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EDUCATION

Yale University, Ph.D. Religious Studies, 2008
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati), Rabbinical Ordination, 2003
Duke University, A.B. Religion, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, 1998

POSITIONS

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Los Angeles), 2008-present
Sol and Arlene Bronstein Professor of Judaeo-Christian Studies
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

These Truths We Hold: Judaism in an Age of Truthiness (co-editor, manuscript under review)
The Beginning of the Gospel: Paul, Philippi, and the Origins of Christianity (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2018).
Paul's Gentile-Jews: Neither Jew nor Gentile, But Both (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2012).

Articles and Book Chapters

"Christianity: A Pauline Revolution," forthcoming in *Re-forming Judaism: Moments of Disruption in Jewish Thought* (CCAR Press).
"Gospel," forthcoming in the Oxford Handbook of the Synoptic Gospels (Oxford University Press).
"Church Fathers and Antisemitism from the 2nd Century through Augustine (End of 450 CE), *The Cambridge Companion to Antisemitism*, ed. Steven Katz (Cambridge University Press, 2022), 66-82.
"The Jewish Diaspora in Christian Thinking," in *The Oxford Handbook of the Jewish Diaspora*, ed. Hasia R. Diner (Oxford University Press, 2021), 99-114.
"The Ins and Outs of Paul's Israelite Remnant," in *Israel and the Nations: Paul's Gospel in the Context of Jewish Expectation*, ed. Frantisek Abel (London: Lexington, 2021), 187-198.
"A Jewish View of Paul," in *Covenants and Communities: Jews and Latter-day Saints in Dialogue*, eds. Mark S. Diamond and Andrew C. Reed (BYU and CCAR Press, 2020), 71-87.
"Supersessionism in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: A Jewish Response," in *Covenants*

- and Communities: Jews and Latter-day Saints in Dialogue*, eds. Mark S. Diamond and Andrew C. Reed (BYU and CCAR Press, 2020), 139-45.
- “The New Covenant of 2 Corinthians 3,” in *The Message of Paul the Apostle within Second Temple Judaism*, ed. Frantisek Abel (London: Lexington, 2019), 230-45.
- “Paul: Within Judaism, Without Law,” in *Law and Lawlessness in Early Judaism and Christianity*, eds. Lincicum, Sheridan, and Stang (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2019).
- “Judge, Judging, Judgment: Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (DeGruyter, 2017).
- “Engendering Judaism: Paul, Baptism, and Circumcision,” in *Paul the Jew: A Conversation between Pauline and Second Temple Scholars*, eds. Carlos A. Segovia and Gabriele Boccaccini (Fortress, 2016).
- “Paul’s Gentile Interlocutor in Romans 3:1-20,” in *Paul’s So-Called Jew in Paul’s Epistle to the Romans*, eds. Rafael Rodriguez and Matthew Thiessen (Fortress, 2016).
- “Philo on Moses,” *CCAR Journal: The Reform Jewish Quarterly* (Summer 2015).
- “The Pharisee Heresy: Circumcision for Gentiles in the Acts of the Apostles,” *New Testament Studies* 60.1 (2014): 20-36.
- “A New Kind of Priest for a New Kind of People: The Relationship between Romans and Hebrews,” in *Portraits of Jesus*, ed. Susan E. Meyers (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012): 301-18.
- “‘Apostolic Irresistibility’ and the Interrupted Speeches in Acts,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74.4 (2012): 738-752.
- “The Circumcision of Christ: Rom 15:7-13,” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 34.4 (2012): 303-322.
- “*Ioudaios*,” in *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, ed. Amy-Jill Levine, Marc Brettler (Oxford University Press, 2011): 524-526.
- “The Law-Observant Lord: John Chrysostom’s Engagement with the Jewishness of Christ,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 18.4 (2010).
- “The Invasion of a Mustard Seed: A Reading of Mark 5.1-20,” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 32.1 (2009): 57-75.

Reviews

- David G. Horrell, *Ethnicity and Inclusion: Religion, Race, and Whiteness in Constructions of Jewish and Christian Identities*. *Church History* 90.3 (2021): 644-45.
- Richard Bauckham (ed.), *Magdala of Galilee: A Jewish City in the Hellenistic and Roman Period*. *Journal of Religious History* 44.2 (2020).
- Jordan Rosenblum, *The Jewish Dietary Laws in the Ancient World*. H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews. June, 2018.
- E. P. Sanders, *Paul: The Apostle’s Life, Letters, and Thought*. *Journal of Theological Studies* 68.1 (2017): 304-306.
- David R. Wallace, *Election of the Lesser Son: Paul’s Lament-Midrash on Romans 9-11*. *Studies in Christian Jewish Relations* 10.1 (2015).

