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EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

2018 – present	Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Jewish Studies ▪ Faculty Director for Public Scholarship, Office of Faculty Affairs (2024 – present) ▪ Director, Program in Jewish Studies (2020 – 2022)
2023 – 2024	Director, The Jewish Publication Society
2012 – 2018	Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Jewish Studies
2007 – 2012	Ph.D., Princeton University, Department of Religion Field: Religion, Ethics, and Politics (M.A., 2010; Ph.D., 2012)
2006 – 2007	M.A., Columbia University, Department of Religion
2005 – 2006	Visiting Graduate Student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothberg School
1999 – 2003	A.B., *summa cum laude*, Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books

Moses Mendelssohn's Living Script: Philosophy, Practice, History, Judaism (Indiana University Press, 2017)

- 2017 Provost's Faculty Achievement Award, University of Colorado Boulder

Peer-Reviewed Critical Translations

Nachman Krochmal, *The Guide of the Perplexed of the Time* (*Moreh Nevukhei Ha-zeman*), translated, introduced, and annotated with Lawrence Kaplan, Yale Judaica Series (Yale University Press, under contract)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

"The Limits of Continuity: Nachman Krochmal and the Case for Philosophy," in *Cultures of Continuity*, eds. Ufuk Topkara and Asher Biemann (De Gruyter, forthcoming)

"Can God Reject the Jewish People? Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik, Supersessionism, and Modern Jewish Thought," *Journal of Textual Reasoning* 16.2 (2025): 247-265

"Moses Mendelssohn," in *Jewish Virtue Ethics*, eds. Geoffrey Claussen, Alex Green, and Alan Mittleman (SUNY Press, 2023), 241-254

"Liturgical Counter-Symbols: Jacob Taubes, Franz Rosenzweig, and the Politics of Redemption," *Rosenzweig Jahrbuch* 12 (2021): 127-141

"Exegesis and Politics Between East and West: Nachman Krochmal, Moses Mendelssohn, and Modern

Jewish Thought," *Harvard Theological Review* 114.4 (2021): 508-535

"Poetry, Music, and the Limits of Harmony: Mendelssohn's Aesthetic Critique of Christianity," in *Sara Levy's World: Gender, Judaism, and the Bach Tradition in Enlightenment Berlin*, eds. Nancy Sinkoff and Rebecca Cypess, Eastman Studies in Music (University of Rochester Press, 2018), 122-146

"Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought," in *Olam Ha-zeh v'Olam Ha-ba: This World and the World to Come in Jewish Belief and Practice*, ed. Leonard Greenspoon, Studies in Jewish Civilization (Purdue University Press, 2017), 171-195

"Is God Eternal? Revisiting Mendelssohn and Rosenzweig on Reason, Revelation, and the Name of God," *Modern Theology* 33.1 (2017): 69-91

"Law, Ethics, and the Needs of History: Mendelssohn, Krochmal, and Moral Philosophy," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44.2 (2016): 352-377

"Civic Freedom out of the Sources of Judaism: Mendelssohn, Maimonides, and Law's Promise," *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 2.1 (2016): 86-111

"Spinoza, Maimonides and the Politics of Prophecy," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 21.1 (2014): 67-98

"*Finden Sie mich sehr amerikanisch?*: Jacob Taubes, Hermann Cohen, and the Return to German-Jewish Liberalism," *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book* 57 (2012): 187-210

"Moses Mendelssohn," *Oxford Bibliographies* in Jewish Studies, ed. David Biale (Oxford University Press, 2012)

Non-Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (Co-Authored)

"Introduction" to "Rosenzweig's *The Star of Redemption* and the Contemporary Moment," *Political Theology* 22.8 (2021): 720-724, co-authored with Sarah Pessin

Edited Book Chapters and Articles

"Do Jews Believe in God?," "Was Paul Jewish?" in *Judaism in 5 Minutes*, ed. Sarah Imhoff (Equinox, 2025), 80-82, 118-120

"Pharaoh's Daughter (Adoptive Mother of Moses) in Modern Judaism," "Pharisee, Pharisees in Modern Judaism," "Piety in Modern Judaism," "Pillar of Cloud/Fire in Modern Judaism," "Place, Space in Medieval Judaism," "Plagues of Egypt in Modern Judaism," "Polemics in Modern Judaism," "Politics and the Bible in Medieval Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2025), 24:248-250, 278-282, 595-598, 745-747, 818-822, 883-885, 1078-1082, 1150-1152

"Pietism in Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2025), 24: 571-574, co-authored with Barry Dov Walfish

"Parallelism in Modern Judaism," "Peace, Peacemaking in Modern Judaism," "Pentateuchal Criticism in Modern Judaism," "Periodization in Medieval and Modern Judaism," "Peshat in Modern Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2024), 23:151-152, 736-740, 948-949, 1136-1140, 1246-1250

"Pacifism in Judaism," "Panentheism in Judaism," "Pantheism in Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2024), 22:1042-1044, 1262-1265, 1278-1281

"Orality in Modern Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2024), 22:559-561, co-authored with Jeffrey Summit

"Oaths and Vows in Modern Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter,

2023), 21:1057-1058

"Nimrod in Music," "Nimrod in Popular Culture," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2023), 21:506-508, co-authored with Barry Dov Walfish and Yaakov Bieler

"Modes of Interpretation in Jewish Ethics" in *Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, 3 vols., eds. William Schweiker, Maria Antonaccio, Elizabeth Bucar, and David Clairmont (Wiley-Blackwell, 2022), 2:831-840

"Natural Law in Modern Judaism," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2020), 20:994-996

"The Promise and Perils of Perplexity: Jewish Philosophy and Public Culture, Yesterday and Today," in *The Future of Jewish Philosophy*, volume 21 of *The Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers*, eds. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson and Aaron Hughes (Brill, 2018), 79-97

"Anarchy and Law: Mendelssohn on Philosophy and Judaism," in *Moses Mendelssohn: Enlightenment, Religion, Politics, Nationalism*, eds. Charles Manekin and Michah Gottlieb, Studies and Texts in Jewish History and Culture (University Press of Maryland, 2015), 237-273

Selections in Critical Translations

Selections from the writings of Samuel David Luzzatto, Mordecai Gumpel Schnaber-Levison, Meir Halevi Letteris, Salomon Rubin, Abraham Isaac Kook, and Micha Joseph Berdichevsky (Hebrew), in *Spinoza's Challenge to Jewish Thought: Writings on His Life, Philosophy, and Legacy*, ed. Daniel Schwartz, Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought (Brandeis University Press, 2019)

Selections from the writings of Moses Mendelssohn (Hebrew), in *Moses Mendelssohn: Writings on Judaism, Christianity, and the Bible*, ed. Michah Gottlieb, trans. Allan Arkush, Curtis Bowman, and Elias Sacks, Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought (Brandeis University Press, 2011)

