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POSITIONS

Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

Assistant Professor. Northwestern University, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences,
Department of Religious Studies, (Summer 2007-)
Director of Undergraduate Studies, (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)

Assistant Professor, Northwestern University School of Law (Summer 2007-)

College Fellow, Northwestern University, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Religion (Summer 2006-Spring 2007)

Assistant Professor. The Pennsylvania State University, Department of History and Religious Studies; Malvin and Lea Bank Early Career Professor of Jewish Studies (Fall 2005-Spring 2006).

Harry Starr Fellow. Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies (Spring 2006).

Instructor. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Spring 2005).

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, New York.

Ph.D., with Distinction, October 2005. Religion.

Committee: Professors David Weiss Halivni, Elizabeth Castelli, Jeffrey Rubenstein, Alan Segal, Michael Stanislawski.

M.Phil., October 2004. Religion.

M.A., October 2003. Religion.

Yeshiva University, New York, New York. 1996-2000.

Rabbinic Ordination, June 2000.
M.A., June 2000. Talmudic Studies.

Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, New York.

B.A., October 1995. Mathematics and History.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Summer 2003.

Latin and Greek Institute, City University of New York, New York, New York, Summer 2002.

Manfred R. Lehmann Memorial Master Workshop in the History of the Jewish Book, University of Pennsylvania, May 2002 (Early Hebrew Printing) and May 2000 (Codicology).

The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 2001-2002.
Visiting Student
Hebrew Language Exemption (*Ptor*)

Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2000-2001.
Exchange Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Sha'alvim Educational Center, Sha'alvim, Israel, 1995-1996, 1990-1992.

BOOKS

Narrating the Law: A Poetics of Talmudic Legal Stories (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011).

Editor, *Wisdom of Bat Sheva: The Dr. Beth Samuels Memorial Volume* (Jersey City, New Jersey: Ktav, 2009).

ARTICLES

"Babylonian Talmud." in Judith Baskin, ed., *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion and Culture* (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press, 2011).

"The Dialogical Talmud: A Response to Daniel Boyarin's *Socrates and the Fat Rabbis*." *Jewish Quarterly Review* 101 (2011): forthcoming.

Review of Richard Kalmin, *Between Persia and Roman Palestine*. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 78:1 (March 2010): 312-315.

"The Shiva." in Paul Socken, ed., *Why Study Talmud in the Twenty-First Century* (Lanham, Md: Lexington Books, 2010), 195-205.

"Interrupting Birth Control: Re-reading a Famous *Beraita*." in Barry Wimpfheimer, ed., *Wisdom of Bat Sheva: The Dr. Beth Samuels Memorial Volume* (2009).

“Talmudic Legal Narrative: Broadening the Discourse of Jewish Law.” *Dine Israel* 24 (2007): 157-196.

“ ‘But It Is Not So’: Toward a Poetics of Legal Narrative in the Babylonian Talmud.” *Prooftexts* 24 (Winter 2004): 51-86.

“*Qeren Kieyn Sheganav: An Analysis of BT Bava Qama 65a-66a (Hebrew).*” *Beit Yitzhaq* 31 (2000): 214-232.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Panopticism, Performativity, Passing and Peering: Maris Ayin as a Complex Site of Religious Meaning.” American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Francisco, CA, November 19-22, 2011 (upcoming).

“Hypocrisy in Rabbinic Hyperbole and Law” Workshop on Hypocrisy and Dissimulation. University of Chicago. May 5-6, 2011 (upcoming).

Panel Organizer, “Classical Rabbinics as a Prism for Jewish Historiography” “The Talmud as it Was” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Boston, MA, December 19, 2010.

Panel Participant, “The Impact of Contemporary Legal Theory on the Study of Halakhah” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Boston, MA, December 19, 2010.

“Where is Jewish Law Located?” Questioning the Law: Northwestern-Pisa Conference, Evanston, IL, April 14, 2010.

“Talmudic Dynamics.” Annual Joint Doctoral Program Symposium. Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, January 26, 2010.

“ ‘Go teach verse to your son’ : Rabbis and Schoolteachers in Rabbinic Babylonia.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Los Angeles, CA, December 21, 2009.

“The Bavli as Classical Literature: The Argument from Rhetorical Forms.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Washington, DC, December 22, 2008.

“The Inverse of Talmudic Legal Narrative.” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Chicago, IL, November 2, 2008.

