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EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

2018 – present	Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Jewish Studies
2012 – 2018	Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Jewish Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Associate Chair, Department of Religious Studies (2017 – present)▪ Associate Faculty Director, Program in Jewish Studies (2013 – 2017)
2007 – 2012	Ph.D., Princeton University, Department of Religion Field: Religion, Ethics, and Politics (M.A., 2010; Ph.D., 2012)
2006 – 2007	M.A., Columbia University, Department of Religion
2005 – 2006	Visiting Graduate Student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothberg School
1999 – 2003	A.B., <i>summa cum laude</i> , Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books

Moses Mendelssohn's Living Script: Philosophy, Practice, History, Judaism (Indiana University Press, 2017)

- 2017 Provost's Faculty Achievement Award, University of Colorado Boulder

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

"Poetry, Music, and the Limits of Harmony: Mendelssohn's Aesthetic Critique of Christianity," in *Sara Levy's World: Gender, Judaism, and the Bach Tradition in Enlightenment Berlin*, eds. Nancy Sinkoff and Rebecca Cypess, Eastman Studies in Music (University of Rochester Press, 2018), 122-146

"Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought," in *Olam Ha-zeh v'Olam Ha-ba: This World and the World to Come in Jewish Belief and Practice*, ed. Leonard Greenspoon, Studies in Jewish Civilization (Purdue University Press, 2017), 171-195

"Is God Eternal? Revisiting Mendelssohn and Rosenzweig on Reason, Revelation, and the Name of God," *Modern Theology* 33.1 (2017): 69-91

"Law, Ethics, and the Needs of History: Mendelssohn, Krochmal, and Moral Philosophy," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44.2 (2016): 352-377

"Civic Freedom out of the Sources of Judaism: Mendelssohn, Maimonides, and Law's Promise," *Journal of Jewish Ethics* 2.1 (2016): 86-111

"Spinoza, Maimonides and the Politics of Prophecy," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 21.1 (2014): 67-98

"Finden Sie mich sehr amerikanisch?: Jacob Taubes, Hermann Cohen, and the Return to German-Jewish Liberalism," *Leo Baeck Institute Year Book* 57 (2012): 187-210

“Moses Mendelssohn,” *Oxford Bibliographies* in Jewish Studies, ed. David Biale (Oxford University Press, 2012)

Invited Book Chapters

“The Promise and Perils of Perplexity: Jewish Philosophy and Public Culture, Yesterday and Today,” in *The Future of Jewish Philosophy*, volume 21 of *The Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers*, eds. Hava Tirosh-Samuelson and Aaron Hughes (Brill, forthcoming 2018)

“Anarchy and Law: Mendelssohn on Philosophy and Judaism,” in *Moses Mendelssohn: Enlightenment, Religion, Politics, Nationalism*, eds. Charles Manekin and Michah Gottlieb, Studies and Texts in Jewish History and Culture (University Press of Maryland, 2015), 237-273

Critical Translations

Selections from the writings of Samuel David Luzzatto, Mordecai Gumpel Schnaber-Levison, Meir Halevi Letteris, Salomon Rubin, Abraham Isaac Kook, and Micha Joseph Berdichevsky (Hebrew), in *Jewish Responses to Spinoza*, ed. Daniel Schwartz, Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought (Brandeis University Press, forthcoming 2019)

Selections from the writings of Moses Mendelssohn (Hebrew), in *Moses Mendelssohn: Writings on Judaism, Christianity, and the Bible*, ed. Michah Gottlieb, trans. Allan Arkush, Curtis Bowman, and Elias Sacks, Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought (Brandeis University Press, 2011)

- Finalist, 2011 National Jewish Book Award

Review Essays

“Saving the World,” *Jewish Review of Books* 7.1 (2016): 23-25

In Progress

Nachman Krochmal and the Struggle for Modern Jewish Politics – book manuscript in preparation

