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##### Education

B.A., Greek and Latin, 1974, Columbia University.

Ph.D., Classics, 1979, Princeton University.

##### Positions Held

2009-present Associate Professor, Department of Religion, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2009-present Associate Director, Program in Jewish Culture and Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2002-present, Coordinator, Hebrew Language Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2004-2009 Associate Professor (tenure-line Q appointment), Department of Religion, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2002-2004 Associate Professor (non-tenured), Department of Religion, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2002-2004 LAS Digital Library Development Consultant, LAS Dean's Office, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1991-2002 Lecturer, Classics and Religious Studies, University of California at Davis

1998-2002, Co-Director (with Prof. Samuel Armistead), Organized Research Program in Jewish Literatures and Cultures, University of California at Davis

1990-1995 Lecturer, Humanities Department, Sacramento State University

1992-1995 Instructor, Humanities Department, Cosumnes River College

1980-1989 Assistant Professor, Classics, Stanford University

1978-1980 Assistant Professor (Acting), Stanford University

##### Books

*New Men: Conversos, Christian Theology, and Society in Fifteenth-Century Castile* (Papers of the Medieval Hispanic Research Seminar 39, Alan Deyermond ed.; London: Department of Hispanic Studies, Queen Mary and Westfield College, 2002). Digitally republished by the University of Alcala on the Biblioteca Virtual Miguel de Cervantes ([www.cervantesvirtual.com](https://webmail.illinois.edu/owa/redir.aspx?REF=lMgU6ZWyQsuTEZsQ3-5ux1taqnLPXjqn4rO3zy7Qek9eqvBvVjnTCAFodHRwczovL3VybGRlZmVuc2UucHJvb2Zwb2ludC5jb20vdjIvdXJsP3U9aHR0cC0zQV9fd3d3LmNlcnZhbnRlc3ZpcnR1YWwuY29tJmQ9QlFNRC1nJmM9OGhVV0ZaY3kyWi1aYTVyQlBsa3RPUSZyPVBHRWRJYjc3TW10VzZEaURnLXhhdXJQUEVZbTNucHlkaEkzb2NPU2pYdFUmbT1yYnN4THNFZU9PRk9BQ1BvbFpkZFpIenNKMlN1YmowYngyZzRQNi1iRVpNJnM9azVseWJlVWdDaGtMTmJXZFRFemdUbUtBRkd6RDJMbi02NzZBR1ExWnU4ayZlPQ..)) (forthcoming, July, 2016).

*Philosophy and the Jewish Question: Mendelssohn, Rosenzweig, and Beyond* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010).

*Transfinite Life: Oskar Goldberg and the Vitalist Imagination* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017).

**Translation**

Moses Mendelssohn, *Last Writings: Morning Hours* and *To the Friends of Lessing,* Introductory Essay and Philosophical Commentary by Bruce Rosenstock (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2012). Reviewed in: *Philosophy in Review* XXXIV (2014), no. 5: 257-261 (review essay, together with the Dalstrom-Dyck translation of Moses Mendelssohn, *Morning Hours*).

##### Digital Library

I serve as Co-Principal Investigator (with the late Prof. Samuel Armistead), Designer, and Manager of the *Folk Literature of the Sephardic Jews,* a multimedia digital library of oral literature collected during ethnographic field work from 1956 to 1988 by Professors Samuel Armistead, Joseph H. Silverman, and Israel J. Katz, initially funded with grants from the National Science Foundation and the Maurice Amado Foundation. The archive is a University of Illinois Library Digital Project, accessible at http://sephardifolklit.illinois.edu*.*

##### Articles (refereed)

“The *Folk Literature of the Sephardic Jews* Digital Library,” with Belen Bistué, *Oral Tradition* vol. 28, no2 (2013): 325-334.

“`God . . . sent me to Germany': F. H. Jacobi, Salomon Maimon, and the Spinoza Quarrel,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (2014) 52(3): 287-315.

*“Palintropos Harmoniê*: Jacob Taubes and Carl Schmitt 'im liebenden Streit,'” *New German Critique* (2014) 41 (1 121): 33-54.

“Apocalypse Deferred: Gershom Scholem and Philip K. Dick,” *Association of Jewish Studies Perspectives* (Spring, 2013)

“Phylogeny Recapitulates Ontogeny: A Jewish Biogenetic Law?,” *Soundings* (Spring, 2013)

*“*Dionysus in Israel: Laughter as Culture Critique in the Hebrew Bible,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 19.4 (2012): 289-310.

