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**Education**

- 2013 Ph.D., Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion  
Dissertation: “Sacred Land Endowments and Field Consecrations in Early Judaism”
- 2008 M.A. magna cum laude, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Archaeology  
Thesis: “Baths of the Herodian Period in Judea, 37 BCE–70 CE”
- 1999–2001 The Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem  
Full-time student for two years in a Jewish text-studies program
- 1999 B.A. cum laude, The College of William and Mary, Department of Religious Studies

**Academic Positions**

- 2022– University of Pittsburgh. Associate Professor and Rosenberg-Perlow Fellow in Classical Judaism, Department of Religious Studies
- 2017–2022 University of Pittsburgh. Assistant Professor and Rosenberg-Perlow Fellow in Classical Judaism, Department of Religious Studies
- 2015–2017 University of Pittsburgh. Perlow Lecturer in Classical Judaism and the Ancient Near East, Department of Religious Studies
- 2013–2015 Duke University. Lerner-Perilman Postdoctoral Fellow, Program in Jewish Studies

**Book**

- 2020 Benjamin D. Gordon, *Land and Temple: Field Sacralization and the Agrarian Priesthood of Second Temple Judaism*. Studia Judaica 87. Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter.

**Edited Book**

- 2018 Eric M. Meyers, Carol L. Meyers, and Benjamin D. Gordon, *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts of the Western Summit of Sepphoris*. Duke Sepphoris Excavations 3 (2 vols.). University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns (an imprint of Penn State University Press), 35 chapters, xxx+972pp.

**Journal Articles**

- In Prep. Benjamin D. Gordon and Avner Ecker, “The Celestial Deity on Roman Coins from Gaba Philippi in the Jezreel Valley, Israel” (working title).
- Submitted Benjamin D. Gordon, “The Public Bathhouse and the Demise of the Private Judean Mikveh.” *Judaïsme ancien/Ancient Judaism* (theme issue: “Mikva’ot, Ritual Purification and Climate Change in Israel during the Roman Period,” edited by David Hamidovic and Teresa Scarso).
- 2024 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Royal Benefaction and Ritual Agency at the Jerusalem Temple in the Late Hellenistic Period.” *Biblische Notizen* 200:51–75 (theme issue: “Empire and Potentates,” edited by Kelley Coblentz Bautch).
- 2020 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Health and the Origins of the *Miqveh*.” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 11:418–459.

- 2019 Benjamin D. Gordon, "Sightseeing and Spectacle at the Jewish Temple." *AJS Review* 43/2:271–292 (theme issue: "The Jerusalem Temple in History, Memory, and Ritual").
- 2018 Benjamin D. Gordon and Zeev Weiss, "Samuel and Saul at Gilgal: A New Interpretation of the Elephant Mosaic Panel at the Late Antique Synagogue of Huqoq, Israel." *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 31/2:524–541.
- 2016 Benjamin D. Gordon, "On the Sanctity of Mixtures and Branches: Two Halakic Sayings in Romans 11:16–24." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 135/2: 355–68.
- 2014 Benjamin D. Gordon, "The Misunderstood Redemption Fee in the Holiness Legislation on Dedications (Lev 27)." *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 126/2: 180–92.

