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EDUCATION

- 2004 Ph.D., Religion, Princeton University (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)
2000 M.A., Religion, Princeton University (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)
1995 Vrij Doctoraal Letteren, University of Amsterdam (Classics and Religion)
1994 A.B., Brown University (Classics)

PRIMARY ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2010– Associate Professor, Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles
2006–10 Assistant Professor, Departments of History and NELC, UCLA
2004–6 Assistant Professor, Department of Classical & Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota

VISITING ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 Lecturer, Summer School at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem (July 5–9)
2011–12 Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, UT Austin
2010 Lecturer, Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest (March)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2009–12 Director, UCLA Center for the Study of Religion
2009–12 Chair, UCLA Study of Religion Undergraduate Program

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Co-editor, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 2016–
Editorial Board (associate editor), Book series: *Archaeology, Culture, and History of the Ancient Near East* (Routledge), 2015–
Editorial Board (associate editor), Book series: *Martyrdom and Literature* (Harrassowitz Verlag), 2015–
Editorial Board (member), *Journal of the Jesus Movement in its Jewish Setting*, 2014–
Editorial Committee (member), University of California Press, 2014–
Editorial Board (member), *Perspectives: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies*, 2004–6

I. PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Single-authored books

The Holy Remains: Tokens of Cult and Kingship between Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity. In preparation.

From Martyr to Mystic: Rabbinic Martyrology and the Making of Merkavah Mysticism, Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 112 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2005).

Edited volumes

With Jacco Dieleman and Joseph Sanzo. *Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World*, special issue of *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte*. Forthcoming 2015.

With Adam H. Becker. *Matter of Contention: Sacred Objects at the Crossroads of Religious Traditions*, special issue of *Material Religion* 10.4 (2014): 408–525.

With Martha Himmelfarb and Peter Schäfer. *Hekhalot Literature in Context: Between Byzantium and Babylonia*, Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 153 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013).

- With Reimund Leicht, Klaus Herrmann, Annette Yoshiko Reed, and Giuseppe Veltri. *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion His 70th Birthday*, 2 vols. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013).
- With Oren Kosansky and Marina Rustow. *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History: Authority, Diaspora, Tradition* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011).
- With Alex Jassen and Calvin Roetzel. *Violence, Scripture, and Textual Practice in Early Judaism and Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, 2010). Reprint with new Preface, Forward, and Indices of special issue of *Biblical Interpretation* 17.1–2 (2009): 1–264.
- With Annette Yoshiko Reed. *Blood and the Boundaries of Jewish and Christian Identities in Late Antiquity*, special issue of *Henoch* 30.2 (2008): 229–364.
- With Annette Yoshiko Reed. *Heavenly Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004). Paperback reprint, 2009.

Articles in journals (including introductions to special issues)

- With Karen Britt. “The ‘Elephant’ Mosaic in the Synagogue at Huqoq: First Publication and Initial Interpretation.” In preparation.
- With Joseph E. Sanzo. “Christian Magicians, Jewish Magic, and the Shared Magical Culture of Late Antiquity.” Under review with *Harvard Theological Review*.
- With Michael Beshay. “Sealing the Demons, Once and For All: The Ring of Solomon, the Cross of Christ, and the Power of Biblical Kingship,” *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* (forthcoming 2015).
- “Secrets without Mystery: Esotericism in Early Jewish Mysticism,” *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism* 15.1 (2015): 10–15.
- With Adam H. Becker. “Sacred Objects at the Crossroads of Religious Traditions: Introduction,” *Material Religion* 10.4 (2014): 408–10.
- With Marie-Thérèse Champagne. “Walking in the Shadows of the Past: The Jewish Experience of Rome in the Twelfth Century,” *Medieval Encounters* 17.4–5 (2011): 462–92.
- “Rabbinization and the Making of Early Jewish Mysticism,” *The Jewish Quarterly Review* 101.4 (2011): 482–501.
- “Immolating Emperors: Spectacles of Imperial Suffering and the Making of a Jewish Minority Culture in Late Antiquity,” *Biblical Interpretation* 17.1–2 (2009): 207–38.
- With Alex Jassen and Calvin Roetzel. “Introduction: Violence, Scripture, and Textual Practice in Early Judaism and Christianity,” *Biblical Interpretation* 17.1–2 (2009): 1–11.
- With Annette Yoshiko Reed. “Blood and Atonement in the Pseudo-Clementines and *The Story of the Ten Martyrs*: The Problem of Selection in the Study of Ancient Judaism and Christianity,” *Henoch* 30.2 (2008): 333–64.
- With Annette Yoshiko Reed. “Introduction to Theme-Issue: Blood and the Boundaries of Jewish and Christian Identities in Late Antiquity,” *Henoch* 30.2 (2008): 231–42.
- “The Study of Heikhalot Literature—Between Religious Experience and Textual Artifact,” *Currents in Biblical Research* 6.1 (2007): 130–60.
- “The Emergence of Pseudonymous Attribution in Heikhalot Literature: Empirical Evidence from the Jewish ‘Magical’ Corpora,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 14.1 (2007): 18–38.
- “A Hebrew Hymn of Praise for a High-priestly Rabbinic Martyr: A Note on the Relationship between the Synagogue Liturgy and Rabbinic Literary Culture,” *Zutot* 4 (2004): 28–35.

