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### **Publications**

#### **Books**

*Isaac on Jewish and Christian Altars: Polemic and Exegesis in Rashi and the Glossa Ordinaria*, Fordham University Press, New York, November 2, 2012.

#### **Articles**

“Formalism, Morality and Ovadia Yosef,” *The Journal of Textual Reasoning*, 6:1 December 2010.  
[http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/tr/volume6/number1/TR06\\_01\\_schoenfeld.html](http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/tr/volume6/number1/TR06_01_schoenfeld.html)

“Madness and Prophecy: Dreams, Texts and the Power of Rabbinic Interpretation.” *Pastoral Psychology*, 56:2, November 2007: 223-235.  
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/29044r160251m0n8/>

#### **Articles accepted for publication with no further revisions but not yet in print**

“The Destiny of All Men’: Rabbinic and Medieval Justifications for the Death of Moses,” forthcoming in Jane Beal, ed., *Illuminating Moses*, Brill, Leiden, 2013.

“Scribes as Active Readers: Manuscript Development and Jewish-Christian Polemic in Rashi and in the Glossa Ordinaria.” forthcoming in Johannes Heil, ed., *From Theodulf to Rashi: Uncovering the Origins of European Biblical Scholarship*, Brill, Leiden, 2013.

“‘You Will Seek From There’: The Cycle of Exile and Return in Classical Jewish Theology,” forthcoming in *Theology and Migration in World Christianity: Contextual Perspectives*, Peter Phan and Elaine Padilla, eds., Palgrave-MacMillan, New York, 2013.

“Twelfth Century Literal Bible Commentaries: Comparing Jewish and Christian.” forthcoming in *Religion Compass*, 2013.

#### **Articles in progress**

“Positive Attitudes Towards Christians in Medieval Jewish Bible Commentaries on Genesis.” To be submitted to *Journal of Jewish-Christian Relations*.

“Esther as a Model of Jewish Comparative Theology.” To be submitted to *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*.

“*Hevrtura* Study in the Multifaith Classroom,” For an edited volume on Teaching Comparative Theology and Theologies of Religious Pluralism for the American Academy of Religion Book Series on Teaching Religion.

### **Book Reviews**

*Foreigners and their Food: Constructing Otherness in Jewish, Christian and Islamic Law* by David M. Freidenreich (Book Review) in *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations*, vol. 7, no. 1 (2012).

<http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/scjr/article/view/2473>

*Yehuda Halevi* by Hillel Halkin (Book Review) in *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, September 2011.

<http://www.case.edu/artsci/jdst/reviews/Halevi.htm>

*What Have They Done to the Bible? A History of Modern Biblical Interpretation* by John Sandys-Wunsch (Book Review), in *Review of Biblical Literature*, May 13 2006.

<http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=4862>

### **Non-Peer Reviewed**

“My Responsibility to the Jewish Community,” *AJS Perspectives*, Fall 2012, p. 62.

<http://www.ajsnet.org/ajsp12fa.pdf>

“Teaching Across Religious Difference” in *Religious Studies News*, October 2011.

[http://rsnonline.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=749&Itemid=847](http://rsnonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=749&Itemid=847)

“The Bible as a Jewish Text,” in *Speaking Out: Faculty Lectures on Campus* (vol. 4, 2008), St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

<http://www.smcm.edu/publications/PDF/lectures08.pdf>

### **Invited and Special Lectures**

*Faith on the Altar: Abraham's Near-Sacrifice of Isaac in Jewish Thought*, Fall Shapiro Lecture at Catholic Theological Union, November 2011. Streams here:

<http://learn.ctu.edu/content/faith-altar-abrahams-near-sacrifice-isaac-jewish-thought>

*Scribes as Active Readers: Manuscript Development and Jewish-Christian Polemic in Rashi and in the Glossa Ordinaria*, concluding lecture at the conference “From Theodulf

to Rashi” in Heidelberg, Germany, September 2011.

*Teaching the Other: Jewish Studies and Non-Jews in the Twelfth Century and Today*, Presidential Address, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion, March 2010.

*Medieval Jewish Proofs for the Existence of God*, Ike Weiner Chair Lecture, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, November 2009.

*The Bible as a Jewish Text*, Ike Weiner Chair Lecture, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, October 2008.

*Dream Interpretation in the Talmud*. Invited to lecture by the Colloquium of the Dream Institute of Northern California, Berkeley, April 2007.

*Making the Past Present: How to Make Ancient and Medieval Texts Accessible and Relevant*. Invited to lecture by the Dean’s Office of the Graduate Theological Union in recognition of teaching excellence. March 2005

## **Presentations**

*Esau Honored His Father: A Counter-Polemical Trope*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2013.

Respondent in session *Medieval Theologians on ‘Infidel Rites’*, Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2012. Summary available here:  
[ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/ctsa/article/download/2229/1950](http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/ctsa/article/download/2229/1950)

Participated in roundtable discussion *The Glossa Ordinaria (A Roundtable)*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2012.

*Positive Attitudes Towards Christianity in Medieval Jewish Bible Commentaries*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2012.

