

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History

History, Monash University, Expected 2019

Thesis: *"Escaping the Sword of the Inquisition": Conversion, Expulsion and Resettlement in Early Modern Sephardic Rabbinic Texts*

M.A., Theological Studies

Harvard Divinity School, 2000

B.A., Religious Studies

Hampshire College, 1996

PUBLICATIONS

Journal article

Rabbis and Refugees: Theological Responses to the Treatment of Converso migrants in Sixteenth-Century Candia, Mediterranean Historical Review [forthcoming].

Book chapter

Seeking Shelter Under the Wings of the Shekhinah: Early Modern Rabbinic Instructions on Ottoman Migration, European Association for Urban History, Rome, 2018 conference proceedings, [forthcoming, 2019].

Book reviews

Becoming Ottomans: Sephardi Jews and Imperial Citizenship in the Modern Era, Julia Phillips Cohen, *H-Judaic Reviews*, 2017.

The Secret Faith of Maestre Honoratus: Profayt Duran and Jewish Identity in Late Medieval Iberia, Maud Kozodoy, in *Parergon*, 2016.

Patronage, Production, and Transmission of Texts in Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Cultures, Esperanza Alfonso and Jonathan Decker, eds. *Parergon*, 2015.

Other publications

Religious Foundations Project: A Field Guide to Interfaith Dialogue through Text Study, Regis University, 2009.

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016-2018	Faculty of Arts Research Scholarship, Monash University
2017	Australian Centre for Jewish Civilization Grant, Monash University
2017	Phillipa Maddern Postgraduate Travel Bursary, Australia New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies
2016	Knapp Family Foundation Graduate Student Travel Grant, Association for Jewish Studies
2016	Conference Scholarship, Australian Association for Jewish Studies
2015	Bill Kent Prato Fellowship for Research in Italy, Monash University
2010	<i>Religious Foundations Project</i> grant, Regis University and The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado
2000	Parker/Uran Fellow for Study at Hebrew University, Harvard University
1999-2000	Fellowship in Journalism and Publishing, <i>Sh'ma Magazine</i> , Boston, MA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado, Boulder

Program in Jewish Studies

Gender, Sexuality and Judaism (Spring 2019)
Sephardic Diasporas: History and Culture (Spring 2019)
Introduction to Jewish Culture (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)
Modern Jewish Literature (Fall 2018)

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

History Program

Renaissance Italy (Semester 2, 2017)
Renaissance Europe (Semester 2, 2015; Semester 2, 2016)
Witches and Depravity in the Medieval and Early Modern World (Semester 1, 2014; Semester 1, 2016)
The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany (Semester 1, 2015)
Fears and Fantasies: Deviance and Criminality in the Modern World (Semester 2, 2014)
Nations at War: Revolution and Empire (Semester 1, 2013)

Regis University, Denver, Colorado

Religious Studies

Introduction to Judaism (2007-2012)
Western Religious Traditions (2007-2012)

INVITED TALKS

- 2019** "Forced Conversion and Spanish Jewry," Peak-to-Peak Lecture Series, University of Colorado and Sherbino Theater, Ridgway, CO, 11 June, 2019
- 2019** "Sephardic Jewry 500 Years after Expulsion," Jeffersonian Dinner, Boulder Jewish Community Center, 7 February, 2019.
- 2017** "*Dopo il ghetto*: Papal policy and the Jews of Italy," Early Modern Circle, University of Melbourne, 15 May, 2017.
- 1998** Panelist, "Rethinking the Holocaust," Hampshire College, 1998.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences organized

- 2019** Fourth Biannual Embodied Judaism symposium and permanent exhibit, *Jews Outdoors/Jews Out West: Experiential Judaism in the American West in the post-war era*, University of Colorado, Boulder, 7 November 2019.
- 2017** Third Annual Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies symposium, *Policing the Margins: authority, identity and religious ambiguity amongst Jews, Christians and Muslims in medieval Europe and the Mediterranean*, Monash University, 28 April, 2017.

