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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yeshiva University

Professor of Bible and Jewish History. 2022—
Associate Professor of Jewish History (with tenure; 3/3 teaching load). 2016–2022.
Core faculty of the Bernard Revel Graduate School. 2016–Present.
Visiting Associate Professor of Jewish History, the Harry Fischel Summer School,
Bernard Revel Graduate School. 2017–2019.
Adjunct Associate Professor, the summer program at the Katz School of Science &
Health. 2017–Present.
Assistant Professor of Bible. 2010–2016.
Instructor of Bible. 2008–2010.

University of Michigan

Visiting Associate Professor, Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies. College of
Literature, Science, and the Arts. August–December 2021.

New York University

Adjunct Associate Professor, Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies. 2019–
Present.
Teaching Assistant/Lecturer, Religious Studies/Hebrew and Judaic Studies. 2002–2005.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Visiting Research Fellow (Yad Hanadiv Foundation), January–December 2014.

Georg-August University Göttingen

Visiting Research Fellow (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation). July–December
2013.

Hunter College, CUNY

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Classical and Oriental Studies. 2005.

EDUCATION

2008 **New York University, Ph.D.** Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies
Dissertation: “The Image of the Priesthood in the Dead Sea Scrolls” (supervised
by L. H. Schiffman)

Major field: Jewish History and Literature of the Second Temple Period and Late Antiquity
Minor field: Hebrew Bible

2000 **University of Washington, B.A.** Jackson School of International Studies
Major field: Jewish Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Songs of the Sage (4Q510–511). Dead Sea Scrolls Editions 2. Leiden: Brill, 2022.
Otherworldly and Eschatological Priesthood in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 86. Leiden: Brill, 2010.

Articles

- 2022 “Kinsmen or an Alien Race?': Jews and Samaritans from the Hasmoneans to the Mishnah.” Pages 53-60 in *The Samaritans: A Biblical People*. Edited by S. Fine. Leiden; Boston: Brill/YU Press.
- 2022 “Magic and Demonology in the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Retrospective.” In *The Dead Sea Scrolls at Seventy: The Lewent Colloquium in Ancient Studies*. Edited by A. Jassen and L. H. Schiffman. London: Palgrave Macmillan, manuscript complete and submitted.
- 2020 “Probing the Jewish Setting of Matthew 11:25–30.” Pages 3–17 in *From Scrolls to Traditions: A Festschrift Honoring Lawrence H. Schiffman*. Edited by S. Miller, M. Swartz, S. Fine, N. Grunhaus, and A. Jassen. Leiden; Boston: Brill.
- 2020 “The Second Temple of Jerusalem: Center of the Jewish Universe.” Pages 51-71 in *Jewish Religious Architecture: From Biblical Israel to Modern Judaism*. Edited by S. Fine. Jews, Judaism, and the Arts 1. Leiden; Boston: Brill.

- 2018 “A Newly Discovered Interpretation of Isaiah 40:12–13 in the *Songs of the Sage*.” Pages 28–39 in *Hā-’ish Mōshe: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein*. Edited by B. Goldstein, M. Segal, and G. Brooke. STDJ 122. Leiden: Brill.
- 2017 “Reading the *Songs of the Sage* in Sequence: Preliminary Observations and Questions.” Pages 185–211 in *Functions of Psalms and Prayers in the Late Second Temple Period*. Edited by M. S. Pajunen and J. Penner. BZAW 486. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 2016 “The Humbling of the Arrogant and the ‘Wild Man’ and ‘Tree Stump’ Traditions in the Book of Giants and Daniel 4.” Pages 61–80 in *Tales of Giants from Qumran and Turfan: Ancient Contexts, Traditions and Influences*. Edited by L.T. Stuckenbruck, M. Goff, and E. Morano. WUNT 360. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- 2016 “Enoch, Jesus, and Priestly Tradition.” Pages 285–316 in *Enoch and the Synoptic Gospels: Reminiscences, Allusions, Intertextuality*. Edited by L.T. Stuckenbruck and G. Boccaccini. EJL 44. Atlanta: SBL Press.
- 2016 “Texts of Messianic Reign from the Hasmonean Period: A Response to Torleif Elgvin.” Pages 179–81 in *The Seleucid and Hasmonean Periods and the Apocalyptic Worldview*. Edited by L. Grabbe and G. Boccaccini. Library of Second Temple Studies 88. New York/London: T&T Clark.
- 2016 “4QApocryphon of Daniel ar (4Q246) and the Book of Daniel: A Response to Årstein Justnes.” Pages 193–95 in *The Seleucid and Hasmonean Periods and the Apocalyptic Worldview*. Edited by L. Grabbe

