# Curriculum Vitae for Joel S. Kaminsky Updated June 2020

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## **Degrees:**

| Doctorate  | June 1993 | University of Chicago Divinity School.            |
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| Master's   | June 1984 | University of Chicago Divinity School, Divinity.  |
| Bachelor's | June 1982 | Miami University, OH. Majors: Religion, Pol. Sci. |

## **Awards and Honors:**

Ph.D. Qualifying Examinations passed with Distinction, March 1987.

# **Employment History:**

Smith College, Northampton, MA. Named the Morningstar Family Chair in Jewish Studies on July 1, 2014. Professor in the Department of Religion, 2007-present. Chair of the Religion Dept. 2018-2020, a role I also occupied in 2010-11 and 2016-17. Associate Professor, 2002-2007 and Assistant Prof. 1997-2002. Member Program in Jewish Studies 1997-present, served as the Director, Program in Jewish Studies 2004-06, Jan. 2007-2009. Member Program in Archaeology 2004-Present, served as Director, Program in Archaeology 2008-09. Member of the Program in Ancient Studies 2006-Present.

Amherst College, Visiting Professor. Spring 2017.

Harvard Divinity School, Visiting Professor. Taught an MA level course entitled "Sibling Rivals: Israel and the Other" in Spring 2015.

Duke University Divinity School. Visiting Professor, taught a Ph.D. seminar on the Hebrew text and narrative technique in Genesis. Fall 2013.

Yale University, Visiting Professor, taught a graduate seminar on the Hebrew Exegesis of Judges. Fall 2009. Visiting Associate Professor, taught a graduate seminar on Israel's election theology. Fall 2007.

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. Assistant Professor in the Religion Department teaching Bible, Judaic Studies and Introduction to Western Religions. 1994-97.

Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA. Assistant Professor in the Religion Dept. teaching Judaic Studies, Bible, and Intro. to Judaism, Christianity and Islam. 1993-94.

Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Theology teaching Bible, Early Judaism and Early Christianity. 1990-93.

Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA. Visiting Instructor in the Religion Dept. teaching Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Judaic Studies, World Religions. 1988-89.

#### **Grants Received:**

Summer 2019. Summer 2015: Susan Badian Lindenauer Funds in support of the Ethics Program. Awarded \$2500 to support deepening the ethics components of my Rel 300 seminar: Why do the Innocent Suffer.

Summer 2019. CEEDS \$2500 grant to support deepening the environmental component of my FYS 117 "The Bible in the Public Square" and also to bring in a speaker on that topic.

Summer 2018. Received a \$2070 grant from the Jill Kerr Conway Fund for Curricular Development in Women's Studies to incorporate a unit into my Approaches to the Study Religion course that will explore how the study of women and gender has affected the study of religion.

Spring 2018. Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies from the Dept. of Theology and Religion, Durham University, England. Received a grant to support a 3-month visiting fellowship that included an 8000 Pound stipend, housing, and travel. Valued at approximately \$20,000. In turn, the Provost's Office granted me a \$10,000 salary supplemental grant to support my LWOP in Spring 2018.

Summer 2015: Jill Kerr Conway fund for Curriculum Development in Women's Studies. Awarded a \$1700 grant to create a regular course offering entitled "Women in the Hebrew Bible" to be offered beginning in Spring 2016.

Summer 2015: Susan Badian Lindenauer Funds in support of the Ethics Program. Awarded \$2600 to support deepening the ethics components of my FYS 117 "The Bible in the Public Square" and also to bring in speakers or acquire course materials.

Spring 2014. Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies from the Dept. of Theology and Religion, Durham University, England. Grant included a 5500 Pound stipend, housing, and travel. Valued at approximately \$12,000.

Summer 2012. Received \$1500 CFCD grant for student-faculty collaborative research. Ms. Emily Branton (who received a \$3800 CFCD grant) was my research and editorial assistant on an Introduction to the Jewish and Christian Bibles.

Fall 2010. \$1000 Kahn Institute grant for being the lead organizer of the Kahn seminar surrounding Professor Wayne Meeks' presence on campus as the Neilson Visiting lecturer.

Summer 2010. Mellon Collaborative grant for \$1000 to meet together with Professor Joel Lohr of University of Toronto to bring our new co-authored *The Torah: A Beginners Guide* (Oxford: OneWorld Press, 2011) into final form.

Spring 2010. Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies from the Dept. of Theology and Religion, Durham University, England. Received a grant to support a 5-month visiting fellowship that included an 8000 Pound stipend, housing, and travel. Valued at approximately \$24,000.

Fall 2007, Member Kahn Institute project "Narrative Identity." Awarded \$1500 research grant.

Spring 2006. Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies from the Dept. of Theology and Religion, Durham University, England. Received a 5 month visiting fellowship that included a 6000 Pound stipend, housing, and travel. Valued at approximately \$20,000.

2004-05, Two Grants: 1) Received a Mellon 8 internal grant of \$1000 for a scholarly exchange with Prof. Nathaniel Deutsch of Swarthmore College. 2) Received a Mellon 8 internal grant for a course release.

Spring 2002. Member Kahn Institute project "Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in the Ancient and Modern Worlds." Awarded \$1500 plus \$500 Summer stipend.

Fall 2001. Member of the Center of Theological Inquiry. Grant of \$8800 plus an apartment valued at \$700 a month for four months. Total grant valued at \$11,600.

Participated in the "Consultation on Teaching the Bible in the Twenty-First Century." At Wabash College on July 18-22, 1998, July 10-14, 1999 and July 8-12, 2000. Funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. Grant amount \$2400 plus all travel expenses.

Summer 1996 in Jerusalem. NEH Summer Seminar for college professors entitled "Adam and Eve in Early Judaism and Christianity." Grant amount \$4000.

#### BOOKS

*The Hebrew Bible for Beginners: A Jewish and Christian Introduction*. Co-authored with Joel N. Lohr. Abingdon Press, 2015.

The Abingdon Introduction to the Bible: Understanding Jewish and Christian Scripture. Nashville: Abingdon, March 2014. Lead Author written in collaboration with Joel N. Lohr and Mark Reasoner.

*The Torah: A Beginner's Guide*. Oxford: One World Press, 2011. Co-authored with Joel N. Lohr.

Yet I Loved Jacob: Reclaiming the Biblical Concept of Election. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007. Reprinted by Wipf & Stock, 2016.

Corporate Responsibility in the Hebrew Bible. Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series, 196; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995; paperback edition released in 2019.

#### EDITED VOLUMES

Co-Editor of *The Call of Abraham: Essays on the Election of Israel in Honor of Jon D. Levenson*. University of Notre Dame Press. Fall, 2013. Solicited and edited 15 essays and an Introduction with Gary Anderson the co-editor.

The "Other" in Second Temple Judaism. Eerdmans, 2011. I, along with 3 other editors, (Dan Harlow, Matthew Goff, and Karina Hogan) solicited and edited 27 essays.

*HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*, fully revised and updated, 2011. Served as an Associate Editor helping revise and edit over 80 entries related to the Hebrew Bible.

Jews, Christians, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures co-edited by Alice Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky. SBL Symposium Series, 8; Atlanta: SBL, 2000. Solicited all the Jewish contributions to this volume, helped edit many of the essays as well as shaped the larger volume, did much of the work assembling the bibliographies and indices, co-wrote the introductory essay and contributed an article listed below.

#### ARTICLES

"The Meaning and Telos of Israel's Election: An Interfaith Response to N.T. Wright's Reading of Paul," *Harvard Theological Review* 112.4 (Fall 2019): 421-446 co-authored with Mark Reasoner.

"Humor and Hope from Passover to Purim." *Marginalia*, appearing online on April 12, 2019. *Marginalia* is an online journal run by the *LA Review of Books*. The essay can be accessed here: https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/humor-hope-passover-purim/

"Israel's Election Theology and Violence against Outsiders," in *Nomos and Violence* (Viktor Ber ed.; Zurich: LIT Verlag, 2019) 155-163.

"The Might of My Own Hand Has Gotten Me This Wealth": Reflections on Wealth and Poverty in the Hebrew Bible and Today." *Interpretation* 73.1 (Winter 2019): 7-17.

