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EMPLOYMENT

Since 2008 Associate Professor, Department and Centre for the Study of Religion and Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto
Since 2004 Associate Professor, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and Centre for the Study of Religion, and Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto
2004-2005 Associate Professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
2000-2005 Jordan Kapson Chair of Jewish Studies, University of Notre Dame
1998-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Since 2008 Editor-in-Chief, *Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series*
2006-2007 Associate Editor of the *Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series*
2003- Theme Issues Editor of *Dead Sea Discoveries*
2002-2006 Book Review Editor of the *Studia Philonica Annual*

HIGHER EDUCATION

1992-1998 Harvard University
M.A. (1997), Ph.D (1998)
Dissertation: *Authoritative Writing and Interpretation: A Study in the History of Scripture*. (Unpublished)
Awarded Harry and Cecile Starr Prize for the best doctoral dissertation in a subject touching on Jewish and Hebrew studies, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University (given once every three years)
Advisor: James L. Kugel
Committee: Jon D. Levenson, Jay M. Harris
1989-1990 Stern College, Yeshiva University; Major: English Literature; Minors: Music Theory and Jewish Studies B.A. (1990)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Symbolic representation of exile in ancient Judaism (587BCE- 400 CE); the history of the concept of revelation and inspiration in classical Jewish thought; perfection and the idealized sage in ancient Judaism; biblical and parabolical practices of pseudepigraphy, pseudonymous attribution and reworking sacred Scripture in Second Temple Judaism; typological and allegorical interpretation in

ancient Judaism; the relationship between wisdom and apocalyptic literature; Hellenistic Judaism; Dead Sea scrolls; the relationship between text and myth in the formation of interpretation, liturgy and scripture

TEACHING INTERESTS

Hebrew Bible; (special interests in Prophecy; Wisdom Literature; Ritual); Biblical interpretation in ancient Judaism; early Rabbinic Interpretation; Dead Sea Scrolls; Hellenistic Judaism; early Judaism and Christianity as interlocking traditions; introduction to ancient Judaism (500 BCE – 500 CE); early Jewish prayer; introduction to Judaism (from the Hebrew Bible to the present); Hebrew and Aramaic language instruction

BOOKS

Monograph:

Seconding Sinai: The Development of Mosaic Discourse in Second Temple Judaism. Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series, 77. Brill, 2003

Edited Volumes:

- 1) *Reading Between the Lines: Scripture and Community in the Dead Sea Scrolls.*, edited with Daniel Machiela, Alison Schofield and Samuel Thomas, *Dead Sea Discoveries* 15, Brill 2008
- 2) *Essays in Honor of John Strugnell, Dead Sea Discoveries* 13, Brill 2006
- 3) *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel*, co-edited with Judith H. Newman, Brill, 2004
- 4) *Authorizing Texts, Interpretations and Laws at Qumran, Dead Sea Discoveries* 10, Brill, 2003
- 5) *Laws Stamped with the Seals of Nature, Studia Philonica Annual* 15, edited with David T. Runia and Gregory E. Sterling, Brown University Press, 2003

ESSAYS

Refereed Publications

- 1) “Shared Conceptions of the Revelatory in Philo of Alexandria and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” *Studia Philonica Annual* 19 (2007) (in press)
- 2) “Towards a Study of the Uses of the Concept of Wilderness in Ancient Judaism.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 13 (2006) 99-113
- 3) “A Written Copy of the Law of Nature: An Unthinkable Paradox?” *Studia Philonica Annual* 15 (2003) 51-6
- 4) “Angels at Sinai: Exegesis, Theology and Interpretive Authority.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 8 (2000) 313-333
- 5) “Torah of Moses: Pseudonymous Attribution in Second Temple Writings.” In *The Interpretation of Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity*; Studies of Early Judaism and Christianity, 7, Sheffield, 2000, 202-216
- 6) “Interpretation as Primordial Writing: Jubilees and its Authority Conferring Strategies.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 30 (1999) 379-410

7) "The Law of Nature and the Authority of Mosaic Law." *Studia Philonica Annual* 11 (1999) 55-73

