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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Rice University, 2000 (Department of Religious Studies)

(Doctoral Thesis: "Being and Nonbeing: The Appropriation of the Greek Concept of *to mē on* in Jewish Thought")

M.A. University of Virginia, 1995 (Department of Religious Studies)

(Master's Thesis: "Ethics in the Middle Voice: A Study in the Moral Philosophies of Nussbaum, Derrida, and Kant")

A.B. Princeton University, 1992, *cum laude* (Major: Religion)

(Undergraduate Thesis: "Being in Between: The Role of Negativity in Heidegger, Levinas, and Derrida")

POSITIONS HELD

Professor, Department of Religion, Florida State University, August 2015—

Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Florida State University, August 2006– August 2015

(on leave without pay from FSU from August 2013 through July 2014)

Professor, Department of Religion Studies, Lehigh University, October 2013—July 2014

Associate Professor, Department of Religion Studies, Lehigh University, August 2013—October 2013

Philip and Muriel Berman Chair in Jewish Studies, Lehigh University, August 2013—July 2014

Director, Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University, August 2013—July 2014

NB: For personal reasons, I returned to FSU in the summer of 2014.

Carpenter Fellow in Public Theology, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University,

September 2005–June 2006 (on leave without pay from FSU during this period)

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Florida State University, August 2000–August 2006

Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, Rice University, Fall 1999–Spring 2000

Instructor, University of Houston—Clear Lake/Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Fall 1999

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

Fellowship, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2015–2016

Faculty in Residence Summer Term (FIRST) program, University of Colorado–Boulder, Summer 2015

Nominee, FSU Distinguished University Teaching Professor award (2014)

Jordan Schnitzer Book Award, for *Jewish Messianism and the History of Philosophy* (2008)

Carpenter Fellowship in Public Theology, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2005–06

FSU University Teaching Award (2005)

FSU Committee on Faculty Research Support Grant (Summer 2004, Summer 2015)

FSU Provost's Travel Grant (Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Fall 2003, Fall 2007, Fall 2009, Fall 2014)

FSU First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Award (Summer 2001)

Sarofim/NEH Distinguished Graduate Teaching Fellow (1999-2000)

Rice University School of Humanities Summer Support (1998, 1999)

UVA Marchant Fellowship (1992-93); UVA Academic Enhancement Fellowship (1992-93)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Jewish Messianism and the History of Philosophy (Cambridge University Press, 2004; paperback, 2009)

Reviewed on H-Judaic (March 2005) (David B. Levy); in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2005) (Gabriel Levy); in *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 43:3 (2005) (Kenneth Reinhard); in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 29:5 (2005) (K. M. Heim); in *Modern Theology* 23:1 (2007) (Gregory Kaplan); in *Journal of Religion* 89:1 (2009) (Sarah Hammerschlag).

Winner, Jordan Schnitzer Book Award in Philosophy and Jewish Thought (2008), awarded by the Association for Jewish Studies for the best book in this subfield published between 2004 and 2008.

Edited Volumes

Judaism, Liberalism, and Political Theology, co-edited with Randi Rashkover (Indiana University Press, 2014)

The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era, co-edited with David Novak and Zachary Braiterman (Cambridge University Press, 2012)

Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2013.01.05) (Jeffrey Bernstein); in *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies* (2013) (Dani Rabinowitz); in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (2015) (Karin Nisenbaum)

Saintly Influence: Edith Wyschogrod and the Possibilities of Philosophy of Religion, co-edited with Eric Boynton (Fordham University Press, 2009)

Reviewed in *Modern Theology* 26:3 (2010) (Neal DeRoo)

Tradition in the Public Square: A David Novak Reader, co-edited with Randi Rashkover (London: SCM, 2008 and Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008)

Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 34:3 (2008) (Amos Yong); in *First Things* (November 2008) (Matthew Levering); in *International Journal of Public Theology* (2011) (Colby Dickinson)

Articles and Essays

“What Does It Mean For J. K. Rowling to Cite the New Testament?”, under review at *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*

“The Discourse of The Enemy: On Jan Assmann,” in *Philosophy, Religion and Political Theology*, eds. C. Allen Speight and Michael Zank (Dordrecht: Springer, 2017)

“The Perils of Covenant Theology: The Cases of David Hartman and David Novak,” in *Imagining the Jewish God*, eds. Ken Koltun-Fromm and Leonard Kaplan (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016)

“The Politics of Negative Theology,” in *Negative Theology as Jewish Modernity*, ed. Michael Fagenblat (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2016)

“Annulling Theocentrism,” *Bamidbar* (forthcoming, 2015)

“Profane Theology,” *Method & Theory In The Study of Religion* 27.2 (2015), 104–15

“Humanizing Philosophy of Religion: On Language in Levinas and Sellars,” *Journal of Cultural & Religious Theory* 14.2 (2015), 225–40

