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### EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

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- 2012 – present      Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Religious Studies  
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)  
Dissertation Committee: Leora Batnitzky, Jeffrey Stout, Daniel Garber
- 2006 – 2007      M.A., Columbia University, Department of Religion
- 2005 – 2006      Visiting Graduate Student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothberg School
- 1999 – 2003      A.B., *summa cum laude*, Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer-Reviewed Books

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

#### 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, forthcoming 2018 – accepted)

“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, forthcoming 2017 – in press), 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

“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 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 for 2011 National Jewish Book Award)

#### Review Essays

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

#### Under Review and In Preparation

“The Promise and Perils of Perplexity: Jewish Philosophy and Public Culture, Yesterday and Today” – invited book chapter under review for *The Future of Jewish Philosophy*, volume 21 of *The Library of Contemporary Jewish Philosophers*, eds. Hava Tirosh-Samuels and Aaron Hughes (Brill)

“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)

“Beyond Enlightenment: Max Horkheimer, Hermann Cohen, and the Jewishness 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

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) – 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>)

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

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#### 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

“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

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**

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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**

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

#### **LANGUAGES**

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Hebrew, German, Latin, French, Aramaic

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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

#### **TEACHING**

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##### University of Colorado Boulder

##### *Courses:*

God (FYSM 1000), Spring 2017 (first-year seminar)

Religion and Contemporary Society (RLST 2400), Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Judaism (RLST/JWST 3100), Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012

God and Politics (RLST/JWST 4170-5170), Spring 2016 (offered in Spring 2013 as RLST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: God and Politics in Jewish and Christian Thought)

Is God Dead? (RLST/JWST 4180-5180), Spring 2017 (offered in Fall 2014 as RLST/JWST 4260-5260: Topics in Judaism: Is God Dead?)

Topics in Judaism: Love and Desire in Judaism and Christianity (RLST/JWST 4260-5260), Fall 2015, Fall 2012

Topics in Judaism: The Bible in Judaism and Christianity (RLST/JWST 4260-5260), Fall 2013

Introduction to the Academic Study of Religion (RLST 6830), Fall 2017, Fall 2016

*Undergraduate and Graduate Independent Studies:*

Undergraduate Independent Study: Religion, Politics, and Society: Israel and the United States (RLST 4840), Fall 2014

Undergraduate Independent Study: Martin Buber and Christian Thought (RLST 4840), Spring 2013

Undergraduate Independent Study: Readings in Theory and Literature: Tolkien and the Study of Religion (JWST 4900; originally RLST 4840), Fall 2014, Fall 2013

Graduate Independent Study: Judaism and Islam (RLST 5840), Fall 2015

Graduate Independent Study: Love and Desire (RLST 5840), Fall 2015

Graduate Independent Study: Religion and International Law (RLST 6840), Spring 2017

Graduate Independent Study: Music and Jewish Studies (RLST 6840), Spring 2017

Graduate Independent Study: Sources of American Jewish Thought (RLST 6840), Spring 2016

Graduate Independent Study: God and Politics (RLST 6840), Spring 2016

Graduate Independent Study: Music, Film and Holocaust Memory (RLST 6840), Fall 2015

Graduate Independent Study: Modernity and Jewish Thought (RLST 6840), Fall 2015

*Graduate Advising:*

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, “The 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, “The Unethical Appropriation of Buddhist Meditation,” Elizabeth Wilson (Religious Studies), to be completed Fall 2017

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:*

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)

“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

“Inadvertent Idolatry: Jewish Thought and the Meaning of Community,” Harvard University Hillel, Cambridge (lecture), March 2007

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### Professional Organizations

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|----------------|---|
| 2017 – present | President, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region   |
| 2017           | Panel Organizer, “Reimagining the Field: Theorizing the ‘Jewishness’ of Jewish Thought,” National Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Boston   |
| 2017           | Panel Chair, “Religion, Authenticity, and Modernity,” Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region, University of Colorado Boulder  |
| 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  |
| 2016           | Panel Chair, “Advancing Pedagogy of Jewish Thought and Rabbinics as Part of the Humanities” (for seminar on “Thinking with Rabbinic Texts: The Next Stage”), Annual Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego  |
| 2016           | Session Chair, Plenary Address by Rachel Adler, “Women as Human Beings in the Global Future,” Annual Meeting, Society of Jewish Ethics, Toronto   |
| 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   |
| 2015           | Panel Chair, “Religion, Archaeology, and the Law,” Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region, Creighton University   |
| 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) |
| 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  |
| 2014           | Panel Organizer, “Reimagining Scripture: German-Jewish Thought and the Bible,” National Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore  |

- 2014 Panel Organizer, “Revisiting Sources, Reimagining Disciplines: Judaism and the Academic Study of Religion,” National Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Diego
- 2013 Panel Chair, “Formations of Subjectivity in Modernity: Its Forms, Functions, and Pitfalls” and “Methods in Religion and Ethics,” Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region, Denver Seminary
- 2012 – 2013 Member of Program Committee, Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature – Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region
- 2012 Panel Organizer, “Imagining the Good Life: New Trajectories in Modern Jewish Thought,” National Meeting, Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago

University of Colorado Boulder

- 2017 – present Associate Chair / Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies
- 2017 – present Member of Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- 2017 – present 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 – present Member of Executive Committee, Program in Jewish Studies
- 2012 Member of By-Laws Committee, Department of Religious Studies

Princeton University

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| 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                       |