"Election in the Bible." *Oxford Bibliographies* in "Biblical Studies". Ed. Christopher R. Matthews. New York: Oxford University Press, October 25, 2017. A 12,000 word annotated bibliography with over 100 entries in it, co-authored with Joel N. Lohr. http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0250.xml?rskey=nyW9IE&result=66

- "Attaining and Forfeiting Adam's Immortality at Sinai: The Jewish Version of the Fall." Online essay published by the *Torah.com* in October 2016. http://thetorah.com/attaining-and-forfeiting-adams-immortality-at-sinai/
- "Who is David?" 3500 word major review essay of four recent books on King David. *Jewish Review of Books*, 6.3 (Fall 2015): 31-34.
- "Would you impugn My Justice?: A nuanced approach to the Hebrew Bible's theology of Divine Recompense," *Interpretation* 69 (July 2015): 299-310.
- "Election," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology* volume 1, pages 256-259. Oxford University Press, 2015.
- "Counterintuitive Reflections on Biblical Chosenness," *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Ideas*, (February-March 2015): 12-13.
- Co-authored an essay titled: "Jews, Christians, and Muslims: People of the Book" in *The Anselm Companion to the Bible*. Anselm, 2014, pages 100-118.
- "Election," entry in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, volume 7. Walter de Gruyter, 2014.
- "Can Election be Forfeited?" Pages 44-66 in *The Call of Abraham: Essays on the Election of Israel in Honor of Jon D. Levenson* (ed. Gary A. Anderson and Joel S. Kaminsky; Notre Dame, 2013).
- "The Hebrew Bible's Theology of Election and the Problem of Universalism." Pages 375-386 in *Beyond Biblical Theologies* (ed. Heinrich Assel and Stefan Beyerle; Mohr Siebeck, 2012).
- "Reflections on Associative Word Links in Judges," *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 36.4 (Summer 2012): 411-434.
- "New Testament and Rabbinic Views of Election," pages 119-46 in *Jewish Bible Theology: Perspectives and Case Studies* (ed. Isaac Kalimi; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2012).
- "The Theology of Genesis," pages 635-656 in *The Book of Genesis: Composition*, *Reception*, *and Interpretation*, (edited by Craig A. Evans, Joel N. Lohr, and David L. Petersen; Leiden, Brill, 2012).
- "Israel's Election and the Other in Biblical, Second Temple, and Rabbinic Thought." Pages 17-30 in Harlow, Goff, Hogan, and Kaminsky eds. *The "Other" in Second Temple Judaism*. Eerdmans, 2011.

"Election Theology and the Problem of Universalism." *Horizons in Biblical Theology*, 33 (2011) 34-44.

CHOSEN PEOPLE and COVENANT entries for the revised edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* (ed. Adele Berlin; Oxford Univ. Press, 2011).

"A Light to the Nations: Was there Mission and or Conversion in the Hebrew Bible?," *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 16.1 (2009): 6-22. (refereed journal).

"Loving One's Israelite Neighbor: Election and Commandment in Leviticus 19," *Interpretation* 62.2 (April 2008): 123-32 (refereed journal).

"Exclusion" in the *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, vol 2 D-G (Nashville: Abingdon: 2007), 362-64 (co-authored with Joel Lohr).

"Some Biblical Reflections on Religious Tolerance and Intolerance." Pages 65-76 in *Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Ancient and Modern Worlds*. Edited by Mary Ellen Birkett and D. Dennis Hudson; Kahn Institute Occasional Papers 1; Northampton, 2007. This article is a less technical version of "Did Election Imply the Mistreatment of Non-Israelites?" (listed further below)

"Chosen," 6000 word essay in the *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, volume 1 A-C. Nashville: Abingdon, 2006. Pages 594-600.

Co-authored with Anne Stewart '05 "God of all the World: Universalism and Developing Monotheism in Isaiah 40-66." *Harvard Theological Review* 99.2 (April 2006): 139-63 (refereed journal).

"Violence in the Bible." Midstream 52.1 (Jan.-Feb. 2006): 28-30.

"Attempting the Impossible: Eliminating Election from the Jewish Liturgy." *Midstream* (Jan.-Feb. 2005): 23-27.

"Reclaiming a Theology of Election: Favoritism and the Joseph Story." *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 31.2 (Summer 2004): 135-152 (refereed journal).

"Did Election Imply the Mistreatment of Non-Israelites?" *Harvard Theological Review* 96.4 (October 2003): 397-425 (refereed journal).

"The Concept of Election and Second Isaiah: Recent Literature." *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 31.4 (Winter 2001): 135-144 (refereed journal).

"Paradise Regained: Rabbinic Reflections on Israel at Sinai." Pages 15-43 in *Jews*, *Christians*, *and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures*. Edited by Bellis and Kaminsky. SBL Symposium Series, 8; Atlanta: SBL, 2000.

"Humor and the Theology of Hope in Genesis: Isaac as a Humorous Figure." *Interpretation* 54.4 (October 2000): 363-375 (refereed journal)

"Wrestling with Israel's Election: A Jewish Reaction to Rolf Knierim's Biblical Theology." Pages 252-262 in *Reading the Hebrew Bible for a New Millennium*, vol.1. Edited by Ellens, Floyd, Kim and Sweeney. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 2000.

Articles on "Achan," "Ban," "Vengeance" and "Individualism/Corporate Responsibility." Pages 13, 146, 285-87,1354 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by David N. Freedman. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

"The Sins of the Fathers: A Theological Investigation of the Biblical Tension Between Corporate and Individualized Retribution." *Judaism* 46 (Summer 1997): 319-332 (refereed journal).

"Using the Bible." *The Cresset* 59.4 (April 1996): 5-9.

"Joshua 7: A Reassessment of Israelite Conceptions of Corporate Punishment." Pages 315-46 in *The Pitcher is Broken: Memorial Essays in Honor of Gösta W. Ahlström*. Edited by Steven W. Holloway and Lowell K. Handy. Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series, 190; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Authored introductory essay to a co-edited issue of *Jewish Studies Quarterly* composed of essays that examine the relationship between particularism and universalism in Judaism and Christianity. *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 16.1 (2009): 1-5.

Co-Authored an introductory essay. Pages 1-12 in *Jews, Christians, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures* edited by Alice Ogden Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky. SBL Symposium Series, 8. Atlanta: SBL, 2000.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Nevada Levi Delapp. Theophanic "Type-Scenes" in the Pentateuch: Visions of YHWH in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81.1 (January 2019): 110-112.

Review of Benjamin Sommer's *Revelation and Authority* published in *Interpretation* 71.3 (July 2017): 342-343.

Major review consisting of an initial 2000 word essay followed by another 2000 word response to an online dialogue focused on David Lambert's *How Repentance became Biblical* published in shortened form in *Syndicate* 3.6 (December 2016): 35-38, or in full form at: https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/repentance-became-biblical/

Review of Marvin Wilson's, *Exploring our Hebraic heritage: a Christian theology of roots and renewal. Theology Today* 72.4 (Jan. 2016): 450-51.

Review of *Tanak: A Theological and Critical Introduction to the Jewish Bible* by Marvin Sweeney. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 75.4 (December 2012): 252-53.

Review of From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Language and Ethics of Anger in Genesis by Matthew Schlimm. Journal of Theological Studies 64.1 (Spring 2013): 175-77.

Review of *Collective and Individual Responsibility: A Description of Corporate Personality in Eziekiel 18 and 20* by J. Mol. Bibliotheca Oreintalis 69.3-4 (August 2012): 350-1.

Review of Contesting Conversion: Genealogy, Circumcision, & Identity in Ancient Judaism & Christianity by Matthew Theissen. Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations 7 (2012). E-journal found at: http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/scjr/index)

Review of Disloyalty and Destruction: Religion and Politics in Deuteronomy and the Modern World by Rob Barrett. Vetus Testamentum 61.3 (Fall 2011): 523-24.

Review of *The Theme of Hardening in the Book of Isaiah* by Torsten Uhlig. *Vetus Testamentum* 61.3 (Fall 2011): 544-45.

Review of *Reading the Hebrew Bible after the Shoah: Engaging Holocaust Theology* by Marvin Sweeney. *Journal of Religion* 90.3 (July 2010): 408-410.

Review of *Not God's People: Insiders and Outsiders in the Biblical World* by Lawrence Wills. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71 (2009): 913-14.

Review essay reflecting on Julia O'Brien's *Challenging Prophetic Metaphor: Theology and Ideology in the Prophets. Hebrew Studies* 50 (2009): 101-106.

*Review of Biblical Literature* electronically published 5 reviews of my new book and a 4300 word response I wrote reflecting upon these five book reviews. The website is: http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleID=6201

Review of *Opening the Sealed Book: Interpretations of the Book of Isaiah in Late Antiquity* by Joseph Blenkinsopp. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 37.4 (Winter 2007): 187-88.

Review of *The Making of a Sage: A Study in Rabbinic Ethics* by Jonathan Wyn Schofer. *Hebrew Studies* 48 (2007): 395-397.

Review of *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James Kugel*, edited by Hindy Najman and Judith Newman. *Hebrew Studies* 46 (2005): 390-92.

Review of *Bound by the Bible: Jews, Christians and the Sacrifice of Isaac* by Edward Kessler. *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 29.2 (November 2005): 370-372.

Review of *A New Heart and A New Soul: Ezekiel, the Exile and the Torah* by Risa Levitt Kohn, *Biblical Interpretation* 13.1 (Jan 2005): 85-88.

Review of *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, volume 14: (edited by Johannes Botterweck, Helmer Ringgren, and Heinz-Joseph Fabry, *Review of Biblical Literature* 7 (2005).

Review of *A History of Biblical Interpretation: vol. 1: The Ancient Period* by Alan Hauser *Hebrew Studies* 45 (2004): 311-313.

Review of *The Ways of Our God: An Approach to Biblical Theology* by Charles Scobie, *Journal of Religion* 84 (2004): 482-84.

Review of *Heaven and Earth, Law and Love: Studies in Biblical Thought* by Etan Levine, *Review of Biblical Literature* 5 (2003): 187-89.

