

Curriculum Vitae  
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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., History**

History, Monash University, Expected 2019

Thesis: *"Escaping the Sword of the Inquisition": Conversion, Expulsion and Resettlement in Early Modern Sephardic Rabbinic Texts*

**M.A., Theological Studies**

Harvard Divinity School, 2000

**B.A., Religious Studies**

Hampshire College, 1996

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal article**

*Rabbis and Refugees: Theological Responses to the Treatment of Converso migrants in Sixteenth-Century Candia, Mediterranean Historical Review* [forthcoming].

**Book chapter**

*Seeking Shelter Under the Wings of the Shekhinah: Early Modern Rabbinic Instructions on Ottoman Migration*, European Association for Urban History, Rome, 2018 conference proceedings, [forthcoming, 2019].

**Book reviews**

*Becoming Ottomans: Sephardi Jews and Imperial Citizenship in the Modern Era*, Julia Phillips Cohen, *H-Judaic Reviews*, 2017.

*The Secret Faith of Maestre Honoratus: Profayt Duran and Jewish Identity in Late Medieval Iberia*, Maud Kozodoy, in *Parergon*, 2016.

*Patronage, Production, and Transmission of Texts in Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Cultures*, Esperanza Alfonso and Jonathan Decker, eds. *Parergon*, 2015.

**Other publications**

*Religious Foundations Project: A Field Guide to Interfaith Dialogue through Text Study*, Regis University, 2009.

**GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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| <b>2016-2018</b> | Faculty of Arts Research Scholarship, Monash University   |
| <b>2017</b>      | Australian Centre for Jewish Civilization Grant, Monash University  |
| <b>2017</b>      | Phillipa Maddern Postgraduate Travel Bursary, Australia New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies |
| <b>2016</b>      | Knapp Family Foundation Graduate Student Travel Grant, Association for Jewish Studies                                 |
| <b>2016</b>      | Conference Scholarship, Australian Association for Jewish Studies   |
| <b>2015</b>      | Bill Kent Prato Fellowship for Research in Italy, Monash University   |
| <b>2010</b>      | <i>Religious Foundations Project</i> grant, Regis University and The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado                  |
| <b>2000</b>      | Parker/Uran Fellow for Study at Hebrew University, Harvard University   |
| <b>1999-2000</b> | Fellowship in Journalism and Publishing, <i>Sh'ma Magazine</i> , Boston, MA   |

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Colorado, Boulder**

#### **Program in Jewish Studies**

Gender, Sexuality and Judaism (Spring 2019)  
Sephardic Diasporas: History and Culture (Spring 2019)  
Introduction to Jewish Culture (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)  
Modern Jewish Literature (Fall 2018)

### **Monash University, Melbourne, Australia**

#### **History Program**

Renaissance Italy (Semester 2, 2017)  
Renaissance Europe (Semester 2, 2015; Semester 2, 2016)  
Witches and Depravity in the Medieval and Early Modern World (Semester 1, 2014; Semester 1, 2016)  
The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany (Semester 1, 2015)  
Fears and Fantasies: Deviance and Criminality in the Modern World (Semester 2, 2014)  
Nations at War: Revolution and Empire (Semester 1, 2013)

### **Regis University, Denver, Colorado**

#### **Religious Studies**

Introduction to Judaism (2007-2012)  
Western Religious Traditions (2007-2012)

## **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2017** "*Dopo il ghetto*: Papal policy and the Jews of Italy," Early Modern Circle, University of Melbourne, 15 May, 2017.  
**1998** Panelist, "Rethinking the Holocaust," Hampshire College, 1998.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **Conferences organized**

- 2019** Fourth Biannual Embodied Judaism symposium and permanent exhibit, *Jews Out West: Experiential Judaism in the American West in the post-war era* [provisional title], University of Colorado, Boulder, November 2019.  
**2017** Third Annual Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies symposium, *Policing the Margins: authority, identity and religious ambiguity amongst Jews, Christians and Muslims in medieval Europe and the Mediterranean*, Monash University, 28 April, 2017.

