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EDUCATION

PhD in Religious Studies (Judaism), Stanford University (2011-2017)
Visiting Researcher, Georgetown University, Department of Theology (2014-2016)
PhD candidate, Anthropology (Socio-cultural), U.C. Berkeley (2010-2011); M.A. (2010)
B.A. *magna cum laude*, Comparative Literature (German/French; high honors in the major), Dartmouth (2006)

PUBLICATIONS (see link to Publications at <http://www.sacramentalities.com>)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

- *Open House: Curiosity and Culture in Early Rabbinic Law*
Monograph based, in part, on PhD thesis: "The Sages and the World: Categorizing Culture in Early Rabbinic Law".

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Redacting Culture: Ethnographic Authority in the Talmudic Arrival Scene"
Jewish Social Studies 22 (1): 29-80, 2016
- "Behind Auerbach's 'Background': Five Ways to Read What Biblical Narratives Don't Say"
Association for Jewish Studies Review, 39 (1): 121-150, 2015
- "Towards a History of Presence: Husserl's Intersubjectivity and Rouch's Montage"
Journal of the Philosophy of History, 7 (1): 1-31, 2013
- "Being Time: Zen, Modernity, the Contemporary"
Diogenes 58 (4): 88-103, 2012
French trans. (*La revue diogène*, 2010, 123-146) and Chinese trans. (*Diogenes*, 2014, 106-124)
- "Cultural Identity from *habitus* to *au-delà*: Leïla Sebbar Encounters Her Algerian Father"
Research in African Literatures, 39 (3): 51-64, 2008

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Auerbach at Saints Peter and Paul: *Mimesis* as Figural Autobiography"
In *Domenicani a Constantinopoli: prima e dopo l'impero ottomano*
eds. Claudio Monge & Silvia Pedone. Biblioteca di Memorie Domenicane.
Florence, Nerbini, 2 vols.; I: 193-218, 2017
- "Crossing Border Lines: Daniel Boyarin's Life/Work" (with a new annotated bibliography)
In *Talmudic Transgressions: Engaging the Work of Daniel Boyarin*
eds. Charlotte Fonrobert, Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Aharon Shemesh, and Moulie Vidas. *JSJ* Supplements.
Leiden: Brill, 2017, 541-565

EDITED VOLUMES

Collaborating editor, *Talmudic Transgressions: Engaging the Work of Daniel Boyarin* (Brill, June 2017)

FORTHCOMING

- "Ethnography in Antiquity," in *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*. Ed. John Jackson. New York: Oxford University Press. Officially approved for publication 1/7/19; in production. 156 annotated entries with historical introduction and syntheses of each section/subsection (19,378 words). Peer-reviewed.

UNDER REVIEW

- *Letters from a Distant Relation: The Yiddish World of M.Y. Berdichevsky*.
Book-length selection from Berdichevsky's *Yidishe ksovim fun a vaytn korev* (2 vols., written 1902-1906.
> 100,000 words, + glossary, notes, and a Preface by Avner Holtzman). Under review, Syracuse University Press.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Review of Jane L. Kanarek, *Biblical Narrative and the Formation of Rabbinic Law*, *AJSR* (40) 1:13-16, 2016

- Review of Sergey Dolgopolsky, *What is Talmud?: the Art of Disagreement*, 2009
La revue diogène, 131-136, 2013 (French trans.; English original in *Diogenes* 61 (1): 97-100, 2016)
- "Cooking the Books: The Golem and the Ethics of Biotechnology"
Center for Biological Futures Working Papers 1, 2011. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle
- " 'When X Arrived, he said...': The Historical Career of a Talmudic Formula," Published free online, 11/5/2016
Specialized philological study (12,400 words). Appendix to 2016 article, "Redacting Culture" (see above)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- "Fifty: A View from the Middle," *AJS Perspectives* [Association for Jewish Studies, 12/15/2018]
- "Fate on Hold: Jewish Collectors at War," *The Revealer* [NYU Center for Religion & Media, 9/10/18]
- "Curiouser and Curiouser: In Search of the Rabbis' Ethnography," *Ancient Jew Review*, 2/20/2018
- "Der Opfer war einfach zu dumm," *die tageszeitung*, Berlin, 4/4/08

PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATION

- First Yiddish story by M.J. Berdyczewski (1902): "The Smith; Or, A Tale of a Man who Poisoned his Wife"
Pakn Treger Translation Issue, June 2018
- Three stories by M.J. Berdyczewski ("Yankev-Nosn"; "The Liar"; "Tainted"), with notes
The Yiddish Book Center, October 2017
- Translations of essays on rabbinic literature from the *Wissenschaft des Judentums*, with notes
In *Classic Essays in Early Rabbinic Culture and History*, ed. Christine Hayes. London, Routledge, 2018
27-42 (Zunz: "Remarks on Rabbinic Literature")
43-50 (Graetz: "Aggadic Elements in the Church Fathers")
303-314 (Hoffman: "An Introduction to the halakic midrashim")