and G. Boccaccini; Library of Second Temple Studies 88. New York/London: T&T Clark.

- 2015 “The Material Reconstruction of 4QSongs of the Sage^b (4Q511).” *Revue de Qumran* 27: 25–82.
- 2014 “Reading the Book of Giants in Literary and Historical Context.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 21: 313–46.
- 2014 “The Divine Courtroom Scenes of Daniel 7 and the Qumran Book of Giants: A Textual and Contextual Comparison.” Pages 25–48 in *The Divine Courtroom in Comparative Perspective. Proceedings of the Conference held at Yeshiva University’s Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law on February 5–6, 2012*. Edited by S. Holtz and A. Mermelstein. BIS 132. Leiden: Brill.
- 2012 “Maskil, Community, and Religious Experience in the Songs of the Sage (4Q510–511).” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 19: 1–27.
- 2010 “The Liturgical-Eschatological Priest of the Self-Glorification Hymn.” *Revue de Qumran* 96: 585–605.
- 2010 “The Traditional Roots of Priestly Messianism at Qumran.” Pages 27–54 in *The Dead Sea Scrolls at Sixty: The Contributions of NYU Faculty and Alumni*. Edited by L. H. Schiffman and S. L. Tzoref. STDJ 89. Leiden: Brill.
- 2009 “The Use of the Hebrew Bible in Early Jewish Magic.” *Religion Compass* 3: 785–98.

Commentaries, Entries in Reference Works, and Bibliographies

“Songs of the Sage (4Q510, 4Q511).” In *Prayer in the Ancient World*. Edited by D. Falk and R. Werline. Brill, 2022.

“Nephilim.” Article available at <https://www.bibleodyssey.org/>

“Messianism/Messianic Movements.” In *The Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*. Edited by D. G. Hunter et al. Brill, 2020. http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/25897993_EECO_SIM_041888

“Book of Giants.” Pages 222–25 in *The T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism*. Volume 1. Edited by D. Gurtner and L. Stuckenbruck. T&T Clark, 2019.

“Rule of Blessings (1QSb).” Pages 473–75 in vol. 1 of *The T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism*. Volume 1. Edited by D. Gurtner and L. Stuckenbruck. T&T Clark, 2019.

“Temple Scroll.” Pages 354–57 in *The T&T Clark Companion to the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Edited by G. Brooke and C. Hempel. London: T&T Clark, 2019.

“High Priest (Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism).” Pages 1049–52 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Volume 11. Edited by S. L. McKenzie et al. Boston/Berlin: de Gruyter, 2015.

“Angels (peer-reviewed study guide).” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online* (Biblical Studies) (published 8/2014).

http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/browse?module_0=obo-9780195393361

“נָטָפַּ nātap.” Pages 957–959 in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten, Band II*. Edited by Heinz-Josef Fabry and Ulrich Dahmen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2013.

“Damascus Document (introduction and commentary).” Pages 2975–3035 in *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Not Included in Scripture*. Volume 3. Edited by L. Feldman, J. Kugel, and L. Schiffman. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2013.

“11QMelchizedek (introduction and commentary).” Pages 1482–1489 in *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Not Included in Scripture*. Volume 2. Edited by L. Feldman, J. Kugel, and L. Schiffman. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2013.