- Dietmar Neufeld, *Mockery and Secretism in the Social World of Mark's Gospel*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (07/2015).
- Andrew Jacobs, *Christ Circumcised: A Study in Early Christian History and Difference*. *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* 89.2 (2014): 494-96.
- Bruce Chilton, Anthony Le Donne, Jacob Neusner (eds.), *Soundings in the Religion of Jesus*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76.3 (2014): 588.
- Martin Goodman and Philip Alexander (eds.), *Rabbinic Texts and the History of Late-Roman Palestine*. *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 44.3 (2013): 403-405.
- Matthew V. Novenson, *Christ Among the Messiahs: Christ Language in Paul and Messiah Language in Ancient Judaism*. H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews. January, 2013.
- James G. Crossley (ed.), *Judaism, Jewish Identities and the Gospel Tradition: Essays in Honour of Maurice Casey*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74.4 (2012).
- Kent L. Yinger, *The New Perspective on Paul: An Introduction*. *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 6:1 (2011).
- Michael Bachmann, *Anti-Judaism in Galatians?* *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 6:1 (2011).
- Philip A. Harland, *Dynamics of Identity in the World of the Early Christians*. *Journal of Religion* 91:3 (2011): 402-404.
- Steve Mason, *Josephus, Judea, and Christian Origins*. H-Judaic, H-Net Reviews. March, 2009. Reprinted in *Sewanee Theological Review* 52.4 (2009): 433-437.

Popular Publications

- “Day 38, Letter 38,” online in American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters (2021).
- “Exile as Transformation: Haggai, Zechariah, and Second Isaiah,” HUC Scriptures (2021).
- “Sukkot, the Festival of Future Redemption for Jews and Gentiles,” on TheTorah.com (2019).
- “Day 30, Letter 30,” in *American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters* (University of Cincinnati Press, 2018).
- “Embracing Discomfort,” *AJS Perspectives* (Spring, 2017), 40-41.
- “Balaam, the Seducer of Jews, and an Early Christian Polemic,” on TheTorah.com (2017).
- “Who Assumed Melchizedek’s Priesthood?” on TheTorah.com (2016).
- “The Earliest Explanation for Kosher: Allegory in the Hellenistic World,” on TheTorah.com (2016).
- “The Pharisees,” on the Bible Odyssey website of the Society of Biblical Literature (2015).
- “Apocalypse Then,” *Reform Judaism Magazine* (Winter, 2009).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Jewish Identity in Paul,” Association for Jewish Studies, Annual Conference (2018).
- “A Thorough Examination of 2 Cor 3:7-18 in the Context of Ancient Jewish Interpretation,” The Message of Paul the Apostle within Second Temple Judaism, Bratislava, Slovakia (October 2018).
- “Jewish Views of Paul,” Jewish-LDS Academic Dialogue III (March 2017).

- “Under Sin: Finding the Antecedent for Paul's Charge in Rom 3:9b,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting (2015).
- “Paul: Within Judaism, Without Law,” Law and Lawlessness in Early Judaism and Christianity, Mansfield College, Oxford University (2015).
- “Engendering Judaism: Paul, Baptism, and Circumcision,” Nangeroni Meeting of the Enoch Seminar, Rome, Italy (2014).
- “Jewish-Jewish Relations: A Review of Dale Allison’s *James*,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting (2013).
- “A New Kind of Priest for a New Kind of People.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting (2009).
- “Cubism, Quantum Physics, and the Historical Jesus: History as an Art and a Science.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting (2006).
- “The Exegetical Implications of John Chrysostom’s Synagogue Problem.” Channels of Communication: Interreligious Dialogues in Late Antiquity, New Haven, CT (2006).
- “WWJD: The Exegetical Implications of John Chrysostom’s Synagogue Problem.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting (2006).
- “The Rabbinic and the Patristic Job.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting (2005).