- Finalist, 2011 National Jewish Book Award

Edited Journal Issues

"Jewish Thought in Times of Crisis," Special Issue of *Religions* (2023), co-edited with Andrea Cooper

"Rosenzweig's *The Star of Redemption* and the Contemporary Moment," Special Issue of *Political Theology* 22.8 (2021), co-edited with Sarah Pessin

Book Reviews

Review of Randi Rashkover, *Nature and Norm: Judaism, Christianity, and the Theopolitical Problem*, in *Modern Theology* 38.4 (2022): 835-839

Review of Paul Guyer, *Reason and Experience in Mendelssohn and Kant*, in *Kantian Review* 26.3 (2021): 486-491

Review of Abigail Gillman, *A History of German Jewish Bible Translation*, in *H-Judaic* (2020)

Review of Ofri Ilany, *In Search of the Hebrew People: Bible and Nation in the German Enlightenment*, in *H-Judaic* (2019)

Review of Edward Breuer and David Sorkin, eds., *Moses Mendelssohn's Hebrew Writings*, in *Reading Religion* (2018)

"Saving the World," *Jewish Review of Books* 7.1 (2016): 23-25

In Preparation and Under Review

"Toleration out of Rabbinic Sources," in *The Cambridge Companion to Jewish Political Thought* – peer-reviewed book chapter in preparation

"Mendelssohn's View on History," in *The Oxford Handbook of Moses Mendelssohn* – peer-reviewed book chapter in preparation

Nachman Krochmal and the Struggle for Modern Jewish Politics – book manuscript in preparation

Public Scholarship

"What's a 'Gender-Sensitive' Bible Translation?" Jewish Women's Archive (2024: https://jwa.org/blog/whats-gender-sensitive-bible-translation), co-authored with Beth Lieberman

"Moses Mendelssohn's Hebrew Politics," Oxford University Press Blog (2017; https://blog.oup.com/2017/09/moses-mendelssohn-judaism-politics/)

Pedagogy

"Expanding the Jewish Studies Classroom: Citizenship, Vulnerability, and the Trinity," Association for Jewish Studies Conference Papers on Pedagogy (2014; http://www.ajsnet.org/pedagogy.htm#classroom)

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Conference Presentations

Participant in Roundtable on "Wissenschaft in the Beit Midrash: Between Critical Study and Torah Study," Association for Jewish Studies, Online Program, December 2024

"From Egypt to Galicia: Nachman Krochmal on the Origins and Future of the Jewish Nation," Eighteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 2022

Response to Yael Sela, "Something Concerning the Hebrew Psalms: Myth, Theology, and National Poetry in *Wissenschaft des Judentums*," Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 2021

Participant in Roundtable on "Where Do We Go From Here? Creating Responsiveness and Responsibility in Professional Organizations," Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 2021

"'God Appears as an Adjective, Not a Noun': Nachman Krochmal, German Idealism, and the Jewish Body Politic," Sociality in Modern Jewish Philosophy and German Idealism, Yale University, Online Program, June 2021

Participant in Roundtable on "Teaching and Learning the Languages of Jewish Studies," Association for Jewish Studies, Online Program, December 2020

Response to Dustin Atlas, Sarah Pessin, and Sarah Wolf, "Affecting Jewish Studies," American Academy of Religion, Online Program, November 2020

Participant in Roundtable on "Beyond 'Judaism Week': Jewish Sources for the Religious Studies Classroom," American Academy of Religion, Online Program, November 2020

"Exile and Revelation: Reflections on Jewish and Christian Thought" (for roundtable on "Exile in the Modern Jewish Imagination"), Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 2019

"Halakha, Aggada, and the Body Politic: Nachman Krochmal and Shia-Jewish Dialogue" (for seminar on "Shia and Jewish Legal Reasoning in Dialogue"), Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 2019

"Liturgical Counter-Symbols: Franz Rosenzweig, Jacob Taubes, and the Politics of Redemption," Back to Redemption – Rosenzweig's *Star* 1919-2019: Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft Conference, Jerusalem, February 2019

"Aesthetics, Politics, and the Haskalah: Krochmal's Philosophy of History Revisited," Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2018

"Imperialism, Liberalism, and Jewish Studies: Jacob Taubes and the Jewish Paul," American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 2018

"Medieval Exegesis and Modern Judaism: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Ecclesiastes," Eleventh Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Krakow, July 2018

Response to Kathrin Wittler, Yael Sela, and Amir Banbaji, "Bible and Haskalah," Eleventh Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Krakow, July 2018

"Critical Theory out of the Sources of Judaism: Horkheimer, Cohen, and Jewish Thought," American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 2017

"Language or Politics? Moses Mendelssohn and Nachman Krochmal on Biblical Exegesis," Seventeenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 2017

"The Sounds of Thought Between East and West: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Music as Philosophy," Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 2016

"Discovery or Disclosure? Medieval Exegesis and Modern Judaism Between East and West," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 2016

"The Business of Philosophy: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Economics and Judaism," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2015

"Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought," This World and the World to Come in Jewish Belief and Practice, Creighton University – University of Nebraska Lincoln – University of Nebraska Omaha, October 2015

"From Moses to Moses: Mendelssohn, Maimonides, and Law's Promise" (for session on "Common Law and Common Ground: Reconceiving Covenantal Ethics in Contemporary Jewish and Christian Thought"), Society of Jewish Ethics, Chicago, January 2015

"Exegesis Contested: Moses Mendelssohn, Nachman Krochmal, and the Reception of German-Jewish Hermeneutics," Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore, December 2014

"Ritual Theory and Jewish Enlightenment: Mendelssohn and Contemporary Debates," American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2014

"Jewish Thought Between Past and Present: The Case of Nachman Krochmal" (for group on Christian Ethics in Historical Context), Society of Christian Ethics, Seattle, January 2014

"Hebrew Politics Between East and West: Krochmal's Covert Critique of Mendelssohn," Revealers of Secrets – 200 Years of Galician Haskalah: The Fifth International Conference for the Study of the Haskalah Movement, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 2013

Participant in Roundtable on "Attracting Students to the Jewish Studies Classroom: Reports from the Field," Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2013

"Aesthetic Politics: Poetry, Music, and Citizenship in Mendelssohn's Hebrew Writings," American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, November 2013

"The Limits of Ethics: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Judaism and the Good," Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 2012

"Rescuing the Law: Practical Discretion and Historical Change in Mendelssohn's Hebrew Writings," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012

"'A Source of Splendor': Sexual Desire in Mendelssohn's Hebrew Writings," Association for Jewish Studies, Washington D.C., December 2011

"Authority in Mendelssohn's Hebrew Works: Rethinking the Canon of Modern Jewish Thought," American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 2011

