

Curriculum Vitae

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I. EDUCATION

Ph.D. Second Temple Judaism and Rabbinic Literature	Brandeis University	2015
M.A. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations	Harvard University	2006
B.A. Jewish Studies and Music Theory	Yeshiva University	2004

II. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Catholic Theological Union

Associate Professor of Jewish Studies	2022–Present
Chair of Biblical Languages and Literature Department	2020–2022
Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies	2017–Present
Director of Catholic-Jewish Studies Program	2017–Present
Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies	2014–2022

Harvard Theological Review

Editorial Assistant	2012–2015
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Brandeis University

University Instructor	2011
Teaching Fellow	2010–2012

III. PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Letters From Home: The Creation of Diaspora in Jewish Antiquity. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns Press, forthcoming, June 2024.

The Orthodox Ethic. Manuscript in progress; contract under consideration with the Jewish Publication Society.

Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2018.

The Making of Jewish Universalism: From Exile to Alexandria. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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“Yonatan Adler’s *The Origins of Judaism*.” *The Jewish Review of Books*, expected Winter 2024.

“A Life in Common: Universalist Influences on the Book of Acts.” *Proceedings of the Fourteenth Nangeroni Meeting, Luke-Acts With(in) Judaism, Rome 26–30 June, 2022*. Eds. Isaac Oliver, Jocelyn McWhirter, and Joshua Scott; Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft (BZNW); Berlin: De Gruyter, expected 2024.

“Rabbinic Literature and the New Testament.” In *The New Testament in its Second Temple Period Context, Volume 1*. Eds. Ron Herms, Loren Stuckenbruck, and Archie Wright. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, expected 2024.

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“Israel in the Apocrypha.” In *The Apocrypha and the Septuagint*. Eds. James K. Aitken and Bruce Longenecker. Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies Series; Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, expected 2024.

“Joy in the Interfaith Encounter.” In *Joy in the Thinking of Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and Beyond*. Eds. Erica Brown and Shira Weiss. London: Palgrave Macmillan, expected 2024.

“Mystery and the Problem of Election in Judaism and Christianity,” *CrossCurrents*, expected Spring 2024.

- “Brotherhood: A Review of Karma Ben-Johanan’s *Jacob’s Younger Brother: Christian-Jewish Relations After Vatican II*,” *Jewish Review of Books*, Winter 2023.
- “Inside-Out: Larry Wills’ *Introduction to the Apocrypha*,” *Jewish Review of Books*, Summer 2022.
- “Some Reflections on Jewish Universalism.” *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought*, Summer 2022.
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- “Psalm 19,” “Psalm 77,” “Psalm 130,” “Psalm 135.” *Commentary on the Psalms*. Ed. Shaina P. Trapedo and Stuart Halpern. New York: Yeshiva University Press, expected 2022.
- “The Changing *Mesorah*: Orthodoxy on Interreligious Dialogue and Women’s Leadership.” In *From Confrontation to Covenant: Jews and Christians Reflect on the Orthodox Rabbinic Statement of ‘To Do the Will of Our Father in Heaven.’* Ed. Eugene Korn. Jerusalem: Urim Press, 2021.
- “Modern Orthodoxy and the Consistent Ethic.” *Panim* 1.1 (2021) 47–61.
- “The Minor Prophets in Early Judaism.” In *The Oxford Handbook of the Minor Prophets*. Ed. Julia O’Brien. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- “Bel and the Dragon: Introduction and Commentary.” In *The Jewish Annotated Apocrypha*. Eds. Lawrence Wills and Jonathan Klawans. Oxford: Oxford University Press, October 2020.
- “The Book of Ruth in Early Christian and Early Rabbinic Literature.” In *Gleanings: Reflections on Ruth*. Ed. Stuart Halpern. Jerusalem: Maggid Press, 2019.
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Review of Ishay Rosen-Zvi and Adi Ophir, *Goy: Israel's Multiple Others and the Birth of the Gentile*, in *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019, January 2020.

Review of Paula Fredriksen, *When Christians Were Jews: The First Generation*, in *The Christian Century*, May 20, 2019.

Review of Robert Alter, *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary*, in *JUF News*, April 10, 2019.

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OTHER SCHOLARSHIP

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V. ACADEMIC LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

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“The Decalogue in Second Temple and Rabbinic Literature,” Colloquium on the Decalogue at University of Chicago, May 23, 2023.

“Letter Writing and Judea-Diaspora Relations in Antiquity,” Inaugural Meeting of the Second Temple Judaism Seminar, St Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, March 17–19, 2023.

“Response to Karma Ben-Johanan, *Jacob's Younger Brother: Christian-Jewish Relations After Vatican II*,” Symposium on Catholic-Jewish Relations Sponsored by Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, Rome, March 1–2, 2023.

“The Diasporan Negation of the Diaspora,” Association for Jewish Studies, December 20, 2022.

“Symposium on Catholic-Jewish Dialogue in Academic Spaces,” Association for Jewish Studies, December 19, 2022.

