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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Princeton University (Religion), 1996
M.A., Princeton University (Religion), 1993
Antioch International Buddhist Studies Program, Bodh Gaya, India (Buddhist Philosophy), 1988-1989
B.A., cum laude, Barnard College, Columbia University (Philosophy), 1988
B.A., with honors, Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Bible), 1988
Honors Thesis: "Selection and Election in the Bible in the Context of Spinoza's Philosophy"

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Ronald O. Perelman Professor of Jewish Studies, Princeton University, 2013-present
Director, Program in Judaic Studies, 2020-present
Chair, Department of Religion, Princeton University, 2010-2019
Professor of Religion, Princeton University, 2007-present
 Associate Professor with tenure, Princeton University, 2003-2006
 Assistant Professor, Princeton University, 1997-2003
Visiting Professor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May-June 2021
Visiting Professor, Cardozo Law School, November-December 2019
Visiting Professor, Tel Aviv University Law School, December 2017-January 2018
Visiting Professor, Radzyner School of Law, IDC, Herzliya, June-July 2017
Director, Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought, Princeton University, 2007-2014
Acting Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Princeton University, 2007-2008, Spring 2019
Hauser Fellow in Global Law, New York University Law School, 2006-2007
Visiting Professor, University of Tokyo, July 2006
Laurence S. Rockefeller Preceptor in the Center for Human Values, 2001-2004
Richard Stockton Bicentennial Preceptor, 2000-2003
Assistant Professor of Religion, Syracuse University, 1996-1997

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Meyer Visiting Scholar of Jewish Law, Cardozo Law School, Fall 2019
Sackler Scholar, Raymond Sackler Institute of Advanced Studies, Tel Aviv University,
 December 2017-January 2018
Adjunct Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies,
 2016-2017
Honorable Mention, PROSE Award in the category of Theology & Religious Studies for *How
 Judaism Became a Religion*, 2011
Elected Member, American Academy of Jewish Research, 2010-present
Elected Member, American Theological Society, 2011-present

Andrew Mellon Foundation Supplemental Research Grant, 2009-2011
 Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought at Princeton University, Principal Investigator of
 \$4.5 million grant, 2007-2014
 Berkowitz Fellow, Hauser Program in Global Law, New York University Law School,
 2006-2007
 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship, University of Tokyo (for project
 “The Japanese Reception of Twentieth-Century Jewish Philosophy”), July 2006
 Andrew Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship (for studying law), 2004-2007
 President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching, Princeton University, 2002
 Laurence S. Rockefeller Preceptor, the University Center for Human Values,
 Princeton University, 2001-2004
 Olga and William Lakritz Martin Buber Prize, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (for
 research in the archives of the National Library), 2001
 Richard Stockton Bicentennial Preceptor, Princeton University, 2000-2003
 Old Dominion Faculty Fellow, Princeton University, 2003-2005
 Freshman Seminar Grant for “Religion and Science,” Center for the Study of Religion,
 Princeton University, 2005-2006
 Sophomore Initiative Grant for “Jewish Thought and Modern Society,” Princeton
 University, 2004-2005
 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania,
 1999-2000 [declined]
 Woodrow Wilson Society of Fellows, Princeton University, 1994-1996
 Visiting Research Fellowship, The Franz Rosenzweig Research Center for German-
 Jewish Literature and Cultural History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July 1995
 Mellon Graduate Prize Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton
 University, 1994-1995
 Princeton University Graduate Fellowships, 1991-1994
 Thau Award, Levinthal Award, Alvin S. Raphael Prize for Academic Excellence,
 The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1985-1988

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS

Jewish Legal Theories: Writings on Religion, State and Morality, edited and annotated with Yonatan Brafman (Brandeis University Press, 2018).

Institutionalizing Rights and Religion: Competing Supremacies, edited with Hanoch Dagan (Cambridge University Press, 2017; Paperback 2018).

The Book of Job: Ethics, Aesthetics and Hermeneutics, edited with Ilana Pardes (De Gruyter Press, 2014; Paperback, 2017).

How Judaism Became a Religion (Princeton University Press, 2011; Paperback 2013).

Leo Strauss and Emmanuel Levinas: Philosophy and the Politics of Revelation (Cambridge University Press, 2006; Paperback 2007; Spanish translation, 2008).

Idolatry and Representation: The Philosophy of Franz Rosenzweig Reconsidered (Princeton University Press, 2000; Paperback 2009).

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

What is Religious Freedom? The Case of Conversion in Israel and India (manuscript)

Apostate and Saint: On the Continued Relevance of Edith Stein for Jewish and Christian Self-Understanding (manuscript)

The Princeton Companion to Jewish Studies, co-edited with Eve Krakowski and Steven Weitzman (under contract with Princeton University Press)

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“The Ideal State and Society” in *Oxford Companion to Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Paul Franks and Yitzhak Melamed, in preparation

“Modernity, Secularism and the Transformation of Jewish Law” in *Oxford Companion to Jewish Law*, ed. Roberta Kwall and Chaim Saiman, forthcoming

“Reason, History, and Politics: Modern Jewish Thought and Truth” in *These Truths We Hold: Judaism in an Age of Truthiness*, ed. Josh Garroway and Wendy Zierler, Hebrew Union College Press, forthcoming

“From Eternity to Time and Back: Leo Strauss’s Reading of Spinoza” in *Spinoza and Modern Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Michael Rosenthal, Palgrave, forthcoming

“Rethinking Jewish and Christian Exceptionalisms” *Modern Theology*,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/moth.12740>, forthcoming 2022

“Between Ancestry and Belief: ‘Judaism’ and ‘Hinduism’ in the Nineteenth-Century,” *Modern Judaism*, 41: 2 (May 2021) pp. 194–219 <https://doi.org/10.1093/mj/kjab001>

“An American Political Theology?” with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan *The Immanent Frame* (July 2020),
<http://tif.ssrc.org/2020/09/28/an-american-political-theology/>

“A Tale of Two Leo(n)s: Leon Roth, Leo Strauss, and the Place of Jewish Thought in the Western Canon,” *Modern Judaism* 40:1 (February 2020). pp. 4-16 <https://doi.org/10.1093/mj/kjz018>

“The Dreadful We: Rosenzweig’s Reading of Psalm 115” in *Psalms In/On Jerusalem*, ed. Ilana Pardes, De Gruyter Press, 2019, pp. 135-142.

“Philosophy beyond Historicism: Reflections on Hans Kelsen and the Jewish Experience,” in *The Law of Strangers: Critical Perspectives on Jewish Lawyering and International Legal Thought*, ed. James Loeffler and Moria Paz, Cambridge University Press, 2019, pp. 82-90.

“Jewish Legal Theories: An Introduction,” with Yonatan Brafman, *Jewish Legal Theories: Writings on Religion, State and Morality*, edited and annotated with Yonatan Brafman, Brandeis University Press, 2018, pp. xiii-xxxvi.

“Is Conversion a Human Right? A Comparative Look at Religious Zionism and Hindu Nationalism” in *Institutionalizing Rights and Religion: Competing Supremacies*, edited Leora Batnitzky and Hanoch Dagan, Cambridge University Press, 2017, pp. 241-260.

“The History and Meaning of Jewish Philosophy,” *Jewish Philosophy, Past and Present*, ed. Daniel Frank and Aaron Segal, Routledge Press, 2016, pp. 66-74.

“Leo Strauss: The Legacy of Protestant Judaism and its Islamic Remedy,” *Thinkers of Jewish Modernity*, ed. Jacques Picard, Jacques Revel, Michael Steinberg and Idith Zertal, Princeton University Press, 2016, pp. 350-363.

“Martin Buber’s *The Eclipse of God: An Introduction*,” Martin Buber, *The Eclipse of God*, Princeton University Press, 2016, pp. vii-xxii.

“Hans Kelsen and Hermann Cohen: From Theology to Law and Back,” *The Foundation of the Juridico-Political: Concept Formation in Kelsen and Weber*, ed. Peter Langford, Ian Bryan and John McGarry, Routledge Press, 2015, pp.40-60.

“From Collectivity to Individuality: The Shared Trajectories of Modern Concepts of ‘Religion’ and ‘Human Rights,’” *Religion and Human Rights Discourse*, ed. Hanoch Dagan, Shahar Lifshitz and Yedidia Z. Stern, The Israel Democracy Institute, 2014, pp. 547-572.

“Beyond Theodicy? Joban Themes in Philip Roth’s *Nemesis*,” *The Book of Job: Ethics, Aesthetics and Hermeneutics*, ed. Leora Batnitzky and Ilana Pardes, De Gruyter, 2014, pp. 213-224.

“The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Hermeneutics,” with Ilana Pardes, *The Book of Job: Ethics, Aesthetics and Hermeneutics*, ed. Leora Batnitzky and Ilana Pardes, De Gruyter, 2014, pp. 1-8.

“Hope and Lament: An Introduction,” *Lament in Jewish Thought: Philosophical, Theological and Literary Perspectives*, ed. Ilit Ferber and Paula Schwebel, De Gruyter, 2014, pp. 8-16.

“Election and Affection: On God’s Sovereignty and Human Action,” *The Call of Abraham: Essays on the Election of Israel in Honor of Jon D. Levenson*, ed. Gary A. Anderson and Joel S. Kaminsky, University of Notre Dame Press, 2013, pp. 309-329.

“Moses Mendelssohn and the Three Paths of German Jewish Thought,” *German-Jewish Thought Between Religion and Politics: Festschrift in Honor of the Seventieth Birthday of Paul Mendes-Flohr*, Walter de Gruyter, 2012, pp. 31-41.

“Jesus in Modern Jewish Thought,” *Jesus Among the Jews*, ed. Neta Stahl, Routledge Press, 2012, pp. 159-170.

“Coming After: American Jewish Thought in Light of German Judaism,” *Jewish Philosophy: Perspectives and Retrospectives*, Academic Studies Press, 2012.

“Beyond Sovereignty? Modern Jewish Political Theory,” *The Cambridge History of Modern Jewish Philosophy*, ed. David Novak and Martin Kavka, 2012, pp. 579-605.

“Law and Belief: Judaism, Christianity, and the Theologico-Political Predicament of Modernity,” *Horyzonty Polityki* (“Horizons of Politics”), Wyzsza Szkoła Filozoficzno-Pedagogiczna “Ignatian”, 2011, pp. 179-193.

“Love and Law: Some Thoughts on Judaism and Calvinism,” *Kuyper Center Review, volume 2: Revelation and Common Grace*, ed. John Bowlin. Eerdmans, 2011, pp. 157-172. Reprinted in *Love and*

Forgiveness for a More Just World, ed. Hent de Vries and Nils F Schott, Columbia University Press, 2015, pp. 72-87.

“Leo Strauss,” The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Winter 2010 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/strauss-leo/>

“Contemporary Jewish Thought,” *Cambridge Religious Traditions: Jewish Religion, History and Culture*, ed. Kenneth Seeskin and Judith Baskin, 2010, pp. 424-444.

“From Politics to Law: Modern Jewish Thought and the Invention of Jewish Law,” *Diné Israel* 26 (2009), pp. 7-44. <https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/From-Politics-to-Law-%3A-Modern-Jewish-Thought-and-of-Batnitzky/2186e2b2b8f38f3695501eab98dde336512553d5>

“In Defense of Biblical Criticism,” *Hebraic Political Studies* 4:3 (Summer 2009), pp. 212-221.

“Levinas between German Metaphysics and Christian Theology,” *The Exorbitant: Emmanuel Levinas Between Jews and Christians*, ed. Kevin Hart, Fordham University Press, 2009, pp. 17-31.

“From Resurrection to Immortality: Theological and Political Implications in Modern Jewish Thought,” (Ingersoll Lecture on Immortality), *Harvard Theological Review* 102:3 (July 2009), pp. 279-296 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0017816009000807>

“Leo Strauss and the Theologico-Political Predicament,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Leo Strauss*, ed. Steven Smith, Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 41-62.

“Pragmatism and Biblical Hermeneutics,” *Modern Theology* 24:3 (July 2008), pp. 479-485.

“Jerusalem and Athens Revisited: A Response,” *Hebraic Political Studies* 3:3 (Summer 2008), pp. 308-313.

“Enjoyment and Boredom: What Levinas took from Heidegger,” in *Jewish Followers of Heidegger*, ed. Samuel Fleischacker, Duquesne University Press, 2008, pp. 204-218.

“Franz Rosenzweig on Translation and Exile,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, special issue on translation 14:2 (2007), pp. 131-143. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/40753430>

“On Reaffirming a Distinction between Athens and Jerusalem,” *Hebraic Political Studies* 2:2 (Spring 2007), pp. 211-231.

“Revelation, Language, and Commentary in Twentieth-Century Jewish Philosophy: From Buber to Derrida,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Michael Morgan and Peter Eli Gordon, Cambridge University Press 2007, pp. 300-323.

“Is there a Distinction between Secularism and Secularity?” for symposium on David Novak’s *The Jewish Social Contract* in *Hebraic Political Studies* 1:5 (Fall 2006) pp. 596-602.

“Mordecai Kaplan as Hermeneut: History, Memory, and his God-Idea,” special issue on Mordecai Kaplan, *Jewish Social Studies* 12:2 (Winter 2006), pp. 88-98. DOI:[10.1353/jss.2006.0008](https://doi.org/10.1353/jss.2006.0008)

“Hermann Cohen and Leo Strauss” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, special issue on

“Hermann Cohen,” 13:3 (2006), pp. 187-212. <https://brill.com/view/journals/jjtp/13/1-2/jjtp.13.issue-1-2.xml>

“The New Thinking: Philosophy or Religion?” in *Franz Rosenzweigs “neues Denken,”* ed. Wolfdietrich Schmied-Kowarzik, Verlag Karl Alber Freiburg/München, 2006, vol. 1: pp. 79-89.

“Revelation and ‘The New Thinking’: Rethinking Rosenzweig and Buber on the Law,” in *Martin Buber: Neue Perspektiven/New Perspectives,* ed. Michael Zank, Mohr Siebeck, 2006, pp. 149-164.

“Leo Strauss’s Disenchantment with Secular Society,” in *New German Critique,* special issue on “Secularization and Disenchantment,” ed. Peter Eli Gordon and Jonathan Skolnik, 92 (Winter 2005), pp. 106-126. https://www.jstor.org/stable/30040952?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents

“Authority and Leadership in Rosenzweig, Levinas, and Strauss,” in *Jewish Religious Leadership in the Modern Era,* ed. Jack Wertheimer, Jewish Theological Seminary of America Press 2004, pp. 665-683.

“Franz Rosenzweig’s Philosophical Legacy: Levinas or Strauss?” in *The Legacy of Franz Rosenzweig: Collected Essays,* ed. Luc Anckaert, Martin Brassler, and Norbert Samuelson, Leuven University Press 2004, pp. 109-118. Translated as “L’eredità filosofica di Franz Rosenzweig: Levinas o Strauss?” in *Teologia Politica,* ed. Riccardo Panattoni - Gianluca Solla, 2004.

Introduction to special issue on “Icon, Image, and Text in Modern Jewish Culture,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 11: 3 (2004), pp. 195-200.

“The Image of Judaism: German-Jewish Intellectuals and the Ban on Images,” in *Jewish Studies Quarterly,* 11: 3, special issue on “Icon, Image, and Text in Modern Jewish Culture,” 11: 3 (2004), pp. 259-281. https://www.jstor.org/stable/40753360?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents

“Dependency and Vulnerability: Jewish and Feminist Existentialist Constructions of the Human,” in *Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy,* ed. Hava Tirsoh-Samuelson, Indiana University Press 2004, pp. 127-152. Reprinted in Emmanuel Levinas Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers, Volume Three: Levinas, Judaism and the Philosophy of Religion, ed. Claire Elise Katz, Routledge, 2004.

“Renewing the Jewish Past: Buber on History and Truth,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 10:4 (2003), pp. 336-350.

“Spinoza’s Critique of Miracles and its Implications for his View of Law,” *Cardozo Law Review,* special issue on “Spinoza’s Law,” 25:2 (2003), pp. 507-518.

“Encountering the Modern Subject in Levinas,” *Yale French Studies,* 104 (2003) special issue on “Encounters with Levinas,” ed. Thomas Trezise, pp. 6-21. <https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300102161/yale-french-studies-number-104>

“Jewish Philosophy after Metaphysics,” in *Religion after Metaphysics,* ed. Mark Wrathall, Cambridge University Press 2003, pp. 146-165.

Response to Aryeh Cohen and Robert Gibbs, “Why Textual Reasoning?” in *Journal of Textual Reasoning,* Reading Judaism after Modernity 1:1 (2002).

“Postmodernity and Historicity: Reflections on Eugene Borowitz’s Postmodern Turn,” *Religious Studies*

Review 27:4 (October 2001), pp. 363-369.

“Schoenberg’s Moses und Aron and the Judaic Ban on Images,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 92 (March 2001), pp. 81-98. DOI:[10.1177/030908920102509205](https://doi.org/10.1177/030908920102509205)

“Love and Law: John Milbank and Hermann Cohen on the Ethical Possibilities of Secular Society,” in *Secular Theology*, ed. Clayton Crockett, Routledge Press 2001, 73-91.

“On the Truth of History or the History of Truth: Rethinking Rosenzweig via Strauss,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 7:3 (September 2000), pp. 223-251.

“On the Suffering of God’s Chosen: Christian Views in Jewish Terms,” ed. Tikva Frymer-Kensky et al, *Christianity in Jewish Terms*, Westview Press, 2000, pp. 203-220.

“Hermann Cohen,” in *Reader’s Guide to Judaism*, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2000, pp. 218-221.

Foreword to *Cultural Writings of Franz Rosenzweig*, trans. Barbara E. Galli, Syracuse University Press, 2000, pp. ix-xix.

“Recent Trends in Jewish Philosophy: Universality and Particularity Revisited,” *The Jewish Book Annual*, published by the Jewish Book Council, 2000, pp. 172-204.

“Language,” in *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religions*, Macmillan Reference USA, 1999.

“The Philosophical Import of Carnal Israel: Hermeneutics and the Structure of Rosenzweig’s *Star*,” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, 9 (Winter 1999): pp. 127-153.

“Dialogue as Judgment, Not Mutual Affirmation: A New Look at Franz Rosenzweig’s Dialogical Philosophy,” *Journal of Religion*, 79:4 (October 1999): pp. 523-544.

<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/490499>

Introduction to *New German Critique* 77: “German-Jewish Religious Thought,” co-authored with Peter Eli Gordon and Jonathan Skolnik, (Spring/Summer 1999): pp. 3-6.

“Rosenzweig’s Aesthetic Theory and Jewish Unheimlichkeit,” *New German Critique* 77 (Spring/Summer 1999): pp. 87-112. https://www.jstor.org/stable/488523?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents

“What Do We Owe the Victims of the Past?” in Full Committee Hearing on H.R. 3662, the "U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998" June 4, 1998 United States House of Representatives, <http://www.house.gov/banking/>

“Translation as Transcendence: A Glimpse into the Workshop of the Buber-Rosenzweig Bible Translation,” *New German Critique*, 70:1 (Winter 1997): pp. 87-116.

https://www.jstor.org/stable/488500?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents

“A Seamless Web? John Finnis and Joseph Raz on Practical Reason and the Obligation to Obey the Law,” *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, 15: 2 (June 1995): pp. 153-175.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/ojls/15.2.153>

EDITED JOURNAL VOLUMES

Editor, with Ra'anana Boustan, *Jewish Studies Quarterly* (Mohr Siebeck), 2004-present.

Editor, with an introduction and contribution, "Icon, Image and Text in Modern Jewish Culture," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 11:3 (2004).

Co-editor, with an introduction and contribution, *New German Critique* 77: "German-Jewish Religious Thought," Spring/Summer 1999.

SELECT SHORT REVIEWS

"On Anti-Anti-Semitism," review of Elad Lapidot, *Jewish out of the Question*, *Hazman Hazeh* (Van Leer Institute), July 2021 (Hebrew) <https://hazmanhazeh.org.il/anti-antisemitism/>

"Beyond the Law: Theology has a Place in the Jewish Tradition," *Times Literary Supplement*, review of *Cambridge Companion to Jewish Theology*, ed. Steven Kepnes, April 2021. <https://www.the-tls.co.uk/articles/the-cambridge-companion-to-jewish-theology-steven-kepnes-review-leora-batnitzky/>

"Facing the Question," review of David Myers, *Between Jew and Arab: The Lost Voice of Simon Rawidowicz*, *Dissent* May 2010

The Martin Buber Reader, ed. Asher Biemann, *First Things* February 2003.