LECTURES DELIVERED

- “The Apostle Paul: A First-Century Reform Jew?” HUC Connect Series (May 2021).
- “Inside the Mind of God: Plato’s Influence on Ancient Judaism and Christianity,” Temple Sinai, Rochester, New York (May 2021).
- “Making Meaning in Ancient Alexandria: Jews, Christians and Allegory,” Temple Sinai, Rochester, New York (May 2021).
- “More Than Just an Uprising: Jewish Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto,” ISJL (April 2021).
- “Inside the Mind of God: Plato and the Rabbis,” Congregation Shir Ha-ma’alot, Irvine, California (January 2021).
- “The Development of Jewish Views on Jesus and Christianity,” Orange County Community Scholars Program, Irvine, California (July 2020).
- “Careful with Rod and Strap: Police and the Use of Force in Jewish Tradition,” Brickner Fellows Distance Learning (June 2020).
- “Confronting Human Frailty,” Hebrew Union College Online Program (May 2020).
- “Jewish Views of Christianity,” Temple Beth El, Riverside, California (January 2020).
- “A Brief History of the Messianic Idea in Judaism,” Temple Emanuel, San Francisco (October 2019).
- “The Radical Reforms of Paul,” Temple Beth El, Riverside, California (January 2019).
- “Taxes in Rabbinic Literature,” Brickner Fellows Distance Learning (December 2018).
- “Messianic Idea in Jewish History,” Temple Emanuel (SF) Distance Learning (November 2018).
- “Jews in the Ancient Diaspora,” Stephen S. Wise Synagogue, Los Angeles, California (October 2018).

“The Radical Reforms of Paul,” Congregation Or Ami, Calabasas, California (December 2018).

“The Historical Context of Hanukkah,” Mishkon Tephilo of Venice, California (December 2017).

“Was Paul a First-Century Reform Jew?” Temple Har Shalom, Park City, Utah (July 2017).

“Remembering Amalek, Reconsidered.” Brickner Fellows Seminar, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (March 2017).

“The Historical Jesus,” University Synagogue, Irvine, California (November 2016).

“The Historical Paul,” Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Los Angeles, California (March 2016).

“The Many Meanings of Messiah. Three sessions. Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center (November 2016).

“The Historical Paul” and “The Historical Jesus.” Two sessions. Orange County Community Scholars Program, Irvine, California (December 2015).

“The Many Meanings of Messiah,” Stephen Wise Temple, Los Angeles, California (April 2015).

“The Seder in Judaism,” Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Dana Point, California (April 2015).

“Philo on Moses: In Honor of David Ellenson.” Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention, Chicago, Illinois (April 2014).

“Making Meaning in Ancient Alexandria.” Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention, Chicago Illinois (April 2014).

“Judaism, Christianity, and the Messiah.” Temple Isaiah, Los Angeles, California (December 2013).

“Support for Israel among Evangelical Christians: Do Motives Matter?” HUC-JIR Haskalah Learning Session, Los Angeles, California (December 2013).

“Getting a Handle on the Messiah.” Three sessions. Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills, California (October 2013).

“The Fuzzy Boundaries of Jewish Identity: Ancient and Modern.” Three sessions. Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, Pasadena, California (October 2013).

“Intermarriage in Historical Perspective.” HUC-JIR Board of Overseers Meeting, Los Angeles, California (May 2013).

“Daf Gemara: Avodah Zarah 27a.” Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center (Tikkun Leil Shavuot), Pasadena, California (May 2013).

“The Ultimate Shift: Messianic Thought Through the Ages.” Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention, Long Beach, California (March 2013).

“King, Priest, and Messiah: The Figure of Melchizedek in Ancient Judaism and Christianity.” Leo Baeck Temple, Los Angeles, California (March 2013).

“The Parting of the Ways: When Christians Ceased Being Jews.” Temple Beth Ohr, La Mirada, California (March 2013).

“Jesus and Christianity from a Liberal Jewish Perspective.” Temple Bat Yahm, Newport Beach, California (March 2013).

“When Becoming Jewish Became Possible.” Temple Isaiah, Los Angeles, California (February 2013).

“The Fuzzy Boundaries of Jewish Identity: Ancient and Modern.” Three sessions. Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills, California (February 2013).

“When Becoming Jewish Became Possible.” Congregation Or Ami, Calabasas, California (December 2012).

“Jesus in His Apocalyptic Jewish Context.” Temple Isaiah, Los Angeles, California (April 2012).

“The Apostle Paul.” Temple Isaiah, Los Angeles, California (May 2012).

“WWJD: The Jewishness of Jesus and the ‘Synagogue Problem’ in 4th Century Antioch.” Limmud-LA, Orange County, California (February 2012).

“The ‘Gentile Question’ in Ancient Judaism,” Pacific Area Reform Rabbis Convention, Palm Springs, California (January 2012).