“A Response to Matthew Levering's new book, *Engaging the Doctrine of Israel*,” American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, expected November 23, 2022.

“The Consistent Ethic of Life and the Jewish Tradition,” Bernardin Symposium on the Consistent Ethic, September 18, 2022.

“Images of the Diaspora in Early Judean Literature,” World Jewish Congress, August 8, 2022.

“A Life in Common: Universalist Influences on the Book of Acts,” Enoch Seminar of Rome, June 26, 2022.

“Resolving the Universalist-Particularist Binary,” Catholic Bishops–Modern Orthodox Dialogue Group, February 4, 2022.

- “The Jewish World of Jesus,” Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary, January 26, 2022.
- “The Construction of the Diaspora in Jewish Antiquity,” Hartman Institute Midtown Seminar, December 14, 2021.
- “What is Jewish Universalism?” Annual Abraham Joshua Heschel Lecture at Elmhurst College, November 2021.
- “The Word *Diaspora* in Greco-Roman Jewish Literature,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2021.
- “Early Israelite and Jewish History up until 70 CE;” “Pivotal moments in Medieval and Modern History;” “Key Theological Passages of the Hebrew Bible;” “Key Theological Passages in Rabbinic Literature;” “The Development of Jewish Denominations in the 19th and 20th Centuries,” Five course series for Prof. George Mazza’s Introduction to Judaism course, Catholic University of America, February–April 2021.
- “What Happens When Two Religious Values Collide?” Shalom Hartman Institute Scholars Program meeting, Virtual Lecture, February 24, 2021.
- “Land Centrism and Diaspora Theology in Early Christianity and Pre-Rabbinic Judaism,” Shalom Hartman Institute Scholars Program meeting, Virtual Lecture, February 5, 2020.
- “Democratic Traditions in Early Judaism,” Virtual Lecture to the Catholic-Jewish Scholars’ Dialogue of Chicago, December 1, 2020.
- “From Temple to the Diaspora: Jewish Leadership in the Late Second Temple Period,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2019.
- “Counterintuitive Interpretation in Rabbinic Readings of the Minor Prophets,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2019.
- “The Sacred Texts of Early Judaism,” Virtual Lecture at Dominican University, September 24, 2020
- “From Homeric Hero to Pharisaic Follower: God in Rabbinic Judaism” Colloquium on Conceiving the Inner Life of God: Jewish, Christian, Islamic Perspectives, Princeton Theological Seminary, August 25–27, 2019.
- “Covenant, Election, and Rabbinic Readings of the Hebrew Bible,” 46th Annual Summer Scripture Conference, University of St. Mary of the Lake, June 27, 2019.
- “Recovering and Disseminating Ancient Jewish Texts in the Digital Age,” Association of Jewish Libraries Annual Conference, Los Angeles, June 18-19, 2019.

- “Diasporan Jewish Identity,” Hartman Institute Scholars’ Colloquium, “On Jewish Loyalties,” New York City, May 27–28, 2019.
- “Christianity Through Jewish Eyes: Past Perspectives and Contemporary Statements,” The Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Annual Jerusalem Lecture, Chicago, March 11, 2019.
- “The Rabbinic Reception of the Daniel Stories,” University of Notre Dame Graduate Seminar, February 21, 2019.
- “Universal Thought in Early Judaism,” Louisville Seminary, February 19, 2019.
- “Universalism and Particularism as Delineating Theological Markers,” Boston University Graduate Seminar, January 25, 2019.
- “Are the Terms ‘Universalism’ and ‘Particularism’ Useful in Theological Discourse?” “Fulfilling the Promise of a New Relationship: An Academic Roundtable on Christian-Jewish Relations” Conference, January 8, 2019.
- “Queens on the Edge: Parallel Stories About Women Leaders in Josephus,” Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, December 17, 2018.
- “From Abraham to Daniel, and Back Again: Exploring the Rabbinic Practice of Embedding New Tales into Old Scriptures,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, November 20, 2018.
- Response to Dr. Jeffrey Stackert and Dr. Klaus-Peter Adam, “Hatred and Love in Judaism in Antiquity and Modernity,” Conference at University of Chicago, June 6, 2018.
- “Women’s Leadership in Orthodox Judaism,” Catholic-Jewish Lay Dialogue of Chicago, January 29, 2018.
- “Interpretive Practices in Second Temple Literature and Midrashic Literature: Moses as a Case Study,” Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, December 17, 2017.
- “The Reformation and the Dawn of Jewish Reform Movements,” Iona College, October 25th, 2017.
- “The Seven Blessings of the Jewish Marriage Ceremony,” Jewish-Catholic Scholars Dialogue of Chicago, March 2017.
- “Aggressive Matriarch or Passive Maiden? How Jewish and Christian Writers Interpreted the Rebecca Stories of Genesis in the Greco-Roman World,” Association of Jewish Studies, December 2016.
- “Don’t Make Me Laugh: The Absence of Humor in Early Christian and Jewish Rewritten Texts,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2016.