*The Righteousness of Abraham: Ethical Questions in Commentaries on the Abraham Story*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2011.

*Jewish Views on the Afterlife*. Medieval Studies panel, Loyola University Chicago, September 2011.

*Teaching Medieval Bible Commentaries*, Pedagogy Roundtable, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2011.

*The Near-sacrifice of Isaac in Medieval Christian Exegesis*, American Academy of Religion, November 2010.

*Abraham's Journey to Jerusalem: Imagined Patriarchal Pilgrimage in Jewish Medieval Bible Commentaries*, International Medieval Congress, Leeds, July 2010.

Participated in roundtable in Memory of Michael Signer, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2010.

*Love and Polemic in the Works of Michael Signer*, Symposium in memory of Michael Signer, Notre Dame, May 2010.

*The History of Unbelievers: Rashi, Nicholas of Lyra and the Song of Songs*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2009.

*Who Asks the Question? Rashi's Constructed and Constructing Readers*, Association for Jewish Studies, December 2008.

*Abraham's Donkey(s): Manuscript Development in Rashi and the Glossa Ordinaria*, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Faculty Seminar, Oxford, June 2008.

Participated in *Illuminating Moses: A Roundtable*. International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2008.

*Teaching Jewish Studies at a Liberal Arts College: Lessons from the First Year*, Graduate Theological Union, May 2008.

*"That the Nations Might Not Say": Implied Polemic in Rashi's Commentary on the Binding of Isaac*. International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 2007.

*Medieval Jewish Typology: Rashi, Genesis, and the Temple Sacrifices*. International Congress on Medieval Studies, session sponsored by the Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages, May 2006.

*A Type of Future Sacrifice: Rashi and the Gloss on the Passover of Egypt and the Binding of Isaac*. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2006.

*Literal Translation, Literal Interpretation, and the Changing Meaning of the Literal Sense of Scripture*. Faculty/Student Colloquium, Graduate Theological Union, September 2005.

*The Binding of Isaac and the Chosen People in Medieval Exegesis* in Seminar and Colloquium "A Covenant to the People, A Light to the Nations: Universalism, Exceptionalism and the Problem of Chosenness in Jewish Thought." McMaster University, Canada, May 2005.

*Not Quite Chosen: Ishmael as Christian in Early Jewish Exegesis*. Society for Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region Annual Meeting, Early Jewish/Christian Relations Section, March 2005.

*The Literal as Polemical: Rashi and the Glossa Ordinaria on Genesis 22.* American Academy of Religion Annual National Meeting, Christian History Section, November 2004.

*The Song of History: Rashi and Nicholas of Lyra on the Song of Songs.* American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting, Christian History Section, March 2004.

*Teaching Jewish Approaches to the Environment.* Coalition for Advancement in Jewish Education Annual Meeting. June 1996.

## **Service to the Profession**

Instructional faculty for the AAR/Luce Summer Seminars in Comparative Theology and Theologies of Religious Pluralism, Summer 2012 and 2013. A report on the seminar is available here:

[http://rsnonline.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1378&Itemid=1537](http://rsnonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1378&Itemid=1537)

President, Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages, 2011-2012.

Peer reviewed one book for Broadview Press, Fall 2012.

Inaugurated and edited book series on Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations for the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies (Toronto), 2010-present.

American Academy of Religion, Committee on Regions, 2010-2011.

Regional President, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion, 2009-2010.

Regional Vice-President, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion 2008-2009.

Facilitated workshop for first-time presenters in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion, October 2008 and October 2009.

History of Christianity section chair, Western Region American Academy of Religion, 2004-2007.

## **Service to the University**

Will be co-chair of the Medieval Studies program at Loyola beginning in Fall 2013.

Served on Hillel board, 2010 to the present.

Served on Undergraduate Program Committee for the Department of Theology, 2010 to the present.

Spoke at Loyola President's Retreat on Interfaith Education, November 2010.

Spoke on the role of the non-Catholic at a Jesuit University, Forum on Mission, Loyola University Chicago, January 2011.

## **Service to the Community**

### **Courses**

"Reading (and Writing) Midrash" (week-long class), National Havurah Institute, August 2010.

"Introduction to Rabbinic Literature" Meah (Hebrew College Outreach Program), weekly, Spring 2010.

"The Ever-Renewing Literal Sense of Scripture" (week-long class), National Havurah Institute, August 2009.

"Bible and Commentaries" at Congregation Netivot Shalom, weekly. Fall 2003 - Spring 2004.

### **Lectures**

"Three Kinds of Pilgrimage in the Bible," Ner Tamid Ezrat HaBonim Egalitarian Minyan, Chicago, IL, May 2013.

"Are Women Free? Medieval Halachic Debates About Women at the Seder," Contexts Adult Education Program, March 2012.

"Jewish-Catholic Relations Since the Holocaust," Congregation Esras Israel, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

"Medieval Proofs for the Existence of God," Congregation Tifereth Israel in Washington, DC, May 2009.

"The Death of Moses and God's Justice," Congregation Bet Haverim, Davis, CA, December 2008.