Invited Publications

- 8) "La recherche de la perfection dans le judaïsme ancien." In *Des Actes du colloque: Les élites locales en Palestine et en diaspora*, ed. Jean Riaud (in press)
- 9) "Reflections on John Barton's *Oracles of God*." *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 7 (2007) 22-28
- 10) "How Should We Contextualize Pseudepigrapha? Imitation and Emulation in 4Ezra." In *Flores Florentino: Dead Sea Scrolls and Other Early Jewish Studies in Honour of Florentino Garcia Martinez*, eds., Anthony Hilhorst, Emile Puech, Eibert Tigchelaar, Brill 2007 (will appear in November, 2007)
- 11) "Cain and Abel as Character Traits: A Study in the Allegorical Typology of Philo of Alexandria." In *Themes in Biblical Narrative; Jewish and Christian Traditions*, ed. Gerard Luttikhuisen, Brill, 2003:107-118
- 12) "The Symbolic Significance of Writing in Prophetic Traditions." In *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel*, eds., Hindy Najman, Judith H. Newman, Brill, 2004: 139-173
- 13) "Non-Rabbinic Biblical Interpretation." In the *New Oxford Jewish Study Bible*, eds. Adele Berlin, Marc Brettler, Michael Fishbane, New York: Oxford University Press, 2003: 1835-1844
- 14) Introduction and annotations to Ezra-Nehemiah for the *New Oxford Jewish Study Bible*, eds. Adele Berlin, Marc Brettler, Michael Fishbane, New York: Oxford University Press, 2003: 1666-1711
- 15) "The Writings and Reception of Philo of Alexandria." In *Christianity in Jewish Terms*, eds., Tikva Frymer-Kensky, David Novak, Peter Ochs, David Fox Sandmel, Michael A. Signer, Westview Press, 2000: 99-106

BOOK REVIEWS

- 1) *The Ascension of Authorship: Attribution and Canon Formation in Jewish, Hellenistic, and Christian Traditions*, by Jed Wyrick. In *Association for Jewish Studies Review* (published, 2006)
- 2) *Review: Expanding the Palace of Torah: Orthodoxy and Feminism*, by Tamar Ross. In *Sh'ma* (published, 2005)
- 3) *Justification and Variegated Nomism: The Complexities of Second Temple Judaism*, volume I, eds., D. A. Carson, Peter T. O'Brien, and Mark A. Seifrid. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 34 (2003): 309-312
- 4) *Beyond the Essene Hypothesis: The Parting of the Ways between Qumran and Enochic Judaism*, by Gabriele Boccacini. In the *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 26 (2002): 352-354
- 5) *The Language and the Law of God: Interpretation and Politics in Philo of Alexandria*, by Francesca Calabi. In *Journal of Religion* 80 (2000): 137-138
- 6) *The Exegetical Imagination: On Jewish Thought and Theology*, by Michael Fishbane. In *Journal of Religion* 80 (2000): 542-543
- 7) *I Enoch and Sirach: A Comparative Literary and Conceptual Analysis of the*

Themes of Revelation, Creation and Judgment, by Randal A. Argall. In *Hebrew Studies* 40 (1999): 347-349

WORK IN PROGRESS

Books in Progress

Book manuscript, *Prophetic Ends: Concepts of the Revelatory in Late Ancient Judaism* (in progress, anticipated completion winter 2008 – under editorial consideration with the University of Pennsylvania)

Co-editing with George Brooke and Loren Stuckenbruck, *Giving of the Law at Mount Sinai*. Will appear in *Themes in Biblical Narrative* (under contract with Brill, 2008).

Co-authoring with Robin Darling Young, *Commentary to 4Ezra* (under contract with Walter de Gruyter, 2009)

Translation, with commentary, *Philo of Alexandria: De Decalogo* (under contract with Brill, 2011)

Essays in Progress

1) “Textual and Exegetical Traditions in the Scrolls and Hellenistic Judaism.” In *The Oxford Handbook of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, eds. Timothy Lim and John J. Collins (2008)

2) Entries in *Dictionary of Early Judaism*, eds. Dan Harlow and John J. Collins.

