

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Hebrew Language and Literature, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 2005

Dissertation Title: *The Social Role of Liturgy in the Religion of the Qumran Community*

Committee: William M. Schniedewind (chair), Daniel K. Falk, Carol Bakhos, S. Scott Bartchy

Doctoral Exams completed in *Hebrew Language and Literature, Biblical Criticism, Second Temple Jewish History, Jewish Aramaic Language and Literature*

M.A., Hebrew Language and Literature, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 2000

Summer study in Jerusalem, Israel, 1999

B.A., Psychology (Extensive course work in Religion), Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 1993

magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Spring semester at Haifa University, Israel, 1992

AWARDS RECEIVED

2018	Wabash Center grant for Interfaith Pedagogy
2016	IFYC/Teagle grant for Curriculum development - Interfaith Studies and Pre-Professional Programs
2012	Awarded Tenure, DePauw University
2010	Ethics Related Summer Stipend, DePauw University
2010	Pre-Tenure Leave Project, DePauw University
2007	Ethics Related Summer Stipend, DePauw University
2004-2005	Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA
2002-2003	Finkelstein Fellowship for doctoral research and teaching, University of Judaism
Mar 2002	Student Essay Prize, Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Conference
Sum 1999	Dorot Grant for research in Jerusalem, Israel, UCLA
May 1993	<i>magna cum laude</i> and Phi Beta Kappa, Bates College
1991-1993	Academic All-New England, Bates College
1990-1993	Dana Scholar for outstanding academic achievement, Bates College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor

2013-pres Dept. of Religious Studies, Regis University, Denver, CO

Designing and teaching undergraduate courses including: Religion and the Human Quest, Gospels, Interfaith Dialogue, Interfaith Cases in American Religion, Israel/Palestine, Islam.

Associate Professor (Assistant from 2006-2012)

2006-2013 Dept. of Religious Studies, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN

Designed and taught undergraduate courses including: Intro to Religions; Judaism; Hebrew Bible; Ethics of Biblical Interpretation; Jewish and Christian Origins; Life of Jesus; Jerusalem: The Holy City; Service and Mission in Uganda..

Served on steering committee for Jewish Studies Program

Served on steering committee for Conflict Studies Program.

Served on faculty committees for Civic Engagement and International Education.

Served as Advisor for DePauw Hillel, and on faculty advisory board of Center for Spiritual Life.

Visiting Assistant Professor

2005-2006 Dept. of Philosophy / Religious Studies, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA

Designed and taught five undergraduate courses: Jewish Biblical Interpretation; Jerusalem: The Holy City; Jewish and Christian Origins; Introduction to Judaism; Life of Jesus.

Adjunct Professor

- 2001- 2004 Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, CA
Designed, developed and taught a graduate level Jewish history course covering the second Temple and early rabbinic periods designed for students preparing to become Rabbis.
Taught each fall for four years.
- 2004 Fingerhut Graduate School of Education, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, CA
Designed and taught graduate level survey course of the Hebrew Bible for MA Ed. students and full-time Jewish educators.
- 2003 Lee Program in Jewish & Western Civ, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, CA
Designed and taught an undergraduate course discussing the formation and development of Jewish sects in late Antiquity and today.

Instructor

- 2001-2004 University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Taught undergraduate courses: Jerusalem: The Holy City; Introduction to Judaism; Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
Convened Graduate Student Conference in Jewish Studies, "Turning It Over Again and Again: Reading Jewish Texts," UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, February 2005.

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Courage & Renewal® Facilitator – completed two year facilitation training program, planned and led short sessions and weekend retreat based on Parker J. Palmer's Circle of Trust® Approach
- Adult Educator – facilitated regular teachings / discussions in a wide variety of religious communities
Congregation Beth Evergreen (CO), 1st Mennonite Church (CO), Fairfield Friends Meeting (IN), Beth Emunah Messianic Synagogue (CA)
- Staff Counselor and Camp Counselor – planned, taught, and facilitated daily Bible study discussions for all ages.
Ponderosa Lodge and Redwood Camp, Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center (CA)

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

- The Social Role of Liturgy in the Religion of the Qumran Community*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 60. Leiden: Brill, 2006.