“New Jerusalem (introduction and commentary).” Pages 3152–3171 in *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Not Included in Scripture*. Volume 3. Edited by L. Feldman, J. Kugel, and L. Schiffman. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2013.

“Bibliography of Works Pertaining to the Study of Targum.” (Collaborative; published 8/2001)

<http://faculty.washington.edu/snoegel/targumbiblio.html>

Book Reviews

Review of Uusimäki, Elisa. *Turning Proverbs towards Torah: An Analysis of 4Q525*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 117. Leiden: Brill, 2016. *Revue de Qumran* 111 (2018): 112–14.

Review of Dimant, Devorah, ed. *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Scholarly Perspective: A History of Research*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 99. Leiden: Brill, 2012. In *Near Eastern Archaeology* 76.4 (2013): 250–52.

Review of Fraade, Steven. *Legal Fictions: Studies of Law and Narrative in the Discursive Worlds of Ancient Jewish Sectarians and Sages*. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 147. Leiden: Brill, 2011. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20 (2013): 149–51.

Review of Stone, Michael E. *Ancient Judaism: New Visions and Views*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011. In *Review of Biblical Literature* (May, 2012).

<http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=8112>

Review of Collins, Matthew A. *The Use of Sobriquets in the Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls*. The Library of Second Temple Studies Series. London: T&T Clark International, 2009. *Jewish Studies Network/H-Judaic* (September, 2010).

<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25652>

AWARDS AND HONORS

August 2021 Visiting Research Fellowship at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Michigan (hosted in Ann Arbor [August–December 2021])

January 2014 Yad Hanadiv Visiting Research Fellowship in Jewish Studies (hosted in Israel [January–December 2014])

July 2013 Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship (hosted in Göttingen, Germany [July–December 2013])

July 2012 Visiting Scholar—Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

May 2012 Yeshiva University Faculty Book Fund Grant

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| 2007 | Doctoral Dissertation Grant—Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture |
| 2006 | Dissertation Research Grant—Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| June 2004 | Visiting Doctoral Fellow—Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem |
| May 2004 | Travel Grant—Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University |
| April 2004 | Ranieri Ancient Studies Travel Grant—Center for Ancient Studies, New York University |
| May 2002 | F. L. Moreland Scholarship—City University of New York Greek/Latin Institute |
| 2001–2006 | McCracken Graduate Fellowship—Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University |

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “The Small Fragments of 4Q511: Some Revelations and Lessons Learned.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Antonio. November, 2023.
- “Temple Architecture and Temple Access from Enoch to Paul.” International online conference of the Enoch Seminar: *Was Paul an Apocalyptic Jew? A Case in Jewish Diversity in the Second Temple Period*. October 25, 2021.
- “Charity and the Poor in Ancient Judaism and Christianity: A Roundtable Discussion.” Yeshiva University-Nyack College Colloquium on Ancient Judaism and Christianity (Co-organizer and Moderator). April 26, 2021.
- “Who Were the Maccabees, Really? Hanukkah, the Hasmoneans and Jewish Memory: A Conversation with Prof. Joseph Angel and Prof. Steven Fine Tuesday.” *Crisis and Hope: YU Voices*. December, 2020.
- “The Architecture of Election: The Outer Limits of the Second Temple in Qumran and Related Traditions.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego. November, 2019.
- “Jewish Magic and Demonology in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Retrospect and Prospect.” *The Dead Sea Scrolls at Seventy*. International conference held at New York University. November, 2017.

