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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Jewish Studies, The Ohio State University	1990
Fields: Modern Jewish History, Medieval and Ancient Jewish History	
B.A. / M.A. in History/Religion, Brown University	1982
Additional Education	
Academy for Jewish Religion, Riverdale, NY	2006-2007
Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, Israel	1989-1990
Rabbinic Texts at Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY	Summers 1985, 1986

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Oklahoma

Director, Schusterman Center for Judaic and Israel Studies	2015-2024
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The Schusterman Center is home to a multidisciplinary group of nationally and internationally renowned scholars, who, in collaboration with many institutional and community partners, support multiple degree programs, offer a wide variety of courses, and host a broad range of dynamic and diverse programming. With five core tenured/tenure-track faculty, two core faculty in Hebrew, and fifteen affiliated faculty, our program includes coursework and scholarship on Jewish history, Hebrew language and literature, the Bible, Israel studies, the Holocaust, Jewish literature in translation, and the Jewish experience.

As Center director, I engaged in regular fundraising and donor stewardship efforts, collaborated with regional partners, cultivated affiliated faculty, encouraged student scholarship applications, and managed approximately twenty external visits per year. Our budget is approximately \$250,000 annually, and I oversaw our twelve endowed accounts at OU Foundation. I report to the Dean of Arts & Sciences and to the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies (CLSFP). I secured two grants 3-year from the Israel Institute to support a full-time Visiting Assistant Professor in Israel Studies, as well as three CLSFP grants totally \$750,000.

I participate actively in local and national organizations – from OU Hillel (2008-2024) to the Academic Exchange Network (AEN). I serve on the board of both the Midwest and Western Jewish Studies Associations, serve as advisor to the new Reform (CCAR) Torah commentary and was named OU Regents' Professor in 2024.

Schusterman/Josey Chair of Jewish History, Department of History	2008- 2024
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Siegal College of Judaic Studies

Professor of Judaic Studies	1990-2008
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College of William and Mary

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Community engagement and adult education are central to my work as a teacher and scholar. Oklahoma has a small Jewish community and a large Christian community: this reality guides our endeavors. We are committed to supporting the Jewish community while also building relationships with non-Jewish groups by promoting Jewish studies, serving as a local resource, and developing learning communities. Most of our students, event attendees, and affiliated faculty come from varied backgrounds and look to our Center for Judaic and Israel Studies for content and programming. I serve as the ‘reference’ for questions dealing with Jewish dietary laws, calendar conflicts, and recruitment efforts. Although I am engaged with a diverse group of organizations, my most revealing affiliations include my hosting two Sightseeing Sooner trips to Israel and Southern Spain in 2017 and 2019, respectively; my teaching and programming for the OU branch of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute; my Advisory Board role in Persian Studies from its inception until 2020. While Iran and Israel are mutually hostile nations, Judaic and Persian studies at the University of Oklahoma are collaborative and mutually supportive. I organized a Holocaust Education training for OK high school teachers at OU with the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, superseded when Oklahoma passed a Holocaust education bill (SB 1671). We held our first training under these guidelines on June 17, 2024 at Dunham College, OU and have scheduled a second training for July, 2024. In fall semesters 2023 & 2024, I offered an on-line course in Jewish history to rabbinical and cantorial students for the Academy of Jewish Religion (Riverdale NY). In fall 2024 I was actively writing in opposition to mandating Bible classes in Oklahoma public schools.

BOOKS

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| <i>The History of Jews and Judaism: Facts and Fictions</i>
Bloomsbury/ABC-CLIO | 2025 |
| <i>Maurice Samuel: Life and Letters of a Secular Jewish Contrarian</i>
University of Alabama Press | 2022 |
| <i>Joseph: Portraits Through the Ages</i>
Jewish Publication Society/University of Nebraska Press | 2016 |
| <i>Darkhei Noam. The Jews of Arab Lands: A Festschrift for Norman (Noam) Stillman</i>
Brill’s Series in Jewish Studies
Co-editor with Carsten Schapkow and Shmuel Shepkaru | 2015 |
| <i>The Wiley-Blackwell History of Jews and Judaism, Editor</i>
Wiley-Blackwell Press | 2012 |
| <i>The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible: How Scholars in Germany, Israel and America Transformed an Ancient Text</i>
Rowman and Littlefield | 2011 |
| <i>An Introduction to Modern Jewish Thinkers</i> | |

Second Revised Edition, Rowman and Littlefield 2006
 First Edition, Jason Aronson 2000

Between Philosemitism and Antisemitism: Defenses of Jews and Judaism in Modern Germany
 University of Nebraska Press 2004

The Story of Joseph: A Journey of Jewish Interpretation
 College of William and Mary Press 2004

BOOK PROJECTS UNDER CONTRACT

An Introduction to Modern Jewish Thinkers 3rd Revised Edition, Rowman and Littlefield

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (peer-reviewed only)

2024 “The King James Bible Mystique: On Teaching the Bible in Public Schools” (on-line) in *The Bible & Interpretation*, n.p. (October 2024).

2023 “The Cosmopolitan Jewish City: A Typology” *Jews and Urban Life*. Purdue University Press. 91-106.

2021 “Was the Documentary Hypothesis Tainted By Antisemitism?” *The Torah*. On-line. (Feb. 22).

2020 “Invidious Distinctions: Hebraism and Hellenism” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 110(1): 102-126.

“Between Translation and Transmission: The Odyssey of Maurice Samuel Modern Judaism”
 40(3): 285-315.

2018 “The Resident Alien: A Biblical Analysis.” *Studies in Judaism and the Humanities*. 2(1): 1-45.

“Translation versus Teaching Competing Agendas in Samson Raphael Hirsch,” in *Lost in Translation*, Eds, Barker, Le Donne, and Lohr. Purdue University Press. 227-241.

“Modernity: Intellectual Developments and Highlights,” *Routledge Companion to Jewish History and Historiography*, ed. Dean Bell. London: Routledge. pp 221-234.

2017 “Responding to the Jewish Christian Schism Revisited.” *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*. 16:2, ed. Jacob Goodson

“Reading the Bible.” *Jewish Quarterly Review*. 107(4): 455-568. (review essay)

2016 “The Triple Immersion: A Singular Moment in Jewish Intellectual History?” *German-Jewish*

- Transnationalism*, eds. Jay Geller & Leslie Morris. University of Michigan Press. 54-84.
- 2015 “How Do I Hate Thee? Joseph’s Brothers.” *The Torah*. On-line. December 4.
 “Mendelssohn” *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. pp 45-50.
- 2014 Guest Editor, *Shofar*. 32:4 Special Issue: *New Approaches to Teaching Jewish Studies*. Solicited submissions, peer-reviews, introduced ten essays.
 “Anti-Apostasy Rhetoric in Imperial Germany: Three Case Studies” in *Konversion in Raumen jüdischer Geschichte*. (Weisbaden): 123-134.
 “Orthodox Judaism” in *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*. pp 588-597.
- 2013 “In Search of Ahad Haam’s Bible” *Journal of Israeli History*. 32(2): 241-256.
 “Agents of Change: Congregation Brith Emeth (Cleveland)” *Ohio History*. 120: 118-138.
- 2012 “Responding to James Kugel.” *Jewish Bible Quarterly*. 40(3): 193-203.
 “Judaism in America” *The Columbia Guide to Religion in American History*, eds., Paul Harvey and Edward Blum. Columbia. pp 445-461.
- 2011 “Syncretism and Surrogacy in Modern Times.” *Shofar*. 30(1): 1-14.
 Reproduced in “Unorthodox” catalogue in New York Jewish Museum Exhibit, Fall 2015.
 “Nehama Leibowitz: Context & Exegesis.” *Journal of Jewish Education*. 77(1): 42-65.
 “From Recognition to Consensus: The Nature of Philosemitism in Germany” in *Philosemitism in History*, Adam Sutcliffe and Jonathan Karp, eds. Cambridge University Press. pp 190-208.
- 2010 “Samson Raphael Hirsch’s Bible Project: A Liberal Appreciation.” *Journal of Reform Judaism*. pp 68-83.
 “Positive Responses to Antisemitism: The Case of Modern Jewish Bible Scholarship” *Transversal: Zeitschrift für Jüdische Studien*. pp 29-46.
 “The Mantle of the Matriarchs: Ruth 4:11-15.” *Jewish Bible Quarterly*. 38(4): 237-244.
 “Will the Real Franz Rosenzweig Please Stand Up?” *Journal of Jewish Education*. 76(2): 151-163. (With Dr. Jeffrey Schein)
- 2009 “The Mismeasure of the Jew.” *Jewish Quarterly Review*. 99(4):594-602. Solicited Review Essay.
 “From Recognition to Consensus: The Nature of Philosemitism in Germany, 1871-1932,” in Irene Diekmann and Elke-Vera Kotowski, eds., *Geliebter Feind/Gehasster Freund*. Verlag für Berlin-Brandenburg. pp 295-310.

- 2008 “Writing the Philosemitic Novel: *Daniel Deronda* Revisited.” *Prooftexts*. 28(2):129-156.
- “New York: The Cosmopolitan Jewish City” *The Reconstructionist*. 72(1): 47-57.
- “The Non Expert as Bible Teacher: Some Reflections” *Association of Jewish Studies Perspectives*. pp 8-10.
- 2007 “Contemporary Jewish Theology” in Marc Lee Raphael, ed., *The Columbia History of Jews and Judaism in America*. Columbia University Press. pp 406-432.
- 2006 “The Rise of Modern Jewish Bible Studies: Preliminary Reflections” in *Biblical Interpretation in Judaism and Christianity. Festschrift for Isaac Kalimi*, Ed. Peter Haas. New York & London: T & T Clark. pp 163-178.
- 2002 Guest Editor & “Introduction,” *American Jewish History* 90:1 (March 2002) “Jewish and Jewish-Feminist Tendencies in Modern Bible Scholarship,”
- Gendering the Jewish Past*. College of William and Mary. Pp 79-100.
- “The Problematics of Philosemitic Fiction.” *The German Quarterly*. 75(4): 379-393.
- “Text Study Vs. (and/or) the Study of Texts: A Pedagogical Reflection.” *The Reconstructionist*. 66(2): 29-36.
- “Missionary Protestants as Defenders and Detractors of Judaism” *Jewish Quarterly Review*. 92: 383-420.
- “The Gentile Reception of Herzlian Zionism, A Reconsideration” *Jewish History*. 16: 187-211.
- 2001 “Herzl’s Gentile Supporters” Proceedings of the Twelfth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Division E (Jerusalem). 1-12.
- “The German Peace Movement and the Jews: An Unexplored Nexus” *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook*. 46: 277-301.
- 2000 Entries: “Martin Buber,” “Franz Rosenzweig” *Reader’s Guide to Judaism*. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers.
- 1998 “The Posen Factor,” *Shofar*. 17(1): 72-80.
- “Thomas Mann as Midrashist: Methods and Sources,” *The German Quarterly*. 71(2): 166-178.
- “The Apostate as Philosemite,” Renate Posthafen, ed., *Transforming the Center, Eroding the Margins*. Detroit: Wayne State University Press. pp 132-145.

- 1997 "Introduction" and "Radical Assimilation and Radical Assimilationists" *What Is Modern About the Modern Jewish Experience?* College of William and Mary.
- 1996 "Philosemitic Discourse in Imperial Germany," *Jewish Social Studies*. Summer: 1-39.
- 1995 "Teaching the Jewish Classics: A Pedagogical Postmortem," *Shofar*. 13(4): 59-68.
- "The Conversionary Impulse in *fin de siecle* Germany." *Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook*, XL. pp 107-122.
- "An Adventure in Otherness: Remy Lazarus (1849-1928), in Rudavsky, ed., *Gender and Judaism*. New York: NYU Press. pp 99-111.
- 1994 "Bertha von Suttner & Theodor Herzl: Criticism, Collaboration and Utopianism" *The Journal of Israeli History*. 15(2): 213-222.
- "Jewish Responses to Modern Biblical Criticism: Some Reflections and a Course Proposal" *Shofar*. 12(3): 100-114.
- "Joseph Soloveitchik's *The Halachic Mind: A Liberal Critique*" *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*. Winter.
- "Thomas Mann's *Walsungenblut* & The Intermarriage Debate" in Dagmar Lorenz, ed., *Insiders and Outsiders*. Detroit: Wayne State.
- 1993 "Reclaiming the Ba'al Teshuva Movement: A Liberal Critique" *CCAR Journal: A Reform Jewish Quarterly*. Winter.
- 1992 "German Zionism and Radical Assimilation Before 1914" *Studies in Zionism*. 13(1): 21-41.
- 1989 "Reform Attitudes to Intermarriage in the Past" *Judaism: A Quarterly Magazine*. 38(3): 310-322.