“Modes of Interpretation (Judaism)” – invited book chapter in preparation for *Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, eds. William Schweiker, Maria Antonaccio, Elizabeth Bucar, and David Clairmont (Wiley-Blackwell)

“Exegetical Politics: Nachman Krochmal and Modern Jewish Thought” – peer-reviewed journal article in preparation

“Between Critical Theory and Jewish Thought: Max Horkheimer, Hermann Cohen, and the Emergence of the Frankfurt School” – peer-reviewed journal article in preparation

Selections from the writings of Hermann Cohen (German), in *Hermann Cohen: Writings on Judaism and Neo-Kantian Philosophy*, eds. Samuel Moyn and Robert Schine, trans. Paul Nahme, Elias Sacks, and Daniel Weiss, Brandeis Library of Modern Jewish Thought (Brandeis University Press) – translations in preparation

Pedagogy

“Expanding the Jewish Studies Classroom: Citizenship, Vulnerability, and the Trinity,” Association for Jewish Studies Conference Papers on Pedagogy (2014; <http://www.ajsnet.org/pedagogy.htm#classroom>)

Public Scholarship

“Moses Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Politics,” Oxford University Press Blog (2017; <https://blog.oup.com/2017/09/moses-mendelssohn-judaism-politics/>)

PRESENTATIONS

Named Lectures/Keynote Addresses

“Can Jews Be Citizens? Jewish Politics from the Enlightenment to Today,” Leni Sassower Lecture, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, September 2017

Refereed Conference Presentations

“Imperialism, Liberalism, and Jewish Studies: Jacob Taubes and the Jewish Paul,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 2018

“Medieval Exegesis and Modern Judaism: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Ecclesiastes,” Eleventh Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Krakow, July 2018

Response to Kathrin Wittler, Yael Sela, and Amir Banbaji, “Bible and Haskalah,” Eleventh Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Krakow, July 2018

“Critical Theory out of the Sources of Judaism: Horkheimer, Cohen, and Jewish Thought,” American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 2017

“Language or Politics? Moses Mendelssohn and Nachman Krochmal on Biblical Exegesis,” Seventeenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, August 2017

“The Sounds of Thought Between East and West: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Music as Philosophy,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, December 2016

“Discovery or Disclosure? Medieval Exegesis and Modern Judaism Between East and West,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 2016

“The Business of Philosophy: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Economics and Judaism,” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2015

“Worlds to Come Between East and West: Immortality and the Rise of Modern Jewish Thought,” This World and the World to Come in Jewish Belief and Practice, Creighton University – University of Nebraska Lincoln – University of Nebraska Omaha, October 2015

“From Moses to Moses: Mendelssohn, Maimonides, and Law’s Promise” (for session on “Common Law and Common Ground: Reconceiving Covenantal Ethics in Contemporary Jewish and Christian Thought”), Society of Jewish Ethics, Chicago, January 2015

“Exegesis Contested: Moses Mendelssohn, Nachman Krochmal, and the Reception of German-Jewish Hermeneutics,” Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore, December 2014

“Ritual Theory and Jewish Enlightenment: Mendelssohn and Contemporary Debates,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2014

“Jewish Thought Between Past and Present: The Case of Nachman Krochmal” (for group on Christian Ethics in Historical Context), Society of Christian Ethics, Seattle, January 2014

“Hebrew Politics Between East and West: Krochmal’s Covert Critique of Mendelssohn,” Revealers of Secrets – 200 Years of Galician Haskalah: The Fifth International Conference for the Study of the Haskalah Movement, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 2013

Participant in Roundtable on “Attracting Students to the Jewish Studies Classroom: Reports from the Field,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2013

“Aesthetic Politics: Poetry, Music, and Citizenship in Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Writings,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, November 2013

“The Limits of Ethics: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Judaism and the Good,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 2012

“Rescuing the Law: Practical Discretion and Historical Change in Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Writings,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012