Review of Early Jewish Exegesis and Theological Controversy: Studies in Scriptures in the Shadow of Internal and external Controversies by Isaac Kalimi. Review of Biblical Literature 5 (2003): 520-22.

Review of *Reading the Lines: A Fresh Look at the Hebrew Bible* by Pamela Tamarkin Reis, *Hebrew Studies* 44 (2003): 245-247.

Review essay of Erhard Gerstenberger's, *Theologies in the Old Testament*, *Horizon's in Biblical Theology* 25.1 (June 2003): 95-99.

Review of *Roots of Rabbinic Judaism: an Intellectual History, from Ezekiel to Daniel* by Gabriele Boccaccini, *Hebrew Studies* 43 (2002): 289-292.

Review of Academic Approaches to Teaching Jewish Studies edited by Zev Garber, Review of Biblical Literature 4 (2002).

Living Traditions of the Bible: Scripture in Jewish, Christian and Muslim Practice edited by James E. Bowley, Hebrew Studies 42 (2001): 394-395.

Zion, City of Our God edited by Richard Hess and Gordon Wenham, Journal of the American Oriental Society 121.3 (August 2001): 532.

A 1700 word review of *Strange Fire: Reading the Bible After the Holocaust* edited by Tod Linafelt, *Review of Biblical Literature* 3 (2001): 116-120.

The Covenant Formula: An Exegetical and Theological Investigation by Rolf Rendtorff, Journal of Religion 80:3 (July 2000): 485-86.

A 2500 word review of *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy* by Walter Brueggemann, *Review of Biblical Literature* 1 (1999): 1-6.

*Joshua: a commentary* by Richard D. Nelson, *Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary Bulletin* 78.3 (Summer 1998): 55-56.

*Janus Parallelism in the Book of Job* by Scott B. Noegel, *AJS Review* 23:1 (1998): 110-112.

Anti-Judaism and Early Christian Identity: A Critique of the Scholarly Consensus by Miriam S. Taylor, Church History 66 (June 1997): 303.

The Disappearance of God: A Reverent Investigation of Three Divine Mysteries by Richard Elliott Friedman, Journal of Religion 77.2 (April 1997): 311-313.

The Image of Bar Kokhba in Traditional Jewish Literature: False Messiah and National Hero by Richard G. Marks, Jewish Political Studies Review 9 (Spring 1997): 123-124.

Religion and Politics in the Ancient Near East edited by Adele Berlin, IOUDAIOS Review (Posted: Winter 1997).

The Election of Israel: The Idea of the Chosen People by David Novak, The Cresset 59.3 (Winter 1996): 33-34.

The Jews Among Pagans and Christians: In the Roman Empire edited by Judith Lieu, John North and Tessa Rajak, Church History (December 1995): 642-643.

Seeking Ezekiel: Text and Psychology by David Halperin, Journal of Religion 75.3 (July 1995): 405-406.

Prologue to History: The Yahwist as Historian in Genesis by John Van Seters, Journal of Biblical Literature 114 (Spring 1995): 127-128.

A 1600 word review of Autonomy and Judaism: The Individual and the Community in Jewish Political Thought edited by Daniel H. Frank, Jewish Political Studies Review 6 (Fall 1994): 218-222.

War in the Hebrew Bible: A Study of the Ethics of Violence by Susan Niditch, Journal of Religion 74 (July 1994): 381-382.

Disinheriting The Jews: Abraham in Early Christian Controversy by Jeffrey S. Siker, Church History 63.1 (March 1994): 82-83.

Four Approaches to the Psalms by Uriel Simon, Critical Review of Books in Religion (1994): 437-439.

Job The Silent by Bruce Zuckerman, AJS Review 18 (Fall 1993): 293-296.

The Pentateuch: An Introduction to the First Five Books of the Bible by Joseph Blenkinsopp, Cross Currents 43 (Fall 1993): 410-411.

The Midrash on Proverbs. Translated from the Hebrew with an introduction and annotations by Burton L. Visotzky, *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (1993): 440-441.

Amos of Israel: A New Interpretation by Stanley N. Rosenbaum, Journal of Religion 72 (April 1992): 277-278.

Heilsgeschichte as a Model for Biblical Theology by Robert Gnuse, Journal of Religion 71 (April 1991): 255-256.

The Living Psalms by Claus Westermann, Journal of Religion 71 (April 1991): 256-257.

Essays on Biblical Method and Translation by Edward Greenstein, Critical Review of Books in Religion (1991): 87-89.

The First Historians: The Hebrew Bible and History by Baruch Halpern, Incognita 1 (Fall 1990): 219-222.

Poetry With A Purpose by Harold Fisch, Philosophy and Literature 14 (April 1990): 213-214.

The Scapegoat by René Girard, Incognita 1 (Spring 1990): 106-108.

## **BOOK NOTES-200 word reviews of the following works:**

Review of *Becoming diaspora Jews: behind the story of Elephantine* Karel van der Toorn. *Choice* Vol. 57.8 (April 2020).

Review of *Identity and Territory: Jewish perceptions of space in antiquity* by Eyal Ben Eliyahu. *Choice* Vol. 57.5 (January 2020).

Review of *Early Judaism: new insights and scholarship*, ed. by Frederick E. Greenspahn. *Choice* Vol. 56.5 (January 2019).

Review of *Goy: Israel's multiple others and the birth of the gentile*, by Adi Ophir and Ishay Rosen-Zvi. *Choice* Vol. 56.5 (January 2019).

Review of Julia Watts Belser, *Rabbinic tales of destruction: sex, gender, and disability in the ruins of Jerusalem. Choice* 55.12 (August 2018).

Review of Mira Balberg, *Blood for thought: the reinvention of sacrifice in early rabbinic literature. Choice* 55.10 (June 2018).

Review of Mark Leuchter, *The Levites and the boundaries of Israelite identity. Choice* 55.5 (January 2018).

Review of Steven Fine's *The Menorah: from the Bible to Modern Israel. Choice* 54.9 (May 2017).

Review of Thomas Römer's, The Invention of God. Choice 53.9 (May 2016).

Review of Jeffrey Stackert, A prophet like Moses: prophecy, law, and Israelite religion. Choice, December 2014.

Review of Timothy H. Lim, The formation of the Jewish canon, Choice, April 2014.

Review of Joseph Blenkinsopp's, *David remembered: kingship and national identity in ancient Israel. Choice*, January 2014.

Review of Johanna Stiebert, *Fathers and daughters in the Hebrew Bible*. Oxford, 2013. *Choice*, November 2013.

Review of *The Legacy of Israel in Judah's Bible* by Daniel Fleming. *Choice*, May 2013.

Review of *Inheriting Abraham: the legacy of the patriarch in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* by Jon D. Levenson. *Choice*, March 2013.

Review of *Holy war in Judaism: the fall and rise of a controversial idea* by of Reuven Firestone. *Choice*, December 2012.

Reviewed A Short History of Jewish Ethics by Alan Mittleman. Choice, July 2012.

Reviewed, *The Jewish Annotated New* Testament edited by AJ Levine. *Choice*, March 2012.

Biblical history and Israel's past: the changing study of the Bible and history, by Megan Bishop Moore and Brad E. Kelle. Choice, December 2011.

Witnesses for the Future: Philosophy and Messianism by Pierre Bouretz. Choice, March 2011.

Judaism: A Way of Being by David Gelernter. Choice (March 2010).

Contemporary American Judaism: Transformation and Renewal by Dana Evan Kaplan, Choice (November 2009).

Created Equal by Joshua Berman. Choice (May 2009).

Love thy Neighbor as thyself by Lenn E. Goodman. Choice (September 2008).

Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible by Karel van der Toorn. Choice (September 2007).

Why aren't Jewish Women Circumcised: Gender and Covenant in Judaism by Shaye Cohen. Choice (April 2006).

Traditions of the Rabbis from the era of the New Testament: v. 1: Prayer and Agriculture by David Instone-Brewer, Choice (June 2005).

How the Bible became a book: The Textualization of Ancient Israel by William Schniedewind, Choice (Dec 2004).

Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud by Christine Hayes, Choice 41 (October 2003).

Redeeming time: the wisdom of ancient Jewish and Christian festal calendars by Bruce Chilton, Choice 40.9 (May 2003).

The Prophetic Literature: An Introduction by David Petersen, Choice 40.4 (December 2002).

When a Jew Dies: The Ethnography of a bereaved Son by Samuel Heilman, Choice 39.4 (December 2001).

Hellenism in the Land of Israel ed. by John J. Collins, Choice 39.4 (December 2001).

The Blackwell Companion to Judaism ed. by J. Neusner, Choice 38.10 (June 2001).

Sacred Text, Secular Times ed. by L. Greenspoon, Choice 38.3 (February 2001).

Anti-Judaism and the Gospels edited by William Farmer, Choice 37:6 (February 2000).

The Beginnings of Jewishness by Shaye J.D. Cohen, Choice 37:2 (October 1999).

*Judaism*, *Human Rights*, *and Human Values* by Lenn E. Goodman, *Choice* 37:1 (September 1999).

Respecting the Wicked Child by Mitchell Silver, Choice 36:9 (May 1999).

Reasoning after Revelation by Steven Kepnes, Choice 36:6 (February 1999).

Education in Ancient Israel by James Crenshaw, Choice 36:5 (January 1999).

Heritage and Hellenism by Erich Gruen, Choice 36:4 (December 1998).

The Masorah of the Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia by Page Kelley, Choice 36:3 (November 1998).

The Bible and the Comic Vision by William Whedbeee, Choice 36:3 (November 1998).

"Who is a Jew?": conversations not conclusions by Meryl Hyman, Choice 36:1 (September 1998).

Review of *Documents of Jewish Belief* Website, *Choice* 35, Supplement (Summer 1998).

*The Nations Know Thee Not* by Robert Goldenberg, *Choice* 35:11/12 (July/August 1998).

Reading Prophetic Narratives by Uriel Simon, Choice 35:8 (April 1998).

The Bible as it Was by James L. Kugel, Choice 35:7 (March 1998).

History of Jewish Philosophy edited by Daniel Frank and Oliver Leaman, Choice 34:9 (May 1997).

Josephus: The Essential Works. Translated and edited by Paul L. Maier, Church History 66 (March 1997): 185.

Jewish Theology and Process Thought edited by David Ray Griffin, Choice 34:1 (September 1996).

The Evolution of a Revolution by Jeffrey L. Seif, Church History 65 (June 1996): 333-334.

*Jewish Identity in Modern Times: Leo Baeck and German Protestantism* by Walter Homolka, *Choice* 33 (April 1996).

Evil and Suffering in Jewish Philosophy by Oliver Leaman, Choice 33:5 (January 1996).

Anti-Judaism in Feminist Religious Writings by Katharina von Kellenbach, Choice 32:11/12 (July/August 1995).

Sacred Places and Profane Spaces: Essays in the Geographics of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam edited by Jamie Scott and Paul Simpson-Housley, Church History 64.2 (June 1995): 351.

Jewish-Christian Encounters over the Centuries edited by Marvin Perry and Frederick M. Schweitzer, Choice 32:8 (April 1995).

The Refutation of The Christian Principles by Hasdai Crescas. Translated with an Introduction and Notes by Daniel J. Lasker, Church History (Sept. 1994): 500.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS OR PRESS

101 Bible verses that changed the World

"Is there no balm in Gilead?: What the Hebrew Bible might contribute to contemporary discussions surrounding illness and death." This 7000 word essay has been accepted for publication by *Interpretation* and should appear in mid 2021.

"In Quest of a Coherent Portrait of Paul: A Rejoinder to Michael Bird" forthcoming in *Harvard Theological Review*, likely in 2021. This is a co-authored 7500 word response to a critique that a recently published co-authored essay received from Michael Bird, a scholar of the New Testament. We are still waiting for editorial feedback but our response to Bird's essay and Bird's critique of our original essay are slated to be published together in a future issue.

A 10,000 word essay on the Hebrew Bible's election theology that I was solicited to author for *The T&T Clark Companion to Election*. Slated to appear in 2020.

I have completed and submitted a 7400 word essay titled, "Jewish Reflections on Universalism and Particularism in Genesis" that I was solicited to pen for *The Cambridge Companion to Genesis* which should appear in print by early 2020.

## **Scholarly Lectures and Other Profession Presentations:**

Wednesday Sept. 18, 2019. I spoke to 28 students in a course on Jewish/Christian/Islamic dialogue at Hartford Seminary on the theme of chosennness in the Bible.

April 28, 2019. I gave a talk on "The meaning of chosenness in the Bible" at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Cambridge.

March 14, 2019. I delivered a talk at Harvard University titled "Jewish reflections on universalism and particularism in Genesis."

January and February 2019. Taught a five session mini-course meeting on five Tuesday evenings at Congregation Bnai Israel in Northampton, MA titled: "Israel and the Other: Exploring Biblical Views of Non-Israelites."

October 8-9, 2018. I delivered a talk titled, "The meaning of Biblical chosenness" twice in St. Louis. On Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> I spoke to an interfaith audience sponsored by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis and on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> I spoke at St. Louis University.

On Sept. 23, 2018 I spoke at Hartford Seminary leading an intensive Sunday morning two hour program that included a lecture followed by a lengthy period of question and answer with a sizeable cadre of first year Jewish, Christian, and Muslim students at the seminary focusing on the topic of Election theology in the Bible and in Judaism more broadly.

May 16, 2018. I was one of two invited speakers at a mini-conference titled, "Recovering Faith and the Bible in the 21st Century," at Spurgeon's College, London, England. I delivered a talk titled: "'The Might of my Own Hand has Gotten me this Wealth": Reflections on Wealth and Poverty in the Hebrew Bible and Today." I also was part of a final panel discussion.

May 1, 2018. I delivered a paper titled: "Is there no balm in Gilead?": What the Hebrew Bible might contribute to contemporary discussions surrounding illness and death" in the Old Testament Faculty and Graduate Student lecture series at Durham University.

April 23, 2018. I led a Faculty Seminar at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague on "Universalism and Particularism in Genesis 1-11"

April 23, 2018. I delivered a public lecture delivered at Charles University in Prague titled: "Would you impugn My Justice?: A nuanced approach to the Hebrew Bible's Theology of Divine Recompense."

April 19th 2018. I delivered a talk to the Graduate Student Seminar at the Protestant Theological Faculty of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice entitled: "'Is there no balm in Gilead?': What the Hebrew Bible might contribute to contemporary discussions surrounding illness and death."

April 17, 2018. I delivered a public Lecture at the Protestant Theological Faculty of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice entitled: "Israel's Election Theology and the Problem of Violence against Others."

March 24-25, 2018. I served as a scholar in residence and delivered three talks to the congregants at Congregation Beth Sholom in San Francisco, CA." Laughing In The Face of Danger: Humor and Hope in the Bible," "Why do You hide Your face?':

Questioning God in the Psalms," "Is There No Balm Gilead?: Illness, Death, and Dying in the Bible and Today."

October 4, 2017. Lectured at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota on "Election in Genesis and its resonance in rabbinic and New Testament texts."

November 21, 2016. Presented a panel response paper entitled "Some reflections on how the study of biblical humor might contribute to Jewish/Christian dialogue," in the Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Sacred Texts section at the annual Society of Biblical Literature conference in San Antonio, TX.

November 24, 2015. Public Lecture to students and faculty at UC Santa Cruz on the topic, "Does God Play Favorites?: A Dialogue on Chosenness."

November 2, 2015. Delivered a lecture entitled: "Would you Impugn My Justice: Reflections on the Hebrew's View of Reward and Punishment" upon receiving the Morningstar. Smith College.

February 18, 2015. I delivered the annual Albert and Vera List Fund for Jewish Studies Lecture entitled: "'Would You Impugn My Justice?': A Nuanced Approach to the Hebrew Bible's Theology of Divine Recompense" at Harvard University's Center for the Study of World Religions.

January 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 I was a keynote speaker at a gathering of Protestant clergy from across Germany who work on Jewish/Christian relations called: *Konferenz Landeskirchlicher Arbeitskreise Christen und Juden*. This year's gathering was called: *KLAK-Delegiertenversammlung 2015* "*Partikularismus und Universalismus*." I delivered 3 talks. The first was on Friday night entitled: "The Hebrew Bible's Theology of Election and the Problem of Universalism." The second was on Saturday Jan. 17th in the morning and was titled: "Israel and 'the Other' in Late Biblical and Early Rabbinic Thought." The third talk was titled: "The Particularism of Israelite Universalism: Reflections on the Opening of Genesis." I was also on the closing panel discussion along with Dr. Deborah Weissman on Sunday Jan. 18th.

November 24, 2014. Delivered a talk entitled: "Did Job's Friends Get It All Wrong?: Recovering a Nuanced Understanding of Biblical Retribution," at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Diego, CA.

June 9, 2014. I delivered a talk entitled "Exploring Election: Divine Chosenness and its implications in the Hebrew Bible" at Mater Dei Institute a college of Dublin City University in Dublin, Ireland.

June 5, 2014. I delivered a talk entitled "The Particularism of Israelite Universalism: Reflections on the Opening of Genesis" for a joint meeting of the Jewish Studies and Old Testament Seminars at Durham University.

May 14, 2014. I delivered a talk entitled 'Would you impugn My Justice? Overlooked nuances in the Hebrew Bible's theology of divine reward and punishment at Cambridge University in the UK.

May 6, 2014. I delivered a talk entitled: "Reflections on the biblical understanding of divine reward and punishment" at Durham University in the UK.

March 21-22, 2014. I delivered three talks at Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver, Canada. These included a talk on the weekly Torah portion reflecting on Leviticus 9-11, a talk titled "God Has brought me Laughter: Humour in the Tanakh" and a talk called "Does God Play Favorites?: The Meaning of Chosenness in the Bible."

March 20, 2014. Lectured on the topic "Does the Bible Promote Violence?" at the University of British Columbia.

November 24, 2013. Presented a "Review of Walter Moberly's Old Testament Theology" in the Theological Interpretation of Scripture Section of the Society of Biblical Literature in Baltimore, MD.

November 23, 2013. Presented "Reflections on Jon Levenson's Contributions to the field of Biblical Studies" in the Jewish/Christian Dailogue ad Sacred Texts Section of the Society of Biblical Literature in Baltimore, MD.