- “The Perils of Covenant Theology: The Case of Eugene Borowitz,” *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 1.1 (2015), 92–113
- “Reading Messianically with Gershom Scholem,” in *Rethinking the Messianic Idea in Judaism*, eds. Michael L. Morgan and Steven Weitzman (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014), 404–18
- “A Note on Religion and the State in Rosenzweig’s *Hegel und der Staat*,” *Rosenzweig Jahrbuch* 8 (2014), 129–51
- (with Randi Rashkover) “Revisioning the Jewish Philosophical Encounter with Christianity,” in *Jewish Philosophy for the 21st Century*, ed. Hava Samuelson and Aaron Hughes (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 172–204
NB: I drafted the first half of this article; Rashkover drafted the second half. Together we revised.
- “Ending Time And Again In Ruins: Catastrophe and Its Discontents in Jewish Theology,” in *Catastrophes: A History and Theory of an Operative Concept*, eds. Andreas Killen and Nitzan Lebovic (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2014), 111–27
- (with Randi Rashkover) “Introduction,” in *Judaism, Liberalism, and Political Theology* (see above), 1–33
NB: Rashkover drafted this introduction; together we revised it extensively.
- “What Do The Dead Deserve?: Towards A Critique of Jewish ‘Political Theology,’” in *Judaism, Liberalism, and Political Theology*, 108–26
- “Postmodern Jewish Ethical Theories,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics and Morality*, eds. Jonathan K. Crane and Elliot N. Dorff (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 287–301
- “Verification (*Bewährung*) in Martin Buber,” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy* 20.1 (2012): 71–98
- “Can Jews Be Radical Theologians?,” *Soundings* 95.1 (2012): 48–72
- “Verification (*Bewährung*) in Franz Rosenzweig,” in *German-Jewish Thought Between Religion and Politics: Festschrift in Honor of Paul Mendes-Flohr on the Occasion of His Seventieth Birthday*, eds. Christian Wiese and Martina Urban (Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, 2012), 167–83
- “Introduction,” in *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era* (see above), 1–31
- “Phenomenology,” in *The Cambridge History of Jewish Philosophy: The Modern Era* (see above), 97–127
- “Translation,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies*, ed. Robert Orsi (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 186–208
- “What Is Immanent in Judaism?: Transcending Charles Taylor’s *A Secular Age*,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 40.1 (Spring 2012): 123–37
- “Should Levinasians Also Be Hegelians?: On Wyschogrod’s Levinasianism,” *Philosophy Today* 55.4 (Winter 2011): 372–85
- “The Ends Of Anxiety in Merton and Heschel,” *Merton Annual* 23 (2010): 132–48

- “Screening The Canon, or Levinas And Medieval Jewish Philosophy,” in *New Directions in Jewish Philosophy*, eds. Elliot R. Wolfson and Aaron Hughes (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010), 19–51
- (with Eric Boynton) “Introduction,” in *Saintly Influence: Edith Wyschogrod and the Possibilities of Philosophy of Religion* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2009), 1–15
NB: I drafted the first half of the introduction; Boynton drafted the latter half.
- (with David Kangas) “Hearing, Patiently: Time and Salvation in Kierkegaard and Levinas,” in *Kierkegaard and Levinas: Ethics, Politics, and Religion*, eds. J. Aaron Simmons and David Wood (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2008), 125–52
NB: This essay is framed as a dialogue; authorship of each section is clear.
- (with Randi Rashkover) “Introduction,” in *Tradition in the Public Square: A David Novak Reader* (London: SCM and Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008), xi–xxxiv
NB: Rashkover drafted the introduction; together we revised it extensively.
- “Is Scriptural Reasoning Senseless?: A Response to Steven Kepnes,” in *Scripture, Reason, and the Islam/West Encounter: Studying the “Other,” Understanding the “Self,”* eds. Basit Bilal Koshul and Steven Kepnes (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 133–46.
NB: This is an expanded and significantly revised version of the piece from *Iqbal Review* listed below.
- “Levinas Between Monotheism and Cosmotheism,” *Levinas Studies: An Annual Review* 2 (2007): 79–103
- “Is There A Warrant For Levinas’s Talmudic Readings?” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, special issue on Emmanuel Levinas, ed. Catherine Chaliier, 14.1–2 (2006): 153–73
- “The Meaning of That Hour: Prophecy, Phenomenology and the Public Sphere in the Early Heschel,” in *Religion and Violence in a Secular World: Toward a New Political Theology*, ed. Clayton Crockett (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006), 108–36
- “What Does It Mean to Receive Tradition?: Jewish Studies in Higher Education,” *Cross Currents* 56.2 (Summer 2006): 180–97
- “The Presence of God in Levinas and R. Hayyim of Volozhin,” *Philosophy Today* 50.1 (Spring 2006): 69–79
- (with Randi Rashkover) “A Jewish Modified Divine Command Theory,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 32.2 (Summer 2004): 387–414
- “The Absence Fetish,” *Religious Studies Review* 29.3 (July 2003): 225–34
- “Judaism and Theology in Martha Nussbaum’s Ethics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 31.2 (June 2003): 343–59
- “Monotheism and the Capabilities Approach: On the Writings of Lenn E. Goodman,” *Journal of Law and Religion* 27.1–2 (2002): 143–53
- “Textual Reasoning and Cultural Memory,” in *Textual Reasonings: Jewish Philosophy and Text Study after Modernity*, eds. Nancy Levene and Peter Ochs (London and Grand Rapids, MI: SCM/Eerdmans, 2002), 175–90

“Saying Nihilism: A Review of Marc-Alain Ouaknin's *The Burnt Book*,” in Shaul Magid, ed. *God's Voice From the Void: Old and New Studies in Bratzlav Hasidism* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2001), 217–36

“Saying Kaddish for Gillian Rose, or on Levinas and *Geltungsphilosophie*,” in *Secular Theology*, ed. Clayton Crockett (New York: Routledge, 2001), 104–29

