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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 mê 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

Nominee, FSU Distinguished University Teaching Professor award (2014, 2018)

Ruth Meltzer 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

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)  
Reviewed on H-Judaic (December 2015) (Alexander Kaye)
- 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)
- Jews Beyond Reason*, co-edited with Anne Dailey and Lital Levy (under review, University of Pennsylvania Press)

### *Articles and Essays*

- “Rosenzweig’s Account of *Bildung*,” *Rosenzweig Jahrbuch* (forthcoming)
- “From Prison To Home,” in *The Challenge of Covenantal Thinking*, eds. Yaniv Feller and Paul Nahme (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, forthcoming)
- “Judaism and Christianity in Jewish Ethics of the 1950s,” *Journal of Jewish Ethics* (forthcoming)
- “Jewish Philosophy,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, eds. S. Goetz and C. Taliaferro (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2021)
- Contribution to “The ‘Religion Is...’ Statements,” as well as “On Truth and Lie in a Religious-Studies Sense: A Response to Kurtis Schaeffer” and “Let’s Talk about Reading: A Reply to Ann Taves,” all in *What Is Religion?: Debating the Academic Study of Religion*, eds. Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021), 7–8, 49, 58–63, 243–53

- “Strategies of Jewish Hegelianism: Emil Fackenheim and Samuel Hirsch,” in *Emil Fackenheim’s Jewish Thought: Tracing Its Philosophical Genealogy*, eds. Kenneth Hart Green and Martin Yaffe (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2021), 148–66
- Untitled review essay (submitted with the title “What Makes A Classic?”) on Mara Benjamin’s *The Obligated Self: Maternal Subjectivity and Jewish Thought*, in *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 6:2 (2021), 267–81
- “For It Is God’s Way To Sweeten Bitter With Bitter: Prayer in Levinas and R. Hayyim of Volozhin,” *Levinas Studies* 13 (2019, issue appeared in 2020): 43–67
- “A Political Theology of Tzitzum,” in *Tzitzum and Modernity*, eds. Agata Bielik-Robson and Daniel Weiss (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2020), 267–82
- “Enemies, For My Sake,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 48.2 (2020), 308–15
- “A Mystic Approach To History: The Negative Political Theology of Jacob Taubes,” *Modern Theology* 36.1 (2020), 13–28
- “Annuling Theocentrism,” *Bamidbar* 4.2 (issue year 2014, appeared 2019): 83–96
- “Inauthentic Theologizing and Phenomenological Method,” in *Normativity, Meaning, and the Promise of Phenomenology*, eds. Matthew Burch, Jack Marsh, and Irene McMullin (New York: Routledge, 2019), 80–98
- “Levinas’s Accounts of Messianism,” in *The Oxford Handbook to Emmanuel Levinas*, ed. Michael L. Morgan (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019 [published online in 2018]), 361–81
- “Rational Neopragmatist Rabbis,” in *The Future of Jewish Philosophy*, ed. Aaron Hughes and Hava Tirosh-Samuels (Leiden: Brill, 2018), 151–69
- “Is Critique Jewish?,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 108.2 (2018), 253–67
- “What Does A Prophet Know?,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 46.1 (2018), 181–89
- “The Discourse of The Enemy: On Jan Assmann,” in *Philosophy, Religion and Political Theology*, eds. C. Allen Speight and Michael Zank (Dordrecht: Springer, 2017), 165–76
- (with Russell T. McCutcheon) “Justice, That Fraught Idea,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85.1 (2017): 244–54  
 NB: McCutcheon wrote the first draft of this response to Esack & Mohamed’s “The Normal and The Abnormal” (which appears in the same issue of *JAAAR*); I added to it substantially, we jointly revised.
- “The Politics of Negative Theology,” in *Negative Theology as Jewish Modernity*, ed. Michael Fagenblat (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017), 335–55
- “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), 227–53
- “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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.  
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- “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 Chalier, 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](http://www.jcrt.org/archives/01.1/kavka.html)

#### *Shorter Pieces*

Review of Clémence Boulouque, *Another Modernity: Elia Benamozegh's Jewish Universalism*, forthcoming in *AJS Review*

Review of Daniel M. Herskowitz, *Heidegger and His Jewish Reception*, forthcoming in *JAAR*

Review of Paul Mendes-Flohr, *Martin Buber: A Life of Faith and Dissent*, *AJS Review* 45:1 (April 2021), 205–07

“Epistemology of the Close, Epistemology of the Far,” *Contending Modernities* blog, <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/epistemology-of-the-close/> (posted June 2, 2020)