“Melville’s Transcendentals: Kant, Radical Evil, and *Pierre; or, The Ambiguities*,” *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* 12.3 (2010): 21-35.

“Incest, Nakedness, and Holiness: Biblical Israel at the Limits of Culture,” *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 16.4 (2009): 333-362.

“Philosophy Goes to the Movies, or, How the West was Won,” *Theory* & *Event* 11.4 (2008) (online journal, no pagination available).

“Leo Spitzer and the Poetics of Monotheism,” *Comparative Literature Studies* 44.3 (2007): 254-278.

“David’s Play: Fertility Rituals and the Glory of God in 2 Samuel 6,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 31.1 (2006): 63-80.

“Derrida’s Advent,” *Contemporary French Civilization* 31.1 (2006): 75-90.

“Capra Contra Schmitt:Two Traditions of Political Romanticism,” *Theory & Event* 8.4 (2005).

“Mourning and Melancholia in Plato’s *Symposium*,” *Philosophy and Literature* 28.2 (2004): 243-258.

“Web-based Scholarship: Annotating the Digital Library,” with Michael Gertz, Joint *Conference in Digital Libraries 2001 Proceedings,* 104-05.

“Alonso de Cartegena: Nation, Miscegenation, and the Jew in Late-Medieval Castile,” *Exemplaria* (Special Volume on Jewish Medieval Studies and Literary Theory) 12.1 (2000): 185-204.

“Abraham Miguel Cardoso’s Messianic Theology: A Reappraisal,” *Association of Jewish Studies Review* 23:1 (1998): 63-104.

“Athena’s Cloak: Plato’s Critique of Democracy in the *Republic*,” *Political Theory* 22.3 (1994): 363-390.

“Socrates as Revenant: A Reading of the Menexenus,” *Phoenix* 48.4 (1994): 331-348.

“The Sabbath Commandment in the Book of the Covenant,” *Conservative Judaism* 44 (1992): 37-49.

“Fathers and Sons: Irony in Plato’s *Cratylus*,” *Arethusa* 25 (1992): 385-417.

“The Pronominally Suffixed Object Marker in Mishnaic Hebrew and Late Aramaic,” *Journal for Northwest Semitic Languages* 17 (1991): 101-115.

“Rereading the *Republic*,” *Arethusa* 16 (1983): 219-246.

##### Book Chapters (refereed)

“The Infinitesimal Calculus of the Soul: Moses Mendelssohn’s *Phädon*,” in Alan Kim, ed., *The Brill Companion to the German Reception of Plato*, (forthcoming, 2016).

“Saltational Salvation and Paradoxical Truth: Moses Mendelssohn and Søren Kierkegaard,” in Gottlieb, Michah and Charles Manekin, eds., *New Essays on Moses Mendelssohn* (Lantham, MD: University of Maryland Press, 2016): 91-130.

*“*Monotheism as a Political Problem: The Critique of Political Theology out of the Sources of Judaism,” in Rashkover, Randi and Martin Kavka, eds., *Judaism, Liberalism, and Political Theology* (Indiana University Press, 2014): 321-44.

“Judaism as Anti-Theodicy,” in Hava Tirosh-Samuelson and Aaron Hughes, eds., *Jewish Philosophy in the Twenty-First Century: Personal Reflections* (Leiden: Brill: 2014), 358-71.

“Sovereign Impunity: The Political Theology of the International Criminal Court,” in Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Robert A. Yelle, and Mateo Taussig-Rubbo, eds., *After Secular Law* (Stanford University Press, 2011): 160-179.

“`In the Grip of the Theologico-Political Predicament': Baroque and Weimar Marranism,” in *Versteckter Glaube oder doppelte Identität? Das Bild des Marranentums im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert / "Concealed faith or double identity? “Marranism” in the 19th and 20th centuries*, Paolo Ferruta, Hanna Lotta Lund, Anna-Dorothea Ludewig, eds., (Berlin: Moses Mendelssohn Zentrum für Europäisch-Jüdische Studien, 2011): 68-85.

“Against the Pagans: Alonso de Cartagena, Francisco de Vitoria, and Converso Political Theology,” in *Marginal Voices: Studies in Converso Literature of Medieval and Renaissance Spain,* Amy Aronson-Friedman and Gregory B. Kaplan, eds. (Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2011): 123-46.

“Derrida Polutropos: Philosophy as Nostos,” in *Derrida and Antiquity,* Miriam Leonard, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010): 235-266.