“Recollection, *Zakhor*, *Anamnesis*: A Review of Ira Stone's *Reading Levinas/Reading Talmud*,” *Cross Currents* 49.4 (1999/2000): 521–37

“The Rationality of Derrida's ‘Religion Without Religion’: A Phenomenological Gift for John D. Caputo,” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 1/1 (1999), www.jcrt.org/archives/01.1/kavka.html

Shorter Pieces

Review of Benjamin Pollock, *Franz Rosenzweig's Conversions: World Denial and World Redemption*, forthcoming in *Journal of Religion*

“On Judith Butler's *Parting Ways* as Jewish Philosophy,” *Political Theology* 16.4 (2015): 378–81

Review of Gil Anidjar, *Blood: A Critique of Christianity*, in *Church History* 84.2 (2015): 441–42

Contributor to “How Should One Teach ‘Introduction to Jewish Studies’?”, *AJS Perspectives* (Fall 2014): 78

Review of Martina Urban, *Theodicy of Culture and the Jewish Ethos: David Koigen's Contribution to the Sociology of Religion*, in *Journal of Religion* 94.4 (October 2014): 543–45

Review of Tyler Roberts, *Encountering Religion: Responsibility and Criticism after Secularism*, in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 76.1 (August 2014): 95–98

“Judaism Without Essence,” *Sh'ma* (March/April 2014), 17, 19.

“Spiritual (and Jewish), But Not Religious” [on Pew Research Center's “Portrait of Jewish Americans” survey], *Religion Dispatches* e-zine, published October 7, 2013: http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/7339/spiritual__and_jewish__but_not_religious/

Contributor to “Reflections on Summer Reading,” *The Immanent Frame* blog, <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2013/09/03/reflections-on-summer-reading-2013/>

“American Jews: From Holocaust to New Age Hasidism?” [review of Shaul Magid, *American Post-Judaism: Identity and Renewal in a Postethnic Society*], *Religion Dispatches* e-zine, published May 23, 2013: http://www.religiondispatches.org/books/atheologies/7115/american_jews__from_holocaust_to_new_age_hasidism/

Book Note: Charles Taylor, *Dilemmas and Connections: Selected Essays*, in *Church History* 81.3 (2012): 747–48

“Sister Martin Ignatius Explains Not Very Much At All For You” [on the Catholic sex-abuse crisis], *The Immanent Frame* blog, blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2012/08/17/sister-martin-ignatius-explains-not-very-much-at-all-for-you/

- “The Fiercest Love Of All” [on the Frequencies project curated by Kathryn Lofton and John Modern], *The Immanent Frame* blog, blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2012/04/02/the-fiercest-love-of-all/
- “Response to Braiterman, Ellis, and Rubenstein,” *Soundings* 95.1 (2012): 94–98
- Review of Pierre Bouretz, *Witnesses for the Future: Philosophy and Messianism*, in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 71.1 (2012): 93–96
- Review of Michael Fagenblat, *A Covenant of Creatures: Levinas’s Philosophy of Judaism*, in *Journal of Religion* 92.1 (January 2012): 150–152
- “Messianism: Modern Approaches,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism & Jewish Culture*, ed. Judith R. Baskin (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), 426–27
- Review of Melissa Raphael, *Judaism and the Visual Image*, *Journal of Religion* 91.2 (2011): 278–80
- Review of Richard A. Cohen, *Levinasian Meditations: Ethics, Philosophy, and Religion*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2011.01.16)
- “Antihumanism and Religion” [on Stefanos Geroulanos’s *An Atheism That Is Not Humanist Emerges in French Thought*], *The Immanent Frame* blog, blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/06/11/antihumanism-and-religion/
- “Old-New Sabbath” [review of Judith Shulevitz’s *The Sabbath World*], *Jewish Review of Books* 1.2 (2010): 21–23
- Review of R. Clifton Spargo, *Vigilant Memory*, in *Modern Philology* 107.2 (2009): 324–27
- Review of David Patterson, *Emil L. Fackenheim: A Jewish Philosopher’s Response to the Holocaust*, in *Holocaust & Genocide Studies* 23.3 (2009): 493–95
- “Be Strong and Resolute: Parashat Vayelech,” in *Torah Queeries*, eds. Gregg Drinkwater, David Shneer, and Joshua Lesser (New York: NYU Press, 2009), 267–70
- Review of Anthony Steinbock’s *Phenomenology and Mysticism*, in *Modern Theology* 25.4 (2009): 690–92
- “The Limits of Collectivity,” in *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* 8.1 (2009), http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/ssr/issues/volume8/number1/ssr08_01_e03.html
- Review of Steven Kepnes, *Jewish Liturgical Reasoning*, in *Modern Theology* 25.1 (2009): 154–57
- Book Note: Irene Kajon, *Contemporary Jewish Philosophy*, in *Religious Studies Review* 34.4 (2008): 311
- Review of Dana Hollander, *Exemplarity and Chosenness*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2008.10.20)
- Review of Michael L. Morgan, *Discovering Levinas*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76.4 (2008): 1018–21
- Review of Zachary Braiterman’s *The Shape of Revelation*, in *Journal of Religion* 88.3 (2008): 425–26

Review of Samuel Moyn, *Origins of the Other*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74.4 (2006): 1003–05