Review of K. Healan Gaston's *Imagining Judeo-Christian America: Religion, Secularism, and the Redefinition of Democracy*, H-Judaic, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=54822> (posted May 2020)

Contributor to “Pandemic and Plague: Theological and Philosophical Reflections” roundtable at the blog of *Jewish Quarterly Review* (April 2020), <https://katz.sas.upenn.edu/resources/blog/pandemic-and-plague-theological-and-philosophical-reflections>

“The Ego's Good” [on Charles Marsh's *Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*], *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* 18.1 (December 2019), <https://jsr.shanti.virginia.edu/back-issues/7127670-2/the-egos-good/>

Review of Molly Farneth, *Hegel's Social Ethics*, *Modern Theology* 35.4 (October 2019), 808–09

“The Heartbreak of Modernity” [on Daniel Boyarin's *Judaism: The Genealogy of a Modern Notion*], <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/the-heartbreak-of-modernity/> (July 2019)

Review of Nancy Levene, *Powers of Distinction: On Religion and Modernity*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87.2 (June 2019), 555–59

“DeSantis should veto anti-Semitism bill because it supports neither Florida's Jews nor Christians,” *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* (May 23, 2019), A9

- “Twelve Theses on The Patriarchy Issue,” *AJS Perspectives* (Spring 2019), 16–17
- Review of Elliot Wolfson, *The Duplicity of Heidegger’s Shadow*, H-Judaic, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53307> (posted March 2019)
- “The Unevenness of Political Theology,” *Political Theology* 19.8 (2018), 698–703
- “Gershom Scholem: When The Mythmaker Becomes The Myth,” *Tikkun* (Fall 2018), <https://www.tikkun.org/nextgen/gershom-scholem-when-the-mythmaker-becomes-the-myth2018>
- Review of Santiago Slabodsky, *Decolonial Judaism*, in *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 4.1 (2018): 98–100
- “(Tell Me One Thing) More Than This,” *The Immanent Frame*, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/02/07/tell-me-one-thing-more-than-this/> (posted February 7, 2018)
- “The Heresy of Jewish Philosophy,” *AJS Perspectives* (Spring 2017), 6–7
- Contributor to “How Theological is Political Theology?” roundtable, *Political Theology Today* blog (April 2017), <http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/political-theology-is-theological-to-the-extent-it-enchants-its-audience-martin-kavka/>
- “Tribute to David Kangas (1964–2016),” *Soren Kierkegaard Newsletter* 66 (December 2016), 16–18
- “Can Levinas Transform Us?: On Claire Katz’s *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*,” *Syndicate*, pub. 9/22/16, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/levinas-and-the-crisis-of-humanism/>
- “Searching in Vain for a ‘Pure’ Elie Wiesel,” *Religion Dispatches*, pub. 7/5/16, <http://religiondispatches.org/searching-in-vain-for-a-pure-elie-wiesel/>
- “The Risk of Teaching Theology In A Public University: A Response,” *Religion Dispatches*, pub. 5/26/16, <http://religiondispatches.org/the-risk-of-teaching-theology-in-a-public-university-a-response/>
- Review of Benjamin Pollock, *Franz Rosenzweig’s Conversions: World Denial and World Redemption*, in *Journal of Religion* 95.4 (2015): 577–79
- “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*, published October 7, 2013: [http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/7339/spiritual\\_\\_and\\_jewish\\_\\_but\\_not\\_religious](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*], *Religion Dispatches*, pub. May 23, 2013: [www.religiondispatches.org/books/atheologies/7115/american\\_jews\\_\\_from\\_holocaust\\_to\\_new\\_age\\_hasidism/](http://www.religiondispatches.org/books/atheologies/7115/american_jews__from_holocaust_to_new_age_hasidism/)

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“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/](http://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

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Review of Melissa Raphael, *Judaism and the Visual Image*, *Journal of Religion* 91.2 (2011): 278–80

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“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/](http://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

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“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),  
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- 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, *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
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- 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)
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- Book Notes: R. Bernasconi and S. Critchley, eds. *The Cambridge Companion to Levinas*; E. Borowitz, *Studies in the Meaning of Judaism*; H. Tirosh-Samuelson, *Happiness in Premodern Judaism*; D. Boyarin, D. Itzkovitz, and A. Pellegrini, eds. *Queer Theory & the Jewish Question*; H. 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
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## PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, roundtable on Alda Balthrop-Lewis’s *Thoreau’s Religion*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Antonio TX), November 2021

Panelist, roundtable on Laura Levitt’s *The Objects That Remains*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Antonio TX), November 2021