### **Papers presented**

- 2017** "Popes and Pirates: New Perspectives on the Ancona Massacre of 1556," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Washington, D. C., 17 December, 2017.  
**2017** "The Ancona Massacre of 1556: Rabbinic perspectives on the Roman Inquisition," Reforming Religions Workshop, Istituto Sangalli, Florence, Italy, 12 September, 2017.  
**2017** "The Ancona Massacre: Jewish/Christian Relations in Italy in the Sixteenth Century," Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies symposium, Monash University, 28 April, 2017.  
**2017** "Refuge or Refuse?: Venetian Candia and the absorption of Sephardic Jewish refugees in the mid-sixteenth century," Australia-New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies conference, 10 February, 2017.  
**2016** "*Excommunication for those who call a repentant an apostate*": Conversos and benevolence in three rabbinic letters from *Takanot Candia*, 1567," Association for Jewish Studies conference, San Diego, 18 December, 2016.

- 2016** "Escaping the Inquisition: Themes of conversion, expulsion and resettlement in early modern Sephardi rabbinic texts," Historical Studies Conference, Monash University, 2 November, 2016.
- 2016** "Edom: *Sephardic Representations of Latin Christendom in Sixteenth Century responsa texts*", at Monash University Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Annual Symposium, 29 April, 2016.
- 2016** "Seeking Shelter under the Wings of the Shekhinah: Geographical and metaphysical implications of Expulsion in Sixteenth Century Sephardi Responsa Texts," at the *Australia Association for Jewish Studies* conference, Brisbane, 14 February, 2016.
- 2015** "The Talmud is Burning: Sephardi Responses to Increased Persecution of Jews in Italy in the Sixteenth Century," at *Monash Prato Medieval and Renaissance Roundtable*, Prato, Italy, 8 December 2015.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

- 2016** "Escaping the Inquisition: Themes of conversion, expulsion and resettlement in early modern Sephardi rabbinic texts," Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Monash University, 21 October, 2016.
- 2015** "Responsa Prudentium: Early Modern Applications of Hebrew *teshuvot* texts and their use by historians as primary sources" Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Monash University, 22 May, 2015.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2016-2017** Committee Member, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University
- 2005** Grant-making Committee Member, Public Good Funds, University of Denver
- 1999-2000** President, Jewish Graduate Students' Association, Harvard University

#### **UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT**

- 2017-2018** Learning Skills Adviser, Matheson Library, Monash University
- 2005-2010** Coordinator, Forum on Religion & Community, Regis University
- 2003-2005** Director, Center for Religion & Public Life, University of Denver
- 2002-2004** Assistant Director, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver
- 1998-2000** Staff, Periodicals & Acquisitions, Harvard Andover Library, Harvard University
- 1994** Student representative, Religious Studies faculty search committee, Hampshire College

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 2019** Peak-to-Peak Lecture Series, April, 2019 [upcoming]
- 2019** Jeffersonian Dinner, Boulder Jewish Community Center, 7 February, 2019. [upcoming]
- 2018** Panel Moderator, "On Israel: Recent Publications," Jewish Book Week, Melbourne, Australia, May 2018
- 2010-2018** Course Instructor, Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Denver, Colorado and Melbourne, Australia
- 2011** *Community Narratives Panel*, Mizel Museum, Denver, Colorado, 4 February, 2011
- 2011** "Faith: How Jews relate to other religions," Feed Your Mind series, Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Denver, Colorado, 10 February, 2011
- 2010-2012** Board member, Community Talmud Torah, Denver, Colorado
- 2007** Panelist, Center for Christian-Jewish Dialogue Annual Dinner, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 8 October, 2007

2004-2007

Board member, Interfaith Community, Denver, Colorado

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Early modern European history, Jewish history, Mediterranean Studies, History of religion, History of the Inquisition, Biblical and rabbinic literature, Jewish/Muslim/Christian historical interaction, Sephardic studies, Refugee studies

**LANGUAGES**

Modern Hebrew (proficient)  
Rabbinic Hebrew (intermediate)  
French (intermediate)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Historical Association  
Association of Jewish Studies  
Renaissance Society of America