- “The Origins of Israel in 1 Maccabees and in Judith,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2016.
- “The Role of the Sabbath in Jewish Universalist and Particularist Literature of the Second Temple Period,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual National Meeting, November 2015.
- “The Reception History of the Tower of Babel Story in Genesis 11,” Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue of Chicago, December 2014.
- “Property and Piety in Scripture,” Sacred Texts and Human Contexts International Conference, Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2014.
- “Interpretations of Abraham’s Circumcision in Early Christianity and Midrash Genesis Rabbah,” Enoch Seminar, Montreal, CA, May 21, 2014.
- “Biblical Universalism in the Biblical and Post Biblical Periods,” Catholic-Jewish Scholars’ Dialogue of Chicago Lecture, December 16, 2013.
- “Pseudo-Jonathan’s Commentary to Genesis 15 as Polemical Apocalypticism,” International Organization for Targum Studies Conference, Munich, Germany, August 9, 2013.
- “Was There a Doctrine of Return Among Second Temple Diasporan Jews?” WJSA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.
- “Echoes of Universalist Testament Literature in Christian and Rabbinic Texts,” Jewish Theological Seminary Graduate Student Conference on Lost Texts, New York, New York, April 29, 2012.
- “Neither Messiah, nor Elijah, nor Prophet: Parallelism in John 1:19-42,” Society for Biblical Literature Northeast Regional Conference, Newton, MA, April 29, 2011.
- “Advantages of a Split Monarchy,” Center for Modern Torah Leadership Conference Presentation, Sharon, MA, July 2010.
- “Midrashic and Modern Approaches to the Fallibility of Biblical Heroes,” Teaching Halakha: Center for Modern Torah Leadership Conference Presentation, Sharon, MA, August 13, 2008.

VI. PUBLIC LECTURES

- “Neighbor, Sojourner, God: Objects of Love in Early Judaism.” Torah in Motion, May 11, 2023.
- “What Was Jewish Life Like in Jesus’s Day?” Lux Center for Jewish-Christian Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary, March 26, 2023.

- “The Jewish Women of the Second Temple Period,” Two-part series, The Haberman Institute, February 8, 15, 2023.
- “Introduction to the Apocrypha,” Four-part series, Community Presbyterian of Clarendon Hills, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.
- “How Did the Rabbis Revolutionize Love?” Yeshiva University Kollel Winter Conference, January 6, 2023.
- “Letters From Chanukahs and Purims Past,” Torah in Motion, December 20, 2022.
- “The Modern History of Jewish-Christian Relations: A Three Part Series,” Drisha Institute, November 2022.
- “The Current State of Catholic-Jewish Dialogue.” Jewish Federation of Northwest Indiana and St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, September 18, 2022.
- “The Origins of the First Jewish Diaspora,” North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, May 22, 2022.
- “The Many Meanings of Torah in the Ancient World,” Torah in Motion of Toronto, Four-part series, April 2022.
- “Is the Book of Esther Anti-Diasporan?” Skokie Women’s Tefillah Group, March 17, 2022.
- “The Faces of Esther in the Ancient World,” Congregation Etz Chaim of Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y, March 8, 2022.
- “Letters from Hanukkahs and Purims Past: Revisiting the Establishment of Holidays and Judea-Diaspora Relations,” Mishkan Shalom of Venice, March 6, 2022.
- “Jewish Queens and the Flawed Men Who Loved Them,” Ohel Leah Synagogue of Hong Kong, February 21, 2022.
- “What Did the Diaspora Mean to Jews in the Roman World?” Young Israel of New Rochelle, February 9, 2022.
- “The Jews of Ancient Egypt,” Torah in Motion of Toronto, Four-part series, January-February 2022.
- “Early Jewish Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible,” Community Presbyterian of Clarendon Hills, Three-part series, October 2021.
- “The Early Development of Jewish Universalism: From the Bible to the Rabbinic Period,” Drisha Institute for Jewish Learning, June 30, 2021.