3a) “Inspiration and Revelation” (submitted and accepted)

3b) “Torah and Tradition” (submitted and accepted)

3c) “Decalogue” (submitted and accepted)

3d) “Salvation” (submitted)

3) “4Ezra and 2Baruch.” In *Companion to Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism*, ed. Matthias Henze.

4) “Ezra as Exemplar in Ancient Judaism” (will appear in volume entitled: *Reception of Biblical Protagonists in Ancient Judaism*, edited by Matthias Weigold)

5) “The Authority and Transformation of Mosaic Law in Philo and the Dead Sea Scrolls,” (will appear in volume edited by Armin Lange and Kristin de Troyer)

6) “Exemplary Figures and the Production of Texts in Late Ancient Judaism.” (Will appear in the Orion Proceedings from 2007, published by Brill).

7) "Between Heaven and Earth: Liminal Visions in 4Ezra." (Will appear in proceedings from the conference at Nijmegen. Volume is entitled: *The "Otherworld" and its Relations to this World.*)

8) "Cessations and Transformations of Revelation in Antiquity" (Will appear in the Princeton Judaica Series, 2009)

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

2007

Invited presenter at a roundtable discussion on "The Study of the Jewish Book: Time for an Institutional Framework?" at the Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto (December)

"Within and Without: Education Philo of Alexandria." SBL special joint Session of Moral Perfection and Exemplarity at SBL (Pseudepigrapha Group and Hellenistic Judaism Group), (November)

"Authority and Tradition: Archetypes of Tradition." Invited to a conference "Editing the Bible," University of Toronto (November)

"Revelation at Qumran and Beyond." Invited to a conference, "Dead Sea Scrolls: Text and Context," University of Birmingham, England (October)

"Endings for Prophecy in Second Temple Judaism." Invited to a conference on the Dead Sea Scrolls Conference, Trinity Western (October)

Organized and Participating in Special Session on John Barton's *Oracles of God*, International Meeting of SBL 2007, Vienna (July)

"Ezra as Exemplar in Ancient Judaism," in session on Reception of Biblical Protagonists in Ancient Judaism, International Meeting of SBL 2007, Vienna (July)

"The Authority and Transformation of Mosaic Law in Philo and the Dead Sea Scrolls," in session on Dead Sea Scrolls and the Hebrew Bible, International Meeting of SBL 2007, Vienna (July)

Introduction and Concluding overview at conference (that I co-organized) entitled, "Giving the Torah at Sinai," University of Durham (co-sponsored by University of Manchester and the University of Toronto) (July)

"Reconsidering Jubilees: Prophecy and Exemplarity," Fourth Enoch Seminar,

Enoch and the Mosaic Torah: The Evidence of Jubilees, Camaldoli (July)

“Exemplary Figures and the Production of Texts in Late Ancient Judaism.” At an invited conference entitled *New Approaches to the Study Biblical in Judaism of Second Temple Period and in Early Christianity* at the Orion Center for the Study Dead Sea Scrolls and Center for study of Christianity at the Hebrew University, June 18-21, 2007.

“ ‘We Live Forwards, but Understand Backwards’ ”: Reflections on Time, Text and Tradition.” At an invited conference entitled “Myth, Mysticism and Ritual: Jewish Studies and Comparative Religion.” At Tel Aviv University, June 6, 2007.

“Between Heaven and Earth: Liminal Visions in 4Ezra.” At an invited conference, *The “Otherworld” and its Relations to this World*, Nijmegen, Holland (March)

“Pseudepigraphy, Authority and Exemplarity,” Marquette University, Department of Theology (February)

“Scripturalization and Conceptualization: Rethinking 4Ezra” Marquette University, Department of Theology (February)

“Prophetic Ends: Concepts of Revelation in Ancient Judaism” The University of Kansas (February)

“Moral Perfection and Spiritual Education in Philo of Alexandria” The University of Kansas (February)

“Prophetic Ends: Cessations and Transformations of Revelation in Antiquity.” At an invited conference, *Revelation, Literature and Community in Antiquity*, Princeton University (January)

2006

“Lament, Liturgy and Prophecy in the Syriac version of 4Ezra.” Canadian Society Special Symposium: *Tradition, Interpretation and Appropriation in Syriac Prayer*, (May)

“Ensouled Laws (Abraham and Moses): Sage as Text and Text as Sage in the Writings of Philo of Alexandria.” Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, 2006 topic: “Redescribing the Holy Man: Theoretical Frameworks and Specific Applications.” University of Pennsylvania (April)

Respondent to Professor George Brooke (University of Manchester). "The Place of Prophecy in Coming out of Exile: the Case of the Dead Sea Scrolls." In Seminar of Ancient Judaisms and Early Christianities, University of Toronto, (April)

"Exemplarity and Pseudonymity: The Case of 4Ezra." At an invited conference: "Reading Between the Lines: Scripture and Community in the Dead Sea Scrolls, University of Notre Dame (March)

"Philosophical Contemplation and Revelatory Inspiration in Ancient Judaism." Trinity College-Dublin, Department of Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies, Ireland Department of Theology (February)

"The Quest for Perfection in Ancient Judaism." At an invited conference, "Les élites dans le monde biblique: contestataires et contestées?" Laboratoire de Théologie et de Sciences religieuses de la Faculté de Théologie, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers, France (February)

"Philo of Alexandria and Middle Platonism." Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Toronto (January)

"Exemplarity and Pseudonymity: The Case of 4 Ezra." Toronto School of Theology, Bible Seminar, University of Toronto (January)

"Surviving Exile: Ezra to 4Ezra." Jewish Studies Colloquium, University of Toronto (January)

2005

Organized and introduced session (with 10 participants from Judaism, Christianity and Islam) on "The Persistence of Prophecy." Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Washington D.C., (December)

"Exile as a vehicle for Redemption in the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the writings of Philo of Alexandria." In the Philo Seminar, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia (November)

"The Impossible Song: Expressions of Suffering in Ancient Judaism." Points of Contact: Greek Tragedy in the Western Tradition up to the 17th Century: An Exploratory Workshop, Kings College, London (July)

"Ancient Jewish Messianism: Suffering, Redemption, and the Hope for Salvation." Conference on "Jewish Messianism in the Time of Jesus: Historical Echoes, Present Impact," UCLA (March)

Participant in the International Theology Conference of the Osher Jerusalem Center for Religious Pluralism on the topic “Liberal Democracy,” Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem (February)

“Lamentations and Liturgy” Conference on “Contesting Texts,” Chicago
“Rewriting as Whitewashing: The Case of Reuben and Bilhah.” Oriental Club, University of Toronto (February)

“Imagination in Exile” New York University, Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies (April)

2004

“Rewritten Tora” and “The End of Prophecy.” SBL International Meeting Group, IOSOT XVIIIth Congress Leiden (August)

“The Persistence of Prophecy and Inspiration in Exile” at the Notre Dame Club of Charleston, South Carolina and the Yaschik/Arnold Jewish Studies Program in the College of Charleston (March)

“Text and Symbol from Lamentations to Lamentations Rabbah.” John Hopkins University, Department of Near Eastern Studies and the Program in Jewish Studies (February)

Participant in the International Theology Conference of the Osher Jerusalem Center for Religious Pluralism on the topic “ ‘And in that day’: What We Hope For as Jews, Christians, and Muslims.” Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem (February)

“Suffering and the Recovery of Perfection in Late Ancient Judaism.”
Presentation at a year-long workshop on the topic: *The Ideal Sage and Moral Perfection*, University of Notre Dame (April)

“Symbols and Constellations in Early Biblical Interpretation.” Special session on Myth and Interpretation in Judaism, Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies (Chicago)

2003

“From Despair to Hope: Lament, Prophecy and Efficacious Prayer at Qumran.” Qumran Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta (November)

“The Lady Vanishes: Destruction, Prophecy and Rebirth in 4Ezra.” Yale University, Department of Religious Studies (October)

- Respondent to Israel Yuval, “New Views of First-Century Jewish and Christian Self-Definition: An International Conference in Homage to E.P. Sanders.” University of Notre Dame (May)
- 2002
- “Revelation as Interpretation.” Conception of Revelation in Ancient Judaism Section, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Los Angeles (December)
- “Fratricide in the Soul: Philo on Cain and Abel.” University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies (October)
- Seminar on Judaism and Antiquity, taught seminar to doctoral program entitled “Mosaic Discourse.” University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies (October)
- 2001
- “Rewriting Rewritten: The Temple Scroll (11QT) and Deuteronomy.” Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls Section, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Washington D.C. (December)
- Respondent to Gregory E. Sterling, “Hellenistic Jewish Ethics: A Selection from a Commentary on Philo’s Hypothetica.” Philo of Alexandria Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver (November)
- “Cain and Abel as Types: A Study in the Hermeneutics of Philo of Alexandria.” Symposium on Eve’s Children: The Biblical Stories in Jewish and Christian Interpretations, University of Groningen, Netherlands (July, invited but my paper was read in my absence due to family emergency)
- “Authority, Authorship and the Law of Moses.” University of Chicago, Divinity School (February)
- “A Written Copy of the Law of Nature: An Unthinkable Paradox?” Conference on the Concept of Natural Law, University of Notre Dame (October)
- 2000
- “Angels at Sinai: Interpretation, Authority and Selective Inheritance.” Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington (February)
- “Angelic Revelation and Prophecy in Early Judaism.” Seminar for the Study of Judaism in Late Antiquity, Department of Theology, University of Durham, England (March)
- “Angels at Sinai: Revelation and Exegesis in Second Temple and

Rabbinic Literature.” Department of Religious Studies, Center for the Study of Cultures, Rice University, Texas (March)

Panelist in Discussion of *Dabru Emet*. Textual Reasoning Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans (November)

1999

“Angels in Second Temple and Talmudic Times.” Jewish History in Late Antiquity Section, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Chicago (October)

“Prophetic Texts and Inspired Interpretations.” National Conference of the Cantorial Assembly, New York (October)

“Underwriting Interpretive Authority.” Workshop on Judaism and Hellenism, University of Chicago (October)

“Jubilees and Philo: Different Models for Claiming Interpretive Authority.” CJA Colloquium, University of Notre Dame (September)

1998

“The Divine Moses and His Natural Law: Philo on Authority and Interpretation.” Philo of Alexandria Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando

“The Torah of Moses: Pseudonymous Attribution in Second Temple Writings.” Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando

1997

“Rabbinic Reflections on Maccabean Leadership.” Judaism and Its Interpretive Traditions Series, Indiana University, Bloomington

1996

“Jubilees and the Heavenly Tablets.” Pseudepigrapha Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans

“Underwriting Interpretive Authority: Rabbinic Conceptions of Oral Torah.” Jewish Studies Colloquium, Indiana University, Bloomington

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2008

Will assume role of Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series*

2007

Organized special session of Wisdom and Apocalypticism at SBL on Daniel and Hellenistic Assyrian Apocalypses (accepted); organized special session at International SBL on John Barton’s book *Oracles of God* (session is accepted and Barton’s book will now be reissued by OUP); organized special joint pseudepigrapha and Hellenistic Judaism section on Exemplarity and Moral Perfection (accepted); co-organized

- special joint sessions on Philo's *De Abrahamo* and reception of Philo's *De Abrahamo*; co-organized 2 special Bible sessions at the AJS on Hebrew Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls; organized special session on ritual and performance at the AAR in the History of Judaism section
- Since 2007 Member of Steering Committee for the new edition of new edition of Early Judaism and its Modern Interpreters; referee for the Syriac Symposium V (July, 2007); organized sessions for the International SBL, Vienna 2007; advisory Board to Journal Henoah;
- Since 2006 Member of the Editorial Board for the *Studia Philonica Annual*
- Since 2005 Associate member for the Editorial Board of *Journal for the Study of Judaism*
- 2005-2007 Co-Organizer (with Steven Weitzman) of the Bible Section of the Association for Jewish Studies;
Member of the Board of Senior Advisors for the Dictionary of Early Judaism; Eds. John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow
Member of the Editorial Board, *Studia Philonica Annual*; member of the steering committee of the Study of Judaism Section, American Academy of Religion, 2005
- Since 2004 Member of the editorial board, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*; co-chair with David T. Runia of the Philo of Alexandria Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature, 2004 – 2007; member of the Hellenistic Judaism Section Steering Committee, Society of Biblical Literature
- 2003-2007 Member of the Steering Committee of the Prophetic Texts and Ancient Text Group, Society of Biblical Literature,
- 2004 Member of the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton in the Scriptural Reasoning Research Project, hosted by Rev. Wallace Alston, Director CTI, 2004-2005; Book Referee: California University Press; Cambridge University Press; Indiana University Press; Notre Dame University Press; Article Referee: *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*
- 2003 Article Referee: *Jewish Quarterly Review*; *Studia Philonica Annual*
- 2002 Proposed and organized two sessions at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference: "Conceptions of Revelation in Ancient Judaism" and "Law Codes in Ancient Judaism"; Article Referee: *Religion and Literature*; *Dead Sea Discoveries*
- 1999 Proposed and organized panel on *The Traditions of the Bible* by James L. Kugel for the Scripture in Judaism and Early Christianity Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Nov. 1999, Orlando, Florida; book referee: Wadsworth Publishers; member of the Steering Committee, Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 1999 –2003
- 1999-2004 Associate Director of the Philo of Alexandria Project at the University of Notre Dame

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008 1) Fellow in the Centre for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania

- (January – May)
- 2) SSHRC (2006-2009) – year 3
- 2007 1) Chancellor Jackman Research Fellowship in the Humanities (full semester of paid leave, only 6 granted to faculty in the Humanities at the University of Toronto each year)
- 2) Dean’s Excellence Award, University of Toronto
- 3) SSHRC (2006-2009) -- year 2
- 2006 1) Dean’s Excellence Award, University of Toronto
- 2) SSHRC (2006-2009) – year 1
- 2005 Dean’s Merit Award, University of Toronto
- 2004 Connaught Research Grant, University of Toronto
- 2003 1) Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame, grant to support workshop entitled, “Moral Perfection and the Exemplary Sage”
- 2) Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame, research materials grant
- 2002 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame, research materials grant
- 2001 Paul M. and Barbara Henkels Visiting Scholars Grant for conference entitled: *The Law of Nature: Ancient Origins and Contemporary Transformations*
- 2000 Harry and Cecile Starr Prize for the best doctoral dissertation in a subject touching on Jewish and Hebrew studies, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University (given once every three years)
- 1999 Multiyear Collaborative Research Grant for “Philo of Alexandria Project, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
- Summer Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
- 1997 1) Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2) Leo Flax Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Harvard University
- 1995 Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship, Harvard University
- 1994 1) Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center
- 2) Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship, Harvard University
- 3) Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Fellowship
- 1993 1) Harry Wolfson Scholarship in Jewish Studies, Harvard University
- 2) Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship, Harvard University
- 3) NELC Departmental Scholarship, Harvard University
- 1992 Harry Wolfson Scholarship in Jewish Studies, Harvard University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
 Association for Jewish Studies
 Canadian Society for Biblical Studies
 Canadian Society for Syriac Studies
 Catholic Biblical Association
 Society of Biblical Literature

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- Co-organized symposium with Amir Harrack, Canadian Society Special Symposium: Tradition, Interpretation and Appropriation in Syriac Prayer, May 2006
- Co-organized with John Kloppenborg, Seminar on Ancient Judaisms and Early Christianities, University of Toronto, on the topic “Moral Perfectionism and Overcoming Diaspora,” 2004-2006 and now 2006-2009 see website <http://www.utoronto.ca/sajc/>
- Organized a year-long workshop on “The Ideal Sage and Moral Perfection” with the Departments of Theology, Philosophy, Classics and PLS and the Notre Dame Ancient Philosophy Workshop, 2003-2004 ;Web address: <http://www.nd.edu/~isla/ISLA/webpages/thearts/najman/moralperfection/>
- Invited and Organized 10 lectures in Jewish Studies (2000-2004)
- Co-organizer of conference (with Gregory E. Sterling) entitled *Natural Law: Ancient Origins and Contemporary Debates*, University of Notre Dame, 2001; Web address: <http://www.nd.edu/~isla/ISLA/lawofnature/index.htm>
- Coordinator for the colloquia in CJA (joint with Liturgy), Department of Theology on the topic “Prayer and Sacrifice,” 2000-2001
- Coordinator for the colloquia in CJA, Department of Theology, on the topic “Pseudepigraphy and Authorship,” 1999-2000

SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

- Shier Visiting Professorship Committee, 2005-7, Program in Jewish Studies
- Curriculum committee (organizer) for Ancient Judaism Program at the graduate and undergraduate levels, 2005-7, NMC (together with Religion and the Program in Jewish Studies)
- Graduate Program Committee 2004-6, NMC
- Search Committee (Assyriology) 2005-6, NMC
- Search Committees (Hebrew Bible, Hebrew Language, Early Christianity) 2004-2005, NMC

SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

- Crown-Minnow Committee 1998
- Library Committee 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2002-2003
- MTS committee 2000 (Fall)
- Search in Hebrew Bible 1999-2000, 2001-2002

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Advisor to Doctoral Students at the department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (1) and the Centre for the Study of Religion (1) 2006 - (UT)
- Advisor to Masters Student at the Centre for the Study of Religion 2005-6 (UT)
- Member of Doctoral Committees (2) 2006 - (UT)
- Advisor to Masters Student in Dept. of Classics 2005-6 (UT)
- Advisor to Masters Student at the Centre for the Study of Religion 2004-5 (UT)
- Advisor to Masters Student in Dept. of Classics 2004-5 (UT)
- Biblical Studies Advisor for the MTS program 2000 (Fall) (ND)

- Doctoral Comprehensive Exams 1998 – 2004 (ND)
- Doctoral Student Teaching Mentor 2001-2002, 2002-2003 (ND)
- Masters Comprehensive Exams 1998-1999 (ND)
- Member of 13 Dissertation Committees 1998 – (9 completed) (ND)

SERVICE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

- Co-organizer of new degree granting Adult Education program between the Board of Jewish Education in Toronto and Maimonides College of Hamilton
- Mini-Course on “Ezra-Nehemiah and Chronicles: the Emergence of Second Temple Judaism,” Toronto 2006 (4 lectures)
- Community Lecture on “Moral Perfection and the Ethics of the Fathers,” Toronto 2006
- Community Lecture on “Exile and Dead Sea Scrolls”, Toronto, 2006
- Community Lecture on “The Woman of Valor and Primordial Wisdom” Toronto 2006
- Community Lecture on “Reading the Passover Haggadah and the role of Redemption,” Toronto, 2005
- Community Lecture on “Dedication and Self Sacrifice in the Lives of the Maccabees.” Congregation Zichron Yisrael, Thornhill, Ontario, 2004
- 7-week course on Second Temple and Rabbinic Interpretation. Adult Education Program, Jewish Federation of South Bend, 2002-2003
- Community Lecture on “Why is the Book of Esther Included in the Hebrew Bible?” Jewish Federation of South Bend, South Bend, Indiana, 2001
- Community Lecture on “Jewish Spirituality and Halakhah.” Forever Learning Institute, South Bend, 1999
- Community Lecture on “A Kingdom of Priests: The Historical Reconstruction of the Hasmonean Dynasty.” Jewish Federation of South Bend, 1998
- Community Lecture on “The Creation and Re-Creation of the Sabbath Day.” Women’s Study Group of South Bend Hebrew Orthodox Congregation, 1998
- 6-week course on The Book of Psalms and Historical Critical Scholarship, Ma’ayan Institute for Women’s Advanced Jewish Studies in Boston, Spring 1996
- High School Teacher (grades 9-12), Bible, Medieval Jewish Commentary and Holocaust Literature. Maimonides High School, Brookline, MA, 1990-1992.