IN PROGRESS

- Three articles solicited by special issue / book editors. Two fully drafted; all three to be finalized in April 2019.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- Cornell University Society for the Humanities faculty fellowship (2019-2020)
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation faculty summer stipend, Saint Louis University (2018-19)
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center (2016-17)
- Translation fellowship, Yiddish Book Center (2015-2016)
- Doctoral fellowship, Stanford University (2011-2016)
- Research fellowship, Center for Biological Futures, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (2010-2011)
- Regents doctoral fellowship and Dean's Normative Time fellowship, U.C. Berkeley (2008-2013)
- Fulbright scholarship (Israel. Declined due to conflict with U.C. Berkeley doctoral fellowship; 2008-2009)
- Research fellowship in core project "Tension"/*Spannung*, Institute for Cultural Inquiry Berlin (2007-2008)
- DAAD scholarship, Die Freie Universität Berlin (2006-2007)

INVITED TALKS (past three years; selected)

- Northwestern, *German-Jewish Hermeneutics* faculty conference, "Berdyczewski's Christianities," 10/29/18
- NYU, *Rabbinic Narratives* faculty conference, 6/4/18
- Oxford, Centre for Jewish Studies, *David Patterson Lecture*, "Berdichevsky's Yiddish Translations," 6/5/17
- Bard, *Make It New: New Possibilities for Classical Jewish Texts*, faculty & writers' conference, 4/26/17
- Association for Jewish Studies conference faculty seminar, *What Did the Rabbis Know?*, 12/18/2017
- Cornell, *Talmud: Process and Performance* faculty conference: "The Talmudic Arrival Scene," 5/18/16

HONORS

- Belgian American Education Foundation Honorary Fellow (2019-20; declined)
- Association for Jewish Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship Finalist (2016-2017)
- National Science Foundation Finalist (for three-year graduate research fellowship in Anthropology, 2008-2009)

SERVICE, ADVISING, RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Editorial board member, *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History* (Indiana University Press)
- Co-organizer for "Religious World of Late Antiquity" section, Society of Biblical Literature annual conference
- Co-advising dissertation of third-year student in Christianity in Antiquity subfield (SLU, Theological Studies)
- Doctoral committee member for students at University of Chicago Divinity School and SLU, Theological Studies
- Research assistant to Director Lorraine Daston, Max Planck Institute for History of Science, Berlin (2006-2007)

TEACHING

- "Tradition & Modernity: The Jewish Case." Jewish Studies, Cornell University. Small advanced seminar, Spring 2020
- "Introduction to Old Testament/Hebrew Bible." Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Fall/Spring 2017-19
Taught as both an undergraduate lecture/discussion (every term, 2017-19) and as a graduate seminar (Fall 2017).

- (with Eleonore Stump): "The Pathos of Narrative: Perspectives on Human Suffering [Jewish and Christian]." Graduate seminar. Theological Studies/Philosophy, St. Louis University, Spring 2019
- (with Atria Larson): "At the Crossroads of Jewish and Christian Law." Honors program undergraduate seminar Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Spring 2019
- "Judaism & Christianity in Antiquity: Textual & Comparative Approaches." Graduate seminar Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Spring 2018
- "Stranger Things: People & Places through Religious Travelers' Eyes." Undergraduate seminar Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Fall 2018
- (with Charlotte Fonrobert): "Religion & Ethics: The Limits of Dialogue." Undergraduate seminar Religious Studies, Stanford University, Spring 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Traveling Rabbis and the Talmud as History"
Teaching & Transmitting the Past, 6th Annual Symposium on Medieval & Renaissance Studies, 6/20/18
- "Rabbis, Amorites, and the Ethnography of Superstition"
The Art of Nostalgia in Ancient Jewish Literatures, Association for Jewish Studies, 12/17/2017
- "Lost & Found"
Six Things about Late Antiquity, Society of Biblical Literature conference, 11/19/2017
- " 'It makes no difference, but ...' : Gender's Role in a Gemara's Analogical Schema"
The Rite of the Suspected Adulteress, Association for Jewish Studies conference, 12/19/2016
- " 'The heavens are between you and me' : The Wife, the Law, and the Other Woman"
Rabbinic Discourse on Marriage and Divorce, Association for Jewish Studies, 12/14/2015
- " 'The Ways of the Amorite' : A Polemical Ethnography in Early Rabbinic Law"
Rabbinic Anthropologies, American Anthropological Association conference, 11/20/2015

CONFERENCE PANELS

- Organized panel: *Re-reading the Self (Biblical/Rabbinic)*, Association for Jewish Studies, 12/2018
(Serving as respondent. Panelists: J. Levinson; J. Vayntrub; D. Lambert. Chair: K. Sonia)
- Organized panel: *The Art of Nostalgia in Ancient Jewish Literatures*, Association for Jewish Studies, 12/17/17
(Panelists: J. Vayntrub; A. Yoshiko Reed. Respondent: I. Rosen-Zvi. Chair: S. Weitzman)
- Organized panel on *The Rite of the Suspected Adulteress*, Association for Jewish Studies, 12/19/16
(organized with Z. Septimus. Panelists: C. Fonrobert, S. Dolgopolsky, D. Weiss. Chair: G. Hasan-Rokem)
- Organized panel on *Rabbinic Anthropologies*, American Anthropological Association, 11/20/15
(organized with J. Boyarin, chair. Panelists: N. Rubin, S. Fishbane, E. Berkowitz, S. Guzman Carmeli)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Biblical Literature; Association for Jewish Studies

LANGUAGES

High Proficiency: French, German

Full Literacy & Spoken Proficiency: Hebrew, Yiddish

Literacy (in descending order, as of Jan. 2019): Italian, Jewish Aramaic, Syriac, Koine Greek, Latin, Attic Greek