Articles

- "Complicating Religious Identity" in *Interreligious Studies: Dispatches from the Field* (ed. Hans Gustafson; Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, forthcoming).
- "Making Interfaith Conversations Central to our Jesuit Mission: Why and How to Get Started," in *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* 51, Spring 2017, 45-46.
- "Cultivating Parker Palmer's Habits of the Heart in an Integrative Course on Israel/Palestine" *Journal for Inter-religious Studies* 20, March 2017, 54-70.
- "Course Design and the Use of Meta-questions in an Interdisciplinary First-Year Seminar on the Ethics of Biblical Interpretation," in *Teaching the Bible in the Liberal Arts Classroom* (ed. Jane S. Webster and Glenn S. Holland; Sheffield UK: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).
- "As Though We Ourselves Went Out from Egypt: A Look at the Pesach/Matzot Festival in Exodus 12:1-13:16." Submitted for review to *Jewish Quarterly Review*.
- "The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Qumran Community, and Ritual Studies," in *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context: Integrating the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Study of Ancient Texts, Languages, and Cultures* (ed. Armin Lange, Emanuel Tov, and Matthias Weigold; Leiden: Brill, 2011).
- "Repentance and the Qumran Covenant Ceremony." Pages 159-175 in *Seeking the Favor of God: Volume 2—The Development of Penitential Prayer in Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Mark J. Boda, Daniel K. Falk, and Rodney A. Werline. SBLEJL. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2007.
- "Qumran Prayer as an Act of Righteousness." *Jewish Quarterly Review* 95 (2005): 509-529.

“The Dead Sea Scrolls.” Pages 111-120 in *Middle Eastern Literatures and Their Times*. Edited by Joyce Moss. Vol. 6. Of *World Literature and Its Times*, ed. Joyce Moss. Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2004.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Respondent, “Bell in the Biblical World,” Ritual in the Biblical World Section, SBL National Conference, November 2018.

“Beyond the Label: Developing a Next Generation Paradigm for Engaging our Complex Religious, Spiritual and Humanist Identities,” (with Amanda Hine and Bailey Gent) Parliament of the World’s Religions, November 2018.

“Using IDEALS Data to Build a University-Wide Interfaith Strategy,” IDEALS Symposium, September 2018.

Response to Julia D.E. Prinz VDMF, “Facing the Jews: Biblical Spirituality as Fount of Metz’s Political Theology,” Christianity and Judaism Consultation, Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 2018.

“Cultivating Parker Palmer’s Habits of the Heart in an Integrative Course on Israel/Palestine,” Interfaith and Interreligious Studies Section, AAR National Conference, November 2015.

“Dialogue on Hybridity, Syncretism and Multiple Religious Belonging,” (with Paul Alexander and Julia Brumbaugh) Parliament of the World’s Religions, October 2015.

Response to Marian Broida, “Magic or Not? Ritual Speech Acts and the Ways of the Gods” and Erin Villareal, “A Rite of Affliction? A Reexamination of the Law of ‘Jealousy’ קנאה in Numbers 5:11-31. Ritual in the Biblical World Section, SBL National Conference, November 2014.

Summary and Review of Peter-Ben Smit, "Ritual Failure, Ritual Negotiation and Paul’s Argument in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34" and Jens Kreinath, "Finding the ‘Eucharist’ in Central Australia: *Intichiuma* Ceremonies or the Intertextuality of Magic and Ritual in the Study of Sacrificial Rituals." Presentation in joint session of SBL's Ritual in the Biblical World and AAR's Ritual Studies Group. AAR/SBL National Conference, November 2013.

“Jewish Creation Accounts: Order and Chaos.” The Many Faces of Creation: Myths and Theories. Interfaith Council at Stapleton. Sept 22, 2013.

“Course Design and the Use of Meta-questions in an Interdisciplinary First-Year Seminar on the Ethics of Biblical Interpretation,” Teaching Biblical Literature in Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Section, SBL National Conference, November 2011.

“The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah: Reflections of Ritual and Gender,” Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation, SBL National Conference, November 2010.

“Reading the Passover: Exodus 12-13 as Narrative, Law, and Ritual,” Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation, SBL National Conference, November 2009.

“Review of *The New Testament in its Ritual World* by Richard E. DeMaris,” Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation, SBL National Conference, November 2008.

“The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Qumran Community, and Ritual Studies,” Dead Sea Scrolls in Context: University of Vienna/Hebrew University of Jerusalem Joint Conference, Vienna, Austria, February 2008.

“‘And They Answered and Said’: Reading Ritual Practice at Qumran,” Ritual in the Biblical World Consultation, SBL National Conference, November 2007.

“Sacred Space at Qumran,” Midwest Regional SBL Conference, February 2007.

“‘And They Answered and Said’: Employing Social-Scientific Approaches in the Study of Qumran Liturgy,” SBL Pacific Coast Regional Conference, Qumran Session, March 2006.

“Repentance and the Covenant Renewal Ceremony at Qumran,” Penitential Prayer Consultation, SBL National Conference, November 2004.

“Prayer as Replacement for Sacrifice: A Reassessment” SBL Pacific Coast Regional Conference, March 2004.

“Social and Ideological Factors Contributing to the Emergence of Fixed Prayer at Qumran.” Qumran Section, SBL National Conference, November 2003.

“As Though We Ourselves Experience the Exodus from Egypt: A Look at the Pesah/Matzot Festival Complex in Exodus 12-13.” SBL Pacific Coast Regional Conference, March 2003.

“Fixed Prayer at Qumran: Why does it Emerge?” SBL Pacific Coast Regional Conference, March 2002. Winner of SBL Student Essay Prize.