Papers presented

- 2019** "Not like other converts: *Conversos* in early modern Sephardi rabbinic thought," Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies, Denver, Colorado, 1 July, 2019
- 2017** "Popes and Pirates: New Perspectives on the Ancona Massacre of 1556," Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Washington, D. C., 17 December, 2017.
- 2017** "The Ancona Massacre of 1556: Rabbinic perspectives on the Roman Inquisition," Reforming Religions Workshop, Istituto Sangalli, Florence, Italy, 12 September, 2017.
- 2017** "The Ancona Massacre: Jewish/Christian Relations in Italy in the Sixteenth Century," Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies symposium, Monash University, 28 April, 2017.

- 2017** "Refuge or Refuse?: Venetian Candia and the absorption of Sephardic Jewish refugees in the mid-sixteenth century," Australia-New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies conference, 10 February, 2017.
- 2016** '*Excommunication for those who call a repentant an apostate*': *Conversos* and benevolence in three rabbinic letters from *Takanot Candia*, 1567," Association for Jewish Studies conference, San Diego, 18 December, 2016.
- 2016** "Escaping the Inquisition: Themes of conversion, expulsion and resettlement in early modern Sephardi rabbinic texts," Historical Studies Conference, Monash University, 2 November, 2016.
- 2016** "Edom: *Sephardic Representations of Latin Christendom in Sixteenth Century responsa texts*," at Monash University Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Annual Symposium, 29 April, 2016.
- 2016** "Seeking Shelter under the Wings of the *Shekhinah*: Geographical and metaphysical implications of Expulsion in Sixteenth Century Sephardi Responsa Texts," at the *Australia Association for Jewish Studies* conference, Brisbane, 14 February, 2016.
- 2015** "The Talmud is Burning: Sephardi Responses to Increased Persecution of Jews in Italy in the Sixteenth Century," at *Monash Prato Medieval and Renaissance Roundtable*, Prato, Italy, 8 December 2015.

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2019** Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program, "Meet the Professor," University of Colorado, 11 April, 2019.
- 2016** "Escaping the Inquisition: Themes of conversion, expulsion and resettlement in early modern Sephardi rabbinic texts," Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Monash University, 21 October, 2016.
- 2015** "Responsa Prudentium: Early Modern Applications of Hebrew *teshuvot* texts and their use by historians as primary sources" Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Monash University, 22 May, 2015.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019-present** Council of Arts & Sciences, Department Representative for Jewish Studies, University of Colorado
- 2018 – present** Undergraduate Studies Committee member, Program in Jewish Studies, University of Colorado
- 2016-2017** Committee Member, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University
- 2005** Grant-making Committee Member, Public Good Funds, University of Denver
- 1999-2000** President, Jewish Graduate Students' Association, Harvard University

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-2018** Learning Skills Adviser, Matheson Library, Monash University
- 2005-2010** Coordinator, Forum on Religion & Community, Regis University
- 2003-2005** Director, Center for Religion & Public Life, University of Denver
- 2002-2004** Assistant Director, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver
- 1998-2000** Staff, Periodicals & Acquisitions, Harvard Andover Library, Harvard University
- 1994** Student representative, Religious Studies faculty search committee, Hampshire College

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2018	Panel Moderator, "On Israel: Recent Publications," Jewish Book Week, Melbourne, Australia, May 2018
2010-2018	Course Instructor, Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Denver, Colorado and Melbourne, Australia
2011	<i>Community Narratives Panel</i> , Mizel Museum, Denver, Colorado, 4 February, 2011
2011	"Faith: How Jews relate to other religions," Feed Your Mind series, Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, Denver, Colorado, 10 February, 2011
2010-2012	Board member, Community Talmud Torah, Denver, Colorado
2007	Panelist, Center for Christian-Jewish Dialogue Annual Dinner, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 8 October, 2007
2004-2007	Board member, Interfaith Community, Denver, Colorado

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early modern European history, Jewish history, Mediterranean Studies, History of religion, History of the Inquisition, Biblical and rabbinic literature, Jewish/Muslim/Christian historical interaction, Sephardic studies, Refugee studies

LANGUAGES

Modern Hebrew (proficient)
Rabbinic Hebrew (intermediate)
French (intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
Association of Jewish Studies