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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 2014 University of Chicago

Committee on Jewish Studies

Dissertation: "Philosophical Commentaries on the Preface to the Guide of

the Perplexed, c.1250-1360."

M.A. 2008 University of Chicago

Committee on Jewish Studies

**B.A. 2004** University of Tennessee, Knoxville, *summa cum laude* 

College Scholars Honors Program

Thesis: "The Figurative Language of Medieval Jewish

Exegesis: Contexts and Critiques."

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**2016-2019** Lecturer

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; English

Humanities; Ethnicity, Race & Migration

Yale University

Associate Research Scholar

Program in Judaic Studies

Yale University

2014-2016 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Department of Judaic Studies

McGill University

**2013-2014** Lecturer

Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

University of Chicago

2013-2014 Writing Instructor

Writing Program
University of Chicago

2012-2013 Language Assistant

Department of Romance Languages and Literatures,

University of Chicago

2011-2012 Visiting Research Fellow

Judaic Studies Program Brown University

2011-2012 Affiliated Fellow

Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago (declined)

**PUBLICATIONS** 

**2018** Rewriting Maimonides: Early Commentaries on the Guide of

the Perplexed. Walter De Gruyter; Maimonides

Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Hamburg. Series: Traditions

in Jewish Thought, Philosophy, and Religion.

**2018** Review of *The Andalusi Literary and Intellectual Tradition* by S.J. Pearce.

Medieval Encounters 24:357-360.

Forthcoming Fall 2019

"Commentaries on the Guide of the Perplexed: Formal and

Literary Trends." The Literary Forms of

Medieval Jewish Philosophy, edited by Aaron Hughes and James

T. Robinson, University of Indiana Press.

Forthcoming Spring 2020

"Medieval Philosophy: Jewish Contribution." Wiley-Blackwell

Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion.

**Forthcoming 2020-2021** 

"The Guide as Biblical Commentary." Cambridge Critical Guide to

Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed, Cambridge University Press.

**In preparation** "Maimonides for the Masses: A Re-appraisal of Joseph ibn

## Kaspi's Commentaries on the Guide of the Perplexed."

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2018 Judaic Studies Program/Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies Book Grant

Yale University

2011-2012 Whiting Dissertation-Year Doctoral Fellowship

University of Chicago

2011-2012 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Fellowship

**2011** Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship Travel Grant

University of Chicago

**2010** Research and Travel Grant

Chicago Center for Jewish Studies

University of Chicago

**2006-2009** Mellon Graduate Achievement Fellowship

University of Chicago

**2008** Provost's Summer Fellowship

University of Chicago,

2006 Hebrew language study

American Friends of Hebrew University The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

2006 Hebrew language study

University of Chicago

The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

2005 Hebrew language study

The University of Chicago

University of Haifa

# **INVITED TALKS**

2015 "The Responsibility of Maimonidean Intellectuals"

Yale Colloquium in Jewish Thought, Yale University

#### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

2012 "Genre and Theory in the Study of Medieval Jewish Texts." Annual

Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 16-18.

Papers Presented

2015 "Maimonides for the Masses: A Re-appraisal of Joseph ibn Kaspi's

Commentaries on the Guide of the Perplexed." Annual Conference of the

Association for Jewish Studies, December 13-15.

2012 "Philosophical Allegory in Commentaries on the *Guide of the Perplexed*."

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, December

16-18.

2012 "Jewish Thought in 13th-century Italy: Between Isolation and

Collaboration." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Italian

Studies, May 3-5.

2011 "'The first purpose of this Treatise': Commentaries on the 'equivocal

terms' of Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed." Annual Conference

of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 18-20.

Discussant

2012 Roundtable Discussant, "The Future of Medieval Jewish Philosophy."

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, December 16-

18.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University

**2019** Judaism & Feminism (upper undergraduate)

(Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Humanities, Religious Studies)

Sexual Minorities from Plato to the Enlightenment (upper undergraduate)

(Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, History)

2018 Race, Religion and Sex in the Inquisition (lower/upper undergraduate)

(Ethnicity, Race & Migration; Portuguese; Women's, Gender, and

Sexuality Studies)

Judaism & Feminism (upper undergraduate)

(Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Judaic Studies)

Portuguese 120 (lower undergraduate) (Department of Spanish & Portuguese)

2017 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (lower undergraduate)

(Directed Studies Program)

Histories of Sodomy (upper undergraduate/graduate) (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, History)

2017 Persecution and Deviance in the West (upper undergraduate)

(Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Religious Studies)

Diaspora and Jewish Identity in the Transatlantic (upper undergraduate)

(Ethnicity, Race & Migration)

**2016** Deviance: Insiders and Outsiders (lower undergraduate)

(English)

Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (lower undergraduate)

(Directed Studies Program)

McGill University

2016 Modernity in Jewish Thought (upper undergraduate)

(Jewish Studies)

2015 Between Athens and Jerusalem: Philosophy and Judaism in

Dialogue (lower undergraduate)

(Jewish Studies)

History and Cultures of the Portuguese-Jewish Diaspora

(upper undergraduate) (Jewish Studies)

2014 Philosophy and Biblical Exegesis in Maimonides and the

Maimonidean Tradition (graduate)

(Jewish Studies)

University of Chicago

2014 Elementary Portuguese I/II (lower undergraduate)

(Romance Languages&Literatures)

Human Being and Citizen (lower undergraduate)

(Humanities Writing Instructor)

2013 "Language and the Human" (lower undergraduate)

(Humanities Writing Instructor)

Elementary Portuguese III (lower undergraduate)

(Romance Languages&Literatures)

Elementary Portuguese II (lower undergraduate)

(Romance Languages&Literatures)

2012 Elementary Portuguese I (lower undergraduate)

(Romance Languages&Literatures)

2008 "Medieval Jewish Thought: Philosophy, Theology, Sufism, Kabbalah"

(lower/upper undergraduate)

(Jewish Studies/Divinity, taught with James T. Robinson)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2010 Archival research, Institute of Microfilmed Hebrew Manuscripts

National Library of Israel, Jerusalem. June-July.

#### SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Contributor, PESHAT Project - Database of Philosophic and Scientific Hebrew Terminology (http://www.peshat.org/about).

Manuscript reviewer for *Harvard Theological Review*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, Walter De Gruyter

#### **LANGUAGES**

**Portuguese** native

**French** oral and written fluency

**Hebrew** rabbinical and medieval - reading knowledge

modern - oral and written fluency

**German** excellent

Spanishreading knowledgeItalianreading knowledgeArabicbasic knowledge

## **REFERENCES**

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