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**Education**

**Ph.D. Religion, 2014**

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

Dissertation title: Israel Among the Angels—Angels and Authority in Late Antique Jewish Texts. Advised by Peter Schafer and Martha Himmelfarb.

**Visiting Student in the Dept. of Hebrew Culture, fall 2011- spring 2012**

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Mentors: Gideon Bohak, Ishay Rosen-Zvi, and Ophir Munz-Manor (Open University).

**M.A. Judaic Studies, 2008**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

M.A. Thesis: How Jewish were Jewish Burials in Late Antique Palestine? An Investigation of Funerary Practices.

**B. A. Classical Studies, 2005**

Rollins College, Winter Park, FL.

Senior Honors Thesis: The Mithraeum. Placing the Sanctuary of the Mystery Cult of Mithras in the Architectural Context of Ancient Rome.

**Fields of Expertise**

Jewish history, rabbinic literature, second temple Judaism, ancient Jewish magic, Jewish liturgy, Greco-Roman archaeology, New Testament and early Christianity, Hebrew Bible.

**Academic Honors**

- ❖ Recipient of the Foundation for Jewish Culture’s Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Jewish Studies, 2013-14.
- ❖ Graduate research fellow at the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2013-14.
- ❖ Recipient of Stanley J. Seeger Fellowship, Princeton University, summer 2013.
- ❖ Recipient of Jean and Samuel Frankel Chair Award for academic excellence in the study of ancient Judaism, University of Michigan, April 2007.
- ❖ Recipient of International Institute Individual Fellowship Award, University of Michigan, April 2007.
- ❖ Recipient of Jean & Stanley Frankel Fellowship, University of Michigan, Fall 2006–Winter 2007.

**Rollins College**

- ❖ *Honors* degree and *Bachelor of Arts* degree in Classical Studies.
- ❖ GPA: 3.90, graduated summa cum laude.
- ❖ Named *Outstanding Senior Scholar in the Humanities Division*, May 2005.
- ❖ Awarded *Bornstein Prize for Arts and Education*, May 2005.
- ❖ Recipient of Alonzo-Rollins Merit Scholarship, 2001-5.

## **Publications**

“Popular Religion and Magic,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

“Sexual Violence in Early Judaism,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

“Angelology,” *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

“Darkness Upon the Abyss: Depicting Cosmogony in Late Antiquity,” in *In the Beginning: Jewish and Christian Cosmogony in Late Antiquity*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

“Some Notes on Jesus and his Parents: From the New Testament Gospels to the *Toledot Yeshu*,” co-written with John Gager, *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

“Abishag: from Biblical Obscurity to Literary Fame.” [Jbooks.com](http://www.jbooks.com/secularculture/ahuvia.htm). Ed. Jesse Tisch. 2008. <http://www.jbooks.com/secularculture/ahuvia.htm>

Book Review summaries, *Henoch* 29.2 (2007): 405-8.

## **Research & Professional Experience**

March 23-5, 2014, co-organizer of a conference entitled *Placing Ritual Texts: The Rhetorical and Ritual Use of Space*, Princeton University.

2013-14, Chair of Graduate Student Committee, Princeton University.

Summer 2012, summer study at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

Spring 2012, participant in Medieval Hebrew Manuscripts workshop series at the National Library, Jerusalem, Israel.

Summer 2011, summer fellow at Yeshivat Hadar, NYC.

Fall of 2010, Princeton University

- ❖ Interim Managing Editor for the *Jewish Studies Quarterly*.

Fall of 2007–2009, University of Michigan

- ❖ Assistant Book Review Editor for the journal *Henoch*.

Fall of 2008, University of Michigan

- ❖ Research and editorial asst. for Todd Endelman and Zvi Gitelman in compilation of *The Interwar Period*, vol. 8 of the *Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization*.

2005–2006, University of Michigan

- ❖ Research and editorial asst. for Sharon Herbert, Yaron Eliav and Rollins College Elise Friedland as they edited *The Sculptural Environment of the Roman Near East*.