- “The Legacy of the Ten Plagues,” Drisha Institute for Higher Learning, Three-part Series, “The Ten Plagues in Early Jewish Memory,” “The Ten Plagues in Greek, Roman, and Early Christian Memory,” “The Ten Plagues in Rabbinic Memory,” April–May 2021.
- “The Second Temple Matrix of Early Christianity,” Jewish United Fund Christianity for Rabbis Initiative, April 17, 2021.
- “The Exodus Story and the Origins of Antisemitism,” Kehillat Chovevei Tzion, March 14, 2021
- “Reviving the Dead Sea Scrolls,” Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix, March 7, 2021
- “Whose Queen is it Anyway? Hebrew Esther, Greek Esther, and the Judea-Diaspora Relationship in Antiquity.” Young Israel of Brookline, February 23, 2021
- “Introduction to the Apocrypha,” Torah in Motion, Six-part Series, February–March 2021
- "The Historical Background of the Hanukkah Story." Oak Park Temple of Chicago. Virtual Lecture, December 15, 2020.
- "The Oil Lasted Eight Days: What Fueled the Chanukah Story?" virtual lecture entitled for Hebrew Institute of White Plains, New York, December 8, 2020
- "The Historical Background of the Hanukkah Story." Yeshiva University Kollel of Chicago. Virtual Lecture, December 7, 2020.
- "Ancient Histories of the Maccabean Conflict." St. John Chrysostom Society, Virtual Lecture, November 10, 2020.
- “Abraham Through the Ages.” Jewish Publication Society Webinar Series, with Elliot Rabin and Michael Carasik. October 26, 2020.
- “The Jewish World of Jesus.” Jordan Ministry of Tuscan, Arizona, Virtual Lecture, August 11, 2020.
- “Open Your Heart to His Law: Diaspora-Judea Relations in Antiquity.” Limmud Chicago, August 2, 2020.
- “Neighbor, Sojourner, God: Love Commandments in Early Judaism.” Congregation Shaarei Tefillah of Newton, MA, Virtual Lecture, July 27, 2020.
- “Rome in Rabbinic Literature;” Yeshiva University Torah MiTzion Kollel of Chicago annual NILI event, Virtual Lecture, July 26, 2020.
- “‘But That’s Just a Midrash!’ Finding Rhyme and Reason in Rabbinic Stories,” Yeshiva University Torah MiTzion Kollel. March 15, 2020.
- "The Centrality of the Tabernacles in the Pentateuch and Sacred Space in Jewish Tradition."

Delivered the Shabbat morning sermon to the Skokie Women's Tefillah Group, February 29, 2020.

"Redemption Before and After the Judean Exile: Reading the Books of Ruth and Esther Together." Kehillat Chovevei Tzion in Skokie, February 23, 2020.

"What was the Nature of the Israelites' Sin in Building the Golden Calf?" Congregation Kehillat Chovevei Tzion sermon, February 22, 2020.

"Anti-Judeanism and Anti-Judaism: The Formation of Jewish Identity and the Story of Chanukah," Drisha Institute Lecture and Webinar, December 19, 2019.

"From Homeric Hero to Fallible Pharisee: Descriptions of God in Early Judaism," Or Torah Synagogue, Yeshiva University Torah Mitzion Kollel, August 4, 2019.

"Whose Torah is it Anyway? The Torah's Heirs in Tanakh and Midrash," Kehillat Chovevei Tzion Synagogue, June 10, 2019.

"But That's Just a Midrash!" Finding Rhyme and Reason in Rabbinic Stories," Skokie Valley Synagogue, June 9, 2019.

"How was the Holiday of Passover Celebrated in Antiquity?" Drisha Institute Webinar, April 7, 2019.

"Theological Meanings of Ancient Translations of the Book of Esther," Women's Tefillah Group, Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, March 21, 2019.

"Salome Alexandra: The Forgotten Queen of Judaea," Yeshiva University, New York, March 19, 2019.

"Hebrew and Greek Versions of the Book of Esther in Early Judaism," Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood, New Jersey, March 17, 2019.

"Sects & The City: The Jewish Communities of Qumran & Alexandria," Book Launch for *Discovering Second Temple Literature* at the Skokie Valley Synagogue, Cosponsored by Jewish Publication Society and Drisha Institute, January 26, 2019.

"What Went Wrong After the Exodus? A Closer Look at the Song of the Sea," Kehillat Chovevei Tzion, January 19, 2019.

"How Did Jews Read the Bible in the Second Temple Period?" Chicago Board of Rabbis, January 16, 2019.

"Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in Early Judaism?" Congregation KAM Isaiah-Israel, December 11, 2018.

- “Love, Romance, and Dietary Law: Jewish Novels in the Ancient World,” Drama of Torah Yom Iyun at New York University, December 2, 2018.
- “Sects & The City: The Jewish Communities of Qumran & Alexandria,” Book Launch for *Discovering Second Temple Literature* at the Sixth Street Synagogue, Cosponsored by Jewish Publication Society and Drisha Institute, November 29, 2018.
- “It’s All Greek to Me: Rabbinic Attitudes Towards Scriptural Sanctity and Biblical Translation,” Maayan: Torah Study From the Sources, November 17, 2018.
- “Creation and Recreation in Genesis,” Skokie Women’s Group, Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue,” October 2, 2018.
- “Judaism Before the Rabbis: Jewish Literature in the Greco-Roman World,” Drisha Institute Course at Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, Four-part series, October 2018.
- “Feminine Images of the Divine in Tanakh,” NILI YU Kollel Annual Yarchei Kallah, July 15, 2018.
- “Neighbor, Sojourner, God: Objects of Love in Early Judaism,” Kehillat Chovevei Tzion Synagogue, May 22, 2018.
- “Jewish Intellectual History,” Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, Three-part series, April-May 2018.
- “Tales of the Diaspora: Joseph the son of Jacob, and Judah the son of Mattathias,” Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, December 16, 2017.
- “Salome Alexandra: The Forgotten Queen of Judea,” Kehillat Chovevei Tzion Synagogue, November 27, 2017.
- “The Hebrew Bible in Greek: Understanding the Politics of Translation and Scriptural Sanctity in Early Judaism,” Or Torah Synagogue, October 13, 2017.
- “How Did Jews Read the Torah in the Second Temple Period?” NILI Women’s Torah Learning Conference, July 24, 2017.
- “The Varied Portrayals of Moses in Early Judaism.” Kehillat Chovevei Zion. Skokie, May 31, 2017.
- “Ruth as a Perennial Outsider,” Yeshiva University, May 1, 2017.
- “How Did Jew Interpret the Tanach Before the Rabbinic Period?” Midreshet Yom Rishon Day of Learning at Lower Merion Synagogue, April 30, 2017.
- “The Relationship Between the Garden of Eden Story and the Patriarchal Narratives of Genesis,” Kohelet Yeshiva High School, April 28, 2017.

- “The Jews of Egypt in the Hasmonean Period,” Drisha Winter Week of Learning, December 26, 2016.
- “Ancient Sources of the Hannukah Story,” Drisha Winter Week of Learning, December 25, 2016.
- “Novellas in Early Judaism,” Young Israel of Stamford, Connecticut, February 2017.
- “Varieties of Universalism in Ancient Judaism,” Annual Winter Shapiro Lecture at Catholic Theological Union, March 2015.
- “Conversion in the Jewish Tradition,” In Good Faith Lecture at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago IL, November 2014.
- “Introduction to Jewish Medieval Methods of Biblical Interpretation,” Or Torah Synagogue, Four-part lecture series, Skokie, IL, April 2014.
- “Second Temple Judaism Today: How Texts were Discovered and Collected into What We Call the Pseudepigrapha,” Loyola University, March 18, 2014.
- “The Book of Ruth: Fulcrum Between Patriarchal History and Messianic Destiny,” Maimonides Synagogue, Boston, MA, May 2013.
- “Esther and Ruth as Literary Contrasts,” Two-part lecture series, Bnot Torah of Lexington, MA, May and June 2013.
- “Why does Second Temple Literature associate Abraham with the holiday of Tabernacles?” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, October 9, 2012.
- “How did Late Second Temple Diasporan Jews Relate to the Jerusalem Temple?” Maayan Torah Initiative for Women, Boston, MA, May 20, 2012.
- “How did Late Second Temple Diasporan Jews Relate to the Jerusalem Temple?” BOLLI Lecture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, May 8, 2012.
- “Rabbi Akiva the Anti-Romantic: Some Comments on the *Song of Songs*,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, April 14, 2012.
- “Feminism and Orthodoxy,” Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, December 3, 2011.
- “Maccabean History in Rabbinic and Early Christian Literature,” Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, September 23, 2011.
- “The Theme of Divine Knowledge in the Book of Exodus,” Brandeis Orthodox Organization, Waltham, MA, April 7, 2011.
- “David and Bathsheba in the Bible and Rabbinic Literature,” BOLLI Lecture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 28, 2010.

- “The Flood and the First Covenant: A Third Creation Story,” Young Israel of Brookline, Brookline, MA, Sept. 2010.
- “Who’s on the Page? Medieval Biblical Exegesis,” Two-part lecture at Bnot Torah of Lexington, MA, April 18th, 2010, and April 25, 2010.
- “The Character of David in Rabbinic Literature,” BOLLI Lecture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, March 4, 2010.
- “The Character of Moses in Second Temple Literature,” Young Israel of Brookline, Brookline, MA, January 16th, 2010.
- “A Review of Genesis 37: Questions and Review,” Preliminary lecture to Prof. Aviva Zornberg, Young Israel of Brookline, MA, May 5th, 2009.
- “Mishkan, Mikdash, and the holiday of Sukkot: The relationship between Sacred Structures and Sukkot in Tanakh,” Annual Simchat Torah Lecture, Young Israel of Brookline, MA, October 22, 2008.
- “The Role of Infertility in the Gan Eden story and the Patriarchal Narratives,” Abraham Arbesfeld Kollel Yom Rishon Scholar-in-residence, Yeshiva University, New York, New York, March 23, 2008.
- “The Strange Story of Exodus 24 and its relationship with Exodus 32-34,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, February 2, 2008.
- “Structure and Pattern in Bamidbar,” Rosalie Katchen Annual Memorial Lecture, Congregation Shaarei Tefillah of Newton, MA, June 2007.
- “Names and Naming in Megillat Rut,” Annual Shavuot Lecture, Young Israel of Brookline, MA, May 2007.
- “Literary Relationships between Gan Eden and the Patriarchal Narratives,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, March 2007.
- “Significance of Tisha B’Av in Jewish History and Biblical Literature,” Summer Beit Midrash Scholar-in-residence, Congregation Shaarei Tefillah of Newton, August 2006.
- “Significance of Tisha B’Av in Jewish History and Biblical Literature,” Chabad of Lexington, MA, July 2006.
- “Chesed in Megillat Rut,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, May 2006.
- “Thematic Unity in Bamidbar,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, April 2006.

“Keywords and Irony in Megillat Esther, Literary Relationship between Gan Eden and the Patriarchal Narratives, The theme of “knowing” and “not knowing” in the Exodus story,” Chabad of Lexington, MA, March 2005–February 2006.