“Can Political Action Be Redemptive?,” Zoom panel on “Rosenzweig and the Contemporary Moment,” sponsored by University of Denver and University of Colorado Boulder, June 2021

“Luther and Arendt on Conscience,” Zoom panel on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther’s appearance at the Diet of Worms, sponsored by Texas A&M University, April 2021

Panelist, roundtable on the relationship between Jewish studies and religious studies, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Diego CA), November 2019

Panelist, roundtable on Christopher Driscoll and Monica Miller’s *Method as Identity*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Diego CA), November 2019

“What Skills Does The Study Of Jewish Philosophy Provide?”, University of Pittsburgh, October 2019

“Affirmation, Resentment” [on David Kangas’s *Errant Affirmations*], American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Denver CO), November 2018

Panelist, roundtable on Jason A. Springs’s *Healthy Conflict in Contemporary American Society*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Denver CO), November 2018

Panelist, roundtable on Daniel Boyarin’s *Judaism: The Genealogy of a Modern Notion*, American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Denver CO), November 2018

“Fackenheim’s Arguments for the 614<sup>th</sup> Commandment,” University of Toronto (Toronto ON), November 2018

“Fackenheim’s Arguments for the 614<sup>th</sup> Commandment,” Princeton University Jewish-philosophy workshop (Princeton NJ), October 2018

“Five Theses on Jewish & Christian Messianism,” University of Denver (Denver CO), April 2018  
NB: This was part of a “Week of Jewish Philosophy” which also involved my leading seminars at the University of Denver on Walter Benjamin’s “Theological-Political Fragment” and at the University of Colorado Boulder on Jacob Taubes’s “The Price of Messianism.”

“Rational Neopragmatist Rabbis,” Princeton University Jewish-philosophy workshop (Princeton NJ), February 2018

“Judaism and Christianity in Jewish Ethics of the 1950s,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (Washington DC), December 2017

“A Mystic Conception of History: Negative Political Theology in Jacob Taubes,” Jewish Studies workshop, Yale University (New Haven CT), November 2017

“After Jewish Philosophy as a Normative Science: On Robert Erlewine’s *Judaism and the West*,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Boston MA), November 2017

“The Future of Jewish Tradition: What Should Jewish Thought Be?”, David Blitzler Lecture Series, University of Buffalo (Buffalo NY), October 2017

“What Does An Atheist Theologian Even Do?”, FSU Faculty Luncheon Talk (Tallahassee FL), October 2017

“A Mystic Conception of History: Negative Political Theology in Jacob Taubes,” Australian Catholic University workshop on negative political theology (Rome IT), July 2017

“The Affect of Illegitimacy,” International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress (Prague CZ), July 2017

“What Does A Prophet Know?: On Cathy Kaveny’s *Prophecy Without Contempt*,” Society of Christian Ethics/Society of Jewish Ethics/Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics annual meeting (New Orleans LA), January 2017

“Strategies of Jewish Hegelianism: Fackenheim and Samuel Hirsch,” Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting (San Diego CA), December 2016

“Dear Dean X...: On Thomas Lewis’s *Why Philosophy Matters for the Study of Religion & Vice Versa*,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Antonio TX), November 2016

Panelist, “Preparing Scholars of Religion for Nonacademic Careers: What’s A Faculty Member to Do?,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Antonio TX), November 2016

“How Theological Is Political Theology?,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (San Antonio TX), November 2016

“A Political Theology of *Tzimtzum*,” conference on “Tzimtzum and Modernity,” Cambridge University (Cambridge UK), June 2016

Respondent, “The Paradox of Rationalizing ‘Beyond Reason,’” Gruss Colloquium “Reason and Its Discontents,” University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia PA), April 2016

Respondent, panel on “Politics, Law, and Religion,” conference on “Judaism in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza, Hermann Cohen, and the Legacies of German Idealism,” Princeton U. (Princeton NJ), April 2016

“Does God Watch Over Our Nation, or Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good Citizens?,” Luther College (Decorah IA), March 2016

“The Perils of Covenant Theology: The Cases of David Hartman and David Novak,” Feinstein Center Scholars’ Workshop, Temple University (Philadelphia PA), February 2016

“The Perils of Covenant Theology: The Cases of David Hartman and David Novak,” Brown Bag Lunch, Department of Religion Studies, Lehigh University (Bethlehem PA), February 2016

Panelist, “Emmanuel Levinas and Covenantal Ethics: A Jewish-Christian Discussion,” Society of Christian Ethics/Society of Jewish Ethics annual meeting (Toronto ON), January 2016