Review of Marc Krell, *Intersecting Pathways*, in *Journal of Religion* 86.4 (2006): 705–06

Review of Randi Rashkover, *Revelation and Theopolitics*, in *Cross Currents* 56.2 (2006): 277–79

“The Unity of Scriptural Reasoning,” *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* 6.1 (2006),
http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/ssr/issues/volume6/number1/ssr06_01_r04.html

Review of Nancy Levene, *Spinoza’s Revelation*, *Modern Theology* 22.1 (2006): 157–159

Review of Eric Sean Nelson et al, eds. *Addressing Levinas*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2005.11.14)

“Is Scriptural Reasoning Senseless?: A Response to Steven Kepnes,” *Iqbal Review* 46.2 (2005): 253–62

Book Notes: Robert Bernasconi and Simon Critchley, eds. *The Cambridge Companion to Levinas*; Eugene Borowitz, *Studies in the Meaning of Judaism*; Hava Tirosh-Samuels, *Happiness in Premodern Judaism*; D. Boyarin, D. Itzkovitz, and A. Pellegrini, eds. *Queer Theory & the Jewish Question*; Hélène Cixous, *Portrait of Jacques Derrida as a Young Jewish Saint*;
all in *Religious Studies Review* 31.3–4 (2005): 213–14, 215–16

Book Note: Norbert Samuelson, *Revelation and the God of Israel*, in *Religious Studies Review* 31.1–2 (2005): 107

Review of Michael L. Morgan, *Beyond Auschwitz*, *AJS Review* 28.2 (2004): 361–63

Comment on David Novak’s “Is Natural Law a Border Concept between Judaism and Christianity?,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 32.3 (2004): 547–52

Review of S. Daniel Breslauer, *Creating a Judaism without Religion*, *Shofar* 22.2 (2003): 174–76

“Steven Schwarzschild,” *Conservative Judaism* 55.4 (2003): 65–66

Book Notes: Adam Zachary Newton, *The Fence and the Neighbor* and James Hatley, *Suffering Witness*, in *Religious Studies Review* 29.2 (2003): 203

Review of Aryeh Botwinick, *Skepticism, Belief, and the Modern*, in *Jewish Quarterly Review* 92.3–4 (2002): 303–05

Response/Epilogue: “The Function of Subjectivity in Textual Reasoning,” *Textual Reasoning* 1 (2002),
<http://jtr.lib.virginia.edu/journals/tr/volume1/kavkaTR1.html>

Book Note: Richard Cohen, *Ethics, Exegesis and Philosophy*, in *Religious Studies Review* 28.2 (2002): 177

Translation: “Rabbi Nahman, Romanticism, and Rationalism” [selections from S. A. Horodezky, *Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav*] in Shaul Magid, ed. *God’s Voice From the Void: Old and New Studies in Bratzlav Hasidism* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2001), 263–76

Review of Hent de Vries, *Philosophy and the Turn to Religion*, in *Modern Language Notes* 116.5 (2001): 1119–23

Review of Thomas Rahe, *Höre Israel*, in *Holocaust and Genocide Studies* 15.3 (2001): 516–18

Book Note: Kenneth Seeskin, *Searching for a Distant God*, in *Religious Studies Review* 27.2 (2001): 188

Encyclopedia Entry: “Edith Wyschogrod,” in C. E. Winkquist and V. E. Taylor, eds. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Postmodernism* (New York: Routledge, 2000), 437–38

Book Notes: David Novak, ed. *Leo Strauss and Judaism*, and S. B. Smith, *Spinoza, Liberalism, and the Question of Jewish Identity*, in *Religious Studies Review* 25.3 (1999): 310

PRESENTATIONS

“For It Is God’s Way To Sweeten Bitter With Bitter: Prayer in Levinas and R. Hayyim of Volozhin,” conference at University of Chicago on “Levinas Reading,” April 2015

“Civility in the Jewish Tradition,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2015

Respondent to Shaul Magid, “Meir Kahane’s Ethics of Violence,” Society of Jewish Ethics annual meeting (Chicago IL), January 2015

“Justifying Normativity in Modern Jewish Thought,” Association of Jewish Studies annual meeting (Baltimore MD), December 2014

Respondent, panel on “Buber and the Americans,” Association of Jewish Studies annual meeting (Baltimore MD), December 2014

Panelist, book session on Mary-Jane Rubenstein’s *Worlds Without End*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Diego CA), November 2014

“Rosenzweig’s No to *Bildung*,” keynote address, International Rosenzweig Congress (Frankfurt, Germany), October 2014

“The Rights of Citizens in a Covenanted Polity,” conference in honor of David Novak, University of Toronto (Toronto ON), September 2014

“Religious Studies and the Ethics of Citizenship,” workshop on “Religion and Society: Disciplinary Perspectives in Religious Studies,” Stanford University (Stanford CA), May 2014

“Articulating a Positive Relationship Between Christians and Jews,” Gonzaga University (Spokane WA), April 2014

“Moral Relativism Today: Personal Experience and Universal Morality,” debate with C. C. Pecknold (Catholic University of America) at Pomona College (Claremont CA), March 2014