VII. PANELS

MODERATOR

“Contemporary Catholicism, Interfaith Dialogue, and the Consistent Ethic.” Panel at the Life, Solidarity, Fraternity: The Consistent Ethic of Life in Light of Fratelli Tutti conference with Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ. The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union, featuring Michael Miller, Hector Ramos, and Colman Nwokoro, September 11, 2022.

“Authenticity and Community: Forging Creative Paths in Orthodox Judaism.” Virtual Panel Hosted by Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob and Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, featuring Zahava Berkowicz, Elan Mosbacher, and Adam Gabai, December 14, 2021.

“Creating a Better Future: An Interfaith Conversation.” Virtual Panel Hosted by Catholic Theological Union’s Catholic-Jewish Studies Program and Lewis University, featuring Dr. Mehnaz Afridi, Rabba Rori Picker-Neiss, Rev. Dr. Nicole Martin, and Dr. C. Vanessa White, October 14, 2020.

“Towards a Better Future: An Interfaith Conversation,” Virtual Panel Hosted by Catholic Theological Union’s Catholic-Jewish Studies Program, featuring Dr. Mehnaz Afridi, Rabba Rori Picker-Neiss, Rev. Dr. Nicole Martin, and Dr. C. Vanessa White. July 6, 2020.

“Antisemitism in America.” Virtual Panel Hosted by Catholic Theological Union’s Catholic-Jewish Studies Program, featuring Dr. Pamela Nadell, Dr. Miriam Elman, and Fr. John Pawlikowski, February 1, 2020.

PARTICIPANT

“Fighting Anti-Judaism and Islamophobia in the Academy,” Benedictine University, with Mehnaz Afridi and Rita George-Tvrtkovic. February 15, 2023.

“Nostra Aetate: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” Belmont Abbey College, with Matthew Tapie and Adrian Bird. September 11, 2022.

“One Nation, Dispersed: Diaspora in the Megillah and in Jewish Thought,” Drisha Institute for Jewish Studies, with David Silber and Michah Gottlieb. March 13, 2022.

“Cardinal Bernardin’s Legacy of Jewish-Christian Relations: Where Are We Now?” Cardinal Joseph Bernardin After 25 Years Memorial Event at Catholic Theological Union, with Michael O’Loughlin, Gloria Purvis, and Julie Hanlon Rubio. November 14, 2021.

“Gender, Leadership, and Interfaith Dialogue.” Council of Centers on Jewish Christian Relations Annual Meeting, with Bonnie Shafrin and Elena Procaro-Foley. October 31, 2021.

“Dabru Emet, Twenty Years Later.” Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, with Mary Boys, Laura S. Levitt, Halla Attalah, Susanna Heschel, and Heather Miller Rubins. June 16, 2021.

“Antisemitism and Interfaith Relations.” Ida Crown Jewish Academy, with Deborah Lipstadt. June 2, 2021.

“(Re)Imagining Faith & Worship during and after the Pandemic.” In Good Faith, Hosted by Catholic Theological Union’s Bernardin Center, with Steed Davidson and Syed Rizwan. March 16, 2021.

“Is Intersectionality Possible in 2021?” JOFA Virtual International Conference: Building a Vibrant and Equitable Orthodox Community, with Miryam Kabakov and Ginna Green, March 7, 2021.

"The Jewish Reception of the Abraham Stories," Jewish Publication Society Authors' Webinar, with Elliot Rabin and Michael Carasik, October 26, 2020.

“Interfaith Conversation on the Future of America,” Jordan Ministries of Tucson, Arizona, with Mehnaz Afridi and Julie Hare. Virtual Lecture, November 19, 2020.

VIII. SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

“‘But That’s Just a Midrash!’ Finding Rhyme and Reason in Rabbinic Stories,” “The Meaning of Mitzvot: Rational Reason of Obligation?” “The Aseret haDibrot and the Shema: Two Mission Statements of the Jewish People?” “Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in the Ancient World?” Congregation Shaarei Shomayim of Toronto, May 26–27, 2023.

“Between the Ritual and the Rational: Logic in the Laws of Vayiqra,” “The Origins of Oral Torah,” “Catholic-Jewish Dialogue Today,” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, April 21–22, 2023.

“The Origins of Oral Torah,” “How Did Judean Jews Convince Diasporan Jews to Observe Chanukah?” “Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Some Personal Reflections,” “The Earliest Sources About the Holiday of Chanukah.” Kingsway Jewish Center of Brooklyn, NY, December 16–17, 2022.