"Same-Sex Marriage in Judaism," Hillel of St. Mary's College of Maryland, December 2009.

“Rashi in the Middle Ages and Today,” Congregation Shaarei Tphiloh in Portland, Maine, August 2008.

“The Sin of Moses,” The Oxford Jewish Congregation in Oxford, July 2008.

“The Ten Commandments in Exodus and Deuteronomy,” Congregation Bet Haverim, Davis, CA and the Jewish Community Center of Berkeley, CA, June 2008.

“Rashi on the Song of Songs,” Congregation Netivot Shalom in Baltimore, April 2008.

“An Eye for an Eye in Jewish Exegesis,” Congregation Netivot Shalom in Baltimore, March 2008.

“Receiving Torah for the First Time: Revelation and Conversion on Shavuot,” Congregation Bet Haverim, Davis, CA, May 2007.

“Three Models of the Jewish-Christian Relationship”, Davis Lutheran Church, Davis, CA, and Congregation Bet Haverim, Davis, CA, October 2006 and February 2007.

“Why Study Jewish Studies at the University?” Hillel House, Davis, CA, December 2006.

### **Media Appearances**

One of three interviewees in a half-hour long program “Teaching Judaism on Campus” for the Television program “Sanctuary”, broadcast on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 on ABC7-Channel 7, streams here:

<http://www.juf.org/interactive/default.aspx?id=74817>

Was interviewed for and quoted in the article “Turn Off, Slow Down, Drop In: The Digital Generation Reinvents the Sabbath”, Religion Dispatches, February 24, 2011, available here:

[http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/4306/turn\\_off\\_slow\\_down\\_drop\\_in%3A\\_the\\_digital\\_generation\\_reinvents\\_the\\_sabbath/](http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/4306/turn_off_slow_down_drop_in%3A_the_digital_generation_reinvents_the_sabbath/)

Was interviewed in and appeared in a segment on GoogleExodus on WNUR in April 2011. Not available online.

Was interviewed for and quoted in the article “Tardy Gras”, Chicago Tribune, March 7, 2011, available here:

[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-03-07/news/ct-talk-mardi-gras-date-0308-20110307\\_1\\_easter-eggs-latest-possible-date-mardi-gras](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-03-07/news/ct-talk-mardi-gras-date-0308-20110307_1_easter-eggs-latest-possible-date-mardi-gras)

## **Fellowships and Awards**

Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Summer Grant, Loyola University Chicago, Summer 2011.

AAR/Luce Summer Seminar on Theologies of Religious Pluralism, Union Theological Seminary and Chicago Theological Seminary, June 2009 and June 2010.

Faculty Summer Seminar, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Oxford, Summer 2008.

Faculty Development Grant, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Winter 2007 and Summer 2008.

Heckman Fellowship, Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, November 2004, March 2005.  
Center for Teaching and Learning Fellow, Graduate Theological Union, Spring-Fall 2003.

## **Previous Teaching Experience**

**Assistant Professor of Religion/Ike Wiener Chair of Judaic Studies** at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Fall 2007 – Spring 2010

**Lecturer in Jewish Studies** at University of California – Davis, Fall 2005 – Spring 2007.

**Newhall Teaching Fellow** at the Graduate Theological Union, Spring 2004-Spring 2006.

**Lecturer in Bible and Commentaries** at the Yeshiva of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem, 1996-1999.

## **Courses taught**

At Loyola:

THEO107: Introduction to Religious Studies

THEO172/272: Introduction to Judaism

THEO198: Modern Judaism

THEO111: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

THEO356: History of Jewish-Catholic Relations

THEO358: Religious Studies Capstone

At St. Mary's:

RELG101: Introduction to Religious Studies

RELG110: Introduction to World Religions  
RELG215: Introduction to Judaism  
RELG216: Jewish Cultures  
RELG323: The Bible in the Medieval and Modern World  
RELG370: Approaches to the Study of Religion  
RELG380: Medieval Philosophy  
RELG460: Religion and Ethics  
RELG492: Proseminar (methods course for students writing their senior theses)  
Directed six senior theses.

At University of California, Davis:

JST101: Jewish Cultures  
RST21: Hebrew Scriptures  
RST23: Introduction to Judaism  
HIST112A/RST130: History of Jewish-Christian Relations  
HEB100: Modern Hebrew

## **Education**

**Ph. D. in History**, Graduate Theological Union, August 2007.

Comprehensive examinations (December 2004): Christian History, Jewish Studies, Medieval Judaism and Christianity.

Dissertation: *Methods of Exegesis in Twelfth Century France: A Comparison of Rashi and the Glossa Ordinaria on Genesis 22.*

Committee: Christopher Ocker (chair), Daniel Boyarin, Arthur Holder.

**M.A. in Comparative Religion**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, July 2001.

Thesis: *Manlike Women and Unmarried Wives: The Redemptive Meanings of Celibacy in Rabbinic and Patristic Texts.*

Advisor: Naomi Janowitz. Second reader: Tal Ilan.

**B.A. in Religion and Law**, Skidmore College, September 1997.

Thesis: *Feminist Reinterpretations of Jewish Law.*