

APPOINTMENTS & WORK EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIA

- Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, The University of Chicago Divinity School (2016–present)
- Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible, The University of Chicago Divinity School (2009–2016)
- Lecturer in Hebrew Bible, Princeton University, Department of Religion, Program in Judaic Studies (2006–2009)
- Instructor in Hebrew Bible, Haifa University, Department of Bible (2005–2006)
- Instructor in Hebrew Bible, The Hebrew University, Department of Bible (2001–2005)
- Instructor in Hebrew Bible, The Hebrew University, Rothberg School for Overseas Students (2001–2002)
- Instructor, The Hebrew University, The Melton Center for Jewish Education (2000–2001)

EDUCATION

- Professional Development & Curriculum Development, The Hebrew University, The Melton Center for Jewish Education (1999–2006)
- Teacher, Maimonides School, Boston, Sixth Grade Jewish Studies (1992–1993)

PUBLISHING

- Academic Translator, Hebrew-to-English (2000–2009)
- Copy-Editor
 - *Discoveries in the Judean Desert*, Oxford: Clarendon (1995–2001)
 - *Eretz Israel—Archaeological, Historical and Geographical Studies*, Jerusalem: IES (1999)
 - *Tradition—A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought*, New York: RCA (1992–1993)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Department of Bible, The Hebrew University, December 2006 (Advisor: Israel Knohl)
Thesis: *Law and Narrative in Four “Oracular Novellae” in the Pentateuch: Lev 24:10–23; Num 9:1–14; 15:32–36; 27:1–11*
- M.A. Religious Studies, Indiana University Bloomington, June 1995 (Advisor: James Ackerman)
Thesis: *‘Nabal Redivivus!’ — David’s Response to Nathan’s Ewe-Lamb Parable in 2 Sam 12:1–7*
- B.A. English Literature, Yeshiva University, January 1992

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Oracular Law and Priestly Historiography in the Torah* (Forschungen zum Alten Testament II 71; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014)
2. *God in the Eyes of Israel: A History of the Religious Imagination in Ancient Israel and Judea* [in preparation]
3. *The Art of Divine Presence in Ancient Southwest Asia: Finger-Pointing, Footprints, and Other Motifs* [in preparation]
4. *Leviticus*, in K. Dell and D. Lincicum, eds., *The New Oxford Bible Commentary* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [in preparation]
5. Ed., *The Five Megillot*, in Ronald S. Hendel, ed., *The Hebrew Bible: A Critical Edition* (Atlanta: SBL Press) [in preparation]
6. with Elaine James, eds., *The Song of Songs, Women, and Public Discourse: Reading in a #MeToo Era* [in preparation]