"Reenacting the Philosophical Past: Rosenzweig, Hegel, and Neighbor Love," Rhetorics of Religion in Germany 1900-1950, Princeton University, March 2011

"Ethics, Politics, and Jewish Practice: Revisiting Mendelssohn's Hebrew Writings," Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2010

"'*Finden Sie mich sehr amerikanisch?*': The Exile of Jacob Taubes and the Return to German-Jewish Liberalism," Transferring German-Jewish Modernity Into the World, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, October 2009

Invited Presentations

"Political Theology and the Jewish Jesus: The Case of Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik," Crisis, Critique, and Self-Criticism: Perspectives from Jewish and Muslim Traditions, Forum on Jewish-Muslim Theology and Thought, Vienna Department of Islamic-Theological Studies - Berliner Institut für Islamische Theologie - University of Virginia Jewish Studies Program, Universität Wien, October 2025

Participant in Panel Discussion on "Commentary in Modern Jewish Thought," Hermann Cohen's *Ethics of Maimonides*, University of Toronto, June 2025

"Was Paul More Jewish Than Jesus? Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik on the 'Son of Man,'" Ethics of Commentary, University at Buffalo, SUNY, April 2025

"Rethinking Jewish Theology, Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Anarchy and Property Law," Seminar on Contemporary Jewish Theology and Thought, Princeton University, March 2025

"Forerunner of Zionism or Theorist of Diaspora? Nachman Krochmal on Exile and Judaism," Exile in Jewish Modernity, Johns Hopkins University - Towson University - The Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, February 2025

"Gender, the Bible, and the Art of Translation," Timeless Insights, Timeless Wisdom, Jewish Theological Seminary, Online Program, May 2024

Response to Deborah Waxman, "*Judaism as a Civilization*: The Hanukkah Gift to the Jewish People and the World that Keeps on Giving," Series in Honor of the 40th Yahrzeit of Mordecai Kaplan and the 90th Anniversary of *Judaism as a Civilization*, The Kaplan Center for Jewish Peoplehood - Reconstructing Judaism - The Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association - The Jewish Publication Society, Online Program, December 2023

"Political Theology and the Critique of Empire: Jacob Taubes on Imperialism, Liberalism, and Abrahamic Religions," Muslim Intellectuals, Jewish Intellectuals and the Co-Writing of Europe, Berliner Institut für Islamische Theologie / Humboldt Universität zu Berlin -Max Weber Institute / Heidelberg University, Granada, September 2023

Participant in Panel Discussion on "What, Why, and How? Publishers, Ebooks, and Theology Libraries," American Theological Library Association, Online Program, June 2023

"Imperialism, Liberalism, and Jewish Studies: Jacob Taubes and Jewish Paul," The Revolutionary Paul – On the Occasion of Jacob Taubes's 100th Birthday, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2023

Discussant for Jeffrey Helmreich, "A Jurisprudential Puzzle as Old as the Talmud," Agreeing to Disagree: Legal Diversity and Controversy in Islamic and Jewish Law, Jewish and Islamic Law Scholars Workship, University of Colorado Boulder Law School, May 2023

Response to Rabea Benhalim, "Abortion Under Islamic and Jewish Law," Agreeing to Disagree: Legal Diversity and Controversy in Islamic and Jewish Law, Jewish and Islamic Law Scholars Workship, University of Colorado Boulder Law School, May 2023

"What to Do with Written Law? Krochmal and Mendelssohn on Exegesis, Language, and Politics," Living Law in Jewish Studies, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2023

Response to Yoav Schaefer, "The Genesis of Salomon Maimon's Kantian Interpretation of Maimonides," Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, March 2023

"Do Citizens Need to be Philosophers? Nachman Krochmal's Diasporic Jewish Politics," Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Brandeis University, February 2023

Participant in Panel Discussion on "The Gratz College Holocaust Geniza Project," Battling Indifference: How We Teach the Holocaust, Gratz College, Online Program, November 2022

"The Limits of Continuity: Nachman Krochmal and the Case for Philosophy," Cultures of Continuity: Jewish-Muslim Conversations on a Contested Ideal, Forum on Jewish-Muslim Theology and Thought, Berliner Institut für Islamische Theologie - University of Virginia Jewish Studies Program - Virginia Center for the Study of Religion / Forum on Democracy, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, October 2022

Participant in "Heidegger and His Jewish Reception: A Discussion," Jewish Studies Program, Queens University, Online Program, May 2022

Participant in Roundtable on "Making Mistakes, Making Amends," Difficult Dialogues Series, Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder, Online Program, January 2022

Response to Randi Rashkover, "Prophetic Politics and Political Resistance in *The Star of Redemption*," and Larisa Reznik, "Both Lawful and Coercive: Reading Western Political Rationality Like an Abolitionist Would," Political Theology Network, Online Program, June 2021

"What is the Best Argument for Immortality? Philosophy, Scepticism, and the Bible in Mendelssohn's Qohelet Commentary," Mendelssohn's Commentary on Qohelet, Maimonides Centre for Advanced Studies, Universität Hamburg, Online Program, February 2021

Response to Samuel Boyd, "A Prophetic Judgement without Reprieve: The Concepts of Remnant and Law in Amos 3:12," Mediterranean Studies Group, University of Colorado Boulder, Online Program, October 2020

"Is Liberal Democracy a Jewish Value?" Center for Small Town Jewish Life, Colby College, Online Program, October 2020

"A 'Most Remarkable "Jewish Sect"' Reconsidered: The Frankfurt School Between Jewish and Islamic Thought," A Decade of Islamic Theology: Looking Back and Ahead, Academy for Islam in Research and Society, Frankfurt, September 2020 (postponed)

"In Defense of Perplexity: Politics and the Threat of Anti-Intellectualism from the Jewish Enlightenment to Today," Virginia Center for the Study of Religion / Center for German Studies / Jewish Studies Program, University of Virginia, November 2019

"Critical Theory out of the Sources of Judaism: *Dialectic of Enlightenment* and the Problem of 'Jewish Thought,'" Virginia Center for the Study of Religion / Center for German Studies / Jewish Studies Program, University of Virginia, November 2019

"Does Christianity Matter for Judaism – and Vice Versa?" Valley Beit Midrash, Phoenix, January 2019

"Can Jews Be Citizens? Jewish Politics from the Enlightenment to Today," Valley Beit Midrash, Phoenix, January 2019

"Critical Theory out of the Sources of Judaism: Horkheimer, Cohen, and Jewish Thought," Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, October 2018

Response to Leora Batnitzky, "On the Continued Challenge of Edith Stein for Jewish-Christian Dialogue," Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, October 2018

"Exegetical Politics: Nachman Krochmal and Modern Jewish Thought," Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, February 2018