### Book Chapters

- In Prep. Benjamin D. Gordon, "Religious Practice and Everyday Life" (working title). In *A Cultural History of Judaism, Vol. 1: A Cultural History of Judaism in the Classical Mediterranean World*, edited by Charlotte Fonrobert and Eva Mroczek. Bloomsbury Cultural Histories. London: Bloomsbury.
- Submitted Benjamin D. Gordon, "Archaeology and Material Culture." In *The Routledge Handbook of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Biblical Studies*, edited by Elizabeth E. Shively and Rodrigo de Sousa. London: Routledge.
- Forthcoming Benjamin D. Gordon, "Woodland Judaism: Tree Veneration and the Sacred Grove in Ancient Jewish Practice." In *Godscapes: Ritual, Belief and the Natural World in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond*, edited by Sandra Blakely, Wendy Closterman, and Bronwen Wickkiser. Studies in Ancient Mediterranean Religions 6. Atlanta: Lockwood Press.
- 2024 Benjamin D. Gordon, "Judean Social Classes." In *Behind the Scenes of the New Testament: Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts*, edited by Bruce W. Longenecker, Elizabeth E. Shively, and T. J. Lang. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 195–202.
- 2024 Benjamin D. Gordon, "The Festival City: Jerusalem after Herod's Games in Honor of Augustus." In *Eretz Israel: Archaeological, Historical and Geographical Studies, Vol. 35, Hillel Geva Volume*, edited by Oren Gutfeld, Shlomit Weksler-Bdolah, Amihai Mazar, and Orit Peleg-Barkat. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 69\*–78\*.
- 2023 Benjamin D. Gordon, "The Archaeology of the Second Temple Period in Judea: New Discoveries and Research." In *Jewish Studies on Premodern Periods*, edited by Carl S. Ehrlich and Sara R. Horowitz. Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter, 123–148.
- 2022 Benjamin D. Gordon, "Archaeology." In *The Routledge Handbook of Jewish Ritual and Practice*, edited by Oliver Leaman. London; New York: Routledge, 59–70.
- 2019 Benjamin D. Gordon, "Archaeology (Recent Trends)." In *T&T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism, Vol. 2: Contexts of Second Temple Judaism*, edited by Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel Gurtner. London: T&T Clark, 64–66.
- 2018 Benjamin D. Gordon, "Archaeology of the Postexilic Period and the Writings." In *The*

*Oxford Handbook of the Writings of the Hebrew Bible*, edited by Donn F. Morgan. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 49–63.

- 2018 Eric M. Meyers, Carol L. Meyers, and Benjamin D. Gordon, “Introduction to the Project.” In *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts of the Western Summit of Sepphoris*, edited by Eric M. Meyers, Carol L. Meyers, and Benjamin D. Gordon. Duke Sepphoris Excavations, Vol. 3. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns (an imprint of Penn State University Press), 3–13.
- 2018 Eric M. Meyers, Carol L. Meyers, and Benjamin D. Gordon, “Chronological Summary and Historical Overview.” In *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts of the Western Summit of Sepphoris* (op. cit.), 14–33.
- 2018 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Units Ia, Ib, and Ic: Buildings in the Eastern Part of the Excavated Areas.” In *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts* (op. cit.), 43–111.
- 2018 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Units IVa, IVb, IVc, and V: Buildings in the Central Residential Complex.” In *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts* (op. cit.), 171–264.
- 2018 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Units XIa, XIb, and XII: Remains on the Southern Edge of the Excavated Areas.” In *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts* (op. cit.), 361–74.
- 2018 Eric M. Meyers and Benjamin D. Gordon, “The Ritual Baths: Introduction and Catalog.” In *The Architecture, Stratigraphy, and Artifacts* (op. cit.), 391–418.
- 2018 Benjamin D. Gordon and Anat Mendel-Geberovich, “Jar Fragment with an Inscription in Jewish Script.” In *Architecture, Stratigraphy and Artifacts* (op. cit.), 606–10.
- 2018 Avner Ecker and Benjamin D. Gordon, “Various Sherds Inscribed in Greek.” In *Architecture, Stratigraphy and Artifacts* (op. cit.), 611–17.
- 2017 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Debt Fraud, Herem Entrapment, and Other Crimes Involving Cultic Property in Late Hellenistic and Early Roman Judea.” In *Expressions of Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period. Manifestations in Text and Material Culture*, edited by Zeev Weiss and Oren Tal. Contextualizing the Sacred 6. Turnhout: Brepols, 255–67.
- 2015 Eric M. Meyers, Carol L. Meyers, and Benjamin D. Gordon, “Sepphoris: The Residential Area of the Western Summit.” In *Galilee in the Late Second Temple and Mishnaic Periods, Volume 2: The Archaeological Record from Cities, Towns, and Villages*, edited by David A. Fiensy and James Riley Strange. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 39–52.
- 2012 Benjamin D. Gordon, “Stone Artifacts from the Cardo and the Nea Church.” In *Jewish Quarter Excavations in the Old City of Jerusalem, Conducted by Nahman Avigad, 1969–1982. Vol. V, The Cardo and the Nea Church, Final Report*, edited by Oren Gutfeld. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 450–57.
- 2008 Benjamin Gordon, “The Byzantine Residential Quarter South of the Temple Mount.” In *Eretz Israel: Archaeological, Historical and Geographical Studies, Vol. 28, Teddy Kolleck Volume*, edited by Joseph Aviram, Dan Bahat, Gabriel Barkay, Yehoshua Ben-Arieh, and Magen Broshi. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 79–87 [Hebrew].
- 2007 Ben Gordon, “The Byzantine Quarter South of the Temple Mount Enclosure.” In *The*

*Temple Mount Excavations in Jerusalem 1968–1978, Directed by Benjamin Mazar, Final Reports. Vol. III, The Byzantine Period*, edited by Eilat Mazar. Qedem 46. Jerusalem: Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 201–15.