- “Ideal Messianic Figures in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Image of Jesus in Matthew 11.” Nyack College Colloquium on Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity. New York. October, 2016.
- “Probing the Jewish Setting of Matthew 11:25–30.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Atlanta. November 2015.
- “Reading the Songs of the Sage in Sequence: Preliminary Observations.” *The Use and Function of Psalms in the Second Temple Period*. International Conference held at the University of Helsinki, Finland. September, 2015.
- “The Material Reconstruction of 4QSongs of the Sage^b.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Vienna, Austria. July 2014.
- “The Humbling of the Arrogant and the ‘Wild Man’ and ‘Tree Stump’ Traditions in the Book of Giants and Daniel 4.” *Tales of Giants from Qumran and Turfan: Ancient Contexts, Traditions and Influences*. International conference held at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität. Munich, Germany. June, 2014.
- “Reconstructing and Editing 4Q511.” Faculty of Theology. University of Göttingen, Germany. October, 2013.
- “Priestly Dimensions of Enoch and Jesus.” The 7th Enoch Seminar (“Enoch and the Synoptic Gospels”). Camaldoli, Italy. July, 2013.
- “The Origins and Purpose of the Qumran Book of Giants.” The Yeshiva University Ancient Judaism Seminar. New York. April, 2013.
- “A Paradigmatic Approach to the Qumran Book of Giants.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Chicago. November, 2012.
- “Response to Torleif Elgvin, ‘Texts of Messianic Reign from the Hasmonean Period.’” The Enoch Seminar, 1st Nangeroni Meeting (“The Seleucid and Hasmonean Periods and the Apocalyptic Worldview”). Gazzada, Italy. June, 2012.
- “Response to Årstein Justnes, ‘4QApocryphon of Daniel ar (4Q246) in Context.’” The Enoch Seminar, 1st Nangeroni Meeting (“The Seleucid and Hasmonean Periods and the Apocalyptic Worldview”). Gazzada, Italy. June, 2012.
- “The Divine Courtroom Scenes of Daniel 7 and the Qumran Book of Giants: A Textual and Contextual Comparison.” *The Divine Courtroom in Comparative Perspective*. Yeshiva

- University's Center for Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. New York. February, 2012.
- “Supernal Knowledge in Liturgical Time: Maskil, Community, and Religious Experience in 4QSongs of the Sage.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco. November, 2011.
- “How to Deter a Demon in the Desert: The Case of 4QSongs of the Sage.” *Teaching Texts and Traditions: A Conference in Honor of Prof. L.H. Schiffman*. New York. April, 2011
- “The Addressee of 4QInstruction^d as Exalted Priestly Mediator” Association for Jewish Studies, 42nd Annual Conference. Boston. December, 2010.
- “The Liturgical-Eschatological Priest of the Self-Glorification Hymn.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. New Orleans. November, 2009.
- “Human Priests as Otherworldly Mediators in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” *Priesthood in Ancient Judaism*. Yeshiva University Center for Israel Studies. New York. November, 2009.
- “The Image of Otherworldly Priesthood at Qumran” Association for Jewish Studies, 40th Annual Conference. Washington, DC. December, 2008.
- “The Historical and Exegetical Roots of Eschatological Priesthood at Qumran.” *The Dead Sea Scrolls at 60: The Scholarly Contributions of NYU Faculty and Alumni*. New York. March, 2008.
- “Levi's Promotion to the Priesthood in Second Temple Period Tradition.” Yeshiva University, Department of Jewish Studies, New York. March, 2007.
- “Priesthood in Imagination and History at Qumran.” The Orion Center for Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature, the Hebrew University. Jerusalem, Israel. March, 2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

Yeshiva University (2008—)

Undergraduate:

Temple Architecture in Judaism and Western Thought
Classical Jewish History (6th century BCE—6th century CE)

Dead Sea Scrolls

Daniel

Five Megillot

Psalms

Jeremiah

Kings

Graduate:

Second Temple Jewish Literature
Jews under Roman Rule
Dead Sea Scrolls
Rabbinic Literature and the Dead Sea Scrolls
Aramaic of the Second Temple Period
Rabbinic Aramaic of the Land of Israel
Biblical Hebrew

New York University (2002–2005, 2019–)

Imperial Aramaic (Graduate seminar)
Middle Aramaic (200 BCE-200 CE) (Graduate seminar)
Jewish Palestinian and Babylonian Aramaic (Graduate seminar)
Jesus, the Jews, and the Romans (Instructor)
Ancient Israel (Teaching Assistant/Lecturer)
The Early History of God (Teaching Assistant/Lecturer)

