

Curriculum Vitae

Malka Z. Simkovich

**Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies at Catholic Theological Union
Director of Catholic-Jewish Studies at Catholic Theological Union
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EDUCATION

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Ph.D. in Second Temple Judaism and Rabbinic Literature (August 2015)
Advisors: Bernadette J. Brooten, Marc Z. Brettler, Reuven Kimelman

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Master of Arts summa cum laude (May 2006)
Concentration: Hebrew Bible
Advisor: Paul D. Hanson

Stern College of Yeshiva University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude (May 2004)
Double Major: Biblical Studies and Music Theory

TEACHING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL (2014–Present)

*Crown-Ryan Chair of Jewish Studies and Director of Catholic-Jewish Studies
Program (July 2017–Present)*

In addition to teaching three courses a year, I advise students and organizing programming related to interreligious dialogue, including three annual Shapiro lectures and the annual Perelmuter conference

Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies (September 2014–June 2017)

I have taught, or am slated to teach, “Introduction to Judaism,” “Women in the Scriptures,” “Intertestamental Judaism,” “Psalms,” “Jewish-Christian Interreligious Dialogue,” and “Abraham’s Children,” which is co-taught with Professors of Islam and Christianity

Chicago Jewish Home (2017–Present)

Columnist for Series: Off The Record

My column explores letters that were written to or by Jews that made some kind of impact in their day, or shed light on a particular moment in time.

TheTorah.Com (2013–Present)

Contributor

Publish articles focusing on the interpretation of Scripture in Second Temple and Early Rabbinic literature

Harvard Theological Review, Cambridge, MA (2012–2015)

Editorial Assistant

Read article manuscripts submitted to journal and recommend them for publication, revision or rejection

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

University Instructor (Spring 2011)

“Women in the Apocrypha,” University Writing Seminar for Freshmen
Designed and taught original, writing-intensive curriculum on Apocryphal literature

Teaching Fellow (Fall 2010–Spring 2012)

“Introduction to Talmud,” Reuven Kimelman, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies,
Brandeis University (Fall 2010)

Taught weekly preparation sessions to students and additional sessions prior to exams

“Introduction to the New Testament,” Bernadette J. Brooten, Near Eastern and Judaic
Studies, Brandeis University (Spring 2010)

Gave three lectures; designed lesson plan entitled “Background to the Interpretation
of Hebrew Bible in the New Testament”

“Foundational Course in Jewish Studies,” Reuven Kimelman, Near Eastern and
Judaic Studies, Brandeis University (Fall 2011)

Gave a lecture entitled Maccabean Literature in Early Christian History, and lectured
on Orthodoxy and Feminism

Taught weekly preparation sessions to students and additional sessions prior to exams

“Agadic Literature: The Ethics of the Fathers with Avot d’Rabbi Nathan,” Reuven Kimelman, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University (Spring 2012)
Taught weekly preparation sessions to students and additional sessions prior to exams

Maayan Torah Studies Initiative, Newton, MA

Adult Education Instructor

“Medieval Biblical Exegesis,” (Spring 2013)
“Introduction to the Apocrypha,” (Fall 2010)
“Introduction to I Kings,” (Fall 2005)

Boston University Hillel, Boston, MA

Adult Education Instructor

“Introduction to I Kings,” (Fall 2008)

Maimonides Upper School, Brookline, MA

High School Teacher

Taught Bible courses to high school students, focusing on literary analysis and the methodology of medieval exegetical commentaries (Fall 2005-Spring 2009)

11th Grade Dean

Oversaw all academic and behavioral matters regarding sixty 11th graders, interacted daily with students, parents, and administrators regarding a wide variety of students’ needs (Fall 2007–Spring 2009)

UNIVERSITY COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible Apocrypha
Introduction to Judaism
The Jewish Context of Jesus
The Second Temple Period and its Literature
The Early Christian Period and its literature
Early Rabbinic Literature
The Book of Genesis
The Book of Exodus
The Book of Kings
The Book of Isaiah
The Book of Psalms
The Methodologies of Medieval Biblical Exegesis
Women in the Biblical World

PUBLICATIONS

Editor, *Proceedings of the 2018 Haym Perelmuter Conference in Jewish Christian Dialogue*, co-edited with John R. Barker, *Judaism in Context* Series, Georgias Press, expected 2019

Zechariah, Wisdom Commentary series; co-authored with Leslie Hoppe, ed. Barbara Reid, under contract, expected 2019

Review of Stephen Greenblatt, *The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve*, *Christian Century*, February 2018

Review of Irving Green, *The Jews of Chicago*, *Chicago Jewish Historical Society Quarterly Journal*, forthcoming 2018

“Bel and the Dragon: Introduction and Commentary,” in *The Jewish Annotated Apocrypha*, eds. Lawrence Wills and Jonathan Klawans, under contract, expected 2018

The Lost Scriptures: Discovering the Sacred Library of Ancient Israel, Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, forthcoming, October 2018

Review of Michael Segal, *Dreams, Riddles, and Visions: Textual, Contextual, and Intertextual Approaches to the Book of Daniel*, in *AJS Review*, Spring 2018

“The Book of Judith and the History of Hanukkah,” *Shema BeKolah: A Journal of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance*, December 2017

Review of “Chana: A Life in Prayer,” by Rabbi Yehiel E. Poupko. *JUF News*. September 6, 2017.

“A Family’s Witness of Faith (2 Maccabees 7),” *The Bible Today*, May/June 2017

Review of Michael Segal, *Dreams, Riddles, and Visions: Textual, Contextual, and Intertextual Approaches to the Book of Daniel*, in *AJS Review*, Spring 2018

Review of Richard Kalmin, *Migrating Tales: The Talmud’s Narratives and Their Historical Contexts*, in *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 12.1, 2017

The Making of Jewish Universalism: From Exile to Alexandria, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017

“The Apocalyptic Visions of Abraham and Paul in Early Judaism and Christianity,” *The Bible Today* 54.4 (2016) 261–266

“Geography-Based Giving in the Jewish Tradition,” in *Poverty and Wealth in the Sacred Texts of Jews, Christians, and Muslims*, eds. Nathan R. Kollar and Muhammad Shafiq. New York: Palgrave, 2016

“The Book of Jonah,” entry in *Encyclopedia of Biblical Reception (EBR)*, 2016

“Echoes of Universalist Testament Literature in Christian and Rabbinic Texts,” *Harvard Theological Review*, January 2016

“Interpretations of Abraham’s Circumcision in Early Christianity,” in *From Enoch to Montreal and Back: New Vistas on Early Judaism and Christianity. Papers from the Fifth Enoch Graduate Seminar, Montreal, 20–24 May 2014*, eds. Lorenzo DiTommaso and Gerbern S. Oegema. London: T&T Clark, 2015.

“Let All Life Be in Common: Jewish Universalism from the Hebrew Bible Through the Second Temple Period,” Doctoral Dissertation, July 2015

“The Book of Haggai,” entry in *Encyclopedia of Biblical Reception (EBR)*, 2014

“Greek Influence on the Composition of 2 Maccabees,” *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, 42.3 (2011) 293–310

“Doors, Windows, and Boundaries in the Elijah-Elisha Stories,” Harvard University Masters Thesis, May 2006

ONLINE ESSAYS

“In Every Generation They Rise Up Against Us To Destroy Us:” How We Keep Getting Chanukah Wrong.” December 14th, 2017.
<https://www.thelehrhaus.com/scholarship/how-we-keep-getting-hanukkah-wrong/>

“Rebecca in Early Jewish and Rabbinic Literature.” November 15th, 2017.
<http://thetorah.com/rebeccas-character/>

“A Love Letter to the Woman of Valor.” November 9th, 2017. The Lehrhaus.
<http://www.thelehrhaus.com/commentary-short-articles/2017/11/8/a-love-letter-to-the-woman-of-valor.>

“A Response to Ethan Tucker’s Interview with Dr. Alan Brill on Gender Equality and Prayer in Judaism.” Kavvanah. September 11, 2017.
[https://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2017/09/11/malka-z-simkovich-responds-to-rabbi-ethan-tucker-interview/.](https://kavvanah.wordpress.com/2017/09/11/malka-z-simkovich-responds-to-rabbi-ethan-tucker-interview/)

Review of “Chana: A Life in Prayer,” by Rabbi Yehiel E. Poupko. JUF News. September 6, 2017.

“Modest Living: Why Treating Appearance as a Religious Category Needs to go Out of Style.” The Times of Israel. June 27, 2017.

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/modest-living-why-treating-appearance-as-a-religious-category-needs-to-go-out-of-style/>

“The Christian Monks Who Saved Jewish History.” The Lehrhaus. May 11, 2017.

<http://www.thelehrhaus.com/scholarship/2017/5/10/jewish-texts-christian-monks?rq=malka%20simkovich>

“The Decalogue in Rabbinic Literature.” Modern Torah Leadership. February 16, 2017.

<https://moderntoraleadership.wordpress.com/2017/02/16/the-decalogue-in-rabbinic-literature/>

“Heteronomy and Hierarchy: Are Partnership Minyanim Orthodox? A CTML Symposium.” Modern Torah Leadership. September 26, 2016.

<https://moderntoraleadership.wordpress.com/2014/11/05/heteronomy-and-hierarchy-partnership=minyanim-and-their-relationship-with-halakhic-authority>

“Wrestling With God: Leonard Cohen’s You Want it Darker.” The Lehrhaus. November 13, 2016.

<http://www.thelehrhaus.com/culture/2016/11/13/wrestling-with-god-leonard-cohens-you-want-it-darker?rq=malka%20simkovich>

“The Origins of Jewish Universalism: What it is, and Why it Matters.” The Lehrhaus.

October 6, 2016. <http://www.thelehrhaus.com/scholarship/jewish-universalism?rq=malka%20simkovich>

“The Tale of Susanna: A Story About Daniel.” The Torah.Com. September 1, 2016.

<http://thetorah.com/the-tale-of-susanna-a-story-about-daniel/>

“Working Hard for the Money: Breaking the Taboo of How We Pay Female Orthodox Educators.” The Times of Israel. August 17, 2016.

<http://blogs.timesofisrael.com/working-hard-for-the-money-breaking-the-taboo-of-how-we-pay-female-orthodox-educators/>

“Queen Berenice: A Woman of Contrasts.” <http://thetorah.com/queen-berenice-a-woman-of-contrasts/>

“Intimacy on the Sabbath: Was it Always a Mitzvah?” <http://thetorah.com/intimacy-on-shabbat/>

“The Haggadah: A New Telling of the Exodus Story.” <http://thetorah.com/the-haggadah-a-new-telling-of-the-exodus-story/>

“Uncovering the Truth About Chanukah.” <http://thetorah.com/uncovering-the-truth-about-chanukah/>

“The Making of Adam: Understanding the Midrash in Light of Plato and the Pseudepigrapha.”
<http://thetorah.com/the-making-of-adam/>

“Abraham as the Great (Un)Circumciser: A Surprising Midrashic Portrait of Abraham.”
<http://thetorah.com/abraham-circumcision/>

“Sefer Tuviah—The Book of Tobit.” <http://thetorah.com/book-of-tobit/>

“The Portrayal of Abraham in the Testament of Abraham.” <http://thetorah.com/portrayal-of-abraham-testament-of-abraham/>

“Why Jews Fast.” Co-authored with Dr. Rabbi Zev Farber. <http://thetorah.com/why-jews-fast/>

“Jewish Attitudes Towards the Land of Israel During the Time of the Second Temple.”
<http://thetorah.com/jewish-attitudes-towards-the-land-of-israel-second-temple/>

“The Faith of the Martyred Mother and Her Seven Sons.” <http://thetorah.com/the-faith-of-the-martyred-mother-and-her-seven-sons/>

PODCASTS

“Salome Alexandra: The Forgotten Queen of Judea.”
<http://www.yutorah.org/sidebar/lecture.cfm/889732/dr-malka-simkovich/salome-alexandra-the-forgotten-queen-of-judea/>

“Solomon Schechter and the Modern Discovery of the Cairo Genizah.”
<http://www.torahinmotion.org/podcast/solomon-schechter-and-the-modern-discovery-of-the-cairo-genizah>

“Passover in the Biblical and Second Temple Periods.”
<http://www.torahinmotion.org/podcast/passover-in-the-biblical-and-second-temple-periods>

“Why Should Tanach Matter to Me?” <http://www.torahinmotion.org/podcast/why-should-tanach-matter-to-me>

“How Did the Jews Read the Torah in the Second Temple Period?”

<http://www.yutorah.org/lectures/lecture.cfm/882554/dr-malka-simkovich/how-did-jews-read-the-torah-in-the-second-temple-period/>

“Scientist, Warrior, Philosopher: How Was Moses Viewed in Early Judaism and Why it Matters.” <http://www.yutorah.org/search/?s=malka+simkovich&sort=1>

“Was Zionism an Ideological Concept in Ancient Judaism?”

<http://www.yutorah.org/lectures/lecture.cfm/815349/dr-malka-simkovich/was-zionism-an-ideological-concept-in-ancient-judaism-/>

“The Role of Infertility in the Garden of Eden Story and in the Patriarchal Narratives.”

<http://www.yutorah.org/lectures/lecture.cfm/722997/dr-malka-simkovich/the-role-of-infertility-in-the-gan-eden-story-and-in-the-patriarchal-narratives/>

ACADEMIC LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Are the Terms ‘Universalism’ and ‘Particularism’ Useful in Theological Discourse?”

“Fulfilling the Promise of a New Relationship: An Academic Roundtable on Christian-Jewish Relations” Conference, expected January 8, 2019

“From Abraham to Daniel, and Back Again: Exploring the Rabbinic Practice of Embedding New Tales into Old Scriptures,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, expected November 20, 2018

Response to Dr. Jeffrey Stackert and Dr. Klaus-Peter Adam, “Hatred and Love in Judaism in Antiquity and Modernity,” Conference at University of Chicago, expected June 6, 2018

“Women’s Leadership in Orthodox Judaism,” Catholic-Jewish Lay Dialogue of Chicago, January 29, 2018

“Interpretive Practices in Second Temple Literature and Midrashic Literature: Moses as a Case Study,” Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference, December 17, 2017

“The Reformation and the Dawn of Jewish Reform Movements,” Iona College, October 25th, 2017

“The Seven Blessings of the Jewish Marriage Ceremony,” Jewish-Catholic Scholars Dialogue of Chicago, March 2017

- “Aggressive Matriarch or Passive Maiden? How Jewish and Christian Writers Interpreted the Rebecca Stories of Genesis in the Greco-Roman World,” Association of Jewish Studies, December 2016
- “Don’t Make Me Laugh: The Absence of Humor in Early Christian and Jewish Rewritten Texts,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2016
- “The Origins of Israel in 1 Maccabees and in Judith,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2016
- “The Role of the Sabbath in Jewish Universalist and Particularist Literature of the Second Temple Period,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual National Meeting, November 2015
- “The Reception History of the Tower of Babel Story in Genesis 11,” Catholic-Jewish Scholars Dialogue of Chicago, December 2014
- “Property and Piety in Scripture,” Sacred Texts and Human Contexts International Conference, Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2014
- “Interpretations of Abraham’s Circumcision in Early Christianity and Midrash Genesis Rabbah,” Enoch Seminar, Montreal, CA, May 21, 2014
- “Biblical Universalism in the Biblical and Post Biblical Periods,” Catholic-Jewish Scholars’ Dialogue of Chicago Lecture, December 16th, 2013
- “Pseudo-Jonathan’s Commentary to Genesis 15 as Polemical Apocalypticism,” International Organization for Targum Studies Conference, Munich, Germany, August 9th, 2013
- “Was There a Doctrine of Return Among Second Temple Diasporan Jews?” WJSA Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013
- “Echoes of Universalist Testament Literature in Christian and Rabbinic Texts,” Jewish Theological Seminary Graduate Student Conference on Lost Texts, New York, New York, April 29th, 2012
- “Neither Messiah, nor Elijah, nor Prophet: Parallelism in John 1:19-42,” Society for Biblical Literature Northeast Regional Conference, Newton, MA, April 29th, 2011
- “Advantages of a Split Monarchy,” Center for Modern Torah Leadership Conference Presentation, Sharon, MA, July 2010
- “Midrashic and Modern Approaches to the Fallibility of Biblical Heroes,” Teaching Halakha: Center for Modern Torah Leadership Conference Presentation, Sharon, MA, August 13, 2008

PUBLIC LECTURES

“Jewish Intellectual History,” Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, Three-part series, expected April-May 2018

“Tales of the Diaspora: Joseph the son of Jacob, and Judah the son of Mattathias,” Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob, December 16, 2017.

“Salome Alexandra: The Forgotten Queen of Judea,” Kehillat Chovevei Tzion Synagogue, November 27th, 2017.

“The Hebrew Bible in Greek: Understanding the Politics of Translation and Scriptural Sanctity in Early Judaism,” Or Torah Synagogue, October 13th, 2017.

“How Did Jews Read the Torah in the Second Temple Period?” NILI Women’s Torah Learning Conference, July 24th, 2017.

“The Varied Portrayals of Moses in Early Judaism.” Kehillat Chovevei Zion. Skokie, May 31st, 2017.

“Ruth as a Perennial Outsider,” Yeshiva University, May 1st, 2017.

“How Did Jew Interpret the Tanach Before the Rabbinic Period?” Midreshet Yom Rishon Day of Learning at Lower Merion Synagogue, April 30th, 2017.

“The Relationship Between the Garden of Eden Story and the Patriarchal Narratives of Genesis,” Kohelet Yeshiva High School, April 28th, 2017.

“The Jews of Egypt in the Hasmonean Period,” Drisha Winter Week of Learning, December 26th, 2016.

“Ancient Sources of the Hannukah Story,” Drisha Winter Week of Learning, December 25th, 2016.

“Novellas in Early Judaism,” Young Israel of Stamford, Connecticut, February 2017

Varieties of Universalism in Ancient Judaism,” Annual Winter Shapiro Lecture at Catholic Theological Union, March 2015

“Conversion in the Jewish Tradition,” Bernardin Center, Chicago IL, November 2014

“Introduction to Jewish Medieval Methods of Biblical Interpretation,” Or Torah Synagogue, Four part lecture series, Skokie, IL, April 2014

- “Second Temple Judaism Today: How Texts were Discovered and Collected into What We Call the Pseudepigrapha,” Loyola University, March 18th, 2014
- “The Book of Ruth: Fulcrum Between Patriarchal History and Messianic Destiny,” Maimonides Synagogue, Boston, MA, May 2013
- “Esther and Ruth as Literary Contrasts,” Two-part lecture series, Bnot Torah of Lexington, MA, May and June 2013
- “Why does Second Temple Literature associate Abraham with the holiday of Tabernacles?” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, October 9th, 2012
- “How did Late Second Temple Diasporan Jews Relate to the Jerusalem Temple?” Maayan Torah Initiative for Women, Boston, MA, May 20th, 2012
- “How did Late Second Temple Diasporan Jews Relate to the Jerusalem Temple?” BOLLI Lecture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, May 8th, 2012
- “Rabbi Akiva the Anti-Romantic: Some Comments on the *Song of Songs*,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, April 14th, 2012
- “Feminism and Orthodoxy,” Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, December 3rd, 2011
- “Maccabean History in Rabbinic and Early Christian Literature,” Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, September 23rd, 2011
- “The Theme of Divine Knowledge in the Book of Exodus,” Brandeis Orthodox Organization, Waltham, MA, April 7th, 2011
- “David and Bathsheba in the Bible and Rabbinic Literature,” BOLLI Lecture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 28th, 2010
- “The Flood and the First Covenant: A Third Creation Story,” Young Israel of Brookline, Brookline, MA, Sept. 2010
- “Who’s on the Page? Medieval Biblical Exegesis,” Two part lecture at Bnot Torah of Lexington, MA, April 18th, 2010, and April 25th, 2010
- “The Character of David in Rabbinic Literature,” BOLLI Lecture at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, March 4th, 2010
- “The Character of Moses in Second Temple Literature,” Young Israel of Brookline, Brookline, MA, January 16th, 2010
- “A Review of Genesis 37: Questions and Review,” Preliminary lecture to Prof. Aviva Zornberg, Young Israel of Brookline, MA, May 5th, 2009

“Mishkan, Mikdash, and the holiday of Sukkot: The relationship between Sacred Structures and Sukkot in Tanakh,” Annual Simchat Torah Lecture, Young Israel of Brookline, MA, October 22, 2008

“The Role of Infertility in the Gan Eden story and the Patriarchal Narratives,” Abraham Arbesfeld Kollel Yom Rishon Scholar-in-residence, Yeshiva University, New York, New York, March 23, 2008

“The Strange Story of Exodus 24 and its relationship with Exodus 32-34,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, February 2, 2008

“Structure and Pattern in Bamidbar,” Rosalie Katchen Annual Memorial Lecture, Congregation Shaarei Tefillah of Newton, MA, June 2007

“Names and Naming in Megillat Rut,” Annual Shavuot Lecture, Young Israel of Brookline, MA, May 2007

“Literary Relationships between Gan Eden and the Patriarchal Narratives,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, March 2007

“Significance of Tisha B’Av in Jewish History and Biblical Literature,” Summer Beit Midrash Scholar-in-residence, Congregation Shaarei Tefillah of Newton, August 2006

“Significance of Tisha B’Av in Jewish History and Biblical Literature,” Chabad of Lexington, MA, July 2006

“Chesed in Megillat Rut,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, May 2006

“Thematic unity in Bamidbar,” Young Israel of Brookline, MA, April 2006

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

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE LECTURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, PRIZES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipient of Knapp Family Travel Grant for Untenured Faculty and Independent Scholars for the AJS 2016 conference, provided by the Association of Jewish Studies

Recipient of Rosalie Katchen Travel Award for the AJS 2015 conference, provided by the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute

Recipient of Max Kade Travel Grant, provided by the Max Kade Foundation of New York

Passed comprehensive exams in Greek, Second Temple Judaism, and Early Christianity with Distinction

Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Award for Outstanding Research Paper on Jews and Gender, 2011

Morris Lipton Memorial Award for Excellence in Music, Yeshiva University, 2004

Chaim Levine Memorial Award for Excellence in Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University, 2004

Dean David Mirsky Award for Excellence in Writing, Yeshiva University, 2004

Dean's List, Yeshiva University, 2001-2004

Yeshiva University Belkin Scholar, 2000-2004

Yeshiva University Honors Program, 2000-2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Second Temple Judaism

History of Jewish interpretation of the Bible

Exegetical intersections between Early Christian and Rabbinic scriptural interpretation

The Hasmonean period and its literature

Themes of Jewish identity and gender in Second Temple and Early Rabbinic Literature

Universalism in Ancient Judaism

LANGUAGES

Classical Greek: reading fluency

Hebrew: Biblical reading fluency, Modern reading and speaking fluency

Syriac: reading fluency

Aramaic: Talmudic Aramaic reading fluency

French: reading fluency

German: reading fluency

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Director of Catholic-Jewish Studies Program

Student Advisor at Catholic Theological Union for Students Concentrating in Bible

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature

Member of the Association of Jewish Studies

Member of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Member of the Catholic Biblical Association

Member of Masters in Interreligious Dialogue Committee at Catholic Theological Union

Member of Programs and Curriculum Development Committee at Catholic Theological Union