- “Jews, Christians, and the Myth of Common Scriptures,” “What Does Chanukah Commemorate?” “Tales of the Diaspora: A Drasha on Yosef and Yehuda Maccabi.” Congregation Beth Israel of Berkeley, CA, December 9–10, 2022.
- “The Meaning of Amalek,” “Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in the Hellenistic Period,” “Esther in Hebrew and Greek Tradition,” Mount Sinai Congregation of Washington Heights, March 11–12, 2022.
- “Novels and Jewish Identity During the Second Temple Period,” “Holy Space and the Making of Diaspora Jewish Identity,” “Jews, Christians, and the Myth of Common Scriptures,” Kemp Mill Synagogue of Silver Spring, MD, February 11–12, 2022.
- “Between Chanukah and Purim: The Major Significance of Minor Holidays,” “Yosef and Moshe in the Court of Pharaoh,” “Orthodox Jewish Leadership and the Jewish-Christian Encounter,” Congregation Darchei Noam of Fair Lawn, NJ, December 17–18, 2021.
- “Reclaiming Our Narrative: Fighting for Our Version of the Chanuka Story, Then and Now,” “Letters from Chanuka’s Past: Revisiting the Establishment of Chanuka and the Goal of its Celebration,” “Jewish Christian Dialogue: Historical and Personal Perspectives,” Riverdale Jewish Community Center, December 3–4, 2021.
- “The Abrahamic Narratives and Their Connection with the Garden of Eden Story,” “What Were Jews Writing About After the Babylonian Exile?” “Women in Second Temple Jewish Literature,” Cornell University Hillel, November 8–9, 2019.
- “Jewish-Christian Dialogue after the Holocaust,” “Women Leaders in Early Judaism,” “How We Keep Getting the Story of Chanukah Wrong, and Why it Matters,” Limmud Southeast Annual Retreat, August 30–September 2, 2019.
- “The Revolution of the Haggadah,” “Apocalypticism and Messianism in Early Judaism,” Congregation Ezras Israel, Chicago, April 13, 2019.
- “The Emerging Interest of Orthodox Leadership in Jewish-Christian Dialogue,” “Messianism and the Apocalypse: What Did Jews Write About After the Babylonian Exile?” “Sectarian Judaism and Common Judaism: What Made You a Jew in Second Temple Times?” Congregation Netivot Shalom, Teaneck, NJ, March 16, 2019.
- “Jewish Queens and the Flawed Men Who Love Them: Female Rulers in Early Judaism,” “The Controversy of Biblical Translation in Early Judaism,” “Jacob’s Love for Joseph: A Story of Obsession,” Congregation Kesher Israel of Washington, D.C., December 15, 2018.
- “The Chanukah Story, For Grown-Ups,” “Tales of Diaspora: Yosef son of Jacob, and Judah son of Mattathias,” “Jewish Women’s Leadership in Modern Times: A Conversation,” Sixth Street Synagogue, New York, NY, December 1, 2018.
- “Scientist, Warrior, Philosopher: How Moshe was Viewed in Early Judaism,” “Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in Early Judaism?” Young Israel of Sharon, Sharon, MA, November 15, 2018.

“Scientist, Warrior, Philosopher: How Moshe was Viewed in Early Judaism,” “Jewish Rebellions from the Great War to the Bar Kokhba Revolt, “Jewish Queens and the Flawed Men who Loved Them,” Congregation Young Israel of Oak Park, Detroit, November 1, 2018.

“Universalism in Early Judaism,” “Jewish Life in the First Century,” “Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in Early Judaism?” “What are the Dead Sea Scrolls and Why Do They Matter?” Congregation Ohr Chadash of Seattle, February 3, 2018.

“The Daughters of Tzelophehad and the Appointment of Joshua,” “Jewish Queens and the Flawed Men Who Love Them,” Participant on Panel Regarding Orthodox Jews and Interreligious Dialogue, Anshe Sholom Bnai Israel of Lakeview, July 14–15, 2017.

“Personal Isolation and Communal Redemption: How the Book of Ruth Brings the Passover Story to a Close,” “Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in Early Judaism?” “Scientist, Warrior, Philosopher: How Moses Was Viewed by Early Jews and Why it Matters,” Scholar in Residence at Koholet High School of Greater Philadelphia, April 29–April 30, 2017.

“Ruth in Rabbinic Literature,” “Novellas in Early Judaism,” “Messianism and the Apocalypse: What did Jews Write About After the Babylonian Exile?” Scholar in Residence at Darchei Noam of Minneapolis, May 26–27, 2017.

“The Changing Figure of Moses in Early Judaism,” “Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in Early Judaism?” Scholar in Residence at Stern College of Yeshiva University, February 16–17, 2017.

“The Sabbath in Early Judaism,” “Temples and Synagogues in the Post-Biblical Period,” “Pilgrimages and Holidays in the First Temple Period,” Scholar in Residence at Young Israel of Brookline, May 20–21, 2016.

“Was There a Doctrine of Zionism in Early Judaism,” “Perfect Philosopher or Fallible Servant of God: The Portrayal of Moses in Second Temple Literature and Early Rabbinic Literature,” “Solomon Schechter and the Discovery of the Cairo Genizah,” “Passover in the Second Temple Period,” Scholar in Residence at Torah-in-Motion of Toronto, March 2016.

IX. ACADEMIC CONSULTING

Eric A. Kimmel and Dov Smiley, *Shield of the Maccabees*. Milburn, NJ: Apples and Honey Press, 2021.