Hunter College (2005)

Biblical Archaeology (Instructor)

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Within Yeshiva University:

Yeshiva College Curriculum Committee (2020–2023)

Ph.D. Admissions Committee. Bernard Revel Graduate School of Judaic Studies (2021–)

Committee for the general MA in Judaic Studies. Bernard Revel Graduate School of Judaic Studies (2021)

Co-organizer of the Yeshiva University-Nyack College Colloquium on Ancient Judaism and Christianity (2021–)

Co-organizer of the Yeshiva University Seminar on Ancient Judaism (2013–)

Jewish Studies major advisor (2010–2012)

Organizer of Yeshiva University Center for Israel Studies colloquium: “Priests and Priesthood in Ancient Judaism” (Fall, 2009)

Outside Yeshiva University:

Area editor of the *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Brill), Early Judaism section
Member of the steering committee for the Qumran section of the Society of Biblical Literature
Manuscript and proposal reviewer for *Journal of Ancient Judaism*; *Journal of the Jesus Movement in Its Jewish Setting*; *Revue de Qumran*; Cambridge University Press;
European Research Council
Dissertation Committees and Thesis Advising: Matthew Haller (Honors Thesis, Yeshiva College, 2019); Zachary Levine (Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, New York University, 2018); Matthew L. Walsh (Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, McMaster University, 2016).

COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editing

Co-editor of *Panim*, the annual journal of the Center for Modern-Orthodox Community Education in Stamford, Connecticut

Co-editor of Koren Contemporary Tanakh Translation Project (Kings, Ezekiel, Psalms, Daniel)

Select Lectures, Tours, and Courses

“New Light on Tanakh: The Judean Desert Manuscript Discoveries.” Young Israel of Stamford. Family Beit Midrash Series. February, 2019.

“The Jews of Egypt, the Exodus, and Early Anti-Judaism.” Congregation Bet Torah. Brooklyn, NY. December, 2017.

“Halakha in the Second Temple Period: New Evidence.” Congregation Beth Torah. Brooklyn, NY. March, 2016.

“The Maccabees and the Rabbis: It’s Complicated.” Congregation Beth Torah. Brooklyn, NY. December 2014.

“The Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Christianity.” Legatus, Manhattan Chapter. New York, NY. April, 2012.

“A Tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit in Times Square.” A tour given to the faculty and students of Ramaz High School. New York, NY. January, 2012.

“History and Messianic Ideology in the Persian Period.” Sephardic Synagogue, Brooklyn, NY. February, 2011.

“The Origins of Midrash.” Sephardic Synagogue, Brooklyn, NY. October 16, 2010.

“Scrolls and Scripture: Mysteries of the Hebrew Bible in Light of the Dead Sea Scroll
Uncovering the Past: Experts Tell Us Where We’ve Been. National Arts Club, New York.
November, 2008.

“Gibson’s ‘Passion of the Christ’ and the Gospel Accounts of Jesus’ Trial and Execution.”
Avenue U Synagogue, Brooklyn, NY. April, 2004.

“New Light on the Book of Daniel: The Case of 4QPrayer of Nabonidus.” Sephardic Synagogue,
Brooklyn, NY. May 29, 2010.

“Israel in Egyptian Perception: From Merenptah to Manetho.” Sephardic Synagogue, Brooklyn,
NY. January, 2004.

“Why is *Shavu‘ot* Associated with *Mattan Torah*?” Sephardic Synagogue, Brooklyn, NY. May,
2003.

“Midrash Aggada.” 10 session course. Merkaz Moreshet Yisrael. Brooklyn, NY. Spring, 2004.

“Northwest Semitic Inscriptions related to the Hebrew Bible.” 10 session course. Merkaz
Moreshet Yisrael. Brooklyn, NY. Fall, 2003.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek

Modern: Hebrew, German, French, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Jewish Studies

Society of Biblical Literature