David Edmonds and John Edinow, *Wittgenstein's Poker: The Story of a Ten-Minute Argument Between Two Great Philosophers*, *The Forward*, August 2002. Reprinted in *Ha'aretz*, September 2002.

SELECT INVITED AND REFEREED PAPERS 2016-present

"The Necessity and Limits of Human Rights: A Reading of Cain and Abel," Conference on "The Bible and Human Rights," The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (on zoom), June 2021

"Apostate and Saint: Edith Stein as Challenge for Jewish-Christian Dialogue," Liss Lecture in Judaica, University of Notre Dame (on zoom), March 2021

"The Return of the Corporation: Recent Israeli Conversion Cases and American Debates about Religious Freedom," The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Law School (on zoom), April 2020

"The Return of the Corporation: Recent Israeli Conversion Cases and American Debates about Religious Freedom," Brandeis University, February, 2020

"Between Religion and Politics: Recent Israeli Conversion Controversies," Meyer Lecture on Jewish Law, Cardozo Law School, February 2020

"Apostate and Saint: On the Continued Relevance of Edith Stein for Jewish and Christian Self-Understanding," Isadore and Rosalie Sharp Lecture, University of Toronto, January 2020

"Leo Strauss and Germany," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, December 2019

"Race and Grace: Rethinking Paul and its Implications for Modern Jewish Thought and Christian Theology," Samuel and Sheila Goldberg Lecture, University of Illinois, November 2019

- “Between Ancestry and Belief: ‘Judaism’ and ‘Hinduism’ in the Nineteenth-Century,” University of Illinois, November 2019
- “Perplexed by What? Guides to Modern Jewish Life from Krochmal to Leibowitz,” The University of Chicago, October 2019
- “On the Continued Challenge of Edith Stein for Jewish-Christian Dialogue,” The University of Chicago, October 2019
- “The Art of Bible Translation: A Belknap Conversation with Robert Alter,” Princeton University, September 2019
- “Conversion Before the Law: Why Conversion Debates in Israel are not about Religious Freedom,” UC Irvine, May 2019
- “Rethinking Jewish and Christian Exceptionalisms,” Annual Meeting of the American Theological Society, Princeton, March 2019
- “Perplexed by What? Guides to Modern Jewish Life from Krochmal to Leibowitz,” International Conference on Maimonides and his Legacies, The National Library of Israel and the Israel Museum, Jerusalem, December 2018
- “On the Continued Challenge of Edith Stein for Jewish-Christian Dialogue,” University of Antwerp, December 2018
- “Jewish Legal Theories,” Book Launch for *Jewish Legal Theories: Writings on Religion, State and Morality*, Harvard Law School, October 2018
- “Atheism and Original Sin: Response to Susannah Ticciati, ‘Is There Anything More to Learn From the Debate with the New Atheists? Truth and Transformation,’ Workshop on Varieties of Atheism, Sponsored by Australian Catholic University, Rome, August 2018
- “Terror on Television: Islam and Muslims in Israeli and American Primetime,” International Society for Media, Religion and Culture, Boulder, Colorado, August 2018
- “Judaism, Apostacy, and Human Rights,” The Jewish Museum of Berlin, June 2018
- Roundtable on “Jewish Studies and Jewish Theology,” Conference on “Doing and Hearing: Mitzvah in the 21st Century,” Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, June 2018
- “Michael Walzer’s Biblical Politics,” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2018
- “Rethinking Jewish and American Exceptionalism: Jewish Theology and the Possibilities of American Democracy,” Christopher Newport University, March 2018
- “Between Ancestry and Belief: ‘Judaism’ and ‘Hinduism’ in the Nineteenth-Century,” Yale University, February 2018
- “Is Conversion a Human Right?” Sackler Lecture, Tel Aviv University Law School, January, 2018
- “Leo Strauss and the Legacy of Protestant Judaism,” Cohn Institute for History and Philosophy of

Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University, January 2018

“Joseph as Secret Agent: From Genesis to *Hatufim*,” with Ilana Pardes, Princeton University, October 2017

“Between Ancestry and Belief: ‘Judaism’ and ‘Hinduism’ in the Nineteenth-Century,” Radzyner School of Law, IDC, Herzliya, July 2017

“Between Eternity and Time: Leo Strauss’s Reading of Spinoza,” University of Washington, May 2017

“A Tale of Two Leo(n)s: Roth, Strauss and the Theologico-Political Predicament of Modernity,” University of Toronto, May 2017

“Beneath, Between, and Beyond the State,” Katz Center, University of Pennsylvania, April 2017

“What is Religious Freedom?” University of Pennsylvania Law School, April 2017

“De-politicizing and Re-politicizing Jewish Law,” Yale Law School, March 2017

“Why Non-Christians Should Study Christian Theology,” UC Berkeley, February 2017

“Job in Modern Jewish Thought,” University of Antwerp, February, 2017

“Thinking with Rabbinic Texts,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 2016, San Diego

“Michael Wyschogrod’s Challenge to Contemporary Jewish Thought,” Baruch College, CUNY, September 2016

“History in the Service of Law,” Cardozo Law School, September 2016

“Making News: Religion, Politics and American Civil Society,” International Society for Media, Religion and Culture, Seoul, Korea, July 2016

“Hans Kelsen and Hermann Cohen: From Theology to Law and Back,” Conference on “Religion as Law, Law as Religion,” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Law School, June 2016

“Can We Imagine the Future? The Book of Jonah and Prophetic Failure,” Stanford University, May 2016

Keynote, “The Secularization and Sacralization of Judaism in Political and Religious Zionism,” Conference on “Secular Among the Nations,” University of Michigan, March 2016

RECENT CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“The Bible and Migration,” Princeton University, March 2019

Co-Organizer, “Joseph’s Dreams, Modern Visions,” Princeton University, October 2017

Co-Organizer, “Judaism in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza, Hermann Cohen and the Legacies of German Idealism,” Princeton University, April 2016

Co-Organizer, “The Song of Songs: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Hermeneutics,” Princeton University, March 2014.

Co-Organizer, “Zionism and Law,” Princeton University, March 2013.

Co-Organizer, “The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics, and Hermeneutics,” Princeton University, October 2012

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *The Review of Politics*

Manuscript Reviews for Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, Columbia University Press, Duquesne University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, State University Press of New York, Stanford University Press, Syracuse University Press, University of Nebraska Press

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Princeton University, 2020-present

Interim Chair, Judicial Committee on Appeals, 2020-present; member 2018-present

Chair, Department of Religion, Princeton University, 2010-2019

Member, PIIRS Research Group on Migration: People and Cultures Across Borders, 2017-present

Committee on Appointments and Advancements, 2014-2015

Chair, Search Committee for a New Dean of the Faculty, 2014

Executive Committee for the Program in Judaic Studies, Princeton University,
1997- present

Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Religions in the Americas, 2013-2014

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, Princeton University, 2010-2011

Acting Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Princeton University, 2007-2008 ; Spring 2019

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religion, Princeton University, 2003-2005

Departmental Representative (undergraduate coordinator), Department of Religion,
Princeton University, 2002-2003, 1998-1999

Faculty Associate, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2001-present

Faculty Associate, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University,
2000- present

Faculty Associate, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 1999-present

Freshman Advisor, Forbes College, Princeton University, 1998-1999; 2000-2001

Faculty Fellow, Forbes College, 1998-present

Faculty Fellow, The Center for Jewish Life, 2000-present

Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, Princeton University, 2000-2003

Mentor, Minority Academic Career Program, Princeton University, 1997-1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

Association for Jewish Studies

American Political Science Association

EXAMPLE OF COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses:

Modern Judaism

Jewish Thought and Modern Society

Jewish Thought and Political Theory

Reason and Revelation in Jewish Thought
Recent Jewish and Christian Thought
Migration, Religion, and Literature (with Ilana Pardes)
Religious Conversion
Athens and Jerusalem (with Cornel West)
God and Politics (with Eric Gregory)
Religious Existentialism
Religion and Law
Religion and its Modern Critics

Graduate Courses:

Philosophy and the Study of Religion
Israel and the Nations (with Eric Gregory)
Political Theology
Twentieth-Century Jewish Philosophy
Recent Jewish and Christian Thought (with Eric Gregory)
Religion and Law

Freshman Seminars:

Religion and Science
Religion and Law