“The Parting of the Ways: When Christians of the Apostles in the Earliest Church.” The Brennan Goldman Institute Lecture Series, Rochester, New York (September 2011).

“Torah Tours and Detours: The Torah According to Paul.” Kol Ami Congregation, West Hollywood, California (June 2011).

“By Might and By Power: The Other Prophetic Path to Peace.” Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana (March 2011).

“Jesus the Mohel: Paul’s View of Circumcision Reconsidered.” Pepperdine University (November 2010).

“Ambiguous Jewish Identities in the Ancient World.” Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California (May 2010).

“Jesus in His (Apocalyptic) Jewish Context.” Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California (January 2010).

“Ambiguous Jewish Identities in Antiquity.” Pacific Area Reform Rabbis Day at Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, California (March 2009).

“Teaching With Respect: A Rabbi Teaches the New Testament; A Christian, the Hebrew Scriptures.” Helen Cohen Lecture, Jewish Federation of Rochester, New York (March 2009).

“Confronting the Jewishness of Jesus in Fourth-Century Antioch.” Pacific Area Reform Rabbis Convention, Palm Springs, California (January 2009).

“Jewish Views of Scripture.” Institute for Seminarians and Rabbinical Students at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut (June 2006 & 2007).

“Jewish and Christian Identity in Antiquity.” Three lectures. Congregation Kol Ami, White Plains, New York (Fall 2006).

“‘...And so all Israel shall be saved’” (Rom. 11:26): The Construction of Jewish and Christian Identity in Paul's Epistles and the Ultimate Fate of Israel.” Jewish Federation of Rochester, New York (May 2006).

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCES

Temple Beth-El, San Antonio, Texas (December 2021)

Temple Beth El, Boca Raton, Florida (January 2021)

Congregation Kol Ami of Westchester, White Plains, New York (January 2020).

Religious Action Center – Balfour Brickner Fellows, Baltimore, Maryland (January 2020).

Temple Solel, Cardiff, California (January 2019)

Limmud, Birmingham, England (December 2018)
Leo Baeck Temple, Los Angeles, California (April 2018)
Temple Har Shalom, Park City, Utah (July 2017)
Rhea Hirsch School of Education Alumni Kallah, Glendale, California (January 2016)
Temple Emanu El, Houston, Texas (February 2015)
Temple Sinai, Rochester, New York (March 2014)
Sidney H. and Jane Brooks Institute on Judaism, Temple Israel of Omaha, Nebraska (April 2013)
Midwest Area Reform Rabbis Annual Retreat, Glendale, Arizona (January 2013)
JFNA National Young Leadership Cabinet Study Mission to Greece (May 2012)
Congregation Bene Emeth, Wilmington, Delaware (November 2011)
Limmud, Warwick, England (December 2011)

CONSULTING PROJECTS

“I knew Jesus,” an eight-part series on History Channel, paid consultant (to be released March 2019).
“Finding Jesus, Season 2,” a six-part miniseries on CNN, on-air contributor (released March 2017).
“Finding Jesus,” a six-part miniseries on CNN, paid consultant, on-air contributor (released March 2015).
“Killing Jesus,” a full-length feature on NatGeo Channel, paid consultant (released March 2015).
“The Bible,” a 10-part miniseries on the History Channel, paid consultant (released March 2013).
“The Apocryphal Project,” a play at Yale Cabaret, consultant (September 2007).

COURSES

The Holocaust (USC)
Representing the Holocaust (USC)
Rabbinic Constructions of the Body (Hebrew Union College)
Messiah: The History of an Idea (Hebrew Union College & USC)
Early Christian Biblical Interpretation (Hebrew Union College)
Introduction to the Exegetical Midrashim (Hebrew Union College)
Introduction to the Mishnah (Hebrew Union College)
The Parting of the Ways (Hebrew Union College)
Biblical and Rabbinic Sources (Hebrew Union College – SJNM)
Scripture and Polemic in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (USC)
Introduction to Jewish History (USC)
Biblical Protagonists Through an Ancient Lens (USC)
Introduction to New Testament Literature (Yale University, 2007)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Whiting Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, 2007
Andrew Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, 2003
Phi Beta Kappa Society, 1997

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND POSITIONS

Association for Jewish Studies

Society of Biblical Literature

Central Conference of American Rabbis

Editorial Board, *HUC Annual*

Editorial Board, *CCAR Journal* (2014-2016)

Governor, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (2021-)