Carol Bakhos, ed. *Anthology of Jewish Civilization*. Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization; New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020.

Dianne Ashton, *Hanukkah in America: A History*. New York: NYU Press, 2013.

X. UNIVERSITY COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Catholic-Jewish Relations After Nostra-Aetate
Early Rabbinic Literature
Interfaith Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century
Introduction to Judaism
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible Apocrypha
Jewish Life in the Hellenistic Diaspora
Jews and Christians Through the Ages
Methodologies of Medieval Biblical Exegesis
The Book of Psalms
The Early Christian Period and its literature
The Jewish Context of Early Christianity
The Second Temple Period and its Literature
Women in the Biblical World

XI. PRIZES, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Recipient of the Associated Church Press 2023 Honorable Mention Award in the Category of Long-Form Biblical Interpretation Article for “Who is the Mother of Israel,” *The Christian Century*. July 20, 2022.
Recipient of 2022 Catholic Biblical Association Sabbatical Grant for Book Project, *Homeland and Diaspora in Jewish Antiquity*.
Recipient of 2022 Catholic Theological Union’s Sullivan Faculty Research Grant for Book Project, *‘To Our Brothers the Jews:’ Letter Writing and the Creation of Jewish Diaspora*.
Recipient of 2021 Catholic Biblical Association Research Grant for Book Project, *Homeland and Diaspora in Jewish Antiquity*.
Recipient of Association of Jewish Libraries’ Honor Award for Best Reference Book of 2018, for *Discovering Second Temple Literature: The Scriptures and Stories That Shaped Early Judaism*.
Recipient of Knapp Family Travel Grant for Untenured Faculty and Independent Scholars for the AJS 2016 conference, provided by the Association of Jewish Studies.
Recipient of Rosalie Katchen Travel Award for the AJS 2015 conference, provided by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute.
Recipient of Max Kade Travel Grant, provided by the Max Kade Foundation of New York
Passed comprehensive exams in Greek, Second Temple Judaism, and Early Christianity with Distinction.
Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Award for Outstanding Research Paper on Jews and Gender, 2011.
Morris Lipton Memorial Award for Excellence in Music, Yeshiva University, 2004.
Chaim Levine Memorial Award for Excellence in Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University, 2004.
Dean David Mirsky Award for Excellence in Writing, Yeshiva University, 2004.
Dean’s List, Yeshiva University, 2001–2004.
Yeshiva University Belkin Scholar, 2000–2004.
Yeshiva University Honors Program, 2000–2004.

XII. RESEARCH INTERESTS

Contemporary Interfaith Relations
Diasporan Identities in the Greco-Roman World
Exegetical intersections between Early Christian and Rabbinic scriptural interpretation
Gender and the Practice of Traditional Faith
History of Jewish Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible
Identity and Gender in Second Temple and Early Rabbinic Literature
Israel-Diaspora Relations in Contemporary Times
Land Theology and the Land of Israel
The Hasmonean Period and its Literature
Universalism and Particularism in Early Judaism

XII. LANGUAGES

Classical Greek: reading fluency
Hebrew: Biblical reading fluency, Modern reading and speaking fluency
Syriac: reading fluency
Aramaic: Talmudic Aramaic reading fluency
French: reading fluency
German: reading fluency

XIII. ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member of Catholic Biblical Association Committee for Emerging Scholars, November 2022–Present
Assistant Editor, Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series, July 2022–Present
Director of Catholic-Jewish Studies Program at Catholic Theological Union, 2017–Present
Member of Programs and Curriculum Development Committee at Catholic Theological Union, 2017–Present
Student Advisor at Catholic Theological Union for Students Concentrating in Bible, 2015–Present
Member of Masters in Interreligious Dialogue Committee at Catholic Theological Union, 2014–2017
Member of the Catholic Biblical Association, 2018–Present
Member of the Catholic Biblical Association Task Force “Addressing Representations of Jews and Judaism in Catholic Exegesis, Homiletics, and Catechesis”
Member of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Dialogue, 2015–Present
Member of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2009–Present
Editor for SBL’s www.BibleOdyssey.org, 2021–2022
Member of the Association of Jewish Studies, 2009–Present

XIV. BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations, expected June 2023
Center for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights at Gratz College Advisory Board, 2021–Present
Walder Institute Advisory Board, 2021–Present
Greenberg Center of Jewish Studies at University of Chicago, 2018–Present

XV. FELLOWSHIPS AND DIALOGUE COHORTS

Visiting Fellow at the Yeshiva University Center for Israel Studies, 2021–Present
Kogod Fellow at Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, 2021–Present
Member of Chicago Scholars' Circle at Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, 2019–2021
Sefaria Institute Writers' Circle Fellow, 2021–Present
Pardes Institute of Jewish Education Educators' Fellow, 2021–2022
Jewish-Christian Women's Dialogue Group of Chicago, 2020–Present
Modern Orthodox-Catholic Bishops Dialogue Circle, 2020–Present
Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, Core Faculty Member, 2018–2019
Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue of Chicago, 2014–Present