Response to Randi Rashkover, "Nature and Norm: Judaism, Christianity and the Theo-Political Problem," Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, February 2018

Discussant for Rhiannon Graybill's *Are We Not Men? Unstable Masculinity in the Hebrew Prophets* and Sarah Imhoff's *Masculinity and Making of American Judaism*, Gathering with Authors, Society of Jewish Ethics, Portland, January 2018

"Can Jews Be Citizens? Jewish Politics from the Enlightenment to Today," Leni Sassower Lecture, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, September 2017

Response to Tessa Chelouche, "Agency in the Midst of Oppression: Jewish Doctors, Ghettos, and Public Health," Program in Jewish Studies and Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2017

Participant in Gathering with Authors, Society of Jewish Ethics, New Orleans, January 2017

"Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Culture, Yesterday and Today" (for session on "Jewish Philosophy in Contemporary Culture"), The Future of Jewish Philosophy: A Conference on *The Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers*, Arizona State University, September 2016

Response to Michah Gottlieb and Shira Billet, "Politics, Law, and Religion," Judaism in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza, Hermann Cohen, and the Legacies of German Idealism, Princeton University, April 2016

"Hebrew Philosophy Between East and West: Mendelssohn, Krochmal, and Jewish Modernity," Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, February 2016

"Why Think with Rabbinic Texts?" Thinking with Rabbinic Texts: An Exploratory Workshop, Boston University, December 2015

Participant in Panel Discussion on "The Multidisciplinary Nature of Religious Studies," Joint Doctoral Program in the Study of Religion, University of Denver – Iliff School of Theology, May 2015

Response to Carl Raschke, Janet Rumfelt, and Ted Vial, "Religion and the Academy," Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver, April 2015

Presenter at Early Modern/Modern Jewish History Colloquium, Judaic Studies Program, Yale University, October 2014

"The Perils and Promise of Philosophical Naming: Moses Mendelssohn on Philosophy, History, and Language," The Meaning of Names: Naming Diversity in the 21st Century, University of Colorado Boulder Museum of Natural History, October 2014

"Religion Contested: Mendelssohn's Aesthetic Critique of Christianity," Sara Levy's World: Music, Gender, and Judaism in Enlightenment Berlin, Rutgers University, September 2014

"Biblical Exegesis as Philosophical Methodology," Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver, May 2014

"Hebrew Philosophy Between East and West: Law and Ethics in Modern Jewish Thought," Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2014

Response to Shaul Magid, "After Multiculturalism: Post-Ethnicity and Judaism in America," Sondra Bender Visiting Scholar Lecture, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2014

Participant in Workshop for Early Career Faculty in Jewish Studies, American Academy for Jewish Research, New York University, May 2013

"From Mysticism to Humanism: Moses Mendelssohn, Sexual Desire, and the History of Jewish Thought," Jewish Studies Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2012

"Jewish Law as Political Educator," Annual Conference, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, April 2012

"Politics in a Hebrew Key: Mendelssohn on Judaism, Citizenship, and the Common Good," A Continuing Conversation: Moses Mendelssohn and the Legacy of the Enlightenment, Center for Jewish History, September 2011

"Moses Mendelssohn's Philosophy of Judaism Reconsidered," Centre for Jewish Studies Graduate Colloquium, University of Toronto, April 2010

"Recontextualizing the 'Living Script': Jewish Practice Through Mendelssohn's German and Hebrew Writings," The Question of Unity in Moses Mendelssohn's Thought, Princeton University, April 2010

"Between Creation and Revelation: Jonas, Maimonides, and the Return to Medieval Rationalism," Hans Jonas Working Group, Princeton University, December 2009

"Spinoza, Maimonides, and Politics," Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought Graduate Colloquium, Princeton University, July 2009

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2025 – present	Principal Investigator, "Restoring Trust: Humanistic Perspectives on Academic Freedom, American Democracy, and Higher Education Leadership," $299,000 Sawyer Seminar grant from the Higher Learning Program, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
2025	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)
2024 – present	Cooperation Partner, "*Emancipatio Rabbinica*: Die Stellung der rabbinischen Literatur in den Debatten über den Status der Juden in der Moderne (1600–1900) im italienischen, deutschen und osteuropäischen Kontext" ("*Emancipatio Rabbinica*: The Role of Rabbinic Literature in Debates about the Status of Jews in the Modern Period [1600—1900] in Italian, German, and Eastern European

	Contexts"), €1,200,000 (approximate) grant from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Ze'ev Strauss, Grant Recipient)
2022 – present	Co-Principal Investigator, "Jews of Color: Histories and Futures," $250,000 grant from the Religion and Theology Program, Henry Luce Foundation (Samira Mehta, Principal Investigator)
2021	Office for Outreach and Engagement Arts and Humanities Initiative, University of Colorado Boulder (for in-person lecture and webinar concert series)
2020	Office for Outreach and Engagement Arts and Humanities Initiative, University of Colorado Boulder (for webinar series)
2019	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)
2018	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (two grants for conference travel)
2017	Provost's Faculty Achievement Award, University of Colorado Boulder
2016	President's Fund for the Humanities, University of Colorado (for Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region)
2016	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)
2016	Faculty Grant, Center for Western Civilization, Thought, and Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (for Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region)
2015	Arts and Humanities Outreach and Inclusivity Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for Embodied Judaism: American Judaism and Social Justice)
2015	Faculty Grant, Center for Western Civilization, Thought, and Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (for Embodied Judaism: American Judaism and Social Justice)
2015	Special Event – Visiting Scholar Grant, Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities, University of Colorado Boulder (with David Shneer: for Embodied Judaism: American Judaism and Social Justice)
2015	Special Initiatives Grant, American Academy for Jewish Research (with Sarah Pessin, University of Denver: for University of Colorado – University of Denver Jewish Philosophy Collaborative)
2014	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)
2013 – 2014	Faculty Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2011 – 2012	Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities, Whiting Foundation and Princeton University
2011 – 2012	Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University
2011 – 2012	Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University, Center for Human Values

2011	Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Princeton University, Department of Religion
2010 – 2012	Graduate Fellowship, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization
2007 – 2012	University Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University
2007 – 2012	Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University, Program in Judaic Studies
2007 – 2011	Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Wexner Foundation
2007 – 2008	Graduate Merit Prize, Princeton University, Center for Human Values
2003	Sophia Freund Prize, Harvard University
2003	Thomas Hoopes Prize, Harvard University
2002	Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University
2000	Detur Book Prize, Harvard University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Jewish thought, philosophy of religion, hermeneutics, Jewish-Christian relations, theories of religion, religious ethics, religion and politics

LANGUAGES

Hebrew, German, Latin, French, Aramaic

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, Association for Jewish Studies, World Union for Jewish Studies, Society of Jewish Ethics, Network for European Philosophy and the Jewish Tradition

TEACHING

University of Colorado Boulder

Courses:

God (FYSM 1000)

Religion, Ethics and Politics (RLST 2400; previously offered as Religion and Contemporary Society)

Judaism (RLST/JWST 3100)

God and Politics (RLST/JWST 4170-5170; previously offered as RLST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: God and Politics in Jewish and Christian Thought)

Is God Dead? (RLST/JWST 4180-5180; previously offered as RLST/JWST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: Is God Dead?)

