

**Curriculum Vitae for Joel S. Kaminsky**  
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**Degrees:**

Doctorate	June 1993	University of Chicago Divinity School.
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. 2023, 2018-2020, 2016-17 and 2010-11. 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 2024. Received an Arts Afield Summer Fellowship from CEEDS for \$1460. Paired with Jordan Crouser in Computer Science.

Summer 2022. Received two internal grants: 1) A Fine Fellowship for Jewish and/or Holocaust Literature or Studies for Academic Year 2022-23 to substantially reconstruct and revise the curriculum for REL 213 – Social Justice in the Hebrew Bible for \$3500 and a CEEDS grant for \$3000 to add environmental components to my REL 213 course.

Spring 2022. Visiting Fellowship in Jewish Studies from the Dept. of Theology and Religion, Durham University, England. Received a grant to support a 2-month visiting fellowship that included a 9000 Pound stipend and covered housing and travel valued at an additional 7000 GBP. The Provost's Office granted me a \$10,000 salary supplemental grant to support my LWOP in Spring 2022.

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**

"How We Are United and Divided by Shared Texts and Concepts" Pages 216-227 in *The Challenge of Catholic-Jewish Dialogue*. Edited by Matthew Tapie et al. Washington D.C.: Catholic University Press of America, 2025.

"'My Father Was a Wandering Aramean': Biblical Conceptions of Migration and Their Relevance to Contemporary Immigration Debates in the United States." Co-authored with Allison Hurst. Published online on 1/23/2025 in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Contemporary Migration*. Hardcover due out in 2026.

“Israel my Servant, Jacob Whom I have Chosen’: Election Theology in the Hebrew Bible.” Pages 13-29 in *T&T Clark Handbook of Election* (T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2024).

“Humour, Characterization and the Theology of Judges.” Pages 11-26 in *Characters and Characterization in the Book of Judges* (T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2024).

“A Plague Broke Out among Them’: Reflections on the Bible and the Pandemic.” *Interpretation* 77.3 (July 2023): 246-258.

“Jewish Reflections on Universalism and Particularism in Genesis” published in *The Cambridge Companion to Genesis* (edited by Bill Arnold; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), 322-340.

“Election in the Jewish and Christian Traditions.” Co-authored with Joel Lohr, published in May 2022 in database online version of the *Encyclopedia of Jewish-Christian Relations* that will in due time appear in hard copy.

“So the rabbi says to the priest: The value of jokes in Jewish-Christian dialogue.” *Christian Century* 139.3 (February 9, 2022): 30-34.

“‘Is there no balm in Gilead?’: Health, Illness, Death and Dying in the Hebrew Bible and Today.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 75.3 (Summer 2021): 196– 206.

“In Quest of a Coherent Portrait of Paul: A Rejoinder to Michael Bird,” *Harvard Theological Review* 113.4 (Fall 2020): 513-527, co-authored with Mark Reasoner.

“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. Updated and expanded in January 2021. Online at:  
<https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0250.xml?rskey=tKulnf&result=1&q=kaminsky#firstMatch>

"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-Authoring 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-Authoring 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.

## OP-EDS

“Tolerance over Inclusiveness?” *Inside Higher Education* February 7, 2023.

## BOOK REVIEWS

2000-word online review of Gregory Mobley, *Judges: Once Upon a Time in Israel*. *Review of Biblical Literature*, June 2025.



Review of Song Mi Suzie Park, *Love in the Hebrew Bible*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 86.3 (October 2024): 826-828.

Review of *Judaism's Challenge: Election, Divine Love, and Human Enmity*. Edited by Alon Goshen Gottstein. *Theological Studies* 84.2 (Summer 2023): 383.

1400 word review of Dalit Rom-Shiloni, *Voices from the Ruins: Theodicy and the Fall of Jerusalem in the Hebrew Bible*. In *AJS Review* 46.1 (April 2022): 159-162.

1500 word online book review of Matthew J. Lynch, *Portraying Violence in the Hebrew Bible: A Literary and Cultural Study*. In *Review of Biblical Literature*: <https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/13865>

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 Ezekiel 18 and 20* by J. Mol. *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 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:**

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Review of Frank Anthony Spina, *Multiplying divisions: the fractious nature of Israel, God's elect people*. *Choice* 62.5 (January 2025).

Review of William M. Schniedewind, *Who really wrote the Bible: the story of the scribes*. *Choice* 62.3 (November 2024).

Review of Susan Niditch, *Ethics in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond*. *Choice* 61.9 (May 2024).

Review of *The Closed Book: how the rabbis taught the Jews (not) to read the Bible* by Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg. *Choice* 61.5 (Jan. 2024).

Review of *Animal rights and the Hebrew Bible* by Saul Olyan. *Choice* 61.6 (Feb. 2024).

Review of *America's book: the rise and decline of a Bible civilization, 1794–1911* by Mark A. Noll. *Choice* 61.2 (October 2023).

Review of *The New Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation* ed. by Ian Boxall and Bradley Gregory. *Choice* 60.11 (July 2023).

Review of *Solidarity in a secular age: from political theology to Jewish Philosophy* by Charles Lesch *Choice* 60.10 (June 2023).

Review of *The idea of Israel in Second Temple Judaism: a new theory of people, exile, and Jewish identity* by Jason Staples. *Choice* Vol. 59.8 (April 2022).

Review of *Jonah: introduction and commentary* by Amy Erickson. *Choice* Vol. 59.7 (March 2022).

Review of *The Cambridge companion to the Bible and literature*, ed. by Calum Carmichael. *Choice* Vol. 58.9 (May 2021).

Review of *The Origin and Character of God: ancient Israelite religion through the lens of divinity* by Theodore J. Lewis. *Choice* Vol. 58.9 (May 2021).

Review of *The Joshua generation: Israeli occupation and the Bible* by Rachel Havrelock. *Choice* Vol. 58.6 (February 2021).

Review of *The Ancient Mediterranean World: A Sourcebook* by Zeba Crook. *Choice* Vol. 58.4 (December 2020). *Choice* Vol. 58.4 (December 2020).

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Review of *Demons, angels, and writing in ancient Judaism* by Annette Y. Reed. *Choice* Vol. 58.2 (October 2020).

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

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## **WORKS IN PROGRESS OR PRESS**

“How Shall Your Descendants Be As The Dust Of The Earth, The Sand Of The Sea, And The Stars of the Sky?” This 6500 word essay that will be part of an anthology of essays in honor of Gary A. Anderson at Notre Dame traces out the history of exegesis surrounding how these similes came to be interpreted as including qualitative aspects not just quantitative ones.

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

On September 26, 2024 I spoke via Zoom to a Religion class at Skidmore College.

On March 21, 2024 I spoke to a class at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary about humor in the Hebrew Bible.

On Monday February 5, 2024 I delivered the annual Winter Shapiro Lecture sponsored by the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago via Zoom to over 100 participants. The topic was: “Sibling Rivals: How the Idea of Chosenness Unites and Divides Jews and Christians.”

On October 10, 2023 I presented a paper titled “Exploring the meanings of Your Descendants shall be as the Dust of the Earth, the Sand of the Sea, and the Stars of the Sky” via Zoom at a conference on The Book of Genesis hosted by the University of Notre Dame.

On Oct 5, 2023 I spoke via Zoom to a Religion class at Skidmore College.

On March 30, 2023 I delivered two lectures titled: “God Has Brought Me Laughter: Exploring Humor & Hope in the Bible” and “Jewish/Christian Dialogue