“‘A Source of Splendor’: Sexual Desire in Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Writings,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington D.C., December 2011

“Authority in Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Works: Rethinking the Canon of Modern Jewish Thought,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 2011

“Reenacting the Philosophical Past: Rosenzweig, Hegel, and Neighbor Love,” Rhetorics of Religion in Germany 1900-1950, Princeton University, March 2011

“Ethics, Politics, and Jewish Practice: Revisiting Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Writings,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, December 2010

“*Finden Sie mich sehr amerikanisch?*”: The Exile of Jacob Taubes and the Return to German-Jewish Liberalism,” Transferring German-Jewish Modernity Into the World, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, October 2009

Invited Presentations

“Exegetical Politics: Nachman Krochmal and Modern Jewish Thought,” Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, February 2018

Response to Randi Rashkover, “Nature and Norm: Judaism, Christianity and the Theo-Political Problem,” Jewish Thought Workshop, Princeton University, February 2018

Discussant for Rhiannon Graybill’s *Are We Not Men? Unstable Masculinity in the Hebrew Prophets* and Sarah Imhoff’s *Masculinity and Making of American Judaism*, Gathering with Authors, Society of Jewish Ethics, Portland, January 2018

Response to Tessa Chelouche, “Agency in the Midst of Oppression: Jewish Doctors, Ghettos, and Public Health,” Program in Jewish Studies and Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2017

Participant in Gathering with Authors, Society of Jewish Ethics, New Orleans, January 2017

“Jewish Philosophy and Jewish Culture, Yesterday and Today” (for session on “Jewish Philosophy in Contemporary Culture”), The Future of Jewish Philosophy: A Conference on *The Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers*, Arizona State University, September 2016

Response to Michah Gottlieb and Shira Billet, “Politics, Law, and Religion,” Judaism in Modern Philosophy: Spinoza, Hermann Cohen, and the Legacies of German Idealism, Princeton University, April 2016

“Hebrew Philosophy Between East and West: Mendelssohn, Krochmal, and Jewish Modernity,” Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University, February 2016

“Why Think with Rabbinic Texts?” Thinking with Rabbinic Texts: An Exploratory Workshop, Boston University, December 2015

Participant in Panel Discussion on “The Multidisciplinary Nature of Religious Studies,” Joint Doctoral Program in the Study of Religion, University of Denver – Iliff School of Theology, May 2015

Response to Carl Raschke, Janet Rumfelt, and Ted Vial, “Religion and the Academy,” Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver, April 2015

Presenter at Early Modern/Modern Jewish History Colloquium, Judaic Studies Program, Yale University, October 2014

“The Perils and Promise of Philosophical Naming: Moses Mendelssohn on Philosophy, History, and Language,” The Meaning of Names: Naming Diversity in the 21st Century, University of Colorado Boulder Museum of Natural History, October 2014

“Religion Contested: Mendelssohn’s Aesthetic Critique of Christianity,” Sara Levy’s World: Music, Gender, and Judaism in Enlightenment Berlin, Rutgers University, September 2014

“Biblical Exegesis as Philosophical Methodology,” Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver, May 2014

“Hebrew Philosophy Between East and West: Law and Ethics in Modern Jewish Thought,” Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2014

Response to Shaul Magid, “After Multiculturalism: Post-Ethnicity and Judaism in America,” Sondra Bender Visiting Scholar Lecture, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2014

Participant in Workshop for Early Career Faculty in Jewish Studies, American Academy for Jewish Research, New York University, May 2013

“From Mysticism to Humanism: Moses Mendelssohn, Sexual Desire, and the History of Jewish Thought,” Jewish Studies Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2012

“Jewish Law as Political Educator,” Annual Conference, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, April 2012

“Politics in a Hebrew Key: Mendelssohn on Judaism, Citizenship, and the Common Good,” A Continuing Conversation: Moses Mendelssohn and the Legacy of the Enlightenment, Center for Jewish History, September 2011