Love and Desire (RLST/JWST 4190-5190; previous offered as RLST/JWST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: Love and Desire in Judaism and Christianity)

Topics in Judaism: The Bible in Judaism and Christianity (RLST/JWST 4260-5260)

Capstone in Jewish Studies (JWST 4000)

Introduction to the Academic Study of Religion (RLST 6830)

Independent Studies:

Undergraduate Independent Studies (RLST 4840, JWST 4900)
- Is God Dead?
- Engaging the Bible
- God and Politics
- Internship in Jewish Studies
- Religion, Politics, and Society: Israel and the United States
- Martin Buber and Christian Thought
- Readings in Theory and Literature: Tolkien and the Study of Religion

Graduate Independent Studies (RLST 5840, RLST 6840, JWST 5900)
- Religion, Violence, and the Secular: The Case of Franz Kafka
- Modern Jewish Thought: Religion, Politics, Diasporism
- Religion and Trauma
- Philosophy and the Study of Religion
- Ritual Studies
- Hegelian and Marxist Dialectics
- Judaism and Islam
- Love and Desire
- Music, Performance, and the Study of Religion
- Religion and International Law
- Jewish Mysticism
- Music and Jewish Studies
- Sources of American Jewish Thought
- God and Politics
- Precarity, Vulnerability, and Encounter in Jewish Thought
- Ultimism
- Music, Film and Holocaust Memory
- Modernity and Jewish Thought

Graduate Advising:

Faculty Advisor for Madhura Gune, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2025 – present

Faculty Advisor for Cambria Caldwell, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2025 – present

Faculty Advisor for Henry Anderson, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2025 – present

Faculty Advisor for Jonathyn Zapf, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2020 – 2022

Faculty Advisor for Nicholas Johnson, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2017 – 2019

Faculty Advisor for Moriah Arnold, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2016 – 2019

Faculty Advisor for Mark Joseph, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2016 – 2018

Faculty Advisor for Scott Meyers, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2015 – 2017 (David Shneer served as secondary advisor)

Faculty Advisor for Joshua Siary, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2015 – 2017 (David Shneer served as secondary advisor)

Faculty Advisor for Kathryn Huether, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2014 – 2016

M.A./M.F.A Theses and Portfolios:

Thesis Advisor, "A Field-Wide Norm for Religious Studies?" Jonathyn Zapf (Religious Studies), November 2023

Thesis Advisor, "Religious Democratic Participation and Corporate Interests," Moriah Arnold (Religious Studies), April 2019

Portfolio Advisor, Nicholas Johnson (Religious Studies), April 2019

Portfolio Advisor, Mark Joseph (Religious Studies), December 2018

Thesis Advisor, "Religion of Reason in the New Age: Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Hermann Cohen, and Messianic Politics," Scott Meyers (Religious Studies), July 2017

Thesis Advisor, "Subject Formation and Contemporary Life: Prayer in Postwar American Jewish Thought," Joshua Siary (Religious Studies), May 2017

Thesis Advisor, "Hearing the Holocaust: Music, Film, Aesthetics," Kathryn Huether (Religious Studies), May 2016

Member of Portfolio Committee, Maryam Moballegh (Religious Studies), November 2025

Member of Portfolio Committee, Hanna McElduff (Religious Studies), August 2025

Member of Portfolio Committee, Ana Vaidis (Religious Studies), May 2025

Member of Portfolio Committee, Cynthia Cavazos (Religious Studies), May 2025

Member of Portfolio Committee, Emma Wood (Religious Studies), May 2025

Member of Thesis Committee, "Renegotiating Bangladeshi Hindu Identity: Hindu Goddess Altars as Sites for Resilience," Sharmin Afroz (Religious Studies), May 2025

Member of Portfolio Committee, Jamie Mullennix (Religious Studies), April 2025

Member of Thesis Committee, "Editors of the American Imagination: Ella Lyman Cabot and Religion, Gender, and Nation in Progressive Era Public Education," Grace Hollman (Religious Studies), May 2024

Member of Thesis Committee, "Magicians and Miracle-Workers: A New Method in the Realm of Magic," Paden Unruh (Religious Studies), May 2020

Member of Thesis Committee, "Altar of Tech: Mythology, Sainthood, and Magic in the Apple Brand," Cameron Rowlett (Religious Studies), April 2020

Member of Thesis Committee, "Dimensions of Foreign in Late Mito Traditionalist Discourse," Tetiana Topolian (Religious Studies and Asian Languages and Civilizations), March 2020

Member of Thesis Committee, "'Relationship is What Life Is': The New Message from God as Lived Religion," Celetia Liang (Religious Studies), August 2019

"Out of the Broom Closet and into the Fire: Examining How Modern Witches Communicate with Each Other and the World at Large," Michael Connelly (Religious Studies), May 2019

Member of Thesis Committee, "Perennialism as Justification for the Appropriation of Buddhist Meditation," Elizabeth Wilson (Religious Studies), April 2018

Member of Thesis Committee, "Hutterite Religion: Grappling with Religious Diversity and Complexity," John Sheridan (Religious Studies), July 2017

Member of Thesis Committee, "Scriptor Noster Arabicus et Tursimany: A Jewish Culture Mediator in the Thirteenth-Century Crown of Aragón," Dillon Webster (Religious Studies), May 2017

Member of Thesis Committee, "Regimes of Belief: On the Pervasiveness of Religion as Belief from Locke to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom," Amanda Alexander (Religious Studies), May 2017

Member of Thesis Committee, "'The Devil Hates that Doctrine': Hell in American Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism, 1900-2015," Joshua Wright (Religious Studies), May 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, "Because It Could Get Infected," Judd Schiffman (Art and Art History), November 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, "Legitimizing Struggle: The Rhetoric of Nonviolence and the Palestinian and International Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement," Meghan Zibby (Religious Studies), May 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, "With the Word 'Gods' He Created Scripture: The Language Philosophy of Śaṅkarācārya as presented in Brahmasūtrabhāṣya 1.3.28," Jonathan Peterson (Religious Studies), May 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, "'Roll For Initiative': The Religion of Fear and the Rhetoric Against *Dungeons & Dragons* During the 1980s," Denise Wojdyla (Religious Studies), June 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, "Emancipation and Compensation in Fanny Lewald's *Modernes Märchen*," Robert Bloom (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, "On Foucault's *Askēsis* of Death Meditation: Exploring Benjamin's Secularization as a Temporal Model," Maureen Kelly (Religious Studies), April 2013