November 8, 2013. Invited by the Program in Jewish Studies to deliver a paid lecture to University of Virginia faculty and undergraduate students entitled: "God Has Brought Me Laughter: Exploring Humor in the Tanakh".

November 7, 2013. Invited by the Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity area to deliver a paid lecture to University of Virginia faculty and graduate students entitled: "The Language of Divine Retribution in the Hebrew Bible".

October 4, 2013. Presented a lecture on Rabbinic Midrash to 175 students in the MA Old Testament survey course at Duke Divinity School.

October 24, 2013, I delivered a talk entitled "Reflections on the Language of Divine Reward and Punishment in the Hebrew Bible" to faculty and PhD students at Duke University.

April 14, 2013. I delivered a lecture entitled: "Does God Play Favorites: The Meaning of Chosenness in the Bible," to the Temple Emanuel Brotherhood.

April 12, 2013, I delivered the Earl S. Stone Interfaith Clergy Institute lecture entitled: "Sibling Rivals: Divine Election in Judaism and Christianity," to approximately 40 Jewish and Christian clergy from across the Denver area.

April 11, 2013, Delivered a public for the Torah on the Town series at LEON Gallery in Denver, CO on "God Has Brought Me Laughter: Humor in the Tanakh."

November 18, 2012. Was one of 5 panelists discussing Marvin Sweeney's work in Jewish Biblical Theology at the annual Society of biblical Literature conference in Chicago.

April 27, 2012. I was 1 of 8 consultants/panelists from across the USA invited to speak at a 1 day conference at the University of Chicago entitled: "Teaching at Liberal Arts Colleges". We met with administrators during the morning and from lunch until dinner we participated in several different panels speaking to graduate students from across the university community about the nature of liberal arts colleges and how Chicago graduate students might shape their teaching and research experience to be competitive for jobs at liberal arts institutions.

November 19, 2011. Presented a scholarly paper at the annual Society of Biblical Literature conference in San Francisco, CA entitled: "Genesis 1-11: Reflections on the Theological Dimensions of the Opening of Genesis,"

March 14, 2011, Large public lecture at Kansas University entitled: "Does God Play Favorites?: The Idea of the Chosen in the Hebrew Bible."

August 13, 2010. Gave a 3 hour paper and question and answer session to the elite Colloquium on Biblical Research, Princeton, NJ on the topic: "Can Election be Forfeited?"

June 10, 2010. Co-Presented a 22,000 word extract from my forthcoming new co-authored *The Torah: A Beginners Guide* to faculty and graduate students in the Jewish Studies Seminar at Durham University.

April 27, 2010. Lecture entitled: "Reflections on some associative textual links in the Book of Judges," presented to the Old Testament Seminar at Durham University.

March 19, 2010. Lecture entitled, "The Hebrew Bible's Theology of Election and the Problem of Universalism" delivered to faculty and graduate students in the Jewish Studies Seminar at Durham University.

March 15, 2010. Presented a paper entitled "The Theology of Genesis" to the Old Testament Seminar at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

January 21, 2010. Public Lecture at UCLA entitled: "Does God Play Favorites?: The Idea of the Chosen in the Hebrew Bible."

November 21, 2009. Society of Biblical Literature Conference, New Orleans, LA. Presented a paper entitled: "The Hebrew Bible's Theology of Election and the Problem of Universalism" in the Christian Theology and The Bible section.

October 29, 2009. Delivered a lecture at Dorshei Tzedek Synagogue in Newton, MA entitled: "Does God Play Favorites: A Dialogue on Chosenness."

October 21, 2009. Invited to Skidmore College to lecture on: "Envisioning the Other: Does the Bible Promote Intolerance?"

October 12, 2009. Invited speaker at the University of Minnesota's Center for Jewish Studies Sixth Annual Community Lecture Series. Delivered a talk to a large public audience entitled: Sibling Rivals: Israel's Chosenness and Jewish/Christian Understanding.

August 12-14, 2009. Invited speaker and participant in a conference at the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg in Greifswald, Germany focused on the theme: "Beyond Biblical Theologies." I delivered a talk entitled: "The Hebrew Bible's Theology of Election and the Problem of Universalism."

March 27, 2009. Delivered the Plenary address entitled, "Israel and the Other in Late Biblical and Early Rabbinic Thought" at the Upper Midwest Regional AAR/SBL in St. Paul, MN.

January 9-10, 2009. Invited scholar at Congregation Bnai Israel, Northampton, MA. Delivered two talks on the biblical, rabbinic, and early Christian conceptions of chosenness.

December 13-14, 2008. Scholar-in-residence for Congregation Rish Pinah, Westchester, NY. Delivered three talks on aspects of Jewish chosenness and its relevance for Jewish/Christian dialogue today.

November 24, 2008. Participated in a panel review of Julia O'Brien's *Challenging Prophetic Metaphor*. Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Boston, MA.

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. "Israel and the Other in Late Biblical and Early Rabbinic Thought" presented at a conference titled "The Other in Second Temple Judaism" Amherst College.

March 15, 2008. Guest Speaker at Temple Aliyah in Boston, MA. Spoke on the problem of biblical violence.

November 19th, 2007. Responded to 5 scholarly critiques of my new book at the annual Society of Biblical Literature conference, San Diego, CA.

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Co-presented "God of all the World: Universalism and Developing Monotheism in Isaiah 40-66." Israelite Prophetic Literature Section of the SBL in Washington DC.

October 20-22, 2006. Scholar-in-residence at Temple Albert, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Presented 3 talks on Jewish Chosenness as well as a formal lecture on "the Roots of *Gemilut Chasidim* (acts of lovingkindness).

October 19, 2006. Invited to present "Sibling Rivals: Jewish and Christian Understandings of the Chosen People," at the University of New Mexico. This included a lecture followed by a faculty and clergy seminar which I led. The event was funded by Nexus: Religion and the Public University.

May 9, 2006. Presented a paper entitled "Prophecy and Election" Durham University, England.

May 2, 2006. Presented a paper entitled "New Testament and Rabbinic Views of Election" Oxford University, England.

April 25, 2006. Presented a paper entitled "Promise and Covenant" Durham University, England.

March 17, 2006. Presented a paper entitled "New Testament and Rabbinic Views of Election" Durham University, England.

March 9, 2006. March 17, 2006. Presented a paper entitled "New Testament and Rabbinic Views of Election" Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.

November 20, 2005. Organized and chaired a special panel on election theology in ancient Judaism in which I also delivered a response to papers by Walter Moberly and Rolf Rendtorff on ancient Israel's election theology. SBL, Philadelphia, PA.

May 17-20, 2005. Delivered an invited conference lecture entitled "A Light to the Nations?: Was there Mission and or Conversion in the Hebrew Bible," for a conference called A Covenant to the People, a Light to the Nations: Universalism, Exceptionalism, and the Problem of Chosenness in Jewish Thought held at McMaster University.

May 17-20, 2005. Led a pre-conference Graduate Colloquium on the ancient Judaic material surrounding questions of mission and conversion at McMaster University.

November 2004, delivered a paper entitled: "Election and Otherness: Reflections on Identity in Biblical and Rabbinic Thought" for the Judaisms and Hinduisms Section at the Annual American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, TX.

November 22-26, 2002. Presented a paper responding to Erhard Gerstenberger's, *Theologies in the Old Testament* for the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section of the annual AAR/SBL meeting in Toronto, ON.

February 28, 2002. "The Chosen: Election in the Bible." Guest Lecturer for the Religion Dept., Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.

February 15-17, 2002. Taught three intensive sessions entitled: "Priests, Prophets and Politicos: Leadership in Ancient Judaism." Scholar in Residence for Winter Retreat for Congregation Albert in Sante Fe, NM.

January 14, 2002. "Everyone Who Hears will Laugh with Me: Isaac as a Humorous Figure." Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Invited as Dept. of Comparative Religion special lecturer in honor of the retirement of my undergraduate advisor, Harold O. Forshey.

November 29, 2001. Guest Lectured on Election in The Hebrew Bible. Prof. Bruce McCormack's course on election, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

November 19, 2001. Chaired the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section. Annual AAR/SBL meeting in Denver, CO. Solicited papers, organized, and chaired panel.

November 17, 2001. "The Concept of Election and Second Isaiah: Recent Literature." Solicited presentation for the Israelite Prophetic Literature Section special session entitled "The Nebiim meet the Old Testament Prophets." Annual AAR/SBL meeting in Denver, CO.

November 8, 2001. "Can the Bible be Funny?: A New Look at Isaac." Guest Lecturer for the Religion Dept., Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.

October 17, 2001. "Sibling Rivalry in Genesis." Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ.

October 16, 2001. "The Concept of Election and Second Isaiah: Recent Literature." The Tanakh working group, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

The annual AAR/SBL meeting in Nashville, TN November 18-21, 2000. Solicited papers, organized and chaired a panel in the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section.

November 20-23, 1999. The annual AAR/SBL meeting in Boston, MA. Solicited papers for, organized and chaired a panel in the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section.