“Moses Mendelssohn’s Philosophy of Judaism Reconsidered,” Centre for Jewish Studies Graduate Colloquium, University of Toronto, April 2010

“Recontextualizing the ‘Living Script’: Jewish Practice Through Mendelssohn’s German and Hebrew Writings,” The Question of Unity in Moses Mendelssohn’s Thought, Princeton University, April 2010

“Between Creation and Revelation: Jonas, Maimonides, and the Return to Medieval Rationalism,” Hans Jonas Working Group, Princeton University, December 2009

“Spinoza, Maimonides, and Politics,” Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought Graduate Colloquium, Princeton University, July 2009

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2018	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)
2017	Provost’s Faculty Achievement Award, University of Colorado Boulder
2016	President’s Fund for the Humanities, University of Colorado (for Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region)
2016	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)

2016	Faculty Grant, Center for Western Civilization, Thought, and Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (for Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region)
2015	Arts and Humanities Outreach and Inclusivity Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for Embodied Judaism: American Judaism and Social Justice)
2015	Faculty Grant, Center for Western Civilization, Thought, and Policy, University of Colorado Boulder (for Embodied Judaism: American Judaism and Social Justice)
2015	Special Event – Visiting Scholar Grant, Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities, University of Colorado Boulder (with David Shneer: for Embodied Judaism: American Judaism and Social Justice)
2015	Special Initiatives Grant, American Academy for Jewish Research (with Sarah Pessin, University of Denver: for University of Colorado – University of Denver Jewish Philosophy Collaborative)
2014	Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence Grant, University of Colorado Boulder (for conference travel)
2013 – 2014	Faculty Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2011 – 2012	Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities, Whiting Foundation and Princeton University
2011 – 2012	Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University
2011 – 2012	Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University, Center for Human Values
2011	Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Princeton University, Department of Religion
2010 – 2012	Graduate Fellowship, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization
2007 – 2012	University Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University
2007 – 2012	Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University, Program in Judaic Studies
2007 – 2011	Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Wexner Foundation
2007 – 2008	Graduate Merit Prize, Princeton University, Center for Human Values
2003	Sophia Freund Prize, Harvard University (for highest GPA among seniors)
2003	Thomas Hoopes Prize, Harvard University (for senior thesis)
2002	Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard University
2000	Detur Book Prize, Harvard University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Jewish thought, philosophy of religion, hermeneutics, Jewish-Christian relations, theories of religion, religious ethics, religion and politics

LANGUAGES

Hebrew, German, Latin, French, Aramaic

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, Association for Jewish Studies, World Union for Jewish Studies, Society of Jewish Ethics

TEACHING

University of Colorado Boulder

Courses:

God (FYSM 1000)

Religion and Contemporary Society (RLST 2400)

Judaism (RLST/JWST 3100)

God and Politics (RLST/JWST 4170-5170; previously offered as RLST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: God and Politics in Jewish and Christian Thought)

Is God Dead? (RLST/JWST 4180-5180; previously offered as RLST/JWST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: Is God Dead?)

Love and Desire (RLST/JWST 4190-5190; previous offered as RLST/JWST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: Love and Desire in Judaism and Christianity)

Topics in Judaism: The Bible in Judaism and Christianity (RLST/JWST 4260-5260)

Introduction to the Academic Study of Religion (RLST 6830)

Independent Studies:

Undergraduate Independent Studies (RLST 4840, JWST 4900)

- Religion, Politics, and Society: Israel and the United States
- Martin Buber and Christian Thought
- Readings in Theory and Literature: Tolkien and the Study of Religion

Graduate Independent Studies (RLST 5840, RLST 6840)

- Judaism and Islam
- Love and Desire
- Music, Performance, and the Study of Religion
- Religion and International Law
- Music and Jewish Studies
- Sources of American Jewish Thought
- God and Politics
- Music, Film and Holocaust Memory
- Modernity and Jewish Thought