Ph.D. Dissertations:

Member of Dissertation Committee, "Phenomenalism and Religious Experience," Jonathyn Zapf (Philosophy), Date TBD

Member of Dissertation Committee, "Between Religion, Culture, and Nation: The Hebrew Bible and the Construction of Collectivity in the Works of German-Jewish Émigrés," Adi Nester (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2020

Member of Dissertation Committee, "Beyond Secularism: Radical Orthodoxy in Conversation with Radical Political Theory," Matthew Bradney (Political Science), Summer 2017

Member of Dissertation Committee, "The Politics of Antisemitism in Denver, Colorado, 1898-1984," Michael Lee (History), January 2017

B.A. Capstone Projects and Honors Theses:

Member of Thesis Committee, "The Question of Judaism in Seventeenth Century England: Judaizing as the Inevitable Conclusion of Protestant Biblicism," Miriam Perelson (History), November 2025

Advisor for Senior Capstone Project, "Pirkei Avot 2:16: Mosaic Project," Jenna Solomon (Jewish Studies), May 2021

Advisor for Senior Capstone Project, "Brundibar, Suite Francaise, and the Exception," Kelly Lolly (Jewish Studies), May 2021

Member of Thesis Committee, "From Superman to Super-Monster: Race and the Jewish Comics Connection in the Twentieth Century," Jace Rosenthal (English), April 2021

Member of Thesis Committee, "Melech Artus and the Holy Grail," Sarah Schleifer (English), April 2021

Thesis Advisor, "Reimagining Religion in a Contemporary Context: The Case of Harry Potter," Natania Bloch (Jewish Studies), November 2020

Member of Thesis Committee, "The Art of Dealing with the Gods: Balinese Women and Ritual Labor," Emily Martin (Anthropology), April 2018

Advisor for Senior Capstone Project, "The Hineini Handbook," Henry White (Jewish Studies), April 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, "Adorno and Augustine: Parallel Conceptions of Alienation and the Self," Lukas Hoffman (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), March 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, "Thru-Hiking as Pilgrimage: Transformation, Nature, and Religion in Contemporary American Hiking Novels," Anna Ptasznick (Religious Studies), April 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, "Post-Holocaust American Judaism and the Jewish Renewal Movement," Scott Meyers (Jewish Studies), April 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, "Investigating the Relationship Between the Molecular Circadian Clock and Muscle Satellite Cell State," Rachel Wilson (Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology), April 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, "Fractured Ethics: The Relationship between Humanity and the Nonhuman," Oriel Eisner (Humanities), April 2013

Ph.D. and M.A. Examinations:

Member of Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination Committee, Adi Nester (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2016

Member of M.A. Comprehensive Examination Committee, Robert Bloom (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2013

Graduate Student Presentations and Workshops:

"PhD Applications: How to Write a Statement of Purpose" (with Deborah Whitehead), Religious Studies, October 2025

"Jewish Law, Abortion, and Religious Freedom," Jewish Law Students Association, Colorado Law, April 2025

"How To: Conference Presentations" (with Aun Ali), Religious Studies, February 2025

"Ph.D. Programs" (with Religious Studies faculty), Religious Studies, April 2021

"Publications" (with Brian Catlos), Religious Studies, November 2020

"God and Politics in the Classroom: Teaching Controversial Texts at a Public University," Graduate Teacher Program – College Classroom Teaching Strategies Series, March 2017

"Practitioners, Believers, and the Religious Studies Classroom" (with Holly Gayley), Religious Studies, November 2016

"Using Your Degree Outside the Academy," Religious Studies, March 2016

"Religious Studies-Specific Pedagogy and Classroom Management," Religious Studies, October 2014

Undergraduate Student Presentations and Workshops:

"Professional Development," Jewish Studies Student Advisory Board, October 2018

"Interviews and Professional Etiquette," Jewish Studies Student Advisory Board, October 2017

"Research in Jewish Studies: How, What, Why," Jewish Studies – Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, March 2017

Other Universities and Institutions

What's a Gender-Sensitive Tanakh Translation, and How Do I Use It? (Senior Seminar for Rabbinical and Cantorial Students), Jewish Theological Seminary, Online Program, April 2024

Mendelssohn's Aesthetic Critique of Christianity, Vanderbilt University Undergraduate Musicology Book Club, Online Program, April 2024

How Does Publishing Work? Sefaria Word-by-Word Fellowship: A Jewish Women's Writing Circle, Online Program, January 2024

Bible Translations in America (Undergraduate Introduction to the Hebrew Bible), The New School, November 2023

Workshop for Jewish Studies Graduate Fellows, University of Virginia, November 2019

Jewish Philosophy Today (Undergraduate Introduction to Modern Jewish Thought), University of Virginia, November 2019

Public Lectures, Classes, and Workshops (selected)

"Great Jewish Heretics," Valley Beit Midrash (class), Online Program, October 2025

"What's the Point of Religion, Anyway?" Temple Emanuel Denver (class), October 2025

"Great Jewish Heretics," Temple Emanuel Denver (class), Summer 2025

"Is God Dead?" Valley Beit Midrash (class), Online Program, January 2025

"Judaism and Anti-Intellectualism," Valley Beit Midrash (class), Online Program, November 2024

"Do I Really Have to Love My Neighbor? Ethics and Religion in Turbulent Times" Temple Emanuel Denver (class), October 2024

"Was the Apostle Paul Jewish?" Valley Beit Midrash (class), Online Program, August 2024

"Does Christianity Matter for Judaism—and Vice Versa?" Temple Emanuel Denver (class), Summer 2024

"What's a Gender-Sensitive Tanakh Translation, and How Do I Use It? Storytelling Through the Lens of Bible Studies," Ritualwell (workshop), Online Program, June 2024

"Songs of Ascents: Recovering the Psalms for Today" (class with Benjamin Sommer), Rabbinical Assembly - United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Baltimore, December 2023

"What's a Gender-Sensitive Tanakh Translation, and How Do I Use It?" Rabbinical Assembly (workshop), Online Program, October 2023

"Are Human Beings Just Evil?" Temple Emanuel Denver (class), September 2023

"God and Politics," Temple Emanuel Denver (class), Summer 2023

Moderator for Conversations with Authors, The Jewish Publication Society (online series), 2023 – 2024
- George Kohler and Samuel Kessler, *Modern Jewish Theology: The First One Hundred Years, 1835-1935*, May 2024
- Nancy Berg, *Exile and the Jews: Literature, History, and Identity*, March 2024
- Elliot Dorff, *Ethics at the Center: Jewish Theory and Practice for Living a Moral Life*, March 2024
- Donniel Hartman, *Who Are the Jews—and Who Can We Become?* December 2023
- Benjamin Sommer and A.J. Berkovitz, "The Ritual and Communal Power of Psalms," November 2023
- Sara Wolkenfeld, "Texts, Translations, and the Future of Jewish Learning," September 2023