November 21-24, 1998. Panelist in the Theology of Hebrew Scriptures Section. Theme: Discussion of *Theology of the Old Testament* by Walter Brueggemann. Annual AAR/SBL meeting in Orlando, FL. Also chaired a panel on a different day.

December 23, 1997. "Humor and the Theology of Hope in Genesis: Isaac as a Humorous Figure." Delivered at the AJS in Boston, MA.

November 22-25, 1997. Panelist in the Theology of Hebrew Scriptures Section. Theme: Discussion of *The Task of Old Testament Theology* by Rolf P. Knierim. Annual AAR/SBL meeting in San Francisco, CA.

April 4-5, 1997. Panelist in a session entitled "Teaching Introductory Bible Courses." The Upper Midwest Regional AAR/SBL.

October 9, 1996. "The Individual's Relationship to the Community in Ancient Israel: A New Look at Joshua 7." The Aaron Aronov Chair of Judaic Studies Fall Lecture Series at the University of Alabama.

September 23, 1996. Public Lecture entitled "Repentance: What Might it be Like?" Delivered at Temple Israel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

April 12-13, 1996. Panelist in a session entitled "Post-Holocaust Theology: Necessary or Not?" Also a panelist in a session discussing *Reading from this Place* edited by Tolbert and Segovia. The Upper Midwest Regional AAR/SBL.

November 19, 1995. "Individualism Versus Communal Responsibility: Justice or Mercy." Delivered at the annual AAR/SBL in Philadelphia.

October 25, 1995. "Jewish Folklore and the Jewish-Christian Dialogue." Delivered at the Midwest Jewish Studies Association in St. Paul, MN.

October 4, 1995. Public Lecture "The Book of Jonah" at Temple Israel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

April 21, 1995. "Isaac as a Humorous Figure." Delivered at the Midwest Regional AAR/SBL in St. Paul, MN.

November 22, 1994. "Joshua 7: A Reassessment of Israelite Conceptions of Corporate Punishment." Delivered at the Annual AAR/SBL in Chicago.

November 8th and 15th, 1992. "Prophecy in Ancient Israel." A series of two lectures delivered at Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Deerfield, IL.

July 17, 1990. "The Individual's Relationship to Society in Ancient Israel." The Marion Green Memorial Lecture at Rodfei Zedek Synagogue in Chicago, IL.

November 28, 1990. "Rabbinic Judaism and its Hermeneutical Techniques." Formal Lecture at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Delivered again in December 1991.

## **Other Professional Experience:**

July 2015-present. serving a multi-year term as the Book Review Editor in charge of all reviews in the biblical and rabbinic periods for the *AJS Review*, which is the Journal of the Association for Jewish Studies. This is the premier Jewish Studies journal. In this capacity I regularly read through the array of books published in the field and solicit reviewers from across the globe. I also edit the reviews once they are submitted and read final proof pages before publication of each issue.

2019-20, served on the Board of Advisors for the *Journal of Interreligious Studies* (JIRS). This involved several Zoom sessions throughout the year during which we discussed various matters surrounding th journal and the direction we might take with future issues of the journal.

May-June 2020. NEH grant reviewer for full semester or full year grant support. Each grant consisted of approximately a 15 page file including a detailed project description, a writing sample, letters of reference, etc. I read each file and then produced an evaluation of each grant proposal/project.

Spring 2020. Reviewed a senior colleague at Durham University for promotion to Grade 10 Band 3. I read the materials in the dossier and produced a written evaluation of the scholarly merit of this colleague's work in relation to the Durham University's standards for promotion.

Winter 2019. Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN requested that I review Prof. Kathryn Schifferdecker's dossier and write a letter evaluating her scholarship. I read through the materials in the dossier and submitted a letter as requested.

Fall 2018. Solicited by Penn State University Press to read through and to submit a short editorial review of a book titled *The Unfavored: Judah and Saul in the Narratives of Genesis and 1 Samuel*, written by Josef Sykora.

Fall/Winter 2017-18. Cambridge University Press asked me to evaluate a 287 page manuscript by Paul Cho on "The Sea Myth in the Hebrew Bible as Myth, Metaphor, and Muthos" that they are considering for publication and give detailed feedback. I read the complete mss and produce a nine page detailed report on it.

May 2017-June 2017. Solicited by Purdue University Press to review a 300 page manuscript and provide feedback to the press and the authors. Read and evaluated the manuscript and produced a detailed report I submitted to the press in Mid-June 2017.

Fall 2016. Solicited by Lexington Books to review and produce a an editorial endorsement of Malka Simkovich's new book, *The Making of Jewish Universalism*.

Summer of 2016. Asked by Colby College to review a colleague's dossier submitted for promotion to Full Professor. Read the complete portfolio of eight years worth of publications and wrote a detailed assessment of it.

Spring 2016. Wrote an editorial review of John T. Noble's book *A Place for Hagar's Son: Ishmael as a Case Study in the Priestly Tradition*, part of which was excerpted for a book blurb appearing on the back cover.

February-April 2016. Served as the External Examiner on a PhD Committee for a Joseph Sykora's 1000,000 word dissertation "The Unfavored: Judah and Saul in the Narratives of Genesis and 1 Samuel" submitted to the Dept. of Theology and Religion at Durham University, UK. In this capacity I was the lead reader and the person who led the Oral defense proceedings.

Winter 2016. Evaluated a 260 page manuscript for Cambridge University Press titled "Re-imagining Abraham: Who edited the Abraham Narratives and Why" and produced a detailed 10 page report.

Fall 2015. Wrote a short editorial review of Stephen Chapman's new book: *I Samuel As Christian Scripture: A Theological Commentary* (Eerdmans, 2016), part of which was excerpted for a book blurb on the back cover of the book.

September 2014-January 2015. I served as a Guest Editor for the Oxford Bibliographies Online Bible area for a few months. I was tasked to read through the materials currently posted, suggest ways these existing entries might be improved, suggest areas and entry titles they should be covering, and suggest scholars they should solicit to write bibliographical essays they need written.

2014-15, I was solicited by *Harvard Theological Review* on 2 occasions to evaluate essays for publication. I read the essays and provided detailed feedback.

Fall 2012. Swarthmore College Dept. Of Religion requested that I review a junior colleague's file for tenure and promotion. I read the materials in the case file and wrote a detailed letter of evaluation.

In late July 2012, Yale University Press solicited me to review a 270 page manuscript entitled *Charity: The Biblical Origins of an Idea*. I reviewed this monograph and provided 7 pages single-spaced of critical feedback. I received modest compensation of several hundred dollars in books from YUP for my labors.

Fall 2011. Served as a reviewer for a pre-tenure review case in the Dept. of Religion, Swarthmore College.

Summer 2011. Served as a reviewer for a promotion case in the Dept. of Religion at Rice University.

Fall 2010. Reviewed a manuscript on the Book of Joshua for the University of Notre Dame Press.

Winter 2010. Solicited by the NEH to review grant proposals. Unfortunately I was overseas and unable to attend the annual meeting in Washington DC at the time.

Spring 2009. External Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College Religion Department. Wrote an Honors examination and was brought in to do an oral exam for two students.

Summer 2008. Served as a tenure case reviewer for the Dept. of Religious Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Fall 2008 forward. Solicited to be an Associate Editor on the newly revised edition of the Harper/Collins Bible Dictionary. Given an extensive list of entries to revise and rewrite and a few to write from scratch.

Spring 2008. External Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College Religion Department. I wrote an Honors examination and was brought to campus for an oral exam.

Spring 2008. Reader and participant in Amanda Beckenstein Mbuvi's dissertation defense, "Belonging in Genesis: Biblical Israel and the Construction of Communal Identity," Duke University.

April 4-5, 2008. Primary organizer of a conference titled "The Other in Second Temple Judaism" Amherst College. Invited all guests, coordinated the panels, etc.

Winter 2008. Evaluated a 450 pages manuscript for Cambridge University Press.

Spring 2007. Abingdon Press asked me to read and blurb Larry Lyke's book, *I Will Espouse You Forever: The Song of Songs and the Theology of Love in the Hebrew Bible*.

Fall 2006. Consulted by the editorial board of *Harvard Theological Review* to evaluate an essay submitted to the journal.

Visiting Scholar at Durham University from February 15-July 1 2006. Interacted with colleagues and students in the Dept. of Theology and Religion. Also made some formal presentations listed above.

Spring 2006. Dean at Wellesley College consulted me by phone and e-mail to discuss possible evaluators for a tenure case in the Religion Dept.

Fall 2005. Served as an external evaluator of the Dept. of Comparative Religion at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Visited campus for 3 days and met with all department members and various administrators. Co-produced an assessment of the state of the department including a number of recommendations to strengthen the program.

Fall 2005. Asked to evaluate a colleague at Trinity College, Hartford, CT for renewal in a tenure track position.

Summer 2005. I was asked to review and write a book blurb for Jacqueline Lapsley's, *Whispering the Word* published by WJK.

Spring 2005. I was asked to review and write a book blurb for Johanna van Wijk Bos's, *Making Wise the Simple* published by Eerdmans.

I was solicited to evaluate whether a book entitled *Reading the Bible through Jewish Eyes* was worthy of publication by the Society of Biblical Literature Press in October 2004.