- 2007 Eilat Mazar and Ben Gordon, “The Pottery of the Southern and Peristyle Houses.” In *Temple Mount Excavations, Vol. III* (op. cit.), 149–76.

### Book Reviews

- Forthcoming Review of Jodi Magness, *Ancient Synagogues in Palestine: A Re-evaluation Nearly a Century after Sukenik’s Schweich Lectures*. The Schweich Lectures of the British Academy 2022. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024. *AJS Review*.
- 2024 Review of Yonatan Adler, *The Origins of Judaism: An Archaeological-Historical Reappraisal*. The Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2022. *AJS Review* 48/1:204–207.
- 2023 Review of Markus Zehnder and Hallvard Hagelia, eds., *The Bible and Money: Economy and Socioeconomic Ethics in the Bible*. Bible in the Modern World 76. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2020. *Review of Biblical Literature* 5/2023.
- 2022 Review of Michal Bar-Asher Siegel and Jonathan Ben-Dov, eds., *Social History of the Jews in Antiquity. Studies in Dialogue with Albert Baumgarten*. Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 185. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (2021). *Review of Biblical Literature* 10/2022.
- 2022 Review of Kenneth G. Holum, ed., *Caesarea Maritima Excavations in the Old City 1989–2003, Conducted by the University of Maryland and the University of Haifa, Final Reports Vol. 1*. American Schools of Oriental Research (2020). *Review of Biblical Literature* 6/2022.
- 2021 Review of Uzi Leibner, *Khirbet Wadi Ḥamam. A Roman-Period Village and Synagogue in the Lower Galilee*. Qedem Reports 13. Jerusalem: Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2018). *Israel Exploration Journal* 71/1:123–128.
- 2020 Review of Alex J. Ramos, *Torah, Temple and Transaction: Jewish Religious Institutions and Economic Behavior in Early Roman Galilee*. Lanham; Boulder; New York; London: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic (2020). *Review of Biblical Literature* 12/2020.
- 2020 Review of Anthony Keddie, *Class and Power in Roman Palestine: The Socioeconomic Setting of Judaism and Christian Origins*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2019). *Review of Biblical Literature* 11/2020.
- 2020 Review of Karen Stern, *Writing on the Wall: Graffiti and the Forgotten Jews of Antiquity*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press (2018). *Journal of Jewish Identities* 13/2:266–268.
- 2020 Review of Jonathan R. Trotter, *The Jerusalem Temple in Diaspora Jewish Practice and Thought during the Second Temple Period*. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 192. Leiden; Boston: Brill (2019). *Review of Biblical Literature* 7/2020.
- 2019 Review of Ze’ev Safrai, *Seeking out the Land: Land of Israel Traditions in Ancient Jewish, Christian and Samaritan Literature (200 BCE–400 CE)*. Jewish and Christian Perspectives Series 32. Leiden and Boston: Brill (2018). *Review of Biblical Literature* 7/2019.

- 2019 Review of Steven Fine, *The Menorah: From the Bible to Modern Israel*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press (2017). *Review of Biblical Literature* 3/2019.
- 2018 Review of Eric C. Smith, *Jewish Glass and Christian Stone: A Materialist Mapping of the "Parting of the Ways."* Routledge Studies in the Early Christian World. London and New York: Routledge (2018). *Review of Biblical Literature* 10/2018.
- 2018 Review of Orit Peleg-Barkat, *The Temple Mount Excavations in Jerusalem 1968–1978, Directed by Benjamin Mazar, Final Reports, Vol. V: Herodian Architectural Decoration and King Herod's Royal Portico*. Qedem 57. Jerusalem: The Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2017). *Images: A Journal of Jewish Art and Visual Culture* 11:262–264.
- 2016 Review of Samuel L. Adams, *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox (2014). *Review of Biblical Literature* 7/2016.
- 2015 "Visualizing a Vibrant Jewish Culture." Review of Rachel Hachlili, *Ancient Synagogues—Archaeology and Art: New Discoveries and Current Research*. Handbook of Oriental Studies 105. Leiden: Brill (2013). *Biblical Archaeology Review* 41/4 (Jul/Aug): 63–65.

