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Education

2003 Ph.D. University of Chicago, Divinity School (History of Judaism)
1997 M.A. University of Chicago (Divinity)
1984 B.A. Brandeis University (English and American Literature)

Academic Employment

2017- Greenberg Associate Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature
Department of Religious Studies and the Harold Schnitzer Family
Program in Judaic Studies
University of Oregon

2010-2017 Greenberg Associate Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature
Department of Religious Studies
Director, Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies
University of Oregon

2003-2010 Greenberg Assistant Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature,
Department of Religious Studies and the Harold Schnitzer Family
Program in Judaic Studies, University of Oregon

2001-2003 Instructor, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago, Illinois

1997-1999 Teaching Assistant, The University of Chicago (the College and the
Divinity School)

Other Employment

1990-1995 Marketing Director, William M. Mercer, Incorporated

1985-1990 Editor, Quality Assurance Coordinator, and Marketer, TPF&C/Tillinghast

1984-1985 Marketing Assistant, Alltime, Inc.

Competitive Awards

2019 Vice President for Research and Innovation Research Award
2017 College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award
2017 Global Oregon International Research Travel Award
2012 Center for the Study of Women in Society Research Grant
2012 Provost's Summer Stipend for Humanities and Creative Arts Faculty
2011 Summer Research Award – University of Oregon
2008 Summer Stipend Grant – University of Oregon (Nominated; NEH
Summer Stipend)

Books - Authored

The Aroma of Righteousness: Scent and Seduction in Rabbinic Life and Literature (University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2011).

“A Rose Among the Brambles; Fruit of the Wild Vine: Gardens in Ancient Jewish Interpretation” (in progress).

Books - Edited

Scriptural Exegesis: The Shapes of Culture and the Religious Imagination: Essays in Honour of Michael Fishbane. Co-edited with Laura Lieber (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).

Commemorating the Dead: Text and Artifact in Context: Studies of Roman, Jewish, and Christian Burials. Co-edited with Laurie Brink, O.P. (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2008).

Articles and Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

“Recovering Women from the Scholars (Even from Me): Views of Women in Song of Songs Rabbah” (in progress)

“Voiceless Women: The Rabbis as ‘Active Audience’ in Song of Songs Rabbah” (in progress for *‘Let me Hear Your Voice!’ Women, The Song of Songs, and Public Discourse*. Edited by Elaine James and Simeon Chavel. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, due summer 2020).

“The Significance of Obfuscation and Absence: When the Lack of Sense Isn’t Nonsense” (in progress for *Entangled Religions: Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Religious Contact and Transfer*, on hold)

“Toppling the Fence: Adam and Eve in Eden” (in progress).

“In the Mind’s Eye: Representation of Gardens in the Bible” (in progress).

“‘Come South Wind, Blow Upon My Garden that Its Spice May Flow’: Experience in the Ancient Jewish Garden” in *Sound and Scent in the Garden*. Edited by D. Fairchild Ruggles and John Beardsley (Dumbarton Oaks, Harvard University Press, 2017).

“The Garden of Eden in the Hebrew Bible” in *A Global History of Literature and the Environment*. Edited by Louise Westling and John Parham (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016).

“Fragrance in the Rabbinic World” in *Smell and the Ancient Senses*. Edited by Mark Bradley (Durham: Acumen, 2014).

Ellen Haskel, *Suckling at My Mother's Breasts: The Image of a Nursing God in Jewish Mysticism* (Albany: State University of New York, 2012) in process for *Shofar*.

Lieve Teugels, *Bible and Midrash: The Story of 'The Wooing of Rebekah'*, (Leuven: Peeters, 2004) in *Review of Biblical Literature*, September (2006).

Rachel Adler, *Engendering Judaism: An Inclusive Theology and Ethics*, (Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1998) in *Journal of Religion*, 79, 4, (1999), p. 685-86.

Invited Papers and Talks

- 2019 “Recovering Women from the Scholars (Even from Me)”
 ‘Let Me Hear Your Voice!’ Song of Songs, Women and Public Discourse
 University of Chicago
- 2019 Eve and the Snake; Susanna and the Profligate Judges: Sexual Harassment
 and Rape in One’s Home in the Bible
 Symposium on Violence and Non-Violence in Ancient Judaism
 Portland State University
- 2017 Panel Participant
 Discussion on “Kaddish for Bernie Madoff”
 School of Law and Judaic Studies
 University of Oregon
- 2017 “Stuck in the Middle: The Motif of the Vulnerable Female in the Garden”
 Paper
 Alterity and Its Alternatives: A Conference on Gender and Judaism in
 Honor of Judith Baskin
 University of Oregon
- 2016 “Inna Gadda Da Vida” (In the Garden of Eden)
 Paper
 SORAAAD (Study of Religion as an Analytical Discipline) and
 Arbeitskreis Religionsästhetik (DVRW -- der Deutschen Vereinigung für
 Religionswissenschaft)
 Aesthetics and the Analytical Study of Religion Workshop
 American Academy of Religion
- 2016 “The Significance of Obfuscation and Absence: When the Lack of Sense
 Isn’t Nonsense”
 Keynote for Conference
 Religion and Senses Conference
 CERES (Center for Religious Studies)
 Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany

in Honor of Adela Yarbro Collins
Ohio State University & Methodist Theological School

- 2008 "Aroma and the Rabbinic Agenda: The Influence of Biblical Texts and Daily Life on Rabbinic Literature"
Duke University
- 2006 Paper on Susan Ashbrook Harvey's *Scenting Salvation*
Byzantine Studies Annual Conference
- 2006 "Legislating Scent: Rabbinic Attitudes toward Death, Dining, and Dry Cleaning"
Senses of Religion Conference
Yale University
- 2006 "Commemorating the Dead"
Panel Discussion for the International Catacomb Society Project
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting
- 2005 "Sweet Spices in the Tomb"
Commemorating the Dead Conference
University of Chicago
- 2005 "Comparing Jewish and Christian Martyrdom Narratives"
Jewish Studies Workshop
University of Chicago
- 2004 "Jewish Burials in the Late Roman Period: A Comparison of Material and Textual Evidence"
Symposium for Commemorating the Dead
British School of Archaeology
Rome, Italy
- 2004 "The Power of the Martyr in Rabbinic Midrash"
University of Oregon Symposium
Martyrdom: Witnessing to Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- 1997 "From Covenant to Contract, From Contract to Covenant: Transformations in Jewish Marriage from the Renaissance to the Present"
Newberry Library Panel on Gender and Judaism, Chicago, Illinois

Conference Papers

- 2012 "Expelled from the Garden Again: Eve and the Shekhinah in Genesis Rabbah"
International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting

- 2011 "Shema Yisrael: What Are We Witnessing?"
Global Day of Jewish Learning
Jewish Community, Eugene OR
- 2011 *Everything Is A Present: Screening and Discussion*
Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies
in Cooperation with the Eugene Symphony Counterpoint Series
and Temple Beth Israel
- 2011 Course: "Women in the Bible"
Continuing Education Insight Seminar, University of Oregon
- 2010 "Prayer"
Global Day of Jewish Learning
Jewish Community, Eugene OR
- 2010 "Bible, Bath, and Beyond: How Incense Becomes Sacrifice and Sacrifice
Becomes Perfume in Ancient Jewish Literature"
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- 2010 Tikkun Leil, Study Session, Shavuoth
Passages from Pesikta De'Rab Kahana on Shavuoth
Temple Beth Israel
- 2010 "Ancient Rites and Rituals of Burial"
Temple Beth Israel
- 2010 Interpretation: Rashi on Beha'alotecha
Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
Temple Beth Israel
- 2010 D'rash
Hillel Foundation, University of Oregon
- 2009 Course: Genesis
Continuing Education Insight Seminar, University of Oregon
- 2009 The History of the Seder
Bean Dormitory Complex, University of Oregon Student Housing
- 2008, 2009 D'var
Hillel Foundation, University of Oregon
- 2007 D'var: Hannah the Model of Power and Prayer
First Day of Rosh Hashannah, Temple Beth Israel, Eugene, OR
- 2007 Martyrdom
Student Inter-religious Dialogue Group, University of Oregon

- 2010 Search Committee modern Hebrew instructor
- 2010 Planning Committee – 10th Anniversary Celebration (Dinner and Day-long Symposium)
- 2009, '10 Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Medieval and Early Modern Judaism
- 2003-2017 Executive Committee Judaic Studies
- 2003- Development and Relationship Building and Maintenance: Activities include dinners, coffees, lunches, and meetings with donors
- 2007-2017 Organization of Lectures by Visiting Scholars

Department of Religious Studies

- 2019 Contract Review Committee Member
- 2019 Sanders Student Paper Award Committee Member
- 2017 Library Representative
- 2015 Search Committee: Assistant Professor (New Testament)
- 2015 Graduation Welcome for Humanities Consortium
- 2012 Graduation Welcome for Humanities Consortium
- 2011 Guest Lecturer – FHS 408 Spirituality & Human Services
- 2009-2010 Search Committee – Arabist position
- 2006- Hiring Committee for Graduate Teaching Fellows (2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012)
- 2008 Graduation Speech for Humanities Consortium
- 2005 Planning and Participant in University of Oregon Symposium on “Martyrdom: Witnessing to Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”

University of Oregon

- 2019, '15, '12 United Academics (UA) Bargaining Team
- 2019 UA Representative for Humanities Faculty
- 2019 UA Contract Action Team
- 2018-2019 UA Working Families Group
- 2015-2017 UA faculty representative for the Gender and Under-represented Minority Equity Study at the University of Oregon
- 2015-2016 UA/faculty representative to University Childcare Committee
- 2014-2016 Oregon Humanities Center Faculty Advisory Board
- 2014-2017 UO Language Council
- 2015-2017 CAS Digital Humanities Advisory Board
- 2012-2015 United Academics Equity and Diversity Committee
- 2012- United Academics Bargaining Caucus
- 2011- United Academics Finance Committee
- 2011- United Academics Organizing Committee
- 2011-12 World Language Academy Committee
- 2003- Affiliate of Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon

Academic Field

- 2007-2013 Society of Biblical Literature: Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession
- 2009-2016 Society of Biblical Literature: Sensory Experience in the Bible