- Lawrence Kaplan, *Halakhic Man: 40th Anniversary Edition*, September 2023
- Barry Schwartz, *Open Judaism: A Guide for Believers, Atheists, and Agnostics*, August 2023
- Marla Feldman, *Biblical Women Speak: Hearing Their Voices Through New and Ancient Midrash*, July 2023

Moderator for Peak to Peak Series, University of Colorado Boulder (webinar series), 2020 – 2022
- Galeet Dardashti with Yonatan Malin, "Middle Eastern / North African Jewish Poetic Songs (*Piyyutim*) – From Pulpit to Pop Chart," December 2021
- Cookie Segelstein and Josh Horowitz with Yonatan Malin, "Traditional Klezmer Music," November 2021
- Adah Hetko and Zoë Aqua with Yonatan Malin, "Contemporary Klezmer Music and Yiddish Song," September 2021
- Rebecca Wartell, "'Better Widowed than Married': Conversa Women in Early Modern Europe," May 2021
- Yonatan Malin, "Klezmer Music as Jewish Dialogue and Jewish Discourse," December 2020
- Hilary Kalisman, "Exams in Extremis: Standardized Testing, Politics, and Crisis in the Middle East," November 2020
- Nan Goodman, "Jewish Messianic Heresy and the Right to Privacy: Louis Brandeis and the Sabbatian Origins of an American Legal Doctrine," September 2020
- David Shneer, "Grief: The Biography of a Holocaust Photograph," August 2020
- Samira Mehta, "Eco-Kashrut: Jews, Food, Justice," July 2020

"Will Things Ever Get Better? Hope and Judaism in Age of Crises," Temple Emanuel Denver (class), October 2022

"Jewish Answers to Life's Most Challenging Questions," Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Temple Emanuel Denver (class), Summer 2022

"Am I Just Too Exhausted for Judaism?" Temple Emanuel Denver (online class), September 2021

"Do We Really Want God to Speak with Us?" Jewish Colorado, Denver (online class), May 2021

Moderator for "Then and Now: Genocide, Courage, and Complicity," Holocaust, Genocide, and Contemporary Bioethics Program, University of Colorado Anschutz Center for Bioethics and Humanities – University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish Studies, Rebecca Carter-Chand (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum) and Susannah Sirkin (Physicians for Human Rights), Online Program, April 2021

"Why Do We Even Need Community, Anyway?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (online class), September 2020

"Why Do We Even Have the Torah, Anyway?" Minyan Na'aleh, Denver (online class), May 2020

"Is God Dead?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), October 2019

"Is Being a Good Person Worthwhile?" Bonai Shalom, Boulder (class), September 2019

"CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Is Being a Good Person Worthwhile?" Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2019

"CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Is God Dead?" Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2019

"Is God Dead?" Jeffersonian Dessert Party, Boulder Jewish Community Center, Boulder (class), February 2019

"Is Being a Good Person Worthwhile?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), September 2018

"CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does God Care About Our Prayers?" Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2018

"CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does It Make Sense to Be Jewish?" Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2018

"Does God Care About Our Prayers?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), September 2017

"CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does Christianity Matter for Judaism – and Vice Versa?" Har Mishpacha and United Methodist Church, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2017

"CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does God Make Mistakes? Should God Repent?" Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2017

"Does God Make Mistakes? Should God Repent?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), October 2016

"Why Repent?" DAT Minyan, Denver (class), September 2016

"Religion and Violence," Aspen Jewish Congregation, Aspen (class), August 2016

"Inaugural CU Boulder Peak to Peak Lecture: Does God Make Mistakes? Should God Repent?" Aspen Jewish Congregation, Aspen (lecture), August 2016

"A Living Script: Moses Mendelssohn's Modern Judaism," Boulder Jewish Community Center, Boulder (lecture), January 2015

"Is God Dead?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (lecture), March 2014

"Is Repentance Worth It?" Temple Emanuel, Denver (lecture), September 2012

"Educating Teachers: A Conversation for Those Who Teach," Wexner Graduate Fellowship Winter Institute, Fort Myers (workshop), January 2009

"The Mendelssohns in German-Jewish History," Central Synagogue, New York (lecture), January 2009

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Professional Organizations / Other Academic Institutions

2025 – present	Faculty Member, Wexner Heritage Program
2025	Respondent, Faculty Manuscript Workshop, University at Buffalo, SUNY, June 2025
2021 – present	Editor, Modern Judaism, *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (De Gruyter; Editor 2023 – present, Co-editor 2021 – 2023)
2021 – present	Treasurer, Society of Jewish Ethics
2021 – present	External Letter Writer, Tenure and Review/Renewal/Reappointment Cases, Various Universities/Colleges
2021	Session Co-Organizer, "Rosenzweig for the Contemporary Moment," *Political Theology Network*, Online Program, June 2021
2021	Panelist, Peer Review Committee, National Endowment for the Humanities American Rescue Plan Program
2020 – present	Chair and Member of Governance Committee, Association for Jewish Studies ▪ Chair, 2024 – present ▪ Member, 2020 – present

2017 – 2022	Co-Founder, M-JEW (Modern Judaica Electronic Workshop)
2017 – 2018	President, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region
2016 – present	Member of Board, Society of Jewish Ethics
2016 – 2017	Vice President and Program Chair, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region
2015 – 2022	Co-Founder, University of Colorado – University of Denver Jewish Philosophy Collaborative
2015	Panelist, Peer Review Committee, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program
2014 – present	Manuscript Referee (*Journal of Religion*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *AJS Review*, *Shofar, Jewish Studies Quarterly*, *Revue de musicologie*, *Journal of Spinoza Studies*, *East European Jewish Affairs*, *Journal of Religious History*, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *English Language Notes*, *Journal of Textual Reasoning*, *Hebrew Union College Annual*, *Religions*, Indiana University Press, Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press, Brown Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska Press/Jewish Publication Society of America, Academic Studies Press, Routledge, Bloomsbury)
2014 – present	Session Organizer, National Meeting, American Academy of Religion ▪ "Affecting Jewish Studies" (2020 – online) ▪ "Empire and Modern Judaism" (2018 – Denver) ▪ "Reimagining the Field: Theorizing the 'Jewishness' of Jewish Thought" (2017 – Boston) ▪ "Revisiting Sources, Reimagining Disciplines: Judaism and the Academic Study of Religion" (San Diego – 2014)
2014 – 2017	Co-Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Society of Jewish Ethics (for 2016 and 2017 meetings)
2014 – 2015	Departmental Representative to Program Committee, Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region
2013 – present	Session Chair ▪ Annual Meeting, Society of Jewish Ethics: "Technology, Aesthetics, and the Limits of Creation" (Chicago – 2025); "Religious Freedom: Dobbs and Beyond" (Chicago – 2023); "Narrative and Mythical Thinking," (Online Program – 2022); "Works in Progress Session: 'Rebecca's Journey': Transracial Adoption as a Window into the Construction of Jewish Families" (Louisville – 2019); Plenary Address by Rachel Adler, "Women as Human Beings in the Global Future" (Toronto – 2016) ▪ Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion: "American Jewish Thought at Midcentury: Not as Dull as You Thought" (Denver – 2022) ▪ Annual Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies: "God, Gender, and Bible Translation" (Online Conversation Series webinar – 2024); "Advancing Pedagogy of Jewish Thought and Rabbinics as Part of the Humanities" (for