#### Online Publications

- Submitted Benjamin D. Gordon, "Galilee" in *The Oxford Classical Dictionary* online, edited by Tim Whitmarsh.
- 2022 Benjamin D. Gordon, "[Land of Israel](#)" for the Bible Basics page on the Bible Odyssey website of the Society of Biblical Literature.
- 2020 Benjamin D. Gordon, "[The Agrarian Priesthood of Second Temple Judaism](#)." The Bible and Interpretation: News and Interpretations on the Bible and Ancient Near Eastern History (University of Arizona). [Translated into Hungarian](#) by Miklos Szabo.
- 2017 Benjamin Gordon, "[Roman and Late Roman Period Questions](#)." Tel Shimron Excavations Website.

#### Non-Refereed Publications

- 2016 Jodi Magness, Shua Kisilevitz, Matthew Grey, Chad Spigel, Benjamin Gordon, Brian Coussens and Karen Britt, "Huqoq 2014." *Hadashot Arkheologiyot: Excavations and Surveys in Israel* 128.

#### Conference Papers

- 2025 "The Jerusalem Temple and Herod's Games in Honor of Augustus" (invited) Session on Historical and Archaeological Aspects of Pilgrimage to the Jerusalem Temple. 19<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. August 4–8.
- 2024 "Greco-Roman Hydrotherapeutics and Body Purification in Second Temple Judaism" Medicine, Sciences and Knowledge in Biblical and Talmudic Traditions Research Unit. European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Conference. Sofia, Bulgaria. July 15–18.
- 2024 "Public Bathing and the Demise of the Private Judean Mikveh"

- Panel on Mikva'ot, Ritual Purification, and Climate Change in Israel during the Late Hellenistic and Early Roman Periods (2nd BCE-2nd CE). European Academy of Religion Annual Conference. Palermo, Sicily. May 20–23.
- 2023 “Material Expressions of Emperor Veneration by Jews of the Early Roman Era” Jewish Engagement with the Greco-Roman World Session. Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting. San Francisco. December 17.
- 2023 “Woodland Judaism: Tree Veneration and the Sacred Grove in Ancient Jewish Practice” Godscapes: Ritual, Belief and the Natural World in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond. The Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions and the School of Classics, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, June 27–July 1.
- 2022 “Pious Euergetism of Foreigners and the Jerusalem Temple in the Late Hellenistic Period” (invited) Economics in the Biblical World Program Unit. The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 18–22.
- 2021 “The Festival City: Jerusalem after Herod’s Games in Honor of Augustus” (invited) Archaeology of Roman Palestine Program Unit. The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. November 22.
- 2021 “Cults of Dagon and Men at Tell Abu Shusha in the Roman Period” (with Avner Ecker; invited) From Paganism to Christianity: Transformation of Sacred Space in Sepphoris, the Galilee, and Beyond Session. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 18 (in person) and December 12 (virtual).
- 2019 “Sightseeing and Spectacle at the Second Temple in Jerusalem” Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Program Unit. The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 26.
- 2019 “Prices in the Property Valuations of Leviticus 27” Ancient Near Eastern Economies Session. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 21.
- 2018 “Samuel and Saul at Gilgal: A New Interpretation of the Elephant Mosaic Panel at the Late Antique Synagogue of Huqoq, Israel” (with Zeev Weiss) Archaeology of the Classical Periods Session. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 16.  
Jewish Interpretation of the Bible Program Unit. The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 19.
- 2016 “A Fortress on the Western Summit? A New Look at the Development of Sepphoris under Royal Judean Auspices” New Insights into the History of Sepphoris from the Sepphoris Regional Project. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas. November 19.
- 2016 “Ritual Display and the Spectacle of Sacrifice in Herodian Jerusalem” Movement and Display in Ancient Religions. Eastern International Region of the American

Academy of Religion 2016 Annual Meeting, on the theme “Globalizing Humani(ities).”  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. May.