Articles in multi-authored books (including introductions to edited volumes)

With Joseph E. Sanzo. "'Jewish' Elements in Christian Magic and 'Christian' Elements in Jewish Magic," in *A Handbook of Jewish Magic*, ed. Siam Bhayro and Ortal-Paz Saar (Brill: Leiden, forthcoming).

"3 Enoch," in *The Textual History of the Bible*, vol. 2: *Deutero-Canonical Scriptures*, ed. Matthias Henze (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

"Jewish Veneration of the 'Special Dead' in Late Antiquity and Beyond," in *Saints and Sacred Matter: The Cult of Relics in Byzantium and Beyond*, ed. Cynthia Hahn and Holger Klein (Washington, D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, 2015), 61–81.

With Joseph E. Sanzo. "Mediterranean Jews in a Christianizing Empire," in *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Attila*, ed. Michael Maas (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014), 360–76.

With Patrick G. McCullough. "Apocalyptic Literature and the Study of Early Jewish Mysticism," in *The Oxford Handbook of Apocalyptic Literature*, ed. John J. Collins (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), 85–103.

"Israelite Kingship, Christian Rome, and the Jewish Imperial Imagination: Midrashic Precursors to the Medieval 'Throne of Solomon,'" in *Jews, Christians, and the Roman Empire: The Poetics of Power in Late Antiquity*, ed. Natalie Dohrmann and Annette Yoshiko Reed (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013), 167–82, notes 319–24.

"Introduction: Hekhalot Literature at the Intersections of Jewish Regional Cultures," in *Hekhalot Literature in Context: Between Byzantium and Babylonia*, ed. Ra'anan Boustan, Martha Himmelfarb, and Peter Schäfer, TSAJ 153 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), XI–XXIV.

"The Contested Reception of the *Story of the Ten Martyrs* in Medieval Midrash," in *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion His 70th Birthday*, ed. Ra'anan Boustan et al., 2 vols. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), 1:369–94.

With Reimund Leicht, Klaus Herrmann, Annette Yoshiko Reed, and Giuseppe Veltri. "Introduction: *Imre Shefer*," in *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion His 70th Birthday*, ed. Ra'anan Boustan et al., 2 vols. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), 1:XVII–XXVIII.

"Confounding Blood: Jewish Narratives of Sacrifice and Violence in Late Antiquity," in *Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean: Images, Acts, Meanings*, ed. Jennifer Wright Knust and Zsuzsanna Várhelyi (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 265–86.

"The Dislocation of the Temple Vessels: Mobile Sanctity and Rabbinic Rhetorics of Space," in *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History: Authority, Diaspora, Tradition*, ed. Ra'anan S. Boustan, Oren Kosansky, and Marina Rustow (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), 135–46, notes 365–70.

With Oren Kosansky and Marina Rustow. "Introduction: Anthropology, History, and the Remaking of Jewish Studies," in *Jewish Studies at the Crossroads of Anthropology and History: Authority, Diaspora, Tradition*, ed. Ra'anan S. Boustan, Oren Kosansky and Marina Rustow (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), 1–28, notes 335–45.

"The Spoils of the Jerusalem Temple at Rome and Constantinople: Jewish Counter-Geography in a Christianizing Empire," in *Antiquity in Antiquity: Jewish and Christian Pasts in the Greco-Roman World*, ed. Gregg Gardner and Kevin Osterloh, TSAJ 123 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008), 327–72.

"Competing Attitudes toward Rabbi Ishmael's Priestly Genealogy in Heikhalot Literature," in *Paradise Now: Essays on Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism*, ed. April DeConick (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2006), 127–41.