- “Letting God In To The Public Sphere: On The Dangers Of ‘Covenant Theology’ In Judaism,” Henry Samuel Levinson Lecture in Jewish Studies, University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Greensboro NC), March 2014
- “Letting God In To The Public Sphere: On The Dangers Of ‘Covenant Theology’ In Judaism,” Northwestern University (Evanston IL), March 2014
- “The Price of Forgiveness,” Glasscock Humanities Center, Texas A&M University (College Station TX), February 2014
- “Happy Twenty-fifth Birthday, *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion!*”, North American Association for the Study of Religion annual meeting (Baltimore MD), November 2013
- “The Imperatives and Risks of Disidentification: On Judith Butler’s *Parting Ways*,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Baltimore MD), November 2013
- “Levinas’s Two Messianisms,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Baltimore MD), November 2013
- “Interfaith Dialogue: A Jewish Approach,” East Stroudsburg University, November 2013
- “What Can Theology Do After The Holocaust?”, University of Colorado—Colorado Springs, October 2013
- “Why Does J.K. Rowling Quote The Bible?: On Christianity And Harry Potter,” Michigan State University (East Lansing MI), October 2013
- “Letting God In To The Public Sphere: On The Dangers Of ‘Covenant Theology’ In Judaism,” Oregon State University (Corvallis OR), May 2013
- “Why Does J.K. Rowling Quote The Bible?: On Christianity And Harry Potter,” Oregon State University (Corvallis OR), May 2013
- “Two Study-Houses: Authority in Goldschmidt and the Jewish Tradition,” Annual Hermann Levin Goldschmidt Memorial Lecture, University of Toronto (Toronto ON), March 2013
- “Letting God In To The Public Sphere: On The Dangers Of ‘Covenant Theology’ In Judaism,” Lehigh University (Bethlehem PA), February 2013
- Respondent, panel on “Rosenzweig and Religion,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Chicago IL), December 2012
- Panelist on Tracy Fessenden’s *Culture and Redemption*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Chicago IL), November 2012
- Panelist on Vincent Lloyd’s *The Problem With Grace*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Chicago IL), November 2012

“Critiques of the Nation-State in Rosenzweig’s *Hegel und der Staat*,” International Rosenzweig Congress (Toronto ON), September 2012

“Is The Prophetic Message Verifiable?,” workshop on messianism and prophecy, University of Chicago (Chicago IL), May 2012

Respondent to Jan Assmann, “Politics, Religion, and Violence,” Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion (Boston MA), April 2012

Respondent, “The Religious Significance of Negative Theology,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Washington DC), December 2011

“Tragedy and Eschatology in the Thought of Jacob Taubes,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Washington DC), December 2011

“Positing the Transcendent: On Richard A. Cohen’s *Levinasian Meditations*,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Francisco CA), November 2011

“The Problem of Apparent Consent,” at “Sex Abuse and the Study of Religion” conference, Yale University (New Haven CT), September 2011

Respondent, Tikvah Project Messianism Working Group meeting, Princeton University (Princeton NJ), May 2011

“What Is Translated By Jewish Thought In A Public University?,” University of Buffalo (Buffalo NY), May 2011

“Was Wyschogrod A Levinasian?,” at conference in memory of Edith Wyschogrod, Rice University (Houston TX), April 2011

“What Does It Mean For J.K. Rowling To Cite The Bible?: On Christianity and Harry Potter,” Pomona College (Claremont CA), March 2011

Discussant, Jacob Taubes’s “Theology and the Philosophic Critique of Religion” (1954) and “On The Symbolic Order of Modern Democracy” (1955), Workshop Jacob Taubes (Berlin Germany), February 2011

“Is Glenn Beck My Other?: On Applied Levinasianism,” Levinas Research Seminar (College Station TX), February 2011

Panelist, “‘And God Created Woman’: Judaism, ‘Otherness,’ and Sexual Difference,” Glasscock Humanities Center (College Station TX), February 2011

Panelist, “Jewish Philosophy: *Quo Vadis?*,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Boston MA), December 2010

Panelist on Bonnie Honig’s *Emergency Politics*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Atlanta GA), November 2010

“Why Is ‘God’ Not In The Index Of Diane Perpich’s *The Ethics of Emmanuel Levinas?*,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Atlanta GA), November 2010

“Should Levinasians Also Be Hegelians? The Promise of Edith Wyschogrod’s Saintliness,” at North American Levinas Society/Société Internationale de Recherches Emmanuel Levinas international conference (Toulouse, France), July 2010

“Can The Theological Turn Be Actualized? The Blessings and Curses of Cohen’s Deuteronomy,” at “The Theological Turn: Scripture and Current Philosophy” conference (Jerusalem, Israel), May 2010

“What Is Immanent In Judaism?: Transcending *A Secular Age*,” Society for Christian Ethics/Society for Jewish Ethics/Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics annual meeting (San Jose CA), January 2010

Respondent, “Monotheism And Its Discontents,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Los Angeles CA), December 2009

Respondent, “Religion, Liberalism, Sexuality” workshop, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University (Atlanta GA), November 2009

Respondent, “The Promise Of Scripture And Phenomenology,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Montreal QC), November 2009

“Making Law to Add Benches: Reading the Rabbis as Neopragmatists,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Montreal QC), November 2009

“What Do The Dead Deserve?: On Jewish Political Theology,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Montreal QC), November 2009

“Jacob Taubes and the Cultural Memory of Paul,” Society for Continental Philosophy in a Jewish Context annual meeting (Arlington VA), October 2009

Respondent, “Judaism after Political Theology” symposium, George Mason University (Falls Church VA), October 2009

“Jewish Philosophy and Social Practice,” Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University (College Station TX), October 2009

Response to the work of Claire Katz, Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University (College Station TX), October 2009

“Is Hope Secular?,” Rice University (Houston TX), October 2009

“The Ends of Anxiety in Merton and Heschel,” at International Thomas Merton Society annual meeting (Rochester NY), June 2009

“The Success of the Desire: Verification and Suffering in Buber,” at “*Bund* and Borders: German Jewish Thinking Between Faith and Power” conference (Berlin), May 2009

“The Place of Verification in Modern Jewish Philosophy,” at “Jewish Philosophy: Past Approaches, New Directions” conference (Hamilton ON), April 2009

“What Does Dialogue Do?: Verification in Martin Buber’s *I and Thou*,” at “Dialogical Perspectives: International Conference on Dialogical Thought” conference (Toronto ON), September 2008

Respondent, panel on Athens and Jerusalem in Jewish philosophy, Association of Jewish Studies annual meeting (Toronto ON), December 2007

“Heteronomy in Mendelssohn,” Association of Jewish Studies annual meeting (Toronto ON), December 2007

Respondent, “War and the Text: Reasoning through the Scripture on War, Injustice, and the Limits of the Law,” AAR annual meeting (San Diego, CA), November 2007

“Facing Perplexities With Fear: The Politics of Anxiety in Heschel’s Late Writings,” “Honoring Heschel at 100” conference, Baylor University (Waco TX), November 2007

Discussion leader, “Neighbors: The World Next Door,” a five-month reading-group series held at FSU’s Strozier Library (funded by Nextbook/American Library Association), October 2007–March 2008

“Levinas, Monotheism, and the Study of Religion,” Indiana University (Bloomington IN), January 2007

Respondent to Judith Butler and Daniel Boyarin on Emmanuel Levinas’s Talmudic readings, Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (San Diego, CA), December 2006

“On A Messianic Faith in Philosophy,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (San Diego, CA), December 2006

“Textual Reasoning and Appiah’s *Cosmopolitanism*,” at “Cosmopolitans, Post-Ethnicity, and the New Jewish Diaspora” conference (Bloomington IN), August 2006

“On That Day Many Benches Were Added: Metaphysics and Lawmaking in Judaism,” at “Athens and Jerusalem” symposium, King’s College London, June 2006

Respondent, panel on “Place as Elsewhere: Home and Homelessness in Jewish Texts and Thought,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Philadelphia PA), November 2005

Respondent, panel on Gil Anidjar’s *The Jew, The Arab: A History of the Enemy*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Philadelphia PA), November 2005

“Levinas Between Monotheism and Cosmotheism,” International Association for Philosophy and Literature annual meeting (Helsinki, Finland), June 2005

Respondent to Steven Kepnes, at “Studying the ‘Other,’ Understanding the ‘Self’: Scripture, Reason and the Contemporary Islam-West Encounter” (Harford CT), April 2005

“What Does It Mean to Receive Tradition?: Jewish Studies and the University Classroom,” Goldin Lecture, Pomona College (Claremont CA), April 2004

“The Ethics of Verification: Does Rosenzweig’s Neighbor Speak?” as part of the UCLA Mellon Sawyer Seminar on “The Ethics of the Neighbor” (Los Angeles CA), March 2004

Respondent to David Novak, “Natural Law as a Border Concept between Judaism and Christianity,” Society of Jewish Ethics annual meeting (Chicago IL), January 2004

“Maintaining the Secular: On The Risks of Covenantal Theology,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Boston MA), December 2003

Respondent to Menachem Lorberbaum, “A Land for the Living or for the Dead?: Bavli Ketubot 110b-11a,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Atlanta GA), Nov. 2003

“The Presence of God in Levinas and R. Hayyim of Volozhin,” Society for Continental Philosophy in a Jewish Context annual meeting (Boston MA), November 2003

“When Students Ask: ‘How Could God Let This Happen?’”, Holocaust Institute for Educators (Tallahassee FL), June 2002; revisions delivered in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Respondent, “Love,” Academy for Jewish Philosophy panel at American Philosophical Association annual meeting (Atlanta GA), December 2001

“Towards a Non-Sabbatean Messianic Politics: On Secularity in Leibowitz,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Washington DC), December 2001

“The Encrypted Messiah: The Case of the Mourners of Zion,” International Association for Philosophy and Literature annual meeting (Atlanta GA), May 2001

“Images of God in Jewish Feminism,” Temple Israel (Tallahassee, FL), March 2001

“Thinking Otherness: Metaphysics and Alterity,” at “Being and Non-Being: Phenomenology, Religion, and the Other” symposium, University of Virginia, (Charlottesville VA), February 2001

“On the Ability of Levinas’ Talmudic Readings to Sustain Judaism,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Nashville TN), November 2000

“The Holocaust and American Judaism,” Rice University Hillel, April 2000

"On A Utilitarian Element in Modern Jewish Philosophical Ethics," Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Chicago IL), December 1999

"Levinas *contra* Rosenzweig?: The Status of the Other in Messianic Anticipation," American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Boston MA), November 1999

"On Logic, Speech and Writing in Mendelssohn's *Jerusalem*," Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Boston MA), December 1998

"The Rationality of Derrida's 'Religion without Religion': A Phenomenological Gift for John Caputo," American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Orlando FL), November 1998

"Mourning as a Call to Dialogue," Annual Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches (Provo UT), March 1995

TEACHING

Undergraduate classes at Rice University:

RELI 209: Introduction to Judaism (Fall 1999)

RELI 302: Jewish-Christian Dialogue (Spring 2000, with Werner Kelber)

Undergraduate classes at Florida State University:

REL 3054: Critics of Religion (Spring 2010 [honors], Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014)

REL 3194: Responses to the Holocaust (Spring 2001, Fall 2002, Spring 2005, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2015)

REL 3607: The Jewish Tradition (every fall since 2000 except 2005, 2007, 2009, and 2015; honors in 2004)

REL 3936: Religion and Fantasy Literature (Fall 2008)

REL 4044: Majors Colloquium: What Is Religion? (Spring 2007, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

REL 4304: American Judaism (Spring 2002, Spring 2009)

REL 4491: The Postmodern God (Fall 2001), God After Nietzsche (Fall 2008)

REL 4491: Pragmatism and Theology (Spring 2009)

REL 4613: Modern Judaism (Fall 2000, Spring 2003, Fall 2006, Spring 2011, Spring 2013)

REL 4671: Gender and Judaism (Spring 2003)

Undergraduate classes at Lehigh University:

REL 097: American Jewish Experience (Fall 2013)

REL 097: Religion and Fantasy Literature (Spring 2014)

REL 073: Jewish Tradition (Spring 2014)

Undergraduate class at University of Colorado—Boulder:

JWST/RLST 4260: Meaning After the Holocaust (Summer 2015)

Graduate class at University of Houston at Clear Lake:

Humanities Seminar: 16th and 17th Century Philosophy (Fall 1999)

Graduate class at Florida State University:

REL 5497: Hegel and Religious Ethics (Summer 2011)

REL 5497: Emmanuel Levinas (Fall 2008)

REL 6176: Messianism in Modern Judaism (Spring 2001)

REL 6498: Postmodern Ethics (Spring 2002, with David Kangas)

REL 6498: Pragmatism and Theology (Fall 2003, 2012)

REL 6498: Phenomenology and Religion (Spring 2005, with David Kangas)

REL 5497: Political Theology (Summer 2009)

In addition, all REL 4xxx classes at Florida State University listed above (except REL 4044) were mixed grad/undergrad classes, also with 5xxx numbers.

Graduate class at University of Colorado—Boulder:

JWST/RLST 5260: Meaning After the Holocaust (Summer 2015)

Directed various independent studies and directed readings at Florida State University, enrolling over seventy-five students since 2001.

Currently directing one dissertation (J. Lupo on phenomenology and the study of religion).

Directed one dissertation: J. Rumfelt on Jewish and Christian postliberal thought (defense July 2009). Rumfelt was placed at Regis University.

Co-directed one dissertation; J. Koyles on Emmanuel Levinas and John Howard Yoder (defense March 2009). Koyles was placed at Midland College.

Sat on seven dissertation committees at FSU in Department of Religion: C. Flanagan on Ludwig Feuerbach and Martin Luther [defense July 2009], M. Hagele on Locke [defense September 2011], S. Dunn on gender justice and Islam [defense May 2012], R. Kellison on normativity in religious studies, using just war as an example [defense April 2013], E. Clark on Afro-Creole religious life in New Orleans [defense March 2014]; B. Stoddard on religion in Florida prisons [defense June 2015]; K. Temoney on religion and genocide [defense June 2015].

Sat on thirteen dissertation committees at FSU as outside reader: poetry by B. D. Cox (English, defense April 2009), stories by S. Levy (English, defense September 2011), W. Silverman on Milton and blindness (English, defense March 2011), C. Sosis on well-being (Philosophy, defense March 2011), T. Rodgers on character and situationism (Philosophy, defense June 2011), T. Baker on female prisoners' attitudes toward legal institutions (Criminology, defense July 2012), poetry by M. Barach (English, defense April 2013), H. Perez on norms and normativity (Philosophy, defense June 2013), poetry by C. Mink (English, defense October 2014), T. Bonds on Hrotsvitha of Gandersheim (Humanities, defense October 2014), poetry by Melinda Wilson (English, defense March 2014), a novel by Spencer Wise (English, defense March 2014), M. McGrew on moral responsibility and mental health (Philosophy, defense March 2014); P. Carson on *qigong* (Humanities, defense April 2015).

Directed or co-directed two MA theses: M. LaGrone, "Maimonides' Sons: Episodes in Modern Jewish Thought," and J. Carr, "'The Exodus is not yet accomplished...': Reform Jewish Arguments for the Civil Rights Movement in the Race Relations Sabbath Messages, 1954–1970." LaGrone was placed in a Ph.D. program at the University of Toronto, and now teaches at University of Guelph–Humber; Carr was placed at Indiana University, and now teaches at Lafayette College.

Directed three BA Honors in the Major theses: J. Working, "Virtually Religious"; K. Thorn, "Love in the Philosophical Theology of Jean-Luc Marion"; M. Flashenburg, "Fragments of Life: The Function of Artifacts in the Florida Holocaust Museum."

Served on fourteen other BA/MA thesis committees, and as outside reader for one honors thesis at Arizona State University.

Served on twenty Ph.D. exam committees at FSU, including eight in the Department of English, and one in the Department of History.

Currently serving on six dissertation committees at FSU, in Department of Religion (R. Harry on Ernst Troeltsch), in Department of History (J. Deverse on theophilanthropy), in Department of Philosophy (A. Vadakin on normative authority, T. Reed on the new dispositionalism, and K. Fritz on volition and moral responsibility), and in Department of English (T. Bevilacqua on 20th-c. American Catholic narratives).

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society for Contemporary Jewish Philosophy
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Society for Jewish Ethics

American Academy of Religion
Association for Jewish Studies
Levinas Research Seminar

LANGUAGES

Fluency: English
Reading Knowledge: French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Aramaic, Greek
Oral/Aural Competency: Czech

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Profession (editor/coordinator roles)

Co-Editor, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2011–
Editorial Board, *Journal of Jewish Ethics*, 2014–
Editorial Board, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, 2010–
Editorial Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2010–
Editorial Board, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2006–11
Program Coordinator, Society for Continental Philosophy in a Jewish Context, 2008–2011
Co-Chair, Study of Judaism section, American Academy of Religion, 2002–08
Book Review Editor, *Journal of Textual Reasoning* (<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/tr>), 2002
Associate Editor, *Journal of Textual Reasoning*, 2001–02

To Profession (reviewer/referee roles)

Juror, Jordan Schnitzer Book Award, 2012
Review Board, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2010–11
External Reviewer for Promotion and/or Tenure (institutions unnamed): 2010, 2012, 2014 (x2), 2015 (x2)
External Reviewer for curriculum, University of Buffalo: 2011 (Jewish studies)
External Examiner, MA thesis, Monash University: 2012
Manuscript Referee (books): Northwestern University Press, 2012; University of Toronto Press, 2012; Brill, 2011; Duquesne University Press, 2011; Fordham University Press, 2014, 2011 (x2), 2010; Stanford University Press, 2010, 2009; Indiana University Press, 2011, 2009; Oxford University Press, 2011 (x2), 2010, 2008; Cambridge University Press, 2009, 2007 (x2), 2006; Rowman & Littlefield, 2008; University Press of New England, 2008; University of Chicago Press, 2012, 2006; Yale University Press, 2006; Columbia University Press, 2006, 2005; Temple University Press, 2003; SUNY Press, 2001
Manuscript Referee (articles): *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations*, 2015; *Nashim*, 2015; *Theological Studies*, 2014; *Journal of Jewish Identities*, 2014; *Theory, Culture & Society*, 2013; *Sophia*, 2015 (x2), 2014, 2012; *Soundings*, 2013, 2012 (x2); *Culture, Theory and Critique*, 2011; *Environmental Philosophy*, 2011; *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, 2011; *Journal of Jewish Thought & Philosophy*, 2013, 2011; *Jewish Quarterly Review*, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010; *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, 2011, 2010; *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2014, 2012, 2011 (x2), 2009, 2008; *Shofar*, 2009, 2007; *Modern Theology*, 2014, 2010, 2006; *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 2014, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2006; *Journal of Religion*, 2011, 2007, 2005; *Journal of Law and Religion*, 2005; *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2001–11

Proposal Referee: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2012; Foundation for Jewish Culture
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2011

To Lehigh University

Member, Search Committee, Director of Jewish Student Life, 2013–14

To Lafayette University

Member, Search Committee, Philip and Muriel Berman Scholar, Department of Religious Studies, 2013-14
[*ex officio* as Berman Chair at Lehigh]

To Florida State University

Director, Program in Interdisciplinary Humanities, January 2015—
Assistant Director, Program in Interdisciplinary Humanities, Fall 2014
Arts & Sciences Policy Committee, 2014–2015
Chair, Graduate Policy Committee program-review subcommittee, Modern Languages, 2013
Merit Contingency Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2011
Promotion & Tenure Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2011
Assistant to the Chair, FSU Department of Religion, 2004–2005, 2006–07, 2008–09, 2010–2013

- In Fall 2004 and Fall 2011, prepared and authored departmental self-study as part of Quality Enhancement Review process
- In Fall 2006, prepared materials for NRC assessment of select FSU doctoral programs
- Ensure that departmental learning and program outcomes cohere with SACS accreditation standards

Graduate Policy Committee program-review subcommittee member, College of Criminology, 2010

Undergraduate Director, FSU Department of Religion, 2008–09

Undergraduate Advisor, FSU Department of Religion, 2002–4

FSU Arts & Sciences College Teaching Fellowship Committee, 2002

Executive Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2001–03

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor, FSU Department of Religion, 2001–02

Library Liaison, FSU Department of Religion, 2000–2005

Undergraduate Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2000–05, 2009

REFERENCES

The following persons, listed in alphabetical order, have evaluated my work in the past:

Leora Batnitzky (Princeton University)	Steven Galt Crowell (Rice University)
Oliver Davies (Kings College London)	Wendell Dietrich (Brown University <i>emeritus</i>)
Robert Gibbs (University of Toronto)	Aaron Hughes (University of Rochester)
Werner Kelber (Rice University <i>emeritus</i>)	Ken Koltun-Fromm (Haverford College)
Diana Lobel (Boston University)	Shaul Magid (Indiana University)
Paul Mendes-Flohr (University of Chicago)	Michael Morgan (Indiana University <i>emeritus</i>)
David Novak (University of Toronto)	Peter Ochs (University of Virginia)
Benjamin Pollock (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)	Elliot R. Wolfson (New York University)
Edith Wyschogrod (Rice University <i>emerita</i> , ז"ל)	