- 2015 “Marvels of an Eastern Temple: Ethnographic Tourism, Jerusalem, and Pilgrimage”  
Jewish History and Culture in Antiquity Seminar on the Jerusalem Temple and Priesthood in  
History, Memory, and Liturgy. Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting. Boston,  
MA. December.
- 2015 “The Sacred Landscape of Ancient Judea and Its Countryside Priesthood”  
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Religious Studies. March.
- 2014 “Judean Royal Bathing Culture and Palace Purity in the Late Hellenistic and Early Roman  
Periods”  
Archaeology of the Near East: The Classical Periods Session. American Schools of Oriental  
Research Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November.
- 2014 “Adjusting the Prophet’s Numbers: Scribal Intervention and the Sacred Economy in MT  
Ezekiel’s Temple Vision”  
Economics in the Biblical World Section. Theme: The Political-Economic-Religious  
Position of Learned Scribes. The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego,  
CA. November.
- 2014 “On the Sanctity of Mixtures and Branches: Two Halakhic Sayings in Romans 11”  
Paul and Judaism Consultation. Theme: Reimagining Paul’s Assemblies within Judaism.  
The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November.
- 2013 “Exploitable *Anathemata*: Ancient Disputes on *Herem* Dedications to the Judean  
Priesthood”  
Second Temple History, Culture, and Biblical Traditions Section. The Association for  
Jewish Studies Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. December.
- 2013 “Field Consecrations in Lev 27: On Gifts of Land to the Priests of Yahweh”  
The Levites and Priests in Biblical History and Tradition Session. The Society of Biblical  
Literature Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November.
- 2013 “On Sacred Real Estate and Ancient Jewish Fundraising”  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati Campus. January.
- 2012 “Sacred Land Endowments to Jewish Temples and Priests”  
The New Testament and Judaic Studies Colloquium, Duke University. October.
- 2012 “*Herem* Properties in Early Judaism”  
The Perilman Fellow Symposium, Duke Center for Jewish Studies. September.

#### **Funded Participation in Workshops and Events**

- 2025 “Water and Wellness in Early Roman Judea: A Health-Oriented Approach to the Ancient  
Mikveh”  
Colloquium on “Jews and Health: Bodies, Perceptions, Practices”; Healthscaping Panel.  
Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, April 28–29.

- 2023 “50 Years of Jewish Studies at Duke: A Special Conversation with Eric Meyers and Benjamin Gordon on Meyers’ Autobiography, *The Accidental Archaeologist*”  
Closing Gala Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jewish Studies at Duke University.  
Washington Duke Inn, Durham NC, February 19.
- 2019 “Remarks on Sepphoris in its Regional Context”  
Sepphoris: Past, Present & Future. A Special Event Honoring the Achievements of Eric Meyers and Carol Meyers. Duke University, September 15.
- 2014 “Land Tenure by the Jewish Cult in the Hellenistic and Early Roman Periods”  
Expressions of Cult in the Southern Levant in the Greco-Roman Period: Manifestations in Text and Material Culture. An International Conference at the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Giv’at Ram, Israel. May.
- 2014 “The Temple Economy of Herodian Judea: A View from the Countryside”  
Money and Cult: The Role of the Temple in the Ancient Economy. The Irish Society for the Study of the Ancient Near East, Third Annual Conference. Dublin, Ireland. May.
- 2014 “The Archaeology of the Second Temple Period in Judea”  
The State of Jewish Studies: Perspectives on Pre-Modern Periods. Symposium at York University, Toronto. December.

#### **Invited Campus Talks**

- 2020 “Health and the Origins of the *Miqveh*”  
Ohio State University, Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization: Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (GISRAM). Talk delivered via Zoom Videoconference. December 4.
- 2019 “Sightseeing and Spectacle at the Second Temple in Jerusalem”  
Duke University, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Colloquium. Durham, NC. March 18.
- 2018 “Judea in the Shadow of Empire: Some Recent Archaeological Discoveries”  
College of William and Mary, Program in Judaic Studies. Williamsburg, VA. April 18.
- 2018 “The Rejection of Saul: Textual and Visual Exegesis”  
College of William and Mary, Program in Judaic Studies. Williamsburg, VA. April 19.
- 2016 “Ritualized War and Israelite Mythmaking in Joshua 6–7”  
College of William and Mary, Program in Judaic Studies. Williamsburg, VA. November 10.
- 2016 “Sepphoris and the Limits of Judaization in Greco-Roman Galilee”  
Wheaton College, Archaeology Lecture Series. Wheaton, IL. September 28.