Fall 2004. I was asked to review and write a book blurb for Frank Spina's, *The Faith of the Outsider* published by Eerdmans.

Winter 2004. Solicited by Princeton Theological Seminary and served as a Tenure Reviewer who evaluated a colleague for tenure and promotion.

Fall 2003. Solicited by Duke University Divinity School to evaluate a colleague for renewal in a tenure track position.

Summer 2002. Solicited by the State University of New York Press to read and evaluate for publication a 289 page manuscript entitled "Abraham's Marginalized Descendant: Rabbinic Portrayals of Ishmael."

Fall 2000. Solicited by the Department Chair and served as a Tenure Reviewer for a candidate for tenure in the Religion Department at Swarthmore College.

Winter 1999. Served as a reviewer for submissions to the *Journal of Teaching Theology and Religion*.

1997-2003. Elected Co-Chair of the Theology of Hebrew Scriptures Section for the Society of Biblical Literature at the national level for a 6 year term. Organized the program for the AAR/SBL in Orlando, FL in November 1998, Boston, MA in November 1999, Nashville, TN in November 2000, Denver, CO in November 2001, and Toronto, Ont in 2002.

May 22-24, 1997 and May 23-25 1996. Served as a visiting external examiner for graduating seniors at Swarthmore College taking honors in Religion.

Summer 1980. Lahav Research Project, Tell Halif, Israel. Assisted in an archaeological dig which included college courses in Archaeology, Anthropology, and Ancient History on the site.

## **Professional Memberships**

Society of Biblical Literature Association for Jewish Studies Center of Theological Inquiry Catholic Biblical Association

# **College Service:**

Began serving a 3 year term on the Kennedy Professorship Committee beginning in Spring 2019. In April 2019, I read through the application proposals, wrote up a brief evaluation of them, and voted for my preference on whom to invite to serve as the Kennedy Professor in spring 2021.

1997-2019. I regularly attend the vast majority of prospective students and accepted students events on behalf of Religion and Jewish Studies.

2017, Spring. Participated in several aspects of hiring the new Director of Religious & Spiritual Life and College Chaplain including an advanced meeting with Dean Ohotnicky, attended interview sessions with all 4 candidates and various other people on the search committee, and gave detailed feedback on all candidates to Dean Ohotnicky.

2016, Spring. I ran for the Committee on Academic Freedom but was not elected.

I ran for CFCD several times recently (Spring 2018, Spring 2015, Spring 2013, Spring 2012) but was not elected.

2011-12. I served on the College Bookstore Advisory Committee at the request of the Provost.

2011-12. I participated in a search for the two-year Multifaith Fellow at Smith College run by the Office of Religious Life. I attended three talks and gave feedback. I also have been acting as a faculty advisor to Hillel and advocating for the Hillel students. I helped convince the Dean of Religious Life to hire a contract employee to assist the Hillel students this year. I also gave a lunch talk to the Hillel students early this past fall.

2010-11. I organized and led all sessions connected to Wayne Meeks' presence here on campus as the 2010-11 Neilson Visiting Professor and the allied Kahn Institute Colloquium conducted around his presence at Smith. I took care of a host of details to insure that all went off smoothly. I was the primary liaison between Wayne Meeks, the Kahn Institute, Smith faculty and students who interacted with Professor Meeks, and the Smith College Administration.

2010-11. I have been actively involved in a series of meetings with Maureen Mahoney and Jennifer Walters trying to figure out the best way to reinvigorate Jewish campus life in the wake of the restructuring of the Chapel.

2011. Interviewed for the Director of the Kahn Institute position.

2011. Ran for CFCD.

2009-2010. Lead organizer in planning Wayne Meeks' Neilson Professorship/Kahn Institute that will take place in Fall 2010. Held numerous meetings with Kahn and Religion Dept. members as well as with Prof. Meeks in order to create a detailed schedule of events which will take place in Fall 2010.

Spring 2010. I ran for CMP but was not elected.

2007-09. Served on the Neilson Committee, 2008-09 served as Chair of the Committee. As Chair I took the lead drafting the letter soliciting nominations, scheduled various meetings, conducted all correspondence with various nominators as well as with the President.

I ran for CFCD in Spring 2007. While on the ballot I was not elected.

Served as Chair of the Library Committee 2004-05. I organized meetings, help set the agenda, and helped draft official correspondence on behalf of the Committee.

Elected to a three year term on the Library Committee and began serving in Fall 2002. Served as Secretary in 2002-03.

Served on the Program Committee for Jewish Studies since 1997, for Archaeology since 2004, for Ancient studies since 2006 (service described in detail further below).

Served as a Pre-Major and Major Advisor from 1998-present. Served as a pre-major advisor in 1998-2000, 2002-04, 2007, 2010, 1014, 2015, and again 2016 (having voluntary accepted to take liberal arts advisees in 2015 and 2016 even though I was not obligated to do so). I have served as a major or minor advisor in both Religion and Jewish Studies to many students over the years.

## Served in the Dept. of Religion in the following capacities:

Served as Religion Dept. Chair 2018-20. In 2019-2020 I mentored in the new REL 3 year Mellon VAP. Of course, as Chair I also oversaw all routine departmental business as well including setting the agenda and leading all dept. meetings, communicating with adjunct hires, acting as the major voice of the dept. to the administration and reporting for the administration to the dept., overseeing budgets, and organizing several faculty/student events, attending all Chairs meetings, moving various curricular initiatives forward, and representing the Department at a host of differing functions. I also hosted a faculty/student social event in fall at my home, organized our annual presentation of the major, worked with the REL Dept. student liaisons, and organized a brief get together at safe social distance with students and faculty the final week of classes before spring break.

This year I have also been working with Phoebe McKinnell setting goals as Smith transitions to a new software platform. I am Phoebe's supervisor and as such I took the lead in writing her annual HR review. Once again, I worked with Phoebe McKinnell to

spearhead efforts to assemble a Religion Dept. E-Newsletter to be sent via email to over 600 Alumnae and our current Religion students.

Finally, as Chair of REL I attended many extra faculty, chairs, and divisional meetings in the wake of the Covid 19 pandemic. I was the primary person communicating information between the administration and faculty and staff in the REL dept.

In 2018-19 I spearheaded the major tasks: 1) I led our attempt to procure at TOO hire from Harvard. While CAP ultimately decided not to pursue this candidate, it did involve laying groundwork. 2) I successfully spearheaded our efforts to obtain one of the 5 Mellon VAP's. This latter effort involved extensive work by me at each stage of the process. I was the point person for drafting materials required for each part of this search and I led the search at all stages and organized all meetings and consultations during the search. I also devoted extensive time to the candidate during their campus visit and saw to many of the details of that visit. 3) Finally, working with Phoebe McKinnell, I led the effort to assemble a Religion Dept. E-Newsletter which we sent out to over 600 alumnae and our current Religion students. Many alums wrote back saying how pleased they were to receive this Newsletter and sending updates on their post Smith lives to include in next year's edition of our Newsletter.

As Chair I also oversaw all routine departmental business as well including setting the agenda and leading all dept. meetings, communicating with adjunct hires, acting as the major voice of the dept. to the administration and reporting for the administration to the dept., overseeing budgets, and organizing several faculty/student events, attending all Chairs meetings, moving various curricular initiatives forward, and representing the Department at a host of differing functions. This year I have also been working with Phoebe McKinnell setting goals as Smith transitions to a new software platform. I am Phoebe's supervisor and as such I took the lead in writing her annual HR review.

In 2016-2017 I served as Chair of the Religion Dept. taking the lead role in producing our decennial review self-study. I have been the central coordinator in assembling the many pieces of our self-study and in conducting conversations surrounding it. These included meeting with Institutional Research to help inform us about our goals and assessment statements, crafting the language in these two statements, assembling language to survey alums and current majors, conducting meetings and retreats to discuss issues surrounding the current structure of our curriculum and attempting to formulate our most critical priorities, allotting various parts of the prose language of the self-study to different members of the Department, working with Phoebe McKinnell our Admin. Asst. to assemble the complete document, etc. Of course, as Chair I have also organized meetings, attended Chairs meetings, moved various curricular initiatives forward, dealt with adjunct staffing matters, and represented the Department at a host of differing functions. This year I have also been working with Phoebe McKinnell to streamline and clarify aspects of her workload and to help her explore whether her responsibilities have grown sufficiently to warrant a reassessment and thus a raise in her compensation.

In December 2016, I organized a talk by Emily Floyd '09 entitled: "Traveling Saints: Printed Images and Landscapes of Devotion in Colonial Peru"

In October 2016 I organized a campus visit and public lecture by Rachel Havrelock who spoke on "The Book of Joshua: Then and Now." She also spoke to both of my classes the following day.

In October 2015, I organized a public lecture by Prof. Margaret Mitchell of Univ. of Chicago entitled "Hey you took that out of Context: Biblical Interpretation on the floor of Congress" which attracted over 60 people, as well as a lunch meeting with majors and minors at which Prof. Mitchell explained the various graduate tracks of study.

2012-13: This year I conducted a number of interviews of candidates to hire an adjunct to teach two replacement courses in Hebrew Bible

I also organized a lecture series called Wisdom: Human and Divine. On October 18, 2012 we brought in Luke Timothy Johnson from Emory University to speak on "Jesus Among the Philosophers: Ancient Conceptions of Happiness." I obtained a grant from Commonweal Magazine to underwrite much of the cost of this lecture. I organized another pubic lecture in this series on March 13, 2013 by Anne Stewart '05 who lectured on "Passionate Pedagogy: Desire, Knowedge and Moral Imagination in the book of Proverbs".

I Chaired the Religion Department for AY2010-11. Organized meetings, attended Chairs meetings, moved various curricular initiatives forward and represented the Department at a host of differing functions. I also oversaw all aspects of a promotion case in Religion during AY 2010-11.

2010-11: I organized a three part lecture series entitled: "Weaving Women's History: From the Bible to Radical Jewish Feminism." I took the lead in putting the Lecture Committee proposal together and I also took charge of Susan Ackerman's lecture on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 titled: "Spinning the Garments of the Gods: Women's Religious weaving in the Ancient Near East."

Served on the Curriculum Committee for the Dept. of Religion and Biblical Literature. 1997-1999. Major accomplishments included: a) Helped generate strategies of how the department would meet the challenge of going to 2+2. b) Created a master computer list of all our offerings over the next 3 years. c) Helped design a new required majors colloquium to enhance the overall structure of our major.

Served as the departmental Library Liaison. 1997-1999. Helped organize a departmental list by call numbers so that each member could receive the proper sets of pre-printed order forms.

I was the departmental representative between the student liaisons and the rest of the department. 1999-2001, and for most years from 2002-to present. In this capacity I did the following: a) For our 2005 Decennial Review I sent out a survey to all of our present and many of our previous majors in order to obtain student feedback on the state of the Dept. of Religion. b) I organized numerous events including both the fall and spring Presentations of the Major, a winter party at the end of the fall semester each fall, a departmental event in honor of A. J. Levine (a Rally Day medalist) as well as one several

years back for Diana Eck (also a Rally Day medalist), a departmental lecture and dinner with the students with a major visiting speaker (George Weigel one year Michael McConnell the second year), an end of the year departmental event. c) I also attended the new students welcome and the prospective student events. d) I kept an e-mail list and sent out announcements of all relevant lectures and events to students on a regular basis. e) Finally, I met with the student liaisons twice during each year to discuss the state of the department from their perspective and hear their suggestions.

Served as a departmental secretary Spring 2001 and occasionally at other times.

I arranged and fully coordinated a lecture/visit for the Dept. of Religion and the Program in Jewish Studies by Prof. John J. Collins of Yale University entitled "Before the Fall: Adam and Eve in Jewish Wisdom Literature," Feb. 26, 2004.

I helped organize a major retirement event for Prof. Karl Donfried on April 2, 2005 on "The Bible, Art, and Culture."

I was a member of a search committee for a position in Islam that we filled.

Voted and wrote letters in two tenure cases in fall 2007.

Took the lead in drafting Prof. Wayne Meeks' successful Neilson nomination for 2010.

# Served on the Jewish Studies Advisory Board since my arrival on campus in Fall 1997 in the following capacities:

I am an active member of Jewish Studies and I attended all Jewish studies meetings and many JUD events. I also advise some Jewish Studies minors and majors and almost all my courses count toward the JUD major and minor. On April 11, 2019 I organized a major event shared by REL and JUD in which we had Dr. Mark Oppenheimer (of Yale U) give a public talk titled "The Jew and the Podcast: How We took Religion into a New Medium" followed by a faculty/student colloquium over dinner where we heard Dr. Oppenheimer speak about his new book project on the Jewish response in the wake of the synagogue shootings that occurred in Pittsburgh.

Director of the Program in Jewish Studies 2004-06, Jan. 2007-2009. In this capacity I organized Program meetings, mentored our one pre-tenure colleague, and acted as the liaison between the Program and the College's Administration. I also helped bring to fruition a full-time three-year Hebrew position shared with Mt. Holyoke which we have just successfully filled. I again took the lead in seeking to renew our Hebrew position drafting various letters to the administration.

Helped hire and mentor junior colleagues and participated in all reviews and tenure and promotion processes with Jewish Studies.

Served on two search committees and the committee in charge of seeking external advice between the first and second searches. Helped arrange numerous logistical issues involved in bringing various candidates and consultants to campus. Helped formulate our request for a new search in light of the advice we received from the various consultants. Brought the second search to a successful conclusion.

Helped rewrite the requirements for the Jewish Studies minor. Helped the move toward becoming a major. Arranged aspects of the Program retreat and helped draft the retreat report in Fall 2008.

2012-13: Participated on the search committee to hire a new a Hebrew instructor.

Over past years I have arranged the following lectures for Jewish Studies:

I arranged a lecture visit by Cynthia Francis Gensheimer on April 21, 2017 on "Navigating Jewishness at Smith in the Early 20th Century: Lessons from the Archives for Today".

Professor Nathaniel Deutsch from Swarthmore College entitled "The Maiden of Ludmir: A Chasidic Holy Woman" on Nov. 8. 1999.

Cynthia Ozick entitled "What Isaac Babel Knew (and Western Intellectuals Didn't)" April 8, 2001.

James Kugel of Harvard University entitled "The God of Old: When God met People Face to Face," February 27, 2003.

Chaim Cohen from Ben Gurion University entitled: "Organ Transplants and the Jewish Tradition," November 10, 2003.

Carol Bakhos from UCLA entitled: "Heirs to the Promise: Abraham Among Jews, Christians and Muslims," Sept. 23, 2005.

Jon D. Levenson of Harvard University on Sept. 25, 2008.

Nathaniel Deutsch entitled: "Travel Through the Jewish Dark Continent: Folklore and the Quest for Jewish Ethnography," April 2, 2012.

## Served the wider college community more generally in the following ways:

1) Member of the Program Committee for Archaeology beginning Spring 2004-present. Director of Archaeology, 2008-09. In this capacity I conducted a number of meetings as the Program grappled with questions of whether it should continue to offer the minor and if so in what form. I also evaluated our current teacher of the Intro and sat in on all talks given by candidates for the Latin American ARC position, also attended all prospective student events for ARC. In previous years I organized lecture visits by Prof. Denise Schmandt-Besserat of the University of Texas entitled "The Origins of Writing" on March 27, 2007 as well as a talk by Prof. Rachel Hallote from SUNY Purchase on "The Bible, Archaeology and Religion in historical perspective." Feb. 28, 2005. I also helped develop the CAP proposal for a join position in New Testament and Archaeology.

- 2) Member of the Program Committee for Ancient Studies beginning Fall 2006-present. I also am an active member of Ancient Studies and contribute courses that count toward the minor. This year I organized the annual public lecture on behalf of Ancient Studies when I invited and saw to all details surrounding the campus visit of Prof. Esther Hamori of Union Theological Seminary in New York. She delivered a public lecture on April 2, 2019 titled: "God's Monsters" and then gave a class lecture on April 3, 2019 on Prophecy in the Bible and the ancient Near East. In March 2017, I organized a public lecture by Prof. John J. Collins entitled: "The Invention of Judaism: Ethnicity and Religion in Second Temple Judaism. In March 2016, I organized a public lecture for Ancient Studies by Prof. Martien Halvorson Taylor of Univ. of Virginia who spoke on "Love and Gender in the Song of Songs". In Spring 2012 I helped organize a talk by Prof. John J. Collins of Yale university on Feb. 22nd entitled: "The Other in the Hebrew Bible."
- 3) Served as chair of the 5-college Colloquium on Biblical Literature. Organized several presentations by various colleagues in the valley as well as one external visit by John J. Collins, Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation, Yale University. 2003-04.
- 4) Arranged and coordinated a lecture/visit for the Dept. of Religion and the Program in Jewish Studies by Gabriel Danzig of Bar Ilan University entitled "Biblical Violence, Biblical Humanity: Can we Appreciate the Bible Today?," December 4, 2002.
- 5) Served as a house fellow for Morrow House during 2000-2001. Organized numerous events including a hot fudge sundae party and a pizza party, and attended several teas.
- 6) I made all the arrangements for a lecture on "The Sacrifice of Isaac and Biblical Ethics" by John J. Collins, Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation, Yale University on November 9, 2000. This was sponsored through the connections fund of the Provost's Office and by the Religion Dept. and Jewish Studies.
- 7) In the Fall of 2004, I spoke on two panels on two differing occasions to prospective students about the Humanities at Smith College. I attend almost all prospective student events.
- 8) I was solicited and agreed to teach a 'Master Class' entitled, "A Tour of Eden: A Critical look at Genesis 2-3," for Fall Preview and Women of Distinction visitors on Saturday, October 26, 2002.
- 9) Spoke to the Long Island Smith Alumni Club on April 14, 2002 on "Sibling Rivalry in Genesis."
- 10) Spoke to the southeastern Massachusetts Alumnae Group on Saturday March 31, 2001 in New Bedford, MA on "Women in Exodus 1-2."
- 11) Spring Quarter 2000. Taught an Introduction to the Bible for the two synagogues in Amherst and Northampton. Course consisted of ten two hour sessions on ten consecutive Sundays and had about twenty-five adult learners.