Graduate Advising:

Faculty Advisor for Nicholas Johnson, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2017 – present

Faculty Advisor for Mark Joseph, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2016 – present

Faculty Advisor for Moriah Arnold, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2016 – present

Faculty Advisor for Scott Meyers, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2015 – 2017 (David Shneer served as secondary advisor)

Faculty Advisor for Joshua Siary, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2015 – 2017 (David Shneer served as secondary advisor)

Faculty Advisor for Kathryn Huether, M.A. Candidate (Religious Studies), 2014 – 2016

M.A./M.F.A Theses:

Thesis Advisor, “Trading Values for Dollars: Imagining Religious Democratic Participation as a Counterbalance to Corporate Interests in Law,” Moriah Arnold (Religious Studies), to be completed Spring 2019

Thesis Advisor, “Religion of Reason in the New Age: Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Hermann Cohen, and Messianic Politics,” Scott Meyers (Religious Studies), July 2017

Thesis Advisor, “Subject Formation and Contemporary Life: Prayer in Postwar American Jewish Thought,” Joshua Siary (Religious Studies), May 2017

Thesis Advisor, “Hearing the Holocaust: Music, Film, Aesthetics,” Kathryn Huether (Religious Studies), May 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, “Perennialism as Justification for the Appropriation of Buddhist Meditation,” Elizabeth Wilson (Religious Studies), April 2018

Member of Thesis Committee, “Hutterite Religion: Grappling with Religious Diversity and Complexity,” John Sheridan (Religious Studies), July 2017

Member of Thesis Committee, “Scriptor Noster Arabicus et Tursimany: A Jewish Culture Mediator in the Thirteenth-Century Crown of Aragón,” Dillon Webster (Religious Studies), May 2017

Member of Thesis Committee, “Regimes of Belief: On the Pervasiveness of Religion as Belief from Locke to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom,” Amanda Alexander (Religious Studies), May 2017

Member of Thesis Committee, “‘The Devil Hates that Doctrine’: Hell in American Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism, 1900-2015,” Joshua Wright (Religious Studies), May 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, “Because It Could Get Infected,” Judd Schiffman (Art and Art History), November 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, “Legitimizing Struggle: The Rhetoric of Nonviolence and the Palestinian and International Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement,” Meghan Zibby (Religious Studies), May 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, “With the Word ‘Gods’ He Created Scripture: The Language Philosophy of Śaṅkarācārya as presented in Brahmasūtrabhāṣya 1.3.28,” Jonathan Peterson (Religious Studies), May 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, “‘Roll For Initiative’: The Religion of Fear and the Rhetoric Against *Dungeons & Dragons* During the 1980s,” Denise Wojdyla (Religious Studies), June 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, “Emancipation and Compensation in Fanny Lewald’s *Modernes Märchen*,” Robert Bloom (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, “On Foucault’s *Askēsis* of Death Meditation: Exploring Benjamin’s Secularization as a Temporal Model,” Maureen Kelly (Religious Studies), April 2013

Ph.D. Dissertations:

Member of Dissertation Committee, “Between Religion, Culture, and Nation: The Hebrew Bible and the Construction of Collectivity in the Works of German-Jewish Émigrés,” Adi Nester (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), completion date to be determined

Member of Dissertation Committee, “Beyond Secularism: Radical Orthodoxy in Conversation with Radical Political Theory,” Matthew Bradney (Political Science), to be completed Summer 2017

Member of Dissertation Committee, “The Politics of Antisemitism in Denver, Colorado, 1898-1984,” Michael Lee (History), January 2017

B.A. Capstone Projects and Honors Theses:

Member of Thesis Committee, “The Art of Dealing with the Gods: Balinese Women and Ritual Labor,” Emily Martin (Anthropology), April 2018

Advisor for Senior Capstone Project, “The Hineini Handbook,” Henry White (Jewish Studies), April 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, “Adorno and Augustine: Parallel Conceptions of Alienation and the Self,” Lukas Hoffman (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), March 2016