#### **Departmental Talks**

- 2024 “Judeophobia before Christianity”  
Recorded Lecture for a Pitt Jewish Studies Online Course on Antisemitism.
- 2024 “Roman Water Culture, Climate Change, and the Demise of the Private Judean Mikveh”  
Pitt Religious Studies Department Colloquium; Co-sponsor: Jewish Studies Program.  
November 20.



### Community Talks

- 2022 “Ritual in Ancient Israel”  
Dor Hadash Reconstructionist Congregation. Pittsburgh, PA. September 18.
- 2021 “The City of Jerusalem: Neighborhoods, Cultures, and History”  
Jewish Association on Aging, Weinberg Terrace. Pittsburgh, PA. December 13.
- 2019 “The Temple in Jerusalem and Its Role in Ancient Society”  
Adat Shalom Synagogue. Fox Chapel, PA. March 10.
- 2016 “Why the Jewish Community Should be a Standard-Bearer for Transgender Rights”  
Congregation Bet Tikvah. Pittsburgh, PA. May 6.

### Grant Support

#### *External to the University of Pittsburgh*

- 2019 Lived Religion in the Digital Age Teaching Fellowship (with Rachel Kranson), Saint Louis University, for the “Mapping Religious Pittsburgh” project (\$1500)

#### *Internal to the University of Pittsburgh*

- 2019–2021 Pitt Seed Funds, Chancellor’s Office, for “ReligYinz: Mapping Religious Pittsburgh” (with Rachel Kranson, Aaron Brenner) (\$15,000)
- 2018–2019 World History Center Working Group Grant (with Rachel Kranson, Aaron Brenner) for “Mapping Religious Pittsburgh” (\$750)

### Other Fellowships and Honors

#### *Internal to the University of Pittsburgh*

- 2024 Jewish Studies Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Summer 2024, for participation in the European Academy of Religion conference (\$2300)
- 2023 Jewish Studies Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Summer 2023, for participation in the Society of Ancient Mediterranean Religions conference (\$2200)
- 2019 Jewish Studies Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Summer 2019, “Naturalist Religiosity and the Pastoral in Ancient Judaism” (\$4000)
- 2019 Fellowship for “Writing in the Disciplines Faculty Seminar,” Fall 2019, Dietrich School of Arts and Science (\$1200)
- 2018 Fellowship for “Speaking in the Disciplines Faculty Seminar,” Spring 2018, Dietrich School of Arts and Science (\$1200)
- 2018 Dietrich School Curricular Innovation Fund (with Adam Shear, Rachel Kranson, Paula Kane) for “Mapping Religious Pittsburgh: An Online Database” (\$5000)
- 2017 Workshop Grant for “Consuming Nature: Landscapes through the Lens of the Anthropocene,” May 1–5, 2017, presented as part of Collecting Knowledge Pittsburgh, supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (\$2000)
- 2016 School of Arts and Sciences Research Expense Grant (\$1100)

#### *Prior to Appointment at the University of Pittsburgh*

- 2015–2016 Frankel Fellowship in Judaic Studies, 2015–2016 Theme Year, University of Michigan (declined)
- 2015–2016 Yad Hanadiv and the Beracha Foundation Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Israel (declined)
- 2013–2015 Lerner-Perilman Postdoctoral Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Duke University
- 2011–2012 Gurney Harriss Kearns Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University

2008–2013	Nathan J. Perilman Doctoral Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Duke University
2006–2007	Annual Distinguished M.A. Student Scholarship, Hebrew University
1999	Benjamin Stoddert Ewell Award for Leadership, College of William and Mary
1998	Helyn B. Reich Scholarship, School for Overseas Students, Tel Aviv University
1998	Eric Diamond Scholarship, School for Overseas Students, Tel Aviv University
1997	Nathan P. Jacobs Scholarship for Research in Israel, College of William and Mary

### Courses Taught

*University of Pittsburgh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences (2015–present)*

