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Curriculum Vitae

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**Education:**        **Ph.D. in Talmud & Rabbinics - 2015**  
Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY  
Dissertation: *Tistayem: An Investigation into the Scholastic Culture of the Bavli.*

**Rabbinical Ordination - 2008**  
Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY  
Wexner Graduate Fellow, Class XVI

**M.T.S. in Hebrew Bible - 2003**  
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA  
Class Speaker

**B.A. in English Language & Literature - 1998**  
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Departmental & General Honors

**Appointments:**    **John Carroll University - 2022 - Present**  
Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Chair in Jewish Studies  
Associate Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies

**John Carroll University - 2018 - 2022**  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish & Interreligious Studies  
Director of the Walter and Mary Tuohy Chair of Interreligious Studies

**Yale University - 2016 - 2018**  
Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Postdoctoral Fellow in the Program of Judaic Studies; Department of Religious Studies

**Jewish Theological Seminary of America - 2015 - 2016**  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Talmud & Rabbinics  
Principal, Ivry Prozdor High School  
Director, *Nishma* Summer Intensive Talmud Program

**Publications:****Books:**

*The Scholastic Culture of the Babylonian Talmud*, Judaism in Context Vol. 31, Gorgias Press, 2022.

**Refereed Journal Articles:**

"The Stilling of the Sea: The Defeat of Chaos in the Synoptic Gospels and Rabbinic Literature," in submission

"*Lo Siyy'muha Qamei*: The Scholastic Meaning of a Talmudic Term" [Hebrew] in submission.

"Crimes Against Nature: Gentile Sodomy Law in Rabbinic Literature," in revision.

"'The Wicked Government Once Issued a Decree:' The Reliability of Rabbinic Evidence regarding Religious Persecution in the Post Bar Kochba Period," in submission.

"He Found a Hair and it Bothered Him." Female Pubic Hair Depilation in the Babylonian Talmud, *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*, No. 35 (Fall 2019), pp. 128-152

"Overturning the 'Table': The Hidden Meaning of a Talmudic Metaphor for Coitus," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 25:3 (September, 2016), pp. 489 - 507.

**Other Articles and Book Chapters**

Contributor to Chapter on "Law and Religion" in *The Cambridge Comparative History of Ancient Law* Edited by Caroline Humfress, David Ibbetson and Patrick Olivelle. (2 vols, Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.)

"Legal Theory In The Study Of Rabbinic Texts," in *Jewish Law: New Perspectives*, edited by Yonatan Y. Brafman and Suzanne Last Stone. Boston: De Gruyter, in preparation.

"Logic and Language in the development of a Talmudic Sugya," [Hebrew], in *Hakol Kol Yaakov: Joel Roth Jubilee Volume*, ed. Jonathan S. Milgram and Robert Harris (Leiden: Brill, 2021).

"The Apocrypha in Rabbinic Literature," co-authored with Christine Hayes in *The Jewish Annotated Apocrypha*, edited by Jonathan Klawans and Lawrence Wills, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

**Book Reviews:**

Review of Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, *The More Torah, the More Life: A*

*Christian Commentary on Mishnah Avot*, SCJR 15:1 (2020): 1-3.

Review of Paula Fredrickson, *When Christians Were Jews*, *Jewish Review of Books*, (Winter '20).

Review of Yishai Keil, *Sexuality in the Bavli*, *Ancient Jew Review*, June 18, 2016.

Review of Joshua Ezra Burns, *The Christian Schism in Jewish History and Jewish Memory*, *AJS Review*, 40:2 (2016) pp. 402-4.

**Translations:**

Selections from Avaraham Yeshayahu Karelitz's "*Hazon Ish*" in *Jewish Legal Theories*, edited by Leora Batnitzky and Yonatan Y. Brafman. (Waltham MA: Brandeis University Press, 2017), pp. 133-39.

**Online Publications:**

"Dissertation Spotlight," *Ancient Jew Review*, August 24, 2016.

"A Tantalizing Tale Of Temura Fragments," *The Talmud Blog*, October 29, 2014.

"The Problem Is Not Ideological," *Jewish Review of Books*, December 11, 2013.