“Messianism in Levinas’s Later Writings,” Midwestern Inter-University Workshop in Jewish Studies (Chicago IL), November 2015

“Civility and the Limits of Reason in Jewish Thought,” Congregation Beth Am Israel (Penn Valley PA), October 2015

“The Perils of Covenant Theology: The Cases of David Hartman and David Novak,” Religion & Critical Thought workshop, Department of Religion, Brown University (Providence RI), October 2015

“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), Nov. 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

Panelist, book panel on Claire Katz’s *Levinas and the Crisis of Huamnism*, North American Levinas Society annual conference (Pittsburgh PA), July 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 (Toulouse FR), 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), November 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:*

IDS 3197: Responses to the Holocaust (Spring 2019, Spring 2021 [honors] Fall 2021)

IFS 3113: Responses to the Holocaust (Spring 2017)

REL 3054: Critics of Religion (Spring 2010 [honors], Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2018)

REL 3171: Topics in Ethics: Jewish Ethics (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)

REL 3171: Topics in Ethics: Religion and Law (Spring 2021)

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

REL 3607: The Jewish Tradition (Fall 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 [honors], 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

REL 3936: Religion and Fantasy Literature (Fall 2008)

REL 4044: Majors Colloquium: What Is Religion? (Spring 2007, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)  
REL 4290: The Book of Exodus: Revelation, Liberation, Interpretation (with Matthew Goff, Spring 2019)  
REL 4304: American Judaism (Spring 2002, Spring 2009)  
REL 4304: Zionism and Its Discontents (with Allyson Gonzalez, Fall 2016;  
with David Levenson, Spring 2020)  
REL 4491: The Postmodern God (Fall 2001), God After Nietzsche (Fall 2008)  
REL 4491: Pragmatism and Theology (Spring 2009)  
REL 4491: The Ethics of Hospitality (with Aline Kalbian, Fall 2017)  
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: 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy (Fall 1999)

*Graduate classes at Florida State University:*

REL 5035: Introduction to the Study of Religion (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)  
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, Spring 2017)  
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 and REL 4290) 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)

*Additional teaching:*

Directed various independent studies and directed readings at Florida State University, enrolling over one hundred students since 2001.

*Supervision and other student committee work, BA and MA levels:*

Directed four 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"; J. Sharff, "Finding Authentic Jewish Foremothers: A Reexamination of Daniel Boyarin's *Unheroic Conduct*." Sharff was placed in an MA program in Jewish studies at Indiana

University, and Flashbenburg in an MA program in public history at Northeastern University; the others did not pursue graduate education.

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.

Served on twenty-nine other BA/MA thesis committees, all at FSU except one undergraduate honors thesis at Arizona State University, and two MA thesis committees at the University of Colorado–Boulder (K. Huether on music in Holocaust cinema, S. Meyers on rationalist elements in R. Zalman Schachter-Shalomi).

*Supervision and other student committee work, PhD level:*

Currently directing one dissertation: L. Lovestone on Edith Stein and the study of religion

Currently co-directing two dissertations: J. Carpenter on Christian theology and capitalism, with special attention to theological rhetoric in union-building and union-busting efforts in the twentieth century; W. Livingston on collective identity and responsibility in Christian ethics.

Currently serving on five dissertation committees at FSU, in Department of Religion (R. Harry on Ernst Troeltsch), in Department of Philosophy (T. Reed on the new dispositionalism, G. Cooper on free will skepticism, M. Thompson on forgiveness), in the Department of History (J. Harmon)

Directed two dissertations: J. Rumfelt on Jewish and Christian postliberal thought (defense July 2009); J. Lupo on phenomenology of religion (defense April 2018). Also co-directed one dissertation: J. Koyles on Levinas and Yoder (defense March 2009). Rumfelt was placed at Regis University; Lupo was placed at Notre Dame, where he assists in the Contending Modernities project; Koyles was placed at Midland College.

Sat on eight 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); L. Arredondo on Pope Leo XIII (defense March 2020).

Sat on twenty-eight dissertation committees at FSU as university representative: 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 S. 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); J. Deverse on theophilanthropy (History, defense October 2015), K. Fritz on volition and moral responsibility (Philosophy, defense June 2016); A. Russell on human trafficking (Criminology, defense July 2017); A. Vadakin on normativity (Philosophy, defense November 2017); M. Patrick on Mina Loy (Humanities, defense November 2017); poetry by R.

Talbert (English, defense November 2017), creative nonfiction by J. Newberry (English, defense February 2018); T. Bevilacqua on the Catholic novel (English, defense April 2018); L. Butler on racial threat and typification (Criminology, defense July 2019); poetry by M. Carter (English, defense March 2020); poetry by J. Ringleb (English, defense March 2020); F. Caruso on ascriptions (Philosophy, defense March 2021); poetry by Z. Linge (English, defense March 2021); K. Rutledge on the organizational socialization of career-center staff (Higher Education Admin, defense June 2021).

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society for Contemporary Jewish Philosophy	American Academy of Religion
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy	Association for Jewish Studies
Society for Jewish Ethics	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)*

Book Discussion Co-Editor, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2021–  
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–  
Co-Editor, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2011–2021  
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 (other roles)*

Treasurer, Religious Ethics Inc., 2021–  
Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies, December 2018–  
Member, Luce Foundation Political Theology Network dissertation workshop, 2017–  
Steering Committee member, Theology & Continental Philosophy section, American Academy of Religion, 2016–2021  
Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee, American Academy of Religion, November 2018–December 2019  
Chair, Mentoring Subcommittee, American Academy of Religion, January 2019–December 2019  
Juror, Jordan Schnitzer Book Award, Association for Jewish Studies, 2012, 2019  
Review Board, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2010–11  
External Reviewer for Promotion and/or Tenure (institutions unnamed): 2010, 2012, 2014 (x2), 2015 (x3), 2016 (x5), 2017 (x3), 2018 (x2), 2019 (x5), 2020, 2021 (x2)

External Program/Curriculum Reviewer (institutions unnamed): 2011, 2017

External Examiner, MA thesis: Monash University, 2012

External Examiner, PhD dissertation: University of Toronto, 2019

Manuscript Referee (books and proposals): Springer, 2021; Bloomsbury, 2021, 2017 (x2); Brill, 2020; Fortress Press, 2020; Princeton University Press, 2020; Indiana University Press, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2011, 2009; Fordham University Press, 2020, 2017, 2016 (x2), 2014, 2011 (x2), 2010; University of Chicago Press, 2019, 2018, 2012, 2006; Academic Studies Press, 2019; Cambridge University Press, 2018, 2009, 2007 (x2), 2006; Columbia University Press, 2017, 2006, 2005; SUNY Press, 2016, 2001; Northwestern University Press, 2012; University of Toronto Press, 2012; Oxford University Press, 2011 (x2), 2010, 2008; Brill, 2011; Duquesne University Press, 2011; Stanford University Press, 2010, 2009; Rowman & Littlefield, 2008; University Press of New England, 2008; Yale University Press, 2006; Temple University Press, 2003

Manuscript Referee (articles): *Shofar*, 2021, 2009, 2007; *Open Theology*, 2020; *Journal of Jewish Ethics*, 2020; *American Jewish History*, 2020; *Jewish Quarterly Review*, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010; *Journal of Jewish Thought & Philosophy*, 2019, 2013, 2011; *Political Theology*, 2019; *Association of Jewish Studies Review*, 2019; *Religion & American Culture*, 2019, 2017; *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2019, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2011 (x2), 2009, 2008; *Naharaim*, 2019; *Journal of Religion*, 2018, 2016, 2011, 2007, 2005; *Holocaust Studies*, 2017; *Modern Theology*, 2017, 2016 (x2), 2015 (x2), 2014, 2010, 2006; *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 2016, 2014, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2006; *Sophia*, 2016, 2015 (x2), 2014, 2012; *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations*, 2015; *Nashim*, 2015; *Theological Studies*, 2014; *Journal of Jewish Identities*, 2014; *Soundings*, 2013, 2012 (x2); *Theory, Culture & Society*, 2013; *Culture, Theory and Critique*, 2011; *Environmental Philosophy*, 2011; *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, 2011; *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, 2011, 2010; *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 Florida State University*

Chair, Department of Religion, 2021–

Director, Program in Interdisciplinary Humanities, January–June 2015, June 2016—

*Ad hoc* Antiracism Committee (chair), Department of Religion, 2020–2021

Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Religion, 2011–2012, 2018–2021

Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee (chair), Department of Religion, Spring 2021

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Religion, 2000–05, 2009, 2019–2020

Chair, Graduate Policy Committee program-review subcommittee, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, 2020

Graduate Policy Committee program-review subcommittee member, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, 2019

Assistant to the Chair, Department of Religion, 2004–2005, 2006–07, 2008–09, 2010–2013, 2018–19

- In Fall 2004, Fall 2011, and Fall 2018, 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
- Before 2009, ensured that departmental learning and program outcomes cohere with SACS accreditation standards

Website Committee (chair), Department of Religion, August 2016–August 2018

Faculty Search Committee (chair), Department of Religion, January–March 2018

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