Member of Thesis Committee, “Thru-Hiking as Pilgrimage: Transformation, Nature, and Religion in Contemporary American Hiking Novels,” Anna Ptasznick (Religious Studies), April 2015

Member of Thesis Committee, “Post-Holocaust American Judaism and the Jewish Renewal Movement,” Scott Meyers (Jewish Studies), April 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, “Investigating the Relationship Between the Molecular Circadian Clock and Muscle Satellite Cell State,” Rachel Wilson (Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology), April 2014

Member of Thesis Committee, “Fractured Ethics: The Relationship between Humanity and the Nonhuman,” Oriel Eisner (Humanities), April 2013

Ph.D. and M.A. Examinations:

Member of Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination Committee, Adi Nester (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2016

Member of M.A. Comprehensive Examination Committee, Robert Bloom (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), April 2013

Graduate Student Workshops:

“God and Politics in the Classroom: Teaching Controversial Texts at a Public University,” Graduate Teacher Program – College Classroom Teaching Strategies Series, March 2017

“Practitioners, Believers, and the Religious Studies Classroom” (with Holly Gayley), Religious Studies, November 2016

“Using Your Degree Outside the Academy,” Religious Studies, March 2016

“Religious Studies-Specific Pedagogy and Classroom Management,” Religious Studies, October 2014

Undergraduate Student Workshops:

“Research in Jewish Studies: How, What, Why,” Jewish Studies – Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, March 2017

Princeton University

Summer Seminar: Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions (Tikvah Seminar, preceptor), Summer 2009 – 2011

Christian Ethics and Modern Society (REL 261, preceptor), Fall 2010

Religion in Modern Thought and Film (REL 222, preceptor), Spring 2010

Public Lectures, Classes, and Workshops (selected)

“Can Jews Be Citizens? Jewish Politics from the Enlightenment to Today,” Valley Beit Midrash, Phoenix (lecture), January 2019

“Does Christianity Matter for Judaism – and Vice Versa?” Valley Beit Midrash, Phoenix (lecture), January 2019

“Is Being a Good Person Worthwhile?” Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), September 2018

“CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does God Care About Our Prayers?” Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2018

“CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does It Make Sense to Be Jewish?” Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2018

“Does God Care About Our Prayers?” Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), September 2017

“CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does Christianity Matter for Judaism – and Vice Versa?” Har Mishpacha and United Methodist Church, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2017

“CU Boulder Peak to Peak: Does God Make Mistakes? Should God Repent?” Har Mishpacha, Steamboat Springs (class), August 2017

“Does God Make Mistakes? Should God Repent?” Temple Emanuel, Denver (class), October 2016

“Why Repent?” DAT Minyan, Denver (class), September 2016

“Religion and Violence,” Aspen Jewish Congregation, Aspen (class), August 2016

“Inaugural CU Boulder Peak to Peak Lecture: Does God Make Mistakes? Should God Repent?” Aspen Jewish Congregation, Aspen (lecture), August 2016

“A Living Script: Moses Mendelssohn’s Modern Judaism,” Boulder Jewish Community Center, Boulder (lecture), January 2015

“Is God Dead?” Temple Emanuel, Denver (lecture), March 2014

“Is Repentance Worth It?” Temple Emanuel, Denver (lecture), September 2012

“Educating Teachers: A Conversation for Those Who Teach,” Wexner Graduate Fellowship Winter Institute, Fort Myers (workshop), January 2009

“The Mendelssohns in German-Jewish History,” Central Synagogue, New York (lecture), January 2009

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Professional Organizations

2017 – present Co-Founder, M-JEW (Modern Judaica Electronic Workshop)

2017 – 2018 President, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region