- “Angels in the Architecture: Temple Art and the Poetics of Praise in the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice,” in *Heavenly Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions*, ed. Ra'anan S. Boustan and Annette Yoshiko Reed (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 195–212.
- With Annette Yoshiko Reed. “Introduction: ‘In Heaven as It is on Earth,’” in *Heavenly Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions*, ed. Ra'anan S. Boustan and Annette Yoshiko Reed (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 1–15.
- “Circumcision and Castration in Roman Law and Culture under the Early Empire,” in *The Covenant of Circumcision: New Perspectives on an Ancient Jewish Rite*, ed. Elizabeth Wyner Mark (Boston: University Press of New England, 2003), 75–86, notes 220–23.
- “Seven-fold Hymns in the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice and the Hekhalot Literature: Formalism, Hierarchy, and the Limits of Human Participation,” in *The Dead Sea Scrolls as Background to Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity*, ed. James R. Davila, STDJ 46 (Leiden: Brill, 2003), 220–47.
- “Rabbi Ishmael’s Miraculous Conception: Jewish Redemption History in Anti-Christian Polemic,” in *The Ways that Never Parted: Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*, ed. Adam H. Becker and Annette Yoshiko Reed, TSAJ 95 (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007; repr. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2003), 307–43.
- “Negotiating Difference: Genital Mutilation in Roman Slave Law and the History of the Bar Kokhba Revolt,” in *The Bar Kokhba War Reconsidered*, ed. Peter Schäfer, TSAJ 100 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2003), 71–91.
- “Eunuchs and Gender Transformation: Philo’s Exegesis of the Joseph Narrative,” in *Eunuchs in Antiquity and Beyond*, ed. Shaun Tougher (London: Duckworth, 2002), 103–21.
- With Jan Willem van Henten. “The Depiction of the Jews as Typhonians and Josephus’ Strategy of Refutation in *Contra Apionem*,” in *Josephus’ Contra Apionem: Studies in its Character and Context*, ed. Louis H. Feldman and John R. Levison, AGJU 34 (Leiden: Brill, 1996), 271–309.

Book reviews and review essays

- Review of Steven D. Fraade, *Legal Fictions: Studies of Law and Narrative in the Discursive Worlds of Ancient Jewish Sectarians and Sages* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), in *AJS Review* 7.2 (2014): 358–60.
- With Henry Gruber. Review of Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, Yehudah Cohn, and Fergus Millar, eds., *Handbook of Jewish Literature from Late Antiquity, 135–700 C.E.* (Oxford: Oxford University Press/The British Academy, 2012), in *Journal of Late Antiquity* 7.2 (2014): 360–62.
- Review of Andrew S. Jacobs, *Christ Circumcised: A Study in Early Christian History and Difference* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012), in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81.3 (2013): 868–73.
- “Augustine as Revolutionary? Reflections on Continuity and Rupture in Jewish–Christian Relations in Paula Fredriksen’s *Augustine and the Jews*,” *The Jewish Quarterly Review* 99.1 (2009): 74–87.
- Review of Jonathan Klawans, *Purity, Sacrifice, and the Temple: Symbolism and Supersessionism in the Study of Ancient Judaism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), in *AJS Review* 32.1 (2008): 169–72.
- Review of Pieter W. van der Horst, *Het vroege jodendom van A tot Z: Een kleine encyclopedie over de eerste duizend jaar (ca. 350 v. Chr.–650 n. Chr.)* (Zoetermeer: Meinema, 2006), in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 38.3 (2007): 436–38.
- Review of Andreas Lehnardt, *Qaddish: Untersuchungen zur Entstehung und Rezeption eines rabbinischen Gebetes* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2002), in *The Jewish Quarterly Review* 97.2 (2007): 65–69.

Review of Daniel Boyarin, *Border Lines: The Partition of Judaeo-Christianity* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004), in *The Jewish Quarterly Review* 96.3 (2006): 441–46.

“Imperialisms in Jewish History, From Pre- to Post-Modern,” *Perspectives: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies* (Fall 2005): 8–10.

Review of Vita Daphna Arbel, *Beholders of Divine Secrets: Mysticism and Myth in the Hekhalot and Merkabah Literature* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125.1 (2005): 123–26.

Review of Erich S. Gruen, *Diaspora: Jews amidst Greeks and Romans* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002), in *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 5 (2003): 379–83.

Entries in reference works

“Metatron,” in *The Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, Eric Orlin, and Michael Satlow (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).

“Heikhalot literature,” in *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, ed. Mark Humphries and Oliver Nicholson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Yohanan bar Nappaha,” in *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, ed. Mark Humphries and Oliver Nicholson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Heaven—Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Hans-Josef Klauck et al. (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, forthcoming).

“Hekhalot/Merkabah literature,” in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, ed. Roger S. Bagnall et al. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), 3099–101.