seminar on “Thinking with Rabbinic Texts: The Next Stage”; San Diego – 2016)
- Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region: “Religion and Politics” and “Religion and the Literary Experience” (Brigham Young University – 2018); “Religion, Authenticity, and Modernity” (University of Colorado Boulder – 2017); “Religion, Archaeology, and the Law” (Creighton University – 2015); “Formations of Subjectivity in Modernity: Its Forms, Functions, and Pitfalls” and “Methods in Religion and Ethics” (Denver Seminary – 2013)

2012 – present — Session Organizer, Annual Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies
- “Reimagining Scripture: German-Jewish Thought and the Bible” (2014 – Baltimore)
- “Imagining the Good Life: New Trajectories in Modern Jewish Thought” (2012 – Chicago)

2012 – 2013 — Member of Program Committee, Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region

University of Colorado Boulder

2026 – present — Member of Review Committee, Sesquicentennial Faculty Scholars Program

2025 – present — Associate Chair / Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies

2012 – present — Organizer and Moderator, Federal Governance and Higher Education Series, Office of the Chancellor - Office of the Provost - Office of Faculty Affairs - Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship - Strategic Relations and Communications
- “Will American Higher Education Remain Global? International Scholars, International Students, and the Federal Government” (February 2026)
- “Collective Action and Higher Education: Prospects and Perils” (October 2025)
- “The ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ and Beyond: Federal Legislation and Higher Education” (September 2025)
- “Academic Freedom at CU and Beyond” (April 2025)
- “Universities and American Politics: Promise, Perils, and Possibilities” (March 2025)
- “Is There Anything the Government Can’t Do? Executive Actions and Checks and Balances” (March 2025)

2025 — Member of Post-Tenure Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies

2025 — Member of Chancellor’s Task Force on Outreach

2024 – present — Member of Steering Committee, Cultural Influences on Bioethics and Health (previously: American Jewish Experience in Medicine), Center for Bioethics and Humanities, Anschutz Medical Campus

2024 – present — Member of Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies

2024 – present — Member of Executive Committee, Program in Jewish Studies

2024 – present — Member of Graduate Studies Committee, Program in Jewish Studies

2024 – present — Faculty Director for Public Scholarship, Office of Faculty Affairs

2024 – 2025	Member of Faculty Director for Strategic Events and Public Discourse Search Committee, Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship and Office of Strategic Relations and Communications
2024	Member of Teaching Professor Reappointment Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2022, 2025 – present	Member of Academic Review and Planning Advisory Committee
2021 – 2022	Chair, Gift Fund Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
2021 – 2022	Faculty Participant, Faculty Leadership Institute, Office of Faculty Affairs
2021 – 2022	Member of Louis P. Singer Endowed Chair in Jewish History Search Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2021	Member of Tenure Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Department of Religious Studies
2020 – 2022	Member of Holocaust, Genocide, and Contemporary Bioethics Advisory Group, Center for Bioethics and Humanities, Anschutz Medical Campus
2020 – 2022	Director, Program in Jewish Studies
2020 – 2022	Academic Director, Post-Holocaust American Judaism Collections
2020 – 2022	Member of Evaluation Committee, AHUM Course Proposals, College of Arts and Sciences
2020 – 2021	Member of Evaluation Committee, Albert Smith Nuclear Age Fund, College of Arts and Sciences
2020	Member of Evaluation Committee, Shelter in Place Micro-Grants, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2020	Member of Evaluation Committee, Small Grant Proposals, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2020	Member of Evaluation Committee, Climate Change Grant Proposals, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2020	Undergraduate Internship Coordinator, Program in Jewish Studies
2020	Chair of Assistant Professor Reappointment Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Department of Religious Studies
2019	Member of Assistant Professor Reappointment Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Department of Religious Studies
2019	Chair of Merit Review Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2019	Member of Program Manager Search Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2019	Member of Hebrew Instructor Search Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2018 – 2019	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Women and Gender Studies and Jewish Studies (Joint Committee with Department of Women and Gender Studies), Program in Jewish Studies
2018 – 2019	Member of Review Committee, Kayden Translation Award, College of Arts and Sciences

2018	Member of Review Committee, Cynthia H Schultz and Beverly Sears Graduate Student Awards, Graduate School
2018	Member of Instructor Promotion Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2017 – 2019	Associate Chair / Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies
2017 – 2019	Member of Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies
2017 – 2018	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Religion and Politics / Minorities in Politics (Joint Committee with Department of Political Science), Program in Jewish Studies
2017	Member of Merit Review Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2016	Member of Evaluation Committee, 2nd Leg Graduate Student Summer Fellowships, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2015 – 2016	Co-Chair, ARPAC Review, Department of Religious Studies
2015 – 2016	Advisor for Undergraduate Students, Department of Religious Studies
2015	Co-Curator for Norlin Library Multimedia Exhibit "Freedom Seder: American Judaism and Social Justice," Program in Jewish Studies and Holocaust American Judaism Archive
2015	Faculty Director, Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive
2014 – 2020	Member of Steering Committee, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2014 – 2015	Departmental Liaison, Faculty-in-Residence Summer Term Program, Department of Religious Studies – Program in Jewish Studies
2014	Member of Senior Instructor Reappointment Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2014	Member of Program Director Search Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2014	Interim Director, Program in Jewish Studies
2013 – 2017	Associate Faculty Director / Director of Graduate Studies, Program in Jewish Studies
2014 – 2016, 2013	Faculty Organizer, Graduate Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies
2012 – 2022	Member of Executive Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2012	Member of By-Laws Committee, Department of Religious Studies

<u>Princeton University</u>

2011 – 2012	Mentor for Undergraduate Students, Center for Human Values
2009 – 2012	Member of Selection Committee, Tikvah Seminar: Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions
2009 – 2010	Co-organizer of Judaic Studies Graduate Colloquium, Program in Judaic Studies
2009 – 2010	Member of Hans Jonas Working Group, Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought