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Academic Positions

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Associate Professor, Department of History, 2003-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 1997-2003.

University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT

Visiting Associate Professor, 2011, 2012, 2020.

Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, CT

Visiting Associate Professor, 2011 and 2013.

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Visiting Associate Professor, Judaic Studies, 2010.

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Visiting Associate Professor, History/Judaic Studies Program, 2007.

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Visiting Fellow, Department of History, 2001-2002.

Education

Princeton University, Ph.D., History (M.A., with distinction), 1993.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America, M.A., Judaic Studies, 1986.

Princeton University, A.B., History, *summa cum laude*, 1983.

Awards

Research Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, 2014.

National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2001-2.

Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 1994-1995.

Fulbright Junior Research Fellowship, Hebrew University, Israel, 1993-1994.

Andrew Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-1993.

Andrew Mellon Graduate Fellowship in Humanities, 1987-1989.

Scholarship

Current Projects

Book: *The Meaning of Jews and Judaism in Christian Culture*

Book: *Antisemitism: Past, Present and Future*

Book: *What is Jewish History?*

Selected Publications

Books

Living Together, Living Apart: Rethinking Jewish-Christian Relations in the Middle Ages (Princeton, 2007). [paperback, 2013]

Gisela Engel, Britta Rang, Klaus Reichert, Heide Wunde, Jonathan Elukin, eds., *Das Geheimnis am Beginn der Europäischen Moderne=Zeitsprünge: Forschungen zur Frühen Neuzeit* Band 6 (2002) Heft 1-4. (Frankfurt: Verlage Vittorio Klostermann, 2002).

Articles and Book Chapters

“Anti-Judaism,” in Sol Goldberg, Scott Ury, Kalman Weiser, eds., *Key Concepts in the Study of Antisemitism* (Palgrave, 2021).

“Genocide and Distorted Reflections in the Mirror of the Middle Ages,” in Melodie Eichbauer, ed., *Cultural History of Genocide in the Middle Ages* (Bloomsbury, 2021).

“Antisemitism: Understanding Its Meaning, Context and History When Teaching the Holocaust,” in Laura Hilton and Avi Patt, eds., *Understanding and Teaching the Holocaust* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2020): 19-31.

“Shylock, the Devil and the Meaning of Deception in *The Merchant of Venice*,” in *European Judaism* 51 (2018), 44-51 (Special issue on Jews and Shakespeare).

“Post-Biblical Jewish History Through Christian Eyes: Josephus and the Miracle of Jewish History in English Protestantism,” in David Wertheim, ed., *The Jew as Legitimation: Jewish-Christian Relations Beyond anti-Semitism and Philo-Semitism* (Palgrave, 2017), 103-116.

“Christianity and Judaism: Christians and Jews” in Robert N. Swanson, ed., *The Routledge History of Medieval Christianity: 1050-1500* (Routledge, 2015), 239-250.

“Warrior or Saint? Joinville, Louis IX’s Character and the Challenge of the Crusade,” in Katherine L. Jansen, G. Geltner and Anne E. Lester, eds., *Center and Periphery: Studies on Power in the Medieval World in Honor of William Chester Jordan* (Brill, 2013), 183-94.

“Judaism: From Heresy to Pharisee in Medieval Christian Literature,” *Traditio* 57 (2002): 49-66.

"Maimonides and the Rise and Fall of the Sabians: Explaining Mosaic Laws and the Limits of Scholarship," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 63, no. 4 (2002): 619-37.

"Keeping Secrets in Medieval and Early Modern English Government," in Gisela Engel, et.al., eds., *Das Geheimnis am Beginn der Europäischen Moderne* (Frankfurt, 2002): 111-129.

"The Discovery of the Self: Jews and Conversion in the Twelfth Century," in John Van Engen and Michael Signer, eds., *Jews and Christians in Twelfth-Century Europe* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2001): 63-77.

"A New Essenism: Heinrich Graetz and Mysticism," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 59, no. 1(1998): 135-48.

"From Jew to Christian? Conversion and Immutability in Medieval Europe," in James Muldoon, ed., *Varieties of Religious Conversion in the Middle Ages* (University Press of Florida, 1997): 171-90.

"The Ordeal of Scripture: Functionalism and the *Sortes Biblicae* in the Middle Ages," *Exemplaria* 5 (1993): 135-60.

"Jacques Basnage and the *History of the Jews*: Polemic and Allegory in the Republic of Letters," *Journal of the History of Ideas* 53 (1992): 603-31.

"The Struggle between the Abbey of St. Lucien and the Men of Grandvilliers," *Princeton University Library Chronicle* 51 (1989): 56-74.

Lectures (Invited and Conference Papers)

"The Religion of Antisemitism," President's College, University of Hartford, CT, March, 2019. (Invited)

"Anti-Judaism," Key Concepts for the Study of Antisemitism, University of Toronto, Summer 2019. (Invited).

"Why Do the Middle Ages Matter Now?" President's College, University of Hartford, CT, November, 2017.

"The Multiple Meanings of Anti-Semitism," Georgetown University, Jewish Studies Program, November 2013. (Invited)

"Moriarty and the Image of the Jew in the Holmes Canon," Sherlock Holmes Conference, University of London, June 2013.

"Josephus and the Miracle of Jewish History," Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Judaic

Studies, Workshop on Josephus, June 2013. (Invited)

“Was Shylock Jewish? Reinterpreting the *Merchant of Venice*,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill/Duke Judaic Studies Seminar, February 2012. (Invited)

“Anti-Semitism: The History of an Idea,” Carolina Center for Judaic Studies Lecture, UNC, Chapel Hill, February 2012. (Invited)

“Shylock and Salvation: Reinterpreting the *Merchant of Venice*,” Summer Judaic Studies Conference, Dartmouth College, July 2010. (Invited)

“Was there a Golden Age of Christian-Jewish Relations?” Center for Christian-Jewish Learning, Boston College, April 14-15, 2010. (Invited)

“Networks of Relationships between Jews and Christians,” Conference on Intricate Interfaith Networks, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, February, 2010. (Keynote)

“Reflections on Jewish-Christian Relations in Early Medieval Europe,” Conference: Barbarians and Jews, Tel Aviv University, Summer 2009. (Invited)

“New Visions of Jewish History in the Middle Ages,” University of Tokyo, 2007. (Invited)

“Rethinking the 'Persecuting' Society: Do We Need a Theory of Medieval Anti-Judaism?” Department of History, Yale University, February 22, 2000. (Invited)

“The Impact of Printing on Early Modern History Writing,” Material Cultures Conference, Edinburgh, July 15-18, 2010.

“The Meanings of Anti-Judaism: Comments and Reflections,” Anti-Semitism and English Culture, Birkbeck College, University of London, July 11-13, 2007.

“Historiography and the Problem of Secrecy,” Conference on Cultures of Political Counsel, University of Liverpool, July 14-16, 2007.

“How Much Do Expulsions Really Matter?” Conference on the Expulsion of Jews From France, Princeton University, October 2006.

“*Urim and Thumim* in Christian Scholarship in Early Modern Europe,” Conference of Renaissance Society of America, 2006.

“Deceiving the Devil: Shylock and Salvation in the *Merchant of Venice*,” Sixteenth-

Century Studies Conference, 2005.

"Love and the Final Chapter of Richard Southern's *Making of the Middle Ages*,"
Conference of Medieval Academy of America, 2003.

"Paradoxes of *Convivencia*," Conference of New England Medieval Academy, 2003.

"Azariah de Rossi, Scripture and the Risks of Curiosity," The Jews in the Renaissance,
Haifa University, Summer 2009.

"Secrets of the King: Secrecy and Government in Medieval England," Conference of
American Historical Association, 1999.

"Relics of the Patriarchs and Prophets in the Christian Cult of Relics," Conference of
Medieval Academy of America, 1999.

"Selden's *Table Talk* and the Jews," Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, 1999.

"Paganism and the History of Judaism: The Sabians from Maimonides to Mary Douglas,"
Catholic University History Colloquium, October 23, 1996.

"The Pharisee and the Interior Jew: Perceptions of Jewish Identity in the Twelfth
Century," Jews in the Twelfth Century, University of Notre Dame, 1996.

"From Heretics to Pharisees: Defining the Eternal Jew," American Historical
Association Conference (American Academy of Research Historians of
Medieval Spain), 1994.

"The Ordeal of Scripture: *Sortes Biblicae* in the Middle Ages," Medieval Academy of A
merica Conference, 1991.

Book Reviews

E.M. Rose, *The Murder of William of Norwich: The Origins of the Blood Libel in Medieval
Europe* (Oxford, 2016), in *Jewish History* 30 (2016): 285-89.

Yuval, Israel Jacob and Ben-Shalom, Ram, eds., *Conflict and Religious Conversation in
Latin Christendom: Studies in Honour of Ora Limor* Series: Cultural Encounters in Late
Antiquity and the Middle Ages. (Turnhout: Brepols, 2014), in *The Medieval Review*
(online), April 24, 2015.

Elisheva Carlebach and Jacob J. Schacter, eds., *New Perspectives on Jewish-Christian
Relations. In Honor of David Berger* (Brill, 2012), in *Speculum* 89.2 (2014): 454-7.

Anthony Bale, *Feeling Persecuted: Christians, Jews and Images of Violence in the Middle
Ages* and Robert Chazan, *Reassessing Jewish Life in Medieval Europe in English Historical*

Review 127 (June 2012): 688-692.

Jean-Claude Schmitt, *The Conversion of Herman the Jew: Autobiography, History, and Fiction in the Twelfth Century*, in *Biography* 34 (summer 2011): 540-543.

Miriam Bodian, *Dying in the Law of Moses* in *American Historical Review*, 113 (2008): 1219-20

Deena Copeland Klepper, *The Insight of Unbelievers* in *Speculum* 83.3 (2008): 721.

Robert Chazan, *Jews of Medieval Western Christendom* in *Catholic Historical Review* 94.3 (2008): 554-5.

Y. Yuval, *Two Nations in Your Womb* in *Catholic Historical Review*, 94.1 (2008): 130-1.

Robert Chazan, *Fashioning Jewish Identity in Medieval Western Christendom* in *Association of Jewish Studies Review* 30.2 (2006).

Jeremy Cohen, *Sanctifying the Name of God: Jewish Martyrs and Jewish Memories of the First Crusade* in *Church History* 75.1 (2006): 177-79.

Sara Lipton, *Images of Intolerance*, in *Catholic Historical Review* January 88.1(2002): 117-18.

David Weiss Halivni, *The Book and the Sword* (FS&G, 1997) in *The American Scholar* Winter (1998): 168-72.

Alberto Manguel, *A History of Reading* (Viking, 1997), in *The American Scholar* Autumn (1997): 614-16.

Jan Potocki, *The Manuscript Found at Saragossa* (Viking, 1995) in *The American Scholar* Winter (1997): 152-54.

A. Aciman, *Out of Egypt* (FS&G, 1995) in *The American Scholar* Spring (1994): 622-24.

R. Bloch, *God's Plagiarist* (Chicago, 1994) in *The American Scholar* Spring (1994): 306-8.

Amitav Ghosh, *In an Antique Land* (Knopf, 1993) in *The American Scholar* Winter (1994): 137-40.

Frank Manuel, *The Broken Staff* (Harvard, 1993) in *Societa' e Storia* 65 (1994): 665-6.

Recent Professional Activities

Rare Book School Seminar on the Medieval Book, Beinecke Library, Yale University, Summer 2019

Rare Book School Seminar on the History of the Bible, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Summer, 2018.

Reviewed book manuscript on Jewish history for Oxford University Press, *Very Short Introduction Series*, 2016.

Reviewed book manuscript for Cambridge University Press on images of Jacob and Esau in Jewish and Christian culture, 2015.

External reviewer for tenure promotion at Ursinus College, 2014.

Chair and comment at conference on medieval visual evidence on Jewish-Christian relations at Boston College, Center for the Study of Christian-Jewish Relations, spring 2014.

External reader for dissertation committee, University of British Columbia, 2014.

External reviewer for tenure promotion at North Carolina State University, 2013.

Rare Book School, Ancient Book, University of London, 2013.

Rare Book School, Seminar on Teaching the History of the Book at University of Virginia, Summer 2012.

Reviewed book manuscript on Jews and medieval economic history for Palgrave, 2012.

External reviewer for tenure promotion at University of Pittsburgh, 2011.

Reviewed book manuscript on Jews and Christians in the Middle Ages for Brill, 2011.

Reviewed book manuscript for Oxford University Press on Jewish cursing of heretics, 2010.

Reviewed article manuscript on Bacon's *New Atlantis* for *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 2010.

Reviewed article for *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*, 2010.

Program Committee, Medieval Academy of America Conference, 2010.

Administration and Programming, Trinity College

Search Committee, Head Librarian, Watkinson Library, Spring 2018

Secretary of the Faculty, Fall 2009-Summer 2011.

Highest elected faculty officer responsible for managing agenda of the faculty meeting, chairing Faculty Conference committee to assess issues before the faculty, liaison with the administration and board of trustees.

Financial Affairs Committee, Spring 2011.

Search Committee, Head Librarian, Watkinson Library, Spring 2010.

Texts and Places Conference, October 9-10, 2010.

Planned and organized major conference sponsored by Trinity's Center for Urban and Global Studies on book history and media studies in a global context.

Educational Policy Committee, Spring 2007.

Faculty Governance Reform, 2005-06. Led campus effort to reform faculty governance by building support for and writing motion that would redefine position of Dean of the Faculty. Presented new motion to Faculty and managed its passage by faculty.

Jewish Studies Program, Director, Spring 2005, Spring 2013, 2015-16.

Hillel Advisory Board, 1998-2004.

Curriculum Committee, Spring 1998.

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Spring 1998.

Search Committee, College Librarian, 1999.

Jewish Admissions, 2005-06, 2012-present.

Leading faculty and administration effort to enhance Jewish admissions.

Gateway to the Humanities Program for Adult Learners, 1999–2009.

Led faculty effort to establish program to introduce disadvantaged adult learners to humanities as part of transition to higher education: fund raising, advocating for program with administration, recruiting instructors, and creating grant proposals.

Jewish Studies Major, 1999.

Planned new major, helped write proposal for faculty approval, guided proposal through Curriculum Committee.

Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 1998-2006.

Directed interdisciplinary faculty and student program, planned lectures, seminars, field trips.

Co-Curricular Diaspora Series, 1998.

Participated in planning group for year-long program of courses, lectures and campus events on the theme of diasporas.

175th Anniversary Conference on Liberal Arts College, Spring 1998.

Served on planning committee to organize major conference on liberal arts.