“Alonso de Cartagena: Nation, Miscegenation, and the Jew in Late-Medieval Castile,” reprinted in *“Turn it Again”: Jewish Medieval Studies and Literary Theory*, Sheila Delany, ed. (Ashville, NC: Pegasus Press, 2004): 172-189.

“Messianism, Marranism, and Machismo: The Case of Abraham Cardoso,” in Q*ueer Theory and and the Jewish Question,* Boyarin, Daniel, Daniel Itzkovitz,&Ann Pellegrini, eds. (Columbia University Press, 2003): 199-227.

“From Critique of Rhetoric to Philosophical Askesis:A Study of the *Gorgias* and the *Phaedo*” in *The Rhetoric Canon,* Brenda Schildgren, ed. (Detroit:Wayne State University Press, 1997): 83-106.

##### Reviews

*The Other Jewish Question: Identifying the Jew and Making Sense of Modernity,* Jay Geller: *Journal of Jewish Identities* (forthcoming, 2014)

*Judaism in Practice*, Lawrence Fine, ed.: *Sixteenth Century Studies* (2004), 35(1): 279.

*Sephardic Jewry*, Esther Benbassa and Alan Rodrigue: *Sixteenth Century Studies* 32.1 (2001): 256-58.

*Philo and the Timaeus of Plato*, David Runia: *Studia Philonica Annual* 2 (1991): 195-201.

##### Invited Talks

*Project presentation* on the digital library project: *Folk Literature of the Sephardic Jews at the UIUC*, *Sepharad as Imagined Community Conference,* Sept. 2-3, 2014, UIUC.

“Herman Melville and Edouard Glissant on Archepalagic Existence,” Conference on Alterity and the Postcolony, University of Cape Town, February 2014.

“Bioengineering God: Oskar Goldberg and German Science between the World Wars,” Arizona State University, February 2013

“*Palintropos Harmonie*: Carl Schmitt and Jacob Taubes 'im liebenden Streit,'” Jacob Taubes Conference, Zentrum für Literatur und Kultur Forschung, Berlin, February 21, 2011

“Moses Mendelssohn and Franz Rosenzweig in Conversation,” Religious Studies Lecture Series, Illinois Wesleyan University, September, 2010

“Political Theology v. Law and Religion,” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY Buffalo, March, 2008.

“Closing the Circle of German-Jewish Philosophy,” Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, February 20, 2008. (Co-sponsored by Jewish Studies at KU, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City and the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Kansas City).

“Rereading the *Republic*,” Conference on Semiotics and the Classics, Vanderbilt University, May, 1981.

##### Talks

“God’s Body and the Resurrection Body,” 2015-2016 Mid-Western Inter-University Workshop in Jewish Studies, University of Chicago Divinity School, November 2, 2015

“Giorgio Agamben and Philology as Paradigmatology: The Case of

Laughter in Genesis,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference*, November 24, 2014

“Oskar Goldberg’s Anti-Colonialist Metaphysics,” *Association of Jewish Studies Annual Convention,* December 15, 2013

“The Roots of Political Theology in the 18th Century: William Warburton on Monotheism and the State,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Convention*, November, 2010.

“Construction *ex nihilo*: Salomon Maimon and Friedrich Jacobi on Miracles,” Salomon Maimon Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, August 19, 2010.

“Approaches to Teaching 'Introduction to Jewish Studies,' *Association of Jewish Studies Annual Convention,* December, 2009.

“Monotheism as a Political Problem,” *Association of Jewish Studies Annual Convention,* December, 2009.

“Nakedness and Incest in the Garden of Eden,” Works in Progress Seminar, Program for the Study of Religion, UIUC, September, 2006.

“Revelation, Incest, and Exile: Anthropology and Leviticus 18-20,” *International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Convention*, Edinburgh, Scotland, June, 2006.

“Derrida’s Advent,” Unit for Criticism Seminar, UIUC, November, 2004.

“Designing Digital Technologies for the Library,” E-Text Colloquium Series, UIUC University Library, 2003.

“Laughter as Culture Critique in the Hebrew Bible,” Jewish Studies Seminar, UIUC, December, 2004.

“‘Revelation of Nakedness’ as Theological Trope,” *Association of Jewish Studies Annual Convention*, Boston, 2003.

“Monotheism and Sexual Ethics,” UIUC Jewish Studies Colloquium Series, 2002.

“Building Jewish Studies Digital Libraries,” *Association of Jewish Studies Annual Convention*, Los Angeles, 2002.

“Alonso de Cartagena’s Hybrid Historiography,” *West Coast Association of*

*Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, Seattle, 1999.

“Abraham Cardoso’s Messianism,” *West Coast Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, Portland, 1997.

##### Awards and Grants

INTERSECT grant (6 graduate fellowships for two years), “Neurocultures,” Graduate College of the Univeristy of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (member of faculty committee headed by Prof. Melissa Littlefield, English)

LAS Dean and University Provost Award for Sawyer Seminar Competition, Neuroscience and the Humanities, $10,000, Spring, 2009

Humanities Release Time, Campus Research Board, UIUC, Fall, 2009.

Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, Faculty Fellow, UIUC, 2005-6

Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, “A Web-based Tool for Electronic Finding Aid Creation,” ($7500), 2003.

Maurice Amado Foundation (Prof. Samuel Armistead, Co-PI), 1999, 2000, “Multimedia Digital Library of Sephardic Folk Literature.” ($73,000 overtwo years).

National Science Foundation Digital Libraries Initiative Phase2 (Prof. Samuel Armsitead, Co-PI), 1999-2002, “Multimedia Digital Libraryof SephardicFolk Literature,” ($498,000 for three years).

Dean's Office, Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies, UC Davis, “The Philo Web Server for Coursware Development,” 1996.

Margaret Ewing Whiting Fellowship, Princeton University, 1974-1978

Greek and Latin Excellence Prize, Columbia University, 1974

##### Language Proficiency

Languages of Primary Texts Studied: Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German, Spanish

Additional Languages of Scholarly Competence: French, Italian, Yiddish

##### Courses Taught

Included below is a listing of the courses that I have taught at different institutions (Stanford, Sacramento State University, California community colleges, University of California at Davis), and most recently at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The most recent courses at UIUC are highlighted.

*Language Courses:* Ancient Greek (all levels), **Biblical Hebrew** (beginning and advanced)

*Classics Courses* (in translation): Greek and Roman Mythology; Greek and Latin Elements in English; Socrates and Ancient Athens; The Ancient Near East and Early Greece; Homer and the EpicTradition; Plato’s Republic

*Religious Studies and Jewish Studies*: Myth, Ritual and Symbolism; **The Bible as Literature**; **Religion and Society in the West (I and II)**; Introduction to Judaism; Dead Sea Scrolls, Pseudepigrapha andApocrypha; **Death in Western Thought**; **Topics in Jewish Thought, (**graduate seminar taught with Prof. Gary Porton**)**; **Philosophy of Hannah Arendt** (graduate); **Postmodern Religious Thought**

*General Education*: Humanities1and 2 ( Ancient, Medieval, and Modern); Introduction to Ethics; Critical Thinking

##### Conferences Organized

Co-convener (with UIUC Sawyer Seminar faculty), “The Brain and the Subject of Culture,” UIUC, October, 2010

Convener, “Heresies and Orthodoxies: Regulating Identities in Late Antiquity,” UC Davis Conference, May 11-13, 2000.

Co-convener (with Prof. Harriet Murav), UC Davis Conference on the Ethics of Forgiveness, Spring, 1998.

##### Dissertation Committees (UIUC)

Michael Uhall, Political Science; Marco Andreacchio, EALC (Ph.D. completed, 2009); Daniel Wong, English (completed, 2014); Zia Miric, English

##### Manuscript Review

I have served as manuscript reviewer for three books with Fordham University Press (2011, 2012, 2014), one for Routledge (2015), and for numerous journals.

##### UIUC and Professional Service

Member, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory Director Search Committee, 2014

Member, LAS Awards Committee, 2011-2013

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Religion Department, Fall 2012-2014

Member, Islam Search Committee, Department of Religion, 2012

Co-Chair, Judaism Search Committee, Department of Religion, 2010

Member, Judaism Search Committee, Department of Religion, 2008, 2009

Member, Undergraduate Major Ad Hoc Committee, Department of Religion, 2009

Member, LAS Committee on Admissions and Academic Standards, 2008-2010

Member, Working Group on the Institutional Repository, UIUC, 2008-2010.

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Digital Library Federation (a national consortium of libraries and federal agencies), 2001-2002.

##### University Service (prior to UIUC)

Member, UC Davis Faculty Oversight Committee on Teaching and Technology, 1998-2000

Faculty Resident Fellow, Stanford University, 1983-1988

##### Professional Organizations

American Association of Religion

Association of Jewish Studies