**Teaching  
Experience**

Fall 2014-Winter 2015, University of Washington

- ❖ Contemporary Global Revolutions and Social Movements (JSIS 498B)
- ❖ Introduction to Rabbinic Literature (JSIS C 258)
- ❖ Heroes, Heretics, and Radicals: the rise of Judaism and Christianity (JSIS C 155)

Spring 2011, Princeton University

- ❖ Graduate Student Instructor for Introduction to the New Testament (Prof. Lance Jenott)

Fall-Spring 2008, University of Michigan

- ❖ GSI for Great Books of Classical Civilization (Prof. H. D. Cameron).
- ❖ GSI for Jewish Civilizations and Cultures (Prof. Todd Endelman).

Fall 2007, Frankel Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit.

- ❖ Full-time instructor for Jewish History: the Jews and the Encounter with the Other.
- ❖ Created my own curriculum, which surveyed Jewish history from its biblical origins through the Persian, Hellenistic, Roman, Islamic and early medieval periods.

**Academic  
Presentations**

“Israel Among the Angels: Views from Jewish Antiquity.” Public lecture at Hillel UW, March 31, 2015.

The Law according to (the Daughters of) Israel": Revisiting Rabbinic and Other Late Antique Sources." Paper co-presented with Sarit Kattan-Gribetz at the Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, Dec. 16

“Rabbis, Authority, and the Angels.” Paper presented at the Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, Nov. 23, 2014.

“Priestly Depiction of Sacrifice in the Mishnah: The Case of Tractate Tamid.” Paper presented at the Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, Nov. 24, 2014.

“At Home with the Angels: the Spatial and Social Dynamics of Jewish Babylonian Incantations.” Paper Presented at the Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, Dec. 17, 2013.

“Introduction to Ancient Jewish Magic: Methods, Gender Issues, and Comparative Perspective.” Guest Lecture in “Jews, Christians, and Others in the Ancient Mediterranean.” Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY, October 30, 2013.

“Prayer, Sacred Song, and Angelic Praise in Judaism and Christianity.” Mount Menoikeion Seminar at the Mount Menoikeion Monastery, Greece, July 1, 2013.

“Angels and Authority in Jewish Magical Texts.” Regional Seminar in Ancient Judaism. Princeton, NJ, February 10-11, 2013.

- Academic Presentations Continued**
- “Augustine’s Imagined Community of the Dead: Commentary on Post-tractum 142 De sepultura catechumenorum.” Paper presented at the Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 22, 2010.
- “Darkness Upon the Abyss: Depicting Cosmogony in Late Antiquity.” In the Beginning: Jewish and Christian Cosmogony in Late Antiquity Colloquium, Princeton NJ, May 2-4, 2010.
- “How Jewish were Jewish Burial Practices in Late Antique Palestine?” Presented as part of Field Archaeology Series Thursdays, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, Ann Arbor, MI, Dec. 4, 2008.
- Field Experience**
- Tel Kedesh, Israel, May 25–July 18, 2008
- ❖ Asst. Supervisor: excavated at the site of Tel Kedesh, north Israel (UM).
- Yotvata Fort Excavation, Arava Desert, Israel, 2005 and 2006 Seasons
- ❖ Excavated two trenches at a Roman fort under the direction of Jodi Magness (UNC, Chapel Hill) and Gwyn Davies (Florida International University).
- Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Spring 2004
- ❖ Participated in intensive study of the archaeological sites of Roman Italy.
- Alchester Roman Fort, near Oxford, England, August 2003
- ❖ Volunteer under the direction of Eberhard Sauer (Oxford University).
- Roman Fort Upon Tyne, near Newcastle, England, August 2003
- ❖ Participated in an archaeological field school at the Roman Fort Upon Tyne
- Languages**
- ❖ Modern: Hebrew (native), French, German (reading).
  - ❖ Ancient: Biblical and Mishnaic Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Aramaic.