“Shi‘ur Qomah (Jewish mystical texts),” in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, ed. Roger S. Bagnall et al. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), 6227–28.

“Second Temple,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture*, ed. Judith Baskin (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 590–91.

“Hekhalot literature,” in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed. Dan Harlow and John J. Collins (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2010), 719–21.

“R. Ishmael,” in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed. Dan Harlow and John J. Collins (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2010), 778–79.

“R. Yohanan ben Zakkai,” in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed. Dan Harlow and John J. Collins (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2010), 1355–56.

“Ascension—Rabbinic and Medieval Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Hans-Josef Klauck et al. (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009), 2:889–90.

Internet Publications

“Jews and Christians: Embracing the Wide Spectrum,” in *Ancient Jew Review* (December 18, 2014)
<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2014/12/18/jews-and-christians-embracing-the-wide-spectrum>

“The Relics of Rabbi Ishmael in *The Story of the Ten Martyrs*,” in *Jewish Understandings of the Other: An Annotated Sourcebook*, Boston College Center for Jewish–Christian Learning (2006):
http://www.bc.edu/research/cjl/meta-elements/texts/cjrelations/resources/sourcebook/relics_ishmael.htm

Invited academic lectures (not including conference presentations)

“Matter of Contention: Tokens of Cult and Kingship between Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity”
 ➤ The Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, January 2015

“Novelistic Digressions in Josephus’ *Jewish Antiquities* 18 and 20”
 ➤ University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, March 2014

“Mediterranean Jews in a Christianizing Empire: Changing Dynamics of Intercommunal Violence”

- Yeshiva University, Department of Jewish History, March 2014
- Tel Aviv University, “Summer Program: Jewish–Christian Encounters in the Early Centuries,” August 2013

“Jewish Studies between the Disciplines”

- Western Association for Jewish Studies, Key note address, April 2013

“The Ring of Solomon, the Cross of Christ, and the Power of Biblical Kingship.”

- Williams College, Classics and Jewish Studies, April 2014
- Yale University, Seminar on Ancient Judaism, April 2013
- Centre F  vrier for the Study of the Ancient & Medieval Mediterranean (Aix-en-Provence), December 2012

“Jewish Martyrology and the Boundaries of Jewish and Christian Identities in Late Antiquity”

- University of West Florida, Department of History, March 2012

“Rabbinization and the Making of Early Jewish Mysticism”

- Cornell University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Culture, March 2011
- The Ohio State University, Center for the Study of Religion, February 2011
- Reed College, Department of Religion, December 2010

“From Heterogeneity to Hegemony: The Limits of Pluralism in the Study of Early Judaism”

- University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, November 2010

“The Rabbinic Sage as Martyred Saint: Transformations of Jewish Narrative in Late Antiquity”

- University of California, Santa Barbara, Ancient Mediterranean Studies Seminar, May 2010
- Stanford University, Ho Center for Buddhist Studies and Taube Center for Jewish Studies, April 2010

“The Blood of Zechariah between Jews & Christians: Sacrifice as Murder from Antiquity to Ren   Girard”

- Graduate Theological Union, Center for Jewish Studies, February 2009

“The Uses of Roman Law for Social and Cultural History: The Case of the Alleged Ban on Circumcision”

- University of Southern California, Department of Classics, November 2008

“Blood and the Boundaries of Jewish and Christian Identities” (with Annette Yoshiko Reed)

- University of California, Riverside, Department of Religion, April 2007

“The Foundation of Rome in Jewish Apocalyptic and Rabbinic Literature”

- University of Minnesota, Institute for Advanced Studies, February 2007

“Jewish Counter-Geography in a Christianizing Empire”

- Princeton University, Department of Religion, February 2005

II. TEACHING

Undergraduate courses taught:

Roman History in Late Antiquity: Transformation of the Mediterranean World
Jewish Civilization: The Encounter with Great World Cultures
Martyrdom and Religious Violence in the Graeco-Roman World
Jewish Mysticism, Magic, and Kabbalah
Ancient Jewish History: From Israelite Origins to the Rise of Rabbinic Judaism
Introduction to Judaism

Graduate courses taught:

Jewish–Christian Relations in Antiquity: History and Historiography
Images of Power and the Power of Images in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages
Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
Critical Approaches to Social Forms: Nation, Value, Religion
Jews, Gentiles, and Christians in the Roman World
Wisdom and Apocalyptic in Second Temple Judaism and Beyond
Esotericism and Mysticism in Rabbinic and Related Literatures
Prayer and Liturgical Poetry at Qumran
Advanced Classical Hebrew: Post-biblical and Rabbinic Hebrew
Advanced Classical Hebrew: Hebrew in the Second Temple Period

Doctoral advising*Committee chair*

2012 Joseph Sanzo (UCLA, History)

In progress Patrick McCullough (UCLA, History)

Committee member

2014 Jennifer Pantoja (UCLA, NELC)

2013 Allegra Iafrate (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, History of Art)

2013 James Petitfils (UCLA, History)

2013 Sue Russell (UCLA, History)

2013 Drake Levasheff (UCLA, History)

2012 Kevin Scull (UCLA, History)

2011 Jason Mokhtarian (UCLA, NELC)

2010 Peter Lanfer (UCLA, NELC)

In progress Mik Larson (UCLA, History)

Suzanne Lye (UCLA, Classics)

Josiah Chappell (UCLA, NELC)

Melissa Ramos (UCLA, NELC)

Lisa Cleath (UCLA, NELC)

Megan Smith (UCLA, English)

Samuel Keeley (UCLA, History)

Meng Yin (UCLA, Asian Languages & Cultures)

III. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**Advisory capacities**

Board of Directors (member), Association for Jewish Studies, 2013–16

Advisory Board (co-chair), Violence & Representations of Violence among Jews & Christians Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2012–15

Advisory Board (member), Religious Worlds of Late Antiquity Group, SBL, 2010–

Steering Committee (member), California Consortium for the Study of Late Antiquity, 2008–

Steering Committee (member), Multi-Campus Research Group on Ancient Mediterranean Borderlands, 2010–15

Advisory Board (member), Violence & Representations of Violence among Jews & Christians Section, SBL, 2009–12

Advisory Board (member), Hellenistic Judaism Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2008–14

Conference planning and other organizing activities

“Jews and the Material in Antiquity” (Research group successfully proposed to the Frankel Institute for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, for 2018–19)

“Jewish Sub-cultures in Late Antiquity” (Zikhron Ya‘akov, Israel, August 4–5, 2013)

“Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World” (UCLA, October 22, 2012)

“Matter of Contention: Relics and Other Sacred Objects at the Crossroads of Religious Traditions” (University of Texas at Austin, April, 23–24, 2012)

“Picking Up the Pieces: Refiguring Jerusalem and Rome in Late Antiquity” (UT Austin, March 26, 2012)

“Hekhalot Literature in Context: From Byzantium to Babylonia” (Princeton University, November, 14–16, 2010)

“Violence, Authority, and Subversion in Late Antique Jewish Culture” (Zikhron Ya‘akov, Israel, August 8–9, 2009)

“Jewish and Other Imperial Cultures in Late Antiquity” (Research group successfully proposed to the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, for 2007–8)

“Sanctified Violence in Ancient Mediterranean Religions: Discourse, Ritual, Community” (University of Minnesota, October 6–8, 2007)

“In Heaven as it is on Earth: Imagined Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions” (Princeton University, January 14–15, 2001)

Co-founder, Program in the Ancient World Graduate Student Colloquium (Princeton University, 2000–1)

Peer-reviewing

Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism; Brill; Cambridge University Press; Critical Research on Religion; Foundation for Jewish Culture; Israel Science Foundation; The Jewish Quarterly Review; Jewish Social Studies; Jewish Studies Quarterly; Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Journal of Ancient Judaism; Journal of Early Christian Studies; Journal of Late Antiquity; Journal of Near Eastern Studies; Maarav; The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research; Zion.

IV. FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Research Fellowship, Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization, New York University, Spring 2014

Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2011–12

Internal grants, UCLA: Faculty Research Grant, 2011–12; Research Enabling Grant, 2010–11; Faculty Research Grant, 2009–10; Sol Leshin Program for UCLA/BGU Academic Cooperation, 2009; Faculty Career Development Award, 2008–9

Research Fellowship, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2007–8

Internal grants, University of Minnesota: McKnight Summer Research Fellowship, 2005; Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, 2005; McKnight International Travel Award, 2005; Office of International Programs Faculty Grant, 2005

Research Fellowship, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2003–4

Dissertation fellowships: National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2002–3; Whiting Foundation, 2001–2; Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2001–2

Dorot Leadership Program in Israel, Dorot Foundation, 1996–7

Fulbright Fellowship, The Netherlands, 1994–5

James Aldridge Pirce Prize for Outstanding Senior Thesis, Classics Department, Brown University, 1994

Workman–Driscoll Premium for Exemplary Service, Classics Department, Brown University, 1994

Magna Cum Laude (highest Latin honors awarded), Brown University, 1994

Phi Beta Kappa (Junior year), Brown University, 1993

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