\*indicates new course offering

RELGST 0025: Major Biblical Themes  
RELGST 0090: Myth in the Ancient Near East  
Cross-listed with JS 0090  
RELGST 1100: Israel in the Biblical Age  
Cross-listed with JS 1100  
RELGST 1102: History of God\*  
Cross-listed with HIST 1731, JS 1102, ANTH 1703  
RELGST 1160: Jerusalem: History and Imagination  
Cross-listed with HAA 1105/HIST 1779/JS 1160  
RELGST 1170: Archaeology of Israel-Palestine\*  
Cross-listed with ANTH 1590/JS 1170  
RELGST 1428: Religion and Sports\*  
RELGST 1518: Religion and Ecology  
Cross-listed with ANTH 1798  
RELGST 1519: Religion, Nature, and the Environment\*  
RELGST 1803: Religious Studies Capstone Seminar

*Duke University, Trinity College of Arts and Sciences (2009–2014)*

Religious Studies 40/Jewish Studies 40: Introduction to Judaism

Religious Studies 141/Jewish Studies 141: Judaism through Film (co-instructor with Laura Lieber)

*Duke Divinity School (2009–2015)*

OLDTEST 761, Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (×8 semesters; tutor ×4);

OLDTEST 701, Hebrew Reading (×2 semesters)

### Service to the Profession

2025	Referee for an article submission, <i>Levant: The Journal of the Council for British Research in the Levant</i>
2024	Referee for an article submission, <i>The Journal of Ancient History</i>
2023	Referee for an article submission, <i>Cathedra: For the History of Eretz Israel and Its Yishuv</i> (Hebrew)
2023	Referee for a book proposal, Oxford University Press, Scholarly Reference Works
2023	Referee for a research grant application, Israel Science Foundation
2022	Referee for a grant proposal, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2021	Referee for a book submission, Brill, Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series
2021	Referee for a book submission, Routledge Books, Classical and Biblical Studies
2021	Referee for an article submission, <i>BASOR (Bulletin of ASOR)</i>
2021	Referee for a book proposal, Oxford University Press, Classics and Archaeology
2020	Referee for a chapter submission in a compilation volume, Tübinger Archäologische

- 2020 Forschungen of the Institute of Classical Archaeology at Tübingen  
Referee for an article submission, *Cathedra: For the History of Eretz Israel and Its Yishuv* (Hebrew)
- 2020 Referee for an article submission, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*
- 2020 Referee for a book proposal, Oxford University Press, Oxford Handbooks
- 2019 Referee for an article submission, *Israel Exploration Journal*
- 2019 Referee for a fellowship application, Minerva Stiftung
- 2019 Referee for a research grant application, Israel Science Foundation
- 2018 Referee for a doctoral dissertation, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Archaeology
- 2017– Consultant, The Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- 2016 Coordinator for Roman-Period Research, Tel Shimron Excavation Consortium Project. Daniel Master and Mario Martin, co-directors
- 2016 Panelist on Faculty Roundtable on the Middle East, Water, and Intercultural Cooperation. Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh (Cohon University Center; May 10)
- 2018 Referee for a book proposal, Oxford University Press, Biblical Studies series
- 2017 Referee for an article submission, *Material Religion*, Taylor & Francis
- 2016 Referee for a book proposal, Oxford University Press, Biblical Studies series

### Service to the University of Pittsburgh

#### *University-wide*

- 2024–27 Tenure Council, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences (Religious Studies representative)
- 2024–27 Campus Utilization, Planning and Safety Committee Member, Faculty Senate (elected)
- 2024 Member of Ad Hoc Committee for Tenure and Promotion, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences (×2)
- 2018–19 Co-Convener (with Rachel Kranson, Aaron Brenner) of the World History Center Working Group on “Mapping Religious Pittsburgh.”
- 2018 Co-Organizer, Discussion Leader, and Tour Guide in the Pitt Field Trip to Chicago, including visits to the Field Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (Feb 22–24; 33 student and 6 faculty participants)
- 2017 Co-Organizer, Discussion Leader, and Tour Guide in the Pitt Field Trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art (Nov 11; 46 student and 8 faculty participants)
- 2017– Co-Founder and Collaborator in the Working Group for the Ancient Mediterranean, a new joint initiative of faculty from Religious Studies, History of Art and Architecture, and Classics.
- 2017 Contributing Scholar to the Exhibit “Shifting Ground: Landscapes from the UAG and Local Collections,” University Art Gallery, Frick Fine Arts Building (Sept 13–Dec 8)
- 2017 Presenter, 2017 Provost’s Year of Diversity Poster Session (Apr 13)