2016 – present	Member of Board, Society of Jewish Ethics
2016 – 2017	Vice President and Program Chair, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region
2015 – present	Co-Founder, University of Colorado – University of Denver Jewish Philosophy Collaborative
2015	Panelist, Peer Review Committee, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program
2014 – present	Manuscript Referee (<i>Harvard Theological Review</i> , <i>Journal of Religious Ethics</i> , <i>Journal of Religious History</i> , <i>Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy</i> , <i>English Language Notes</i> , University of Nebraska Press/Jewish Publication Society of America, Academic Studies Press)
2014 – present	Session Organizer, National Meeting, American Academy of Religion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Empire and Modern Judaism” (2018 – Denver) ▪ “Reimagining the Field: Theorizing the ‘Jewishness’ of Jewish Thought” (2017 – Boston) ▪ “Revisiting Sources, Reimagining Disciplines: Judaism and the Academic Study of Religion” (San Diego – 2014)
2014 – 2017	Co-Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Society of Jewish Ethics (for 2016 and 2017 meetings)
2014 – 2015	Departmental Representative to Program Committee, Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region
2013 – present	Session Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies: “Advancing Pedagogy of Jewish Thought and Rabbinics as Part of the Humanities” (for seminar on “Thinking with Rabbinic Texts: The Next Stage”; San Diego – 2016) ▪ Annual Meeting, Society of Jewish Ethics: Plenary Address by Rachel Adler, “Women as Human Beings in the Global Future” (Toronto – 2016) ▪ Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region: “Religion and Politics” and “Religion and the Literary Experience” (Brigham Young University – 2018); “Religion, Authenticity, and Modernity” (University of Colorado Boulder – 2017); “Religion, Archaeology, and the Law” (Creighton University – 2015); “Formations of Subjectivity in Modernity: Its Forms, Functions, and Pitfalls” and “Methods in Religion and Ethics” (Denver Seminary – 2013)
2012 – present	Session Organizer, Annual Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Reimagining Scripture: German-Jewish Thought and the Bible” (2014 – Baltimore) ▪ “Imagining the Good Life: New Trajectories in Modern Jewish Thought” (2012 – Chicago)
2012 – 2013	Member of Program Committee, Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region

University of Colorado Boulder

2017 – present	Associate Chair / Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies
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2017 – present	Member of Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies
2017 – 2018	Co-Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Religion and Politics / Minorities in Politics (Joint Committee with Department of Political Science), Program in Jewish Studies
2017	Member of Merit Review Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2016	Member of Evaluation Committee, 2nd Leg Graduate Student Summer Fellowships, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2015 – 2016	Co-Chair, ARPAC Review, Department of Religious Studies
2015 – 2016	Advisor for Undergraduate Students, Department of Religious Studies
2015	Co-Curator for Norlin Library Multimedia Exhibit “Freedom Seder: American Judaism and Social Justice,” Program in Jewish Studies and Holocaust American Judaism Archive
2015	Faculty Director, Post-Holocaust American Judaism Archive
2014 – present	Member of Steering Committee, Center for Humanities and the Arts
2014 – 2015	Departmental Liaison, Faculty-in-Residence Summer Term Program, Department of Religious Studies – Program in Jewish Studies
2014	Member of Senior Instructor Reappointment Primary Unit Evaluation Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2014	Member of Program Director Search Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2014	Interim Director, Program in Jewish Studies
2013 – 2017	Associate Faculty Director / Director of Graduate Studies, Program in Jewish Studies
2014 – 2016, 2013	Faculty Organizer, Graduate Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies
2012 – 2018	Member of Executive Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
2012	Member of By-Laws Committee, Department of Religious Studies

Princeton University

2011 – 2012	Mentor for Undergraduate Students, Center for Human Values
2009 – 2012	Member of Selection Committee, Tikvah Seminar: Jewish Thought and Enduring Human Questions
2009 – 2010	Co-organizer of Judaic Studies Graduate Colloquium, Program in Judaic Studies
2009 – 2010	Member of Hans Jonas Working Group, Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought