectarianism in Jewish History, **University College London**, June 2008.
- "What is Mishnah?" **SBL** annual conference, 2006.
- "Rabbinic Contestations of Authority." Symposium on Text, Tradition, and Reason in Comparative Perspective sponsored by the Program in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies of **Cardozo School of Law**, Fall 2004.
- "Children's Obligations towards Parents in the Bible and Talmud." Perspectives on Aging Working Group, **Yale University**, May 2004.
- "Hyam Maccoby on Purity." Association for Jewish Studies (**AJS**) annual conference, 2003.
- "The Impact of Editorial Strategies on Evolving Legal Collections." Respondent to three scholarly papers. **AJS** annual conference, 2001
- "Authority and Anxiety in the Talmuds." Conference on Jewish Religious Leadership: Image and Reality. **Jewish Theological Seminary**, Fall 2001.
- "B. Yev 87b-90b: The Bavli's re-presentation of rabbinic authority." **AJS** annual conference, 2000
- Respondent. My second book was reviewed in a session devoted to current books in the field. Society for Biblical Literature (**SBL**) annual meeting, 2000.
- "Genealogy, Illegitimacy, and Personal Status: The Yerushalmi in Comparative Perspective." Conference on the Talmud Yerushalmi and Graeco-Roman Culture. **Princeton University**, November 2000.
- "Competing Calumnies: Contextualizing the Rabbinic Prohibition of Intermarriage." Rabbinics Colloquium Series. **Washington University**. March 2000.
- "Palestinian Rabbinic Attitudes to Intermarriage in Historical and Cultural Context" Conference on Jewish Culture and Society under Christian Rome. **Jewish Theological Seminary**, NY, March 2000.
- "Corpse Impurity and the Noahide Covenant in the Theology of H." **AJS** annual meeting, 1999.
- "Do Converts to Judaism Require Purification? M. Pes 8:8 -- an Interpretive Crux Solved." **SBL** annual meeting, 1999.

- "Corpse Impurity and Gentiles: The Rabbinic Evidence." Conference on Rabbinic Thought. The **Melton Center of the Hebrew University**, Jerusalem, Israel. May 1999.
- "*Judeophobia*: Peter Schäfer on the Origins of Anti-Semitism." **AJS** annual meeting, 1998.
- "Intermarriage and Impurity in Ancient Jewish Sources." **Rutgers University**, May 1998.
- "*Halakhah le-Moshe Mi-Sinai*: A Methodological Case Study." Conference on the Synoptic Problem in Rabbinic Literature, **Brown University**. March 1998.
- "Intermarriage and Impurity: From Bible to Talmud." **AJS** annual conference, December 1996.
- "Legal Innovation in the Yerushalmi." Conference on the Yerushalmi in its Greco-Roman Context. **Institut für Judaistik**, Berlin. October 1996.
- "The Impurity of Gentiles in Biblical and Post-Biblical Jewish Writings." Invited seminar paper, Biblical Law Section, **SBL** annual meeting, November 1995.
- "Reading Readings: History and Hermeneutics in Talmudic Literature." Department of Near Eastern Studies, **Harvard University**, spring 1994.
- "From Innovation to Exegesis: Revisionist Rabbinic Accounts of the *Taqqanot* of Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai." **AJS** annual conference, 1993.
- "Exegetical Aberrations and Cultural Reconstruction." **SBL** annual meeting, November 1993.
- "Reading in Rabbinic Culture." **SMU** and **University of Tennessee**, 1993.
- "Libation Wine and the Israelite Midwife in the Yerushalmi and the Bavli." **NYU** Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, 1992.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Winner of the 2016 PROSE award in the category of Theology and Religious Studies, given by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing (PSP) Division of the Association of American Publishers (AAP).
- Winner of the 2015 National Jewish Book award in the category of Scholarship, given by the National Jewish Book Council
- Supplemental Fellowship from The Mellon Foundation, 2009
- Affiliate Fellow of the Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization, NYU, 2009-10
- Affiliate Scholar of the Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization, Cardozo Law School, 2009-
- Elected to the American Academy of Jewish Research, June, 2008
- Sidonie Miskimin Clauss Prize for Teaching Excellence in the Humanities, 2005
- Mellon New Directions Fellowship, awarded 2003 for use in 2005-06
- Finalist for 2003 National Jewish Book Award in Scholarship
- The Salo Baron Prize for a first book in Jewish Thought and Literature, (AAJR, 1999)
- Hilles Publication Grant, 2001
- Lucius Littauer Foundation Publication Grant, 2001
- Morse Research Fellowship, Yale University, 1998-1999 academic year
- Graduate:**
- U.C. Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1992-93
 - Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1991-92
 - Taubman Fellowship for Talmudic Studies, 1990-91
 - Benjamin Goor Prize for essay in Jewish Studies (three times: 1989, 1990, 1991)

Undergraduate: Phi Beta Kappa, John Harvard Honorary Scholarship, Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Scholar award

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Yale University and Princeton University)

Divine Law in Historical Perspective. Franke undergraduate seminar, 2008; Freshman seminar, 2010.