**Awards/Prizes:**   **2017 - 2018**   JTS Fellow  
                          **2003 - 2007**   Wexner Graduate Fellow  
  **JTS Academic Prizes:**  
**May 2012**   Professor Louis Ginzberg Talmud Prize  
**May 2008**   David Scharps Memorial Prize in Talmud  
                  Isaac H. Wolfson Memorial Award  
                  Dr. Moses Einhorn Award  
                  Alexander Kohut Memorial Prize  
**May 2005**   Stephen Henry Shefrin Memorial Prize  
                  Professor Louis Ginzberg Talmud Prize  
**May 2004**   Elbogen Fellowship Memorial Prize In Talmud

**Papers Presented:** "*Lo Siyy'muha Qamei*: A New Translation of a Talmudic Idiom," *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 16, 2019.

"Scholastic Refuge in Talmudic Stories," *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 17, 2018.

"Pages from Tractate Temura of the Babylonian Talmud, in Secondary use in a Late Medieval Book Binding," *Society of Biblical Literature*, November 18, 2018

"Exiled to the Academy: Scholastic Refuge in Talmudic Stories," *Feeding on*

*Dreams: Exiles and Exile in Late Antiquity: A Workshop at Yale University*, April 24, 2018

"Logic and Language in the Development of a Talmudic Sugya," *Association of Jewish Studies*, December, 2017.

"Epistles from the Mythic Past: Anxiety and Power in Talmudic Stories about Letter Writing" *Society of Biblical Literature*, November 19, 2017

"The Siyyuma at the End of the Talmudic Period as a scholastic practice in light of Syriac Christianity" [presented in Hebrew], *World Congress of Jewish Studies*, August 6, 2017

"Jews, Gentiles, and Anal Sex: Sex act as Cultural Boundary Marker," *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 19, 2016.

"He Found a Hair and it Bothered Him: Female Pubic Hair Depilation in the Bavli," *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 13, 2015.

"Overturning the 'Table': The Hidden Meaning of a Talmudic Metaphor for Coitus" *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 16, 2014.

"*Tistayem*: An Investigation into the Scholastic Culture of the Bavli," *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 17, 2013.

**Campus Talks:** "A Tale Of Two Saffron-Growers: Scholastic 'Partnership' Between Jews And Christians In Late Antiquity," Vanderbilt Divinity School, April 10, 2019.

"We Ascend and Do Not Go Down: Hanukkah in the Babylonian Talmud," John Carroll University, December 6, 2018.

"Digital Resources for the Study of the Textual History of Rabbinic Literature" *Ancient Judaism Workshop*, Yale University, October 25, 2017.

"Marriage: An Economic Enterprise?" Georgetown Law School Conference/ CLE Program: "The Moral Economy," March 22, 2017.

"The Scholastic Culture of the Bavli," JTS Talmud Department, February 14, 2014.

"Modern Technological Resources for the Study of Talmudic Manuscripts" *JTS Talmud Department*, April 10, 2012.

**Public Lectures:** "Controversy and Community: The Value of Argument in Rabbinic Texts." JTS in Midtown series, November 09, December 14, 2017, January 11, 2018.

"Before the Paths Diverged: Encounters between Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity." JTS in Midtown series, February 11, 25, and March 10, 2016

"Rabbis Killing Rabbis or How the Talmud Became the Talmud," Adas Israel Congregation, Washington, DC, February 15, 2015.

**Teaching:**

**John Carroll University:**

"The Rabbis on Gender & Sexuality"	2022
Abraham: Father of Many Nations	2020
"Jewish Messianism(s)"	2019
"Introduction to Judaism"	2019
"Great Jewish Thinkers"	2018

**Yale:**

"Capital Punishment Discourse in Ancient Judaism & Christianity"	2018
"Law & Narrative, Gender & Sexuality in the Talmud"	2016

**Jewish Theological Seminary:**

"The Synoptic Gospels Through A Jewish Lens"	2015
"Intermediate Talmud"	2014, 2016
"Talmudic Narratives about the High Holy Days"	2013
"Talmudic Narratives about Women"	2012, 2013
"Talmudic Reading(s): Levinas And Talmud"	2011

**Academy of Jewish Religion:**

"The Jacob Cycle: Genesis 25-36"	2015
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**Union Theological Seminary:**

"Introduction to Judaism"	2014
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**Languages:**

Hebrew (all periods) near-native reading, speaking, and writing  
Aramaic (Biblical, Jewish Babylonian & Palestinian, Syriac, etc), reading  
Greek (Koine and Attic), reading  
Latin, (Classical and Medieval), reading  
French, reading  
German, reading

**Professional Memberships/Affiliations:**

Association of Jewish Studies	2013- Present
Society of Biblical Literature	2017- Present
World Union of Jewish Studies	2017- Present
Catholic Biblical Association	2021- Present