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EDUCATION

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

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

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

- *Open House: Curiosity and Culture in Early Rabbinic Law*
Based on PhD thesis, "The Sages and the World: Categorizing Culture in Early Rabbinic Law" (2017)

UNDER CONTRACT

- "Ethnography in Antiquity," *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology* (peer-reviewed; review begins Sept. 2018)

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 et al. *JSJ* Supplements Series.
Leiden: Brill, 541-565, 2017

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* [completed; forthcoming Dec. 2018]
- "Fate on Hold: Jewish Collectors of the Holocaust Era," *The Revealer* [completed; forthcoming Sept. 2018]
- "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")
- Numerous other professional scholarly and literary translations published by, e.g., Berghahn; Fink; de Gruyter.

IN PROGRESS

- *Letters from a Distant Relation: The Lyric Ethnographies of M.J. Berdyczewski*. Literary translation & notes.
Book-length selection from Berdyczewski's *Yidishe ksovim fun a vaytn korev* (written 1902-1906).
Sponsored by the Yiddish Book Center, 2016-2017 (see "Fellowships"). Ms. out for review by Dec. 2018.
- Two articles in field of Talmudic literature in hands of editors; two others in an advanced stage of preparation.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- 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, Bioethics group
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle (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 two years only)

- Northwestern, *German-Jewish Hermeneutics* faculty conference, 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
- Cornell, *Talmud: Process and Performance* faculty conference: "The Talmudic Arrival Scene," 5/18/16

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Embedding, Sublation, Ambivalence: Ethnographic Techniques in Early Rabbinic Law"
Faculty seminar, "What Did the Rabbis Know?," Association for Jewish Studies conference, 12/18/2017
- "Rabbis, Amorites, and the Ethnography of Superstition"
Panel, "The Art of Nostalgia in Ancient Jewish Literatures," Association for Jewish Studies, 12/17/2017
- "Lost & Found"
Panel, "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"
Panel, "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"
Panel, "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"
Panel, "Rabbinic Anthropologies," American Anthropological Association conference, 11/20/2015

CONFERENCE PANELS

- Organized panel on "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 on "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)

CURRENTLY TEACHING

- "Introduction to Old Testament/Hebrew Bible," Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Fall/Spring 2017-19
Teaching as an undergraduate lecture/discussion (every term) and as a graduate seminar (Fall 2017).
- "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 [confirmed]
- (with Eleonore Stump): "The Pathos of Narrative in Judaism & Christianity." Graduate seminar
Theological Studies/Philosophy, St. Louis University, Spring 2019 [confirmed]
- (with Atria Larson): "From Cases to Principles in Jewish & Christian Law." Honors/pre-law undergrad seminar
Theological Studies, St. Louis University, Spring 2019 [confirmed; cross-listing of academic units TBD].

SERVICE

- 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)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Collaborating editor, *Talmudic Transgressions: Essays in Conversation with Daniel Boyarin* (Brill, June 2017)
- Assisted organization of conference honoring the work of Daniel Boyarin, UC Berkeley/GTU, 4/8-4/10, 2014
- Research assistant to Director Lorraine Daston, Max Planck Institute for History of Science, Berlin (2006–7).

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Biblical Literature; Association for Jewish Studies

LANGUAGES

Fluency: French, German

Full Literacy & Spoken Proficiency: Hebrew, Yiddish

Literacy (in descending order, as of Fall 2018): Italian, Jewish Aramaic, Syriac, Koine Greek, Latin, Attic Greek