**Rabbi Laura Novak Winer, Ed.D., RJE**

CURRENT POSITION

Director, Master of Educational Leadership Program, Rhea Hirsch School of Education, 2021 – present

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, CA

EDUCATION

Ed.D., Education, William Davidson Graduate School of Education, Jewish Theological Seminary (New York), 2019

Dissertation: Teaching Who They Are: American-Born Supplementary School Teachers Connections with Israel

Rabbinic ordination, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati, OH), 1995

Thesis: Towards a Theoretical Understanding of Leaders: A Biblical Understanding of Leaders

M.A., Jewish Education, Rhea Hirsch School of Education, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Los Angeles, CA), 1994

Masters Curriculum: The Creation of a Community: A Case Study of Los Angeles

Masters Project: What Should Be the Goal and Function of Hebrew at Camp Benyamin?

M.A., Hebrew Letters, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Los Angeles, CA), 1992

B.A., Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, CA), 1989

University of Lancaster/UCSB Education Abroad Program (Lancaster, England), 1987–1988

EXPERIENCE

Director of Clinical Education & Adjunct Faculty, Rhea Hirsch School of Education, 2017—2021

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, CA

Senior Project Manager, Los Angeles Cohort of the B’nai Mitzvah Revolution, 2013-2017

Consultant, Congregational School Improvement Initiative, 2013-2015

Alliance for Jewish Education, Jewish Federation & United Jewish Foundation of Metropolitan Detroit

Consultant, Community Initiatives, 2012–2014

The iCenter, Chicago, IL

Director, Youth Initiative, (North America) 2000–2012

Union for Reform Judaism, New York, NY

Consultant, Experiment in Congregational Education, 1999-2000

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, CA

PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Association of Reform Jewish Educators (formerly National Association of Temple Educators), New York, NY, 1993–present

Board Member, 2000-2008

Board Vice President, 2008-2015

Board President, 2015-2017

California State University Fresno, Fresno, CA, 2018—present

College of Social Sciences Dean’s Advisory Committee, 2018—present

President’s Jewish Leadership Council, 2018—present

Faith in the Valley, Fresno, CA, 2011—present

Clergy Caucus

Tri-Valley Haven for Women, Livermore, CA, 2001–2010

Board Vice President (2004-2006)

Board President (2006-2008)

Board Treasurer (2008-2010)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Honorary Doctorate, Jewish Religious Education, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles, CA, 2019

10-Year Service Award, Union for Reform Judaism, New York, NY, 2010

Reform Jewish Educator (RJE), Title Certification, National Association of Temple Educators, New York, NY 1996

Rabbi Mordecai Soloff Award for Continuous Growth in Professional Studies, HUC-JIR, Los Angeles, CA, 1994

Centennial Prize, National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, HUC-JIR, Los Angeles, CA, 1994

PUBLICATIONS

Books and chapters (author)

Winer, Laura Novak (2023, forthcoming) Teaching Who They Are: Understanding Teachers’ Connections with Israel and How Those Enter into the Classroom, In *Teaching Israel*, Sivan Zakai and Matt Reingold (Eds). Brandeis University Press

Winer, Laura Novak (2013). Sexuality Education for our Youth, *Sacred Choices: Adolescent Relationships and Sexual Ethics*. In *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality*. CCAR Press

Winer, Laura Novak; Sheanin, Dana (2013). *Kesher v’K’hilah*: Community, Friendship and Jewish Engagement among Reform Youth. In *Growing Jewish Minds, Growing Jewish Souls*. URJ Press

Winer, Laura Novak (2007). [Youth Committee Manual](file:////Users/rabbilnw/Documents/LNW%20work/RESUME/http;/urj.org/leadership/youth/managing/%3fsyspage=document&item_id=15156). URJ

Winer, Laura Novak (2003). A Mezuzah on Your Door: Defining Your Jewish Self on Campus. In *Packing for College: Where Does Judaism Fit?* URJ Press

Winer, Laura Novak; Greenwald, Kay; Langer, Lisa (1997). A Ritual for Rebuilding Trust. In *Beginning the Journey: A Women’s Commentary on the Torah*, Emily H. Feigenson (Ed.). Women of Reform Judaism

Books (editor)

Winer, Laura Novak (2008). *Sacred Choices*: *Adolescent Relationships & Sexual Ethics*, High School Module. URJ Books and Music

Winer, Laura Novak (2005). *Sacred Choices*: *Adolescent Relationships & Sexual Ethics*, Middle School Module. URJ Books and Music

Winer, Laura Novak (2003). *Divrei Shir: Words of Song, A Curriculum for the Study of Synagogue Music*. A Joint Publication of the American Conference of Cantors and the URJ Department of Worship, Music and Religious Living

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Winer, Laura Novak, Gold, Mindy, et al (2021) Professional Learning in Digital Spaces, Jewish Educational Leadership 19:3, 52-56, <https://www.lookstein.org/journal-article/learning-from-covid/professional-learning-in-digital-spaces/>

Winer, Laura Novak (2021): Hebrew Infusion: Language and Community at American Jewish Summer Camps, Journal of Jewish Education, DOI: 10.1080/15244113.2021.1904701

Winer, Laura Novak (2017). New Partners in Jewish Education: Independent Afterschool Jewish Education Programs and Their Relationships with Congregational Supplementary Schools. *Journal of Jewish Education* 83:3, 173-195, DOI: [10.1080/15244113.2017.1344822](https://doi.org/10.1080/15244113.2017.1344822)

Winer, Laura Novak (2011). Sacred Choices: Adolescent Relationships and Sexual Ethics: The Reform Movement's Response to the Need for Faith-Based Sexuality Education. *American Journal of Sexuality Education* 6:1, 20-31, DOI: [10.1080/15546128.2011.547341](https://doi.org/10.1080/15546128.2011.547341)

Winer, Laura Novak (2007). Considering the Informal Jewish Educator. *Journal of Jewish Education* 73:2, 143-145, DOI: [10.1080/15244110701426414](https://doi.org/10.1080/15244110701426414)