MAJOR ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS ONLY

- 2023 "Lineages of Torah Commentary" A New Torah Translation & Commentary.
Central Conference of American Rabbis Keynote Address (Zoom) May 8.
- 2018 "Toward a Comparison of Biblical Nations," 50th Annual Association of Jewish Studies, Boston.
- "Conversations with Marc Lee Raphael," American University, Washington DC. Nov 11.
- "The Bible in Public Life: From America's Founding Until Today" Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Ohio. June 3-5

- “Ben Gurion and the Bible” at “Intersections Between Jewish Studies and Israel Studies,” University of Graz, Austria. 23 May.
- 2017 “Maurice Samuel and the Bible” 49th Annual Association of Jewish Studies, Washington DC, December 16.
- “Joseph From Sage to Despot,” Dickinson College, PA. Homecoming Keynote, October 6.
- “Found In Translation: Samson Raphael Hirsch’s Bible” 17th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel. August 6.
- “Why the Brothers Hate Joseph” Oklahoma Christian University / Museum of the Bible. April 4.
- “*Joseph: Portraits Through the Ages*” New Horizons Series, OU RELS. April 26.
- 2016 “The ‘Jewish’ Mad Men: Biographical and Autobiographical Reflections” Case Western Reserve University. November 9.
- “The Brothers Hatred of Joseph and Other Challenges of Bible Reading,” Just Lunch, OU Sept 7.
- “Remembering Jacob Neusner” 48th Annual Association of Jewish Studies, Washington DC. December 18.
- “Reflections on Bible Studies and Jewish Studies,” Florida Atlantic University. January 15.
- 2015 “Unorthodox: On Religion.” Dialogue with author Sue Katz Miller. New York Jewish Museum.
- 2014 “Joseph’s Women” Ludwig Wilhelm Maximillians Universität, München, Germany. June 12.
- Session Chair/Commentator "Orthodox Judaism" Association of Jewish Studies. Baltimore, December 15-17
- “The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible” Annual Lubell Lecture, Tulsa OK. March 6.
- “Joseph in Scripture and Tradition” 2014 Neustadt Lectures, OCU, Oklahoma City. February 20.
- 2013 “Heinrich Heine and Matthew Arnold on Hebraism and Hellenism” AJS 45. Boston. December.
- “The Triple Immersion: A Singular Moment in Jewish Intellectual History? Transnationalism and Minority Cultures. Norman, OK. September 26.
- “In Search of Ahad Haam’s Bible” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, July 28.
- “Joseph in Text and Tradition,” 4 lectures at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH May 22-26.

2012 Respondent, AJS 44, Panel on my book The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible. Chicago. December.

New Horizons in Religion Series “Is Anything Jewish About Jewish History? [Celebrating publication of Levenson, ed., *The Wiley – Blackwell History of Jews & Judaism*] University of Oklahoma. November 15.

“Ahad Haam: Tanakh as Secondary Canon” Shalem Center, Jerusalem, July 9-12.

Book Talks on *The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible* in Columbus, OH; Sioux City, IA; Cleveland, OH, & Oklahoma City, OK , 2011-2012.

2011 New Horizons in Religion Series [celebrating publication of *The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible*] University of Oklahoma. November 15.

2010 “Right-Wing German-Jewish Exiles” German Studies Association San Francisco, October 7-9.

Scholar-Residence Congregation Beth Shalom, Sioux City, November 5-6.

“Nehama Leibowitz: Context & Exegesis” Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December.

“The Making of Modern Jewish Bible” Scholar-in-Residence Sessions, Moreh L’Morim, Cleveland, Ohio, August 8-11.

“American Jewish Exceptionalism” Biennial Scholars’ Conference on American Jewish History NYC, June 15-17.

2009 “Samson Raphael Hirsch As Bible Commentator” Association of Jewish Studies 41, Los Angeles, December.

Panel Commentator, “Modern Jewish Thought” Association of Jewish Studies 41, Los Angeles, December.

2008 Panel Organizer & Commentator, “Jewish Responses to Modern Biblical Criticism,” Association of Jewish Studies, December 21.

“Will the Real Franz Rosenzweig Please Stand Up?” Network for Jewish Education. NYC. June.

“Conversion to Christianity in Berlin and Vienna” German Studies Association, Minneapolis, October 10.

2007 “From Social to Cultural History: The Jews of Posen” Monika Richarz Symposium, Chicago. September 25.

“Philosemitismus und Antisemitismus,” Internationale Konferenz: Philosemitismus in Geschichte und Gegenwart, Potsdam, Germany, June 10-13.

- 2004 "The Jewish School of Modern Bible Scholarship," CWRU, Cleveland, OH, May.
 "The Jewish School of Modern Bible Scholarship," Oberlin College, OH, 2 March 2.
- 2002 "Between Philosemitism and Antisemitism," Judaic Studies Series College of William and Mary Colloquium, April 28.
- 2000 "*Judenbilder* in German Popular Fiction," Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December 18.
- 1998 "Mann as Midrashist: Methods and Sources in *Joseph and His Brothers*," College of William and Mary Colloquium, May 3.
 "Christian Author, Jewish Book? Thomas Mann's *Joseph and His Brothers*," Case Western Reserve University, Rosenthal Lectures, Cleveland, January 20.
- 1997 "German Liberals and German Jews," German Studies Association, Washington DC, October.
 "Herzl's Gentile Supporters," 12th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August.
- 1996 "The Apostate as Philosemite: A Modern Phenomenon," Midwest Association of Jewish Studies, Chicago, October 21.
- 1995 "Intermarriage in the Liberal German-Jewish Press, 1875-1917," Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, December 20.
 "Teaching Bible Interpretation as Jewish Thought," Midwest Association of Jewish Studies, St. Paul, October.
- 1994 "Philosemitic Misreadings of Zionism," Midwest Association of Jewish Studies, Nashville, TN, October 17.
 "Response to David Sorkin's *The Transformation of German Jewry*," The Melton Center Midwest Faculty Colloquium. Columbus, OH. April 26.
 "Philosemitism in Imperial and Weimar Germany," Association of Jewish Studies, Boston. December 13.
- 1993 "An Adventure in Otherness: Nahida Remy Lazarus (1849-1928)" Conference on Gender and Judaism, Columbus, OH. April 26.
- 1992 "Defection and Response" American Historical Association (AHA), Washington, DC, December 30.
- 1991 "Text & Context: Thomas Mann's *Walsungenblut*" Conference on Cultural and Linguistic

Diversity: Views of The Other in German Languages and Cultures, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, March 15.

“Protestant Missionary Defense of Judaism in Imperial Germany,” Faculty Colloquium, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, March 15.

“Gender as a Category in Modern Jewish Bible Study,” Ohio State University. March 15.

- 1990 "The Posen Factor" Conference on Jewish Geography, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 22.
- 1989 "The Exception Jew: A German Phenomenon" Ohio Academy of History, Dennison University, Granville, OH, April 22.
- 1989 "Jewish Reactions to Inter-marriage in Nineteenth Century Germany: A Progress Report" Association of Jewish Studies, Boston, MA. December 27.
- "Jewish Responses to German Antisemitism in the 1880s: A Reassessment" Interuniversity Fellowship Program in Jewish Studies// Seminar in German Historiography, Jerusalem. February - March.
- 1987 "It Won't Play in Cincinnati: Isaac Mayer Wise's Response to German Reform Judaism" Ohio Academy of History, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH. April 10.
- 1986 "Images of Jewish Women in the Eleventh Century" delivered at the Ohio Academy of History, Capitol University, Columbus, OH. April 19.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Oklahoma

Judaism: A Religious History
 Genesis in the Beginning (PDC)
 Genesis in Jewish Eyes
 The Use and Abuse of the Bible
 The Artists' Bible (JTI)

The Bible Since Enlightenment
 The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
 American Jews / Jewish Americans
 The Artists' Bible (PDC + JTI)

Academy of Jewish Religion

Jewish History: Ideas and Debates (I)

Siegal College of Jewish Studies

Zionist Theory Before 1948	Jewry in the Modern World
Midrash: Jewish Biblical Interpretation	The Jewish Response to Modern Biblical Criticism
Jewish History and Jewish Historians	Buber-Rosenzweig-Scholem
A Survey of Jewish History	Development of the American Jewish Community
Jeremiah: His Life, His Times, His Book	The Foundations of Modern Israel
The Challenge of the Holocaust to Jewish Thought	The Saga of German Jewry
The Desert Narratives of Numbers/Bamidbar	Modern Jewish Thinkers, Modern Jewish Thought
Under the Crescent, Under the Cross	Jewish Life and Letters in Medieval Times
Deuteronomy/Devarim	Jewish Historiography
A Tale of Three Cities: Berlin, Paris and London	Jewish and Christian Readings of the Bible
Exodus/Shmot	Connecting With A Changing Israel
Foundations of Jewish History I, II	Jacob and His Wives: Genesis 24-35
The Prophets	Alive and Well: Contemporary Jewish Thinkers
Women in the Midrash	The Kingdom of David: An Examination of Samuel
Meah, Biblical-Rabbinic	Meah, Medieval-Modern
The German-Jewish Experience	Jews, Pagans and Christians in the Roman Empire
Buber-Rosenzweig-Scholem	The World of Hellenistic Jewry
In the Beginning: Genesis 1-11	From Cradle to Grave: The Jewish Lifecycle
The Wonders of America	
Confronting Change: Authority in Early Modern Jewish Thought	
Friends and Foes: Samson Raphael Hirsch and Abraham Geiger	
Eastern European Jewry from the Rise of Hasidism to the Holocaust	
Diverging Roads: The Encounter Between Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity, with Rev Thewlis	

The College of William & Mary

History and Religion of Ancient Israel	Midrash: A World of Jewish Biblical Interpretation
The Holocaust	Encounters Between Judaism and Modernity
Introduction to the History of Jewish Thought	

Case Western Reserve University

Introduction to Judaism	Modern Jewish Thought
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John Carroll University

Introduction to Judaism	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
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University of Tulsa

Judaism: A Religious History	The Bible Since the Enlightenment
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Wittenberg University

The Creation and Loss of Normative Judaism	
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HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Regents Professor, University of Oklahoma, 2024

Scholar-In-Residence, Case Western Reserve University, June 3-8, 2018

Nominee: Robert Foster Cherry Excellence in Teaching Award 2016 (National Competition)

Advisory Council, Academic Exchange Network (AEN) 2015- Present

Advisory Council: OU Humanities Forum 2015-Present

Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor, College of William & Mary, October 2016.

Section Editor, Religion Compass "Judaism" Section Editor 2014-2017

Spertus Institute of Advanced Jewish Studies July 10-14, 2016.

Lubell Distinguished Professor at the University of Tulsa, Spring 2014.

Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor, College of William & Mary, October 2011.

Wexner Fellows Faculty Member: Los Angeles 2010; Atlanta 2011; Columbus 2012.

Bronfman Distinguished Visiting Professor, College of William & Mary, Autumn 2009.

Named in "Ohio's 100 Top College and University Teachers," *Ohio Magazine*. 2007.

Award Winner, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship, 2005-2006.

Nominee, National Jewish Book Award for *Between Philosemitism and Antisemitism*. 2004.

Senior Fellow, American Council of Learned Societies, Israel, 1999-2000.

Fellow, Vidal Sassoon Center for the Study of Antisemitism, Jerusalem, Israel, 1999-2000.

Award Winner, Lucius Littauer Foundation Publication Award, 1997.

Award Winner, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Research Grant, Cologne, Germany,
1994. Pilot Project Book Grant, "German Philosemitism before Hitler"

Fellow, NEH Summer Seminar, "The History of Zionism," Columbia University, 1993.

Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, 1992.

Fellow, Institute for German History, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, 1991.

Fellow, Interuniversity Program in Jewish Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1988-1989.

Fellow, The Ohio Council on Holocaust Education, 1986 - 1988.

Graduate Representative, Melton Center for Jewish Studies, Ohio State University, 1985-1988.

First Prize, Ohio State University Graduate Research Forum, Humanities Division, April 1987.

First Prize, Roth Memorial Essay Contests, Ohio State University, 1985-1987.

Hayon Award for Excellence in the Humanities, Ohio State University, 1986.

Ruth Higgins Award, Ohio State University, History Department, Summer, 1988.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University of Oklahoma

Director, Schusterman Center of Judaic and Israel Studies, 2015 - 2024

Member, DFCAS Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, 2022- 2024

Reviews all tenure and promotion and promotion only cases for Dean's review. Nine committee members divide up approximately forty cases of T & P and P-only and present written and oral synopses of dossiers, with special attention to departmental procedures, anomalies within the dossiers, and problematic cases.

Member, Advisor Board, Persian Studies, 2015-2020.

Along with Persian Studies faculty, community donors, and administration of the College of International and Areas Studies, advises on course curriculum, faculty searches, and library purchases, for a growing program modeled in part on Jewish Studies.

Member, Department of History Governance Committee ("Committee A"), 2012-2014.

Member of three-person committee responsible for conducting annual evaluation of faculty, assisting the chair in issues related to faculty searches, job offers, tenure and promotion, annual evaluation of the chair, and faculty mentoring.

Member, Religious Studies Program Governance Committee ("Committee A"), 2011-2012.

Executive advisory to program chair, assisted with conducting annual evaluation of faculty, assisting the chair in issues related to faculty searches, job offers, tenure and promotion, annual evaluation of the chair, and faculty mentoring.

Member, University Safety & Security Committee, 2015- Present.

Reviews student overseas programs, including approval/denial of independent study proposals. Monitors the US State Department advisories, supports effective faculty guidance of research projects, both graduate and undergraduate.

Interim Director, Program in Jewish and Israel Studies, 2010.

Organized film series, Judaic Studies lunches, collaborated with grant giving agencies, provided oversight for grants to students travelling to Israel summer programs. Continuing editorship/authorship of JUST Newsletter.

Faculty Member, President's Curriculum Committee: University of Oklahoma, 2010-2014

Member, History Department Task Force on increasing majors, 2010-2012

Researched prior offerings, enrollments, course titles; recommended curriculum improvements.

Faculty Advisor, Oklahoma Hillel, 2008-2012; Board Member 2014-Present.

Siegal College

Program Director, Combined Master's Program in Social Work and Jewish Studies, 1993-1995.

Worked with Case Western Reserve University, School of Social Work. Directed class programming, advised students, coordinated with CWRU's social work school and taught in the program.

Lecture Series and Community Engagement, 1990-2008

Organized many Siegal College speakers and conferences, including raising funds, organizing, and chairing a sponsored lecture series on contemporary antisemitism

Faculty Representative/ Executive Committee Member, Presidential Search, 2007-2008

Evaluated candidates for President's position, coordinated board/faculty/Jewish community activity and information-flow.

Advisor, Cleveland *Meah*, a national adult education initiative of Boston Hebrew University. 2001-2003

Guided faculty discussions, curricular review, advised junior faculty, collaborated with area rabbis and promoted *Meah* in Cleveland area congregations.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

"Judaism" Section Editor, Compass. On-line Religious Studies Journal, 2012- 2017

Board Member, Academic Engagement Network (AEN), 2015 - Present

Board Member, Academy of Jewish Religion, 2015 - Present

NE Ohio Hillel Board of Governors, 1995-1998

Advisor, Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, History and Archives Committee, 1995-2000

Academic Advisory Board, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 2002-2004

Agnon School Board of Governors, 2002-2005

Advisory Board, Rosenthal Center for Jewish Studies (CWRU), 2005-2008

Blackwell-Compass Editorial Board, 2004- Present

Professional Memberships: World Union of Jewish Studies, Association of Jewish Studies, Leo Baeck Institute, American Historical Association (previous)

REVIEWS

My academic book reviews have appeared in *Interpretation*, *The German Quarterly*, *The Association of Jewish Studies Review*, *Shofar: Journal of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association*; *Journal of American History*; *American Jewish History*; *American Historical Review*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Journal of Reform Judaism*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *German Studies Review*, *Central European History*, *The Reconstructionist*, and *Judaism: A Quarterly Journal*. I regularly review book manuscripts and journal articles for Cambridge University Press, Fordham University Press, Purdue University Press, University of Texas Press, Rowman and Littlefield, as well as the periodicals listed above.

REFERENCES

Emeritus Professor Marc Lee Raphael, Gumenick Chair, Department of Religion
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Former Students

Reverend Rich Thewlis, Pastor, UCC & Adjunct Professor, Department of Religion, Hiram College
thewlisrk@hiram.edu. Rev. Thewlis and I often team-taught a course “Divided Roads: Judaism and
Christianity in the First Four Centuries” at Siegal College of Judaic Studies, where Rev. Thewlis
received his Judaic Studies M.A. under my direction. He is a pastor in Lakeside, Ohio.

Dr. Walker Robins, Assistant Professor, Merrimack College, Boston, MA. walkrobins@gmail.com
His *Between Dixie and Zion: Southern Baptists' Palestine Questions*, University of Alabama Press,
which originated as an OU dissertation. Dr. Robins teaches at Merrimack College, Boston.

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