#### *Department of Religious Studies*

- 2017– Co-Principal Investigator, ReligYinz: Mapping Religious Pittsburgh
- 2020– Library and Media Resource Liaison
- 2024–25 Student Grants Committee Member
- 2023–24 Early Christianity Assistant Professor Search Committee Member
- 2022–23 New Course and GER Proposals Committee Member
- 2022–23 Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- 2021–22 New Course and GER Proposals Committee Member
- 2020–21 Undergraduate Engagement Committee Member
- 2019–20 Strategic Review Committee Member

2019–20	Convener of the Department’s Lunchtime Chat Series
2018–19	Religions of China Assistant Professor Search Committee Member
2019–20	South Asian Religions Lecturer Search Committee Member
2017–18	Philosophy of Religion Lecturer Search Committee Member
2017–18	South Asian Religions Lecturer Search Committee Member
2017–18	New Course and GER Proposals Committee Member
2017	Co-Creator and Co-Organizer, “Queering Religion” Speaker and Event Series, Department of Religious Studies (4 events in Spring/Fall 2017)
2017	Event Coordinator and Planner, “Queering Religion: The Student Perspective” in the Queering Religion Series (Mar 30)
2017	Faculty Judge, Office of Undergraduate Research, Summer Undergraduate Research Award
2016	Assessment Committee Member
2015–16	Curriculum Development and Reorganization of Major Committee Member

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2024–25	Executive Committee Member (elected)
2023 (fall)	Grants Committee Member
2016–23	Executive Committee Member (elected)
2022–23	Faculty Appointment Renewal Committee Member
2022 (spring)	Host and Planning Committee Member, Jerry Rosenberg Memorial Lecture and Israel Heritage Room National Room Lecture (joint event)
2021–22	Search Committee Member, Israel Institute Teaching Fellow
2018	Assessment Committee Member for the Jewish Studies Certificate
2017	Committee Member for Reorganization of Certificate Requirements
2015–18	Undergraduate Advisor for Certificate Program

**Service to the Community**

2021–	Board of Governors, Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh
2017–	Israel Heritage Nationality Room Committee
2018	Allies Ball Host Committee, Allies for Health + Wellbeing (April)
2017	Planning Committee for the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Dedication of the Israel Heritage Nationality Room

**Archaeological Fieldwork (Supervisory Positions)**

2014	Area Supervisor, Huqoq Excavation Project (Galilee), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Jodi Magness, director. June.
2011	Field Director, Sepphoris Western Summit Excavations (Galilee), Duke University. Eric Meyers and Carol Meyers, co-directors. May.
2008	Area Supervisor, Khirbet Beit Lehi Excavations (Judean Lowlands), Hebrew University. Oren Gutfeld, director. May.
2007	Area Supervisor, Sepphoris Lower City Excavations (Galilee), Hebrew University. Zeev Weiss, director. July.
2006	Area Supervisor, Sepphoris Lower City Excavations (Galilee), Hebrew University. Zeev Weiss, director. July.
2005	Area Supervisor, Khirbet Beit Lehi Excavations (Judean Lowlands), Hebrew University. Oren Gutfeld, director. May.
2005	Area Supervisor, Khirbet Beit Lehi Excavations (Judean Lowlands), Hebrew University. Oren Gutfeld, director. October.
2004	Assistant Area Supervisor, Achziv Northern Cemetery Excavations (Northern Israeli Coast), Hebrew University. Eilat Mazar, director. July.

### **Other Professional Experience**

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| 2011      | Translator (Hebrew to English) and Annotator, Judaic Art Collection, North Carolina Museum of Art.   |
| 2007–2008 | Chief Manuscript Editor, <i>The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land</i> , Vol. 5. Ephraim Stern, editor.                   |
| 2005–2008 | Translator (Hebrew to English), Manuscript Editor, and Production Editor of the Jewish Quarter Excavations Publication Project. Hillel Geva, director. |
| 2005–2008 | Manuscript Editor and Copy Editor (independent contractor), Publications Department of the Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem.                    |
| 2005–2008 | Translator (Hebrew to English) and Manuscript Editor (independent contractor), Israel Exploration Society, Jerusalem.                                  |
| 2004–2008 | Archaeological Tour Guide, Hebrew University Development and Public Relations Office.  |
| 2002–2005 | Research Assistant, Temple Mount Excavations Publication Project (full-time), Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University. Eilat Mazar, director.      |

### **Professional Memberships**

American Schools of Oriental Research; Association for Jewish Studies; Society of Biblical Literature