Law and Ancient Judaism. Graduate seminar.

Rabbinics Research Seminar. For graduate students in Ancient Judaism.

Required Ancient Judaism Seminar. For students in NT and Ancient Christianity.

The Required Second Temple Judaism Seminar.

Critical Methods in the Study of Talmud. Graduate Seminar.

Biblical Hebrew for Students of Modern Hebrew. Advanced Seminar.

Introduction to the Talmud in Translation. Seminar.

Topics in Bible and Midrash. History of Interpretation of Ex 32. Text Seminar.

Biblical Hermeneutics: Gentile Impurity in Jewish Tradition. Seminar.

Talmud Seminar: Sources of Jewish Law and Rabbinic Authority. Text Seminar.

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible. Lecture Course.

Judaism: Continuity and Change. Lecture Course.

Introduction to the Ancient Near East. Lecture Course.

Modern Hebrew.

SUMMER SEMINARS AND ADULT EDUCATION

Princeton Summer Seminar, Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, Summer 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

The Golden Calf Story and its Midrashic Development. Jewish Theological Seminary, Summer School course, 2001.

Introduction to the Talmud. Princeton Jewish Center, Adult Education class. 1993

The Hearts and Minds of the Rabbis. Marin Jewish Community Center, Adult Education Class. 1991.

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

"Flipping the Classroom: How online resources enable pedagogical innovation," University of Chicago workshop series: The Craft of Teaching, May 2015.

"Publishing in Academia," Early Career Workshop, American Academy for Jewish Research, held at Rutgers University, June 2015.

PUBLIC LECTURES

"The Dangers of Absolutism," through the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, Jewish Community Center, New York, April 2016.

"What's Divine about Divine Law" presented at Valley Bet Midrash, Scottsdale, AZ April, 2016.

"What's Divine about Divine Law" presented at Stephen Wise Temple, Los Angeles, CA, February, 2016.

“What’s Divine about Divine Law” presented at Congregation of B’nai Jacob, Woodbridge, CT, February, 2015.

“The ‘Truth’ about Divine Law” – sponsored by Yeshivat Ma’aleh Gilboa; Jerusalem, Israel, January 2015.

“We’re No Angels: Perfectionism in Rabbinic Literature,” Beth El Synagogue Minneapolis, MN, September 2014.

“We’re No Angels: Perfectionism in Rabbinic Literature,” She’arith Yisrael Synagogue, New York, February, 2014.

“New Beginnings” presented at the Slifka Center, parents’ weekend, October, 2013.

“Old Testament Literature in the Ancient Near Eastern Setting” -- presentation for the Theological Summer Intensive for Bishops, Clergy and Laypersons, August, 2013.

“We’re No Angels: Perfectionism in Rabbinic Literature,” Siegel Center for Lifelong Learning, Cleveland, May 2013.

“Living As If” – talk at the Slifka Center Passover Seder, Yale University, Spring 2013.

Two-part Adult Education Series Beth El Temple, Hartford CT, March and April 2013.

“The ‘Truth’ about Divine Law?” presented at The Drisha Institute for Jewish Education in New York City, March 2013.

“The Moses of Midrash: God’s Partner or Adversary?” Stephen Free Wise Synagogue, NYC, January 2012.

“Judah’s Midrashic Career,” Jewish Women’s Learning Center, Phoenix, AZ, March 2011.

“God’s Critics: Ancient Perspectives on Morality and Biblical Law.” The Thomas More Society at Yale University, April, 2010.

“We’re No Angels: Aspirationalism in Rabbinic Literature.” Class for the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven’s *Taste of Honey* weekend, January, 2010.

“Promises, Promises.” Congregation of B’nai Jacob, Woodbridge, CT, February 2009.

“Of law and Truth: Talmudic Perspectives.” Series of three talks delivered as Scholar in Residence for the Baltimore and Washington Board of Rabbis’ *Yom Iyyun* (Day of Study), May, 2008

“Judah the Patriarch – Villian or Hero? The Midrashic Treatment of Gen 38.” Class for the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven’s *Taste of Honey* weekend, January, 2008.

“Why Should Temple be Spelled with a ‘W’?” Yale Parents Weekend, October 2006.

“The Talmudic Martin Guerre OR Death of a Legal Fiction.” Presentation to the Fellows of the Whitney Humanities Center. Yale University. November 2005. Also presented to the Fellows of Silliman College. November 2005.

“Righteousness for Nothing: The Biblical Book of Job.” Parents weekend lecture. October 2005.

Series of two lectures as Scholar-in-Residence, Temple Emanuel-El, Orange, CT. April 2005

Series of three lectures as Scholar-in-Residence, The Egalitarian Minyan of Rogers Park, Chicago, IL. February 2005.

“Is it Ever Enough: Children’s Obligations towards Parents in the Bible and Talmud.” Taste of Honey Community Education Program, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, CT. January 2005.

“Abrogating Torah Law? The Talmuds Compared.” Day of Study, New Haven Area Rabbis, March 2004.

- "Realizing the Promise: The Legacy of Sinai." Series of three lectures as Scholar-in Residence for the Town and Village Conservative Synagogue, Manhattan. May 16-17, 2002
- "Innovation in Jewish Law: The Bible in Mishnaic and Talmudic Times." The Charles B. and Irene B. Jacobs Lecture for the Center for Judaic Studies. University of Hartford. September, 2000.
- "'The Torah is not in Heaven:' Tradition and Change." The Matthew Eisenfeld (Yale, '93) Memorial Lecture. Temple Beth-El, Hartford, CT. May, 1999.
- "Law as Theology: The Case of Niddah." Connecticut Regional Rabbinical Assembly. June, 1997.
- "Divergent Attitudes to Menstruation: Ancient Voices." National Jewish Women's Conference, 1997.
- "The Moses of Midrash." Princeton Jewish Center, Lecture Series. Spring, 1995.
- "'The Torah is not in Heaven:' Tradition and Change." B'nai Brith Continuing Education. Fall, 1994.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, international Advisory Board for the University of Antwerp, Institute of Jewish Studies, 2016-
- Member, Editorial Board, "Perspectives on Jewish Texts and Contexts," DeGruyter, 2016-
- Vice President for Program, Association for Jewish Studies, December 2015-
- Chair, Salo Baron Book Prize committee, for the American Academy for Jewish Research, 2015.
- Co-Chair, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Committee, The National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2013.
- Co-Editor, *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, 2012- present
- Editor and author (Rabbinics section), *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, 2011-present
- Advisory Board, *Journal of Ancient Judaism and Supplement*, 2011-present
- Advisory Board, *Posen Anthology of Jewish Civilization*, vol 2 (Ancient Judaism), 2011-present
- Advisory Board, *Jewish History*, 2012-present
- Editorial Board, *Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum*, 2010-present
- Conference Program Planning Committee Member, Association for Jewish Studies. 1994-2011.
- Elected to the American Academy of Jewish Research (AAJR), 2009
- External Review Committee for Religious Studies Department, Emory University, 2009
- Nominations Committee, Association for Jewish Studies, 2007, 2009, 2011
- External Review Committee for University of Maryland, College Park, Jewish Studies Program, 2004
- Advisory Board, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, Mohr Siebeck (beginning fall 2003)
- External Review Committee for Yeshiva University, Talmudic Studies Doctoral Program. 2000-01
- Editorial Board Member, Brown Judaic Studies (peer-reviewed monograph series)
- Board Member, Association for Jewish Studies. 2001- 2004

Member: National Association of Professors of Hebrew, Association for Jewish Studies, Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion.
Corresponding Fellow, Ingeborg Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies, Bar Ilan University, Israel.
Yale Judaica Series of the Yale University Press, Advisory Board Member.
NEH Summer Institute for Teachers of Modern Hebrew, Brandeis University. July, 1993.
Referee for several journals including *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Hebrew Union College Annual*
Referee for manuscripts and/or book proposals submitted to Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of California Press, University of Pennsylvania Press,
Multiple promotion and tenure reviews for Hebrew University, Jewish Theological Seminary, Boston University, Columbia University, Haverford College, Hebrew Union College, Northwestern University, Pennsylvania State University Law School, Rutgers University, Stanford University, UCLA, University of Michigan Law School, University of South Florida, University of Virginia

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chairman, Department of Religious Studies, 2011-
Member, Search Committee for Master of Silliman College, 2014-15
Freshman Advisor, Silliman College, 1997-2003, 2010-2012, 2015
Terry Lecture Committee, Fall, 2011
Chair, Jehiel R. Elyachar Foundation Travel Fellowship Committee, 2010, 2012
Member, Ganzfried Fellowship Committee, 2010
Member of NEASC Committee, 2009
Acting Chair, Program in Judaic Studies. Fall 2008
Humanities Advisory/Tenure Appointments Committee. 2007
Honorary Degrees Committee. 2006 - present
Humanities Initiative Executive Committee. 2007- 2011
Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center. 2004-2006
Executive Committee, Whitney Humanities Center. 2005-2007
Hebrew Advisory Committee. 2004-present
Hebrew Language and Literature Search Committee. 2005, 2008-9, 2009-10
Yale College Committee on Majors. 2003-2005 (acting chair, fall 2004)
Search Committee for the Yale College Deanship. Spring 2004
Departmental Admissions Committee. Spring 2004
Yale College Committee (University committee on undergraduate education at Yale). 2001-03
Harry S Truman Scholarship Committee. Chair, Fall 2001; Member, Fall 2000
Search Committees (Islam position, fall 1999; Methods and Theory position, 2000-2001; Historical Theology position, 2003-2004; NW Semitics position, 2014-2015)
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Judaic Studies. Spring 1997; 1999-2002; spring 2004-2005; 2006-2011
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Religious Studies. 2001-2002
Undergraduate Committee, Department of Religious Studies. 1997-2000; Chair 2001-2
Advisory Committee for Library Policy. 1999-2001

Judaic Studies Advisory Committee. 1996-present
Architecture Jury. Spring, 1997
Guest lecturer/colloquium participant for Directed Studies 2005, 2009-2014

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS -- Primary Advisor:

Chaya Halberstam, “Rabbinic Responsibility for Evil: Evidence and Uncertainty” (2004); Published as *Law and Truth in Biblical and Rabbinic Literature* (Indiana University Press, 2010) and recipient of Salo Baron prize for a first book, from the AAJR. Ms. Halberstam is a Professor of Religious Studies at King’s Western University, Canada, teaching Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism.

Michael Tzvi Novick, “Duties and Ends: On The Structure of Normality in Tannaitic Judaism” (2008) published as *What is Good and What God Demands: Normative Structures in Tannaitic Literature* (Brill, 2010). Mr. Novick is the Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, “Literary Analogies in Rabbinic and Christian Monastic Sources (2010) published as *Early Christian Monastic Literature and the Babylonian Talmud* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and recipient of the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award. Ms. Bar-Asher Siegal is the Rosen Family Professor in Judaic Studies at The Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Sara Ronis, “Do Not Go Out Alone At Night’: Law and Demonic Discourse in the Babylonian Talmud” (2015). After a year at Harvard University as a Starr Post-doctoral fellow, Ms. Ronis accepted a position as Assistant Professor Biblical Studies at St. Mary’s College, San Antonio.

Jonathan A. Pomeranz, “Non-Rabbis in the Babylonian Talmud: Rabbinic Representations and Historical Interpretation” Ph.D. 2016.

Simcha Gross, “Empire and Neighbors: The Context of Babylonian Rabbinic Identity” Ph.D. expected 2017.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS -- Secondary Advisor:

Alan Appelbaum, “‘I Clothed You in Purple’: The Rabbinic King-Parables of the Third-Century Roman Empire” (2007). Mr. Appelbaum is currently a Research Affiliate in the Department of Religious Studies and the Program in Judaic Studies at Yale.

Gerald (Yehuda) Septimus, “On the Boundaries of Prayer: Talmudic Ritual Texts with Addressees Other Than God” (2008). Mr. Septimus has an Adjunct position teaching rabbinics at Brooklyn College.

Joshua E. Burns, “The Dissociation of Judaism and Christianity in the Roman Near East, First to Third Centuries C.E.: Historical Sources and Interpretation (2010). Mr. Burns is Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Marquette University.

Rachel Scheinerman, “The Development of the Passover Seder” Ph.D. Expected 2017.

DOCTORAL STUDENTS IN PROGRESS: Rebecca Kamholz, Anne Schiff, Shlomo Zuckier,
Pratima Gopalakrishnan