ARTICLES

1. "'Let My People Go!' — Emancipation, Revelation, and Scribal Activity in Jer. 34.8–14," *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 76 (1997) 71–95
2. "At the Boundary of Textual and Literary Criticisms: The Case of כִּי in Lev 20:9," *Textus* 20 (2000) 61–70
3. "Leviticus 24: Appendix D — Lev 24:10-23: Apostasy in H," in Jacob Milgrom, *Leviticus 23–27* (Anchor Bible; New York: Doubleday, 2001) 2140–2145
4. "Composity and Creativity in 2 Sam 21:1–14," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 122 (2003) 23–52
5. "Num 15:32–36 — A Microcosm of the Living Priesthood and Its Literary Production," in S. Shechtman and J. Baden, eds., *The Strata of the Priestly Writings: Contemporary Debate and Future Directions* (Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments; Zürich: Theologischer Verlag, 2009) 45–55
6. "The Second Passover, Pilgrimage and the Centralized Cult," *Harvard Theological Review* 102 (2009) 1–24
7. "'Oracular Novellae' and Biblical Historiography: Through the Lens of Law and Narrative," *Clio—A Journal of Literature, History and the Philosophy of History* 39 (2009) 1–27
8. "The Literary Development of Deuteronomy 12: Between Religious Ideal and Social Reality," in T. Dozeman, K. Schmid, B.J. Schwartz, eds., *The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research* (Forschungen zum Alten Testament; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011) 303–326
9. "The Face of God and the Etiquette of Eye-Contact: Visitation, Pilgrimage and Prophetic Vision in Ancient Israelite and Early Jewish Imagination," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 19 (2012) 1–55
10. "Prophetic Imagination in the Light of Narratology and Disability Studies in Isaiah 40–48," *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 14.3 (2014) 1–48
11. "A Kingdom of Priests and its Earthen Altars in Exodus 19–24," *Vetus Testamentum* 65 (2015) 169–222
12. (with Mira Balberg) "The Polymorphous Pesah: Ritual Between Origins and Reenactment," *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 8/3 (2017) 292–343
13. "Knowledge of the Lord in the Hebrew Bible," *KNOW* 2/1 (2018) 47–83
14. "The Utility and Futility of Poetry in *Qohelet*," in Elaine James and J. Blake Couey, eds., *Biblical Poetry and the Art of Close Reading* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) 93–110
15. "Biblical 'Alternation' and Its Poetics," in J. Lam, H. Hardy, E. Reymond, eds., *Festschrift for Dennis Pardee* (Oriental Institute Publications; Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago) [in press]
16. (with Jessie DeGrado) "Text- and Source-Criticism of 1 Samuel 17–18: A Complete Account," *Vetus Testamentum* [in press]
17. "Yahweh Become a Temple? MT Ezekiel 11:16 מִקְדָּשׁ מִקְדָּשׁ Revisited," in T. Ganzel and S. Holtz, eds., *Contextualizing Jewish Temple: Challenges and Opportunities* (Brill Reference Library of Judaism; Leiden: Brill) [in press]
18. "The Speaker of *The Song of Songs* and Her Publics" [in preparation]

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

19. "Biblical Law," in Zipora Talshir, ed., *The Literature of the Hebrew Bible: Introductions and Studies* (2 vols., Jerusalem: Yad Ben-Zvi Press, 2011), vol. 1, pp. 227–272 [Hebrew]
20. "The Biblical Legal Collections: The Narrative Context of the Collections" in Bruce Wells, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Law and the Old Testament* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press) [in preparation]

DICTIONARY AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 21–23. "Ephraim," "Gideon," and "Reuben," in R.J.Z. Werblowsky and G. Wigoder, eds., *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997) 230, 272, 583–584
24. "Cassuto, Umberto (Moses David)," in H.-J. Klauck and others, eds., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, Volume 4 (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2012) 1031–1033
- 25–28. "Jeroboam," "Judges," "Samson," and "Solomon," in Eric Orlin, ed., *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (New York: Routledge, 2016) 472–473, 495, 843, 894–895

PRESENTATIONS

LECTURES

1. "Revelation and Sin at Sinai According to the Pentateuchal Sources," *The Thirteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 12–17 August, 2001*
2. "Stages in the Law of Centralization in Deuteronomy 12," *The Department of Bible, Haifa University, 18 January 2004* [Hebrew]
3. "The Second Passover in the Bible (Num 9:1–14)," *The Fourteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 31 July–4 August, 2005*
4. "The Historical Origins of the Second Passover," *Hebrew Bible Workshop, Harvard University, 9 February 2006*
5. "The Shape of Canon — Law and Narrative from the Bible to Rabbinic Literature," *The Department of Hebrew Culture, Tel-Aviv University, 20 March 2006* [Hebrew]
6. "Alternation, a Structural Device and Its Poetics in Biblical Composition," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Edinburgh, July 2–6, 2006*
7. "Israeli Currents in Pentateuchal Studies — in the Wake of Wellhausen's *Prolegomena*," *Pentateuchal Panel, Princeton Theological Seminary, 6 February 2007*
8. "Num 15:32–36 — A Microcosm of the Living Priesthood and Its Literary Production," *European Association of Biblical Studies and the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Vienna, 22–26 July 2007*
9. "Alternation and Its Poetics (New Instances)," *Association of Jewish Studies 39th Annual Conference, Toronto, December 16–18, 2007*
10. "God's Awesome Face and the Etiquette of Eye-Contact," *Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, 31 January 2008*
11. "The Historical Origins of the Second Passover," *The Department of Jewish History, the Hebrew University, 18 August 2008*
12. "Religious Thought and Political Text in Ancient Israel and Judah in the Eighth and Seventh Centuries BCE," *Political Hebraism: Jewish Sources in the History of Political Thought, Princeton University, September 7–9, 2008*
13. "Hieros Demos and a Biblical Separation of Church and State," *Tikvah Project on Jewish Thought — Inaugural Seminar, Princeton University, November 17, 2008*
14. "The Face of God and the Etiquette of Eye Contact: Visitation and Pilgrimage in Ancient Israelite and Early Jewish Sources," *The University of Chicago Divinity School, 6 April 2009*
15. "A Kingdom of Priests and an Earthen Altar — Context, Meaning, Impact," *Plenary Session: Pentateuchal Studies, The Fifteenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 2–6, 2009*
16. "Oracular Novellae: The History and Significance of a Genre," *Law and Narrative: On the Relationship Between Abstract Legal Sentences and Case Narratives, Philipps-Universität, Marburg, September 7–9, 2009*
17. "Religious Law and Society in the Layers of Deuteronomy 12," *The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research — Symposium at the University of Zürich, January 10–12, 2010*
18. "Biblical Historiography - Priestly Historiography - Oracular Novellae: The View from 'Law and Narrative,'" *The Yale University Divinity School and Program in Judaic Studies, 1 March 2010*
19. "The Creation of Torah: Law and Narrative in Israelite Historiography," *Symposium on Creation, The University of Chicago Center for Jewish Studies, 28 April 2010*
20. "The Imagined Beginnings of the World and of Humanity in Genesis 1–3," *Imagined Beginnings: The Poetics and Politics of Cosmogony, Theogony and Anthropogony in the Ancient World, The Center for the Study of Ancient Religions at the University of Chicago and the Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religions, April 8–10, 2011*
21. "Law and Narrative in Ruth and the Pentateuch," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Amsterdam, 22–26 July 2012*
22. "Prophecy, Narratology, and Disability in Isaiah 40–48," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Amsterdam, 22–26 July 2012*

23. "Altars and Priests in Exodus 20," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, St. Andrews, 7–11 July 2013*
24. "Literary Theory and Biblical Literature: Levels of Speakers in Qohelet and Song of Songs," *Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, Baltimore, 23–26 November 2013*
25. "The Debated Nature of the Pesah in Ancient Jewish Imagination" (with Mira Balberg, Northwestern U.), *Midwest Ancient Judaism Colloquium: Ancient Jewish Imaginaries, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, 7–8 April 2014*
26. "The Biblical Idea of Intergenerational Punishment in Sociological and Historical Perspective," *2nd International Conference in Ancient Mediterranean and Oriental Languages and Cultures: Family and Family Relationships in Antiquity, Institute of Classical, Mediterranean and Oriental Studies, University of Wrocław and the Confucius Institute in the University of Wrocław, Poland, 11–13 June 2014*
27. "Finger-Pointing and Divine Presence in Ancient Art," *Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, San Antonio, 19–22 November 2016*
28. "The Argumentative Nature of Ancient Authors and Their Biblical Works: The Law Codes," *Beyond the Book: Rethinking Biblical Religion, University of Michigan, 8 December 2016*
29. "Genesis 10 and Related Texts," *First Annual Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, The University of Chicago, 5–6 February 2017*
30. "Biblical Ideas about Intergenerational Punishment in New Perspective," *The Seventeenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, 6–10 August 2017*
31. "Divine Presence and Its Representation in the Elohistic and Priestly Histories," *Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, Boston, 18–21 November 2017*
32. "Religion in, of and around the Hebrew Bible: Intergenerational Punishment," *Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Regional Meeting, South Bend, 2–4 February 2018*
33. "Intertextuality in Biblical Law," *Second Annual Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, Yale University, 25–27 February 2018*
34. "Ezekiel ben Buzi, the Raggedy-Ann Prophet," *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Helsinki, 30 July–3 August 2018*
35. "The Life and Stratigraphy of Stones in Deuteronomy 27 and Related Texts," *Third Annual Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, The University of Chicago, 13–15 February 2019*
- 36–37. *The University of Texas Austin, 5 March 2019*
 - "Poetic Justice and the Conundrum in Biblical Law: 'An Eye for an Eye' and Other Troublesome Formulas"
 - "The Art of Divine Presence: Adoring Eyes, Pointing Fingers, and Other Meaningful Motifs"
38. with Jessie DeGrado, "Textual- and Source-Criticism of 1 Samuel 16–18: A Complete Account," *Emerging Voices in Samuel Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 25–27 April 2019*
39. "The Speaker of *The Song of Songs*," "Let Me Hear Your Voice!" *Women, The Song of Songs and Public Discourse, The University of Chicago, Chicago, 3–5 June 2019*
40. "Intergenerational Punishment in the Hebrew Bible — A New Perspective," *Brandeis University, 14 February 2020*

RESPONDENT

40. Respondent to F.W. Dobbs-Allsopp, "Space, Line and the Written Biblical Poem in Texts from the Judean Desert," *The Princeton Theological Seminary Old Testament Research Colloquium, 8 October 2008*
41. Review of Seth Sanders, *The Invention of Hebrew* (University of Illinois Press, 2009), *Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, Atlanta, November 20–23, 2010*
42. Respondent to Wendy Doniger, "Rings and Ringers: Tales of Circular Jewelry and Clever Women," *The University of Chicago Divinity School Faculty Retreat, 6–7 January 2011*
43. Review of Sarah Hammerschlag, *Broken Tablets: Levinas, Derrida, and the Literary Afterlife of Religion* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2016), *The University of Chicago Divinity School Dean's Forum, 1 February 2017*

44. Respondent, *Contextualizing Jewish Temples: Challenges and Opportunities*, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, 6–9 May 2018

SERVICE

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Stevanovich Institute on the Formation of Knowledge

- Core Faculty Member
- Mentor

Chicago Center for Jewish Studies

- Board Member

Divinity School

- Chair, *Bible Area*; Faculty Sponsor, *Hebrew Bible Workshop*; Sponsor, *Visiting Researchers* (B. Wimpfheimer, 2011–12; G. Darshan, 2012–13; A. Kopilovitz, 2019–20) and *Visiting Students* (E. Schwartz, 2018–19)
- Committee Member, *Academic Policy; Admissions and Aid; Degrees; Discipline; Hiring/Search; Ministry Academic Committee; Prizes in Jewish Studies; Teaching Task Force*

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

- *Interdepartmental Committee*, Program in Judaic Studies (2007–2010)
- *Undergraduate Committee*, Department of Religion (2007–2008)

ASSOCIATIONS

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Association for Jewish Studies
- National Association for Professors of Hebrew
- World Union of Jewish Studies
- Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar (2006–2009)
- Judaic Studies Faculty Workshop, Princeton University (2006–2009)
- *Tanakh* Group, Princeton Theological Seminary (2006–2009)
- Old Testament Research Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary (2008–2009)
- Biblical Poetry Group, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007–2008)
- Jewish Law Association (2007–2008)

ACTIVITY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- CEDAR (Critical Editions for Digital Analysis and Research), The University of Chicago (2018–) an ancient manuscripts and digital humanities initiative using OCHRE (<http://ochre.uchicago.edu>)

REFEREE

- *AJSReview*, *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte*, *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*, *History of Religions*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Journal of Religion*, *Prooftexts*, *Religion Compass*, *Vetus Testamentum*
- *Cambridge University Press*; *Oxford University Press*; *Society of Biblical Literature Press*
- Israel Science Foundation; Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture

PROGRAM UNIT STEERING COMMITTEE

- Religions of Israel and Judah in Their West Asian Environment, the Society for Biblical Literature (2006–2021)
(Was: Canaanite and Israelite Religion, then: Israelite Religion in Its West Asian Environment. Chair, 2011–17)

EVENTS ORGANIZED

CONFERENCES

- with Joel Baden (Yale U.) and Jeffrey Stackert (U. Chicago): *The Annual Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium*
– *The University of Chicago*, 5–6 February 2017
– *Yale University*, 25–27 February 2018
– *The University of Chicago*, 13–15 February 2019
- with Elaine James (St. Catherine U.): “‘Let Me Hear Your Voice!’ Women, The Song of Songs and Public Discourse: An interdisciplinary conference of women’s voices for women’s voices in public discourse, on the ancient text of the Song of Songs in contemporary religious and other perspectives,” *The University of Chicago Divinity School*, 3–5 June 2019

SYMPOSIA

- “Translation of the Hebrew Bible: Philology, Philosophy, and Identity: A one-day symposium traversing period, place, language, and context” — Benjamin Wright III, Aaron Hughes, F.W. Dobbs-Allsopp; and Margaret Mitchell, James Robinson, Michael Fishbane, Richard Rosengarten — *The University of Chicago Divinity School*, 8 April 2013
- “Beyond the Book: Rethinking Religion In and Around the Bible: An interregional set of colloquia on the (non-)centrality of the Bible in premodern Judaism, including The University of Michigan, Notre Dame, The University of Chicago, and the University of Wisconsin” — Isabel Craz, Sarit Kattan Gribetz; and Charles Huff, David Harris, Liane Marquis, Kelly Andino — *The University of Chicago Divinity School*, 1 March 2017

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- “Biblical Poetry and Poetics” — Simeon Chavel, F.W. Dobbs-Allsopp, Chaya Halberstam, Galen Marquis — *The 39th Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies*, December 16–18, 2007
- “All in the Family: Familial interdependence and Intergenerational Justice from the Biblical Period to the Medieval” — Simeon Chavel, Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Hindy Najman, David Shyovitz — *The 17th World Congress for Jewish Studies*, Jerusalem, August 2017
- “Reconstructing Religion: archaeological, philological and socio-historical perspectives” — Aren Maeir, Jeffrey Stackert, Francesca Stavrakopoulou, Steven Weitzman — *Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting*, Boston, 18–21 November 2017
- “Silence and Violence in the Hebrew Bible” — Carol Bakhos, Simeon Chavel, FW Dobbs-Allsopp, Elaine James — *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, Helsinki, 30 July–3 August 2018

LECTURE SERIES

Princeton University

2006–2009

“Lectures in the Study of the Hebrew Bible” — Pamela Barmash, Edward Greenstein, Israel Knohl, Baruch Schwartz

The University of Chicago Divinity School

2009–2010

“Political Theory. Legal Theory. Classical Jewish Texts. Three interdisciplinary presentations engaging the Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic Literature” — Steven Grosby, Moshe Halbertal, Suzanne Last Stone

2010–2011

“Jewish Communities of the Second Temple Period: A lecture series bringing together new work by international scholars on formative aspects of Jewish life and identity in and around Judea in the Second Temple period” — Jonathan Ben-Dov, Sandra Gambetti, Alejandro Botta, Steven Weitzman

2011–2012

"The Matter of Israelite Religion: A series of four lectures on recent material finds relevant to and theoretical advances in the study of ancient Israelite religion, with implications for biblical literature and ideas" — Jonathan Klawans, Matthew Suriano, Jeremy Hutton, Nili Fox

2012–2013

"The Trouble with the Prophets, Prophecy, and Prophetic Literature of the Hebrew Bible: On the problematic nature of the literary, sociological, and historical categorization of prophecy in ancient Israel" — Robert Wilson, Ronnie Goldstein, Esther Hamori, Alex Jassen

2013–2014

"Assyria in Israel, Judea, and the Levant: Historical and Cultural Aspects" — Elizabeth Bloch-Smith, Irene Winter, David Wright