“Ping-Pong: Genre and the Talmud.” University Seminar, Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 12, 2008.

“All Rise: The Significance of Courtroom Ritual in the Babylonian Talmud.” The Ancient Judaism Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 6, 2008.

“Saving the Study of Bavli from Wissenschaft and Daf Yomi.” Teaching Rabbinic Literature, Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, January 28, 2008.

“Reconceiving Jewish Law: Tosefta Hagigah 2.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 19, 2007.

“The Sanhedrin on Trial: A Comparison.” Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), San Diego, CA, November 17-20, 2007.

Respondent. “The Feminine Divine in the Jewish and Christian Middle Ages.” The Feminine Divine in Cross-Cultural Perspective, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, November 27, 2006.

“Birth Control, Wet Nursing and Rabbinic Legislative History.” Harvard Center for Jewish Studies, Cambridge, MA, March 23, 2006.

“Shyamalan’s “The Village” and the Overlap of Law and Culture.” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY, March 17, 2006.

“An Unlikely Source: Sanhedrin 19a-b and Josephus Revisited.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Washington, DC, December 18-20, 2005.

“Jewish Law as Narrative History: The Case of Birth Control.” Lehigh University, November 9, 2005 (invited lecture).

“Love and Law: The Dialogical Nature of Talmudic Legal Narrative.” Law and Humanities Interdisciplinary Junior Scholar Workshop, University of Georgetown Law School, June 12, 2005.


“Scholarly Envy Increases Wisdom: A Law and Literature Reading of Torah as Cultural Capital in the Talmud.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Chicago, IL, December 21, 2004.

“ ‘What’s This All About’: Lovesickness and the Dialogical Nature of Legal Narrative in the Talmud.” Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), San Antonio, TX, November 22, 2004.

“ ‘But It Is Not So’: A Talmudic Moment.” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT, March 12, 2004.

“Birth Control and the Interdependence of *Halakhah* and *Aggadah*.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Boston, MA, December 22, 2003.
• Dorot Foundation Travel Grant

“But It is Not So: The Literary Life of Legal Narrative in the Babylonian Talmud.” University of Pennsylvania, April 8, 2003 (invited lecture).

“ *Ashgera Delishna*: A Case Study in List Transmission.” Association for Jewish Studies (AJS), Los Angeles, CA, December 16, 2002.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

“Agreeing to Disagree: Multiplicity in Rabbinic Judaism.” Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL, February 28, 2011

“The Place of God in Jewish Law.” Spertus Institute for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL, May 16, 2010.

“Is Jewish Law Meaningful or Just Mean?” Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, May 28, 2009.

“Rabbi May I? Taking Responsibility for P’sak In a Post-Feminist Age.” Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance, New York, NY, February 11, 2007.

“Talmud: The Source-Critical Challenge.” The Meorot Foundation, Riverdale, New York, April 23, 2001.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Guest Editor-in-Chief, *Prooftexts Special Issue: Law and Literature*, 2012

Associate Editor, *Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History*, 2005-2011.

Committee Member, James Boyd White Prize Committee, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, 2011.

Participant, *Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education* Bridging Initiatives Consultation on the Teaching of Rabbinic Literature. New York, NY, February 8, 2007.

Rabbinics Advisor, *Lost Bible*, Jewish Publication Society, forthcoming 2012.

Dissertation Fellowship Evaluator, Foundation for Jewish Culture, 2010, 2011.

External Dissertation Reader, Bar Ilan University, 2009.

FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED

Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University (2011-2012)

Tikvah Center for Law and Jewish Civilization, NYU Law School (2011-2012) [Declined Offer]

Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Michigan (2011-2012) [Declined Offer]

College Fellow, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University (2006-2007).

Harry Starr Fellow, Harvard Center for Jewish Studies (Spring 2006).

Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University (2000-2005).

Fellow of the Center of Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University (2001-2005).

Irene C. Fromer Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Columbia University (2000-2001, 2003-2004).

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship (2002 and 2003).

Inter-University Fellowship, Hebrew University (2001-2002).

Wexner Graduate Fellowship (1996-2000).

Meorot Foundation Fellowship, Yeshiva University (1997-1998).

Monroe Fragin Fellowship, Yeshivat Sha'alvim (1995-1996).

PRIZES

Salo and Jeannette Baron Prize For Best Columbia University Jewish Studies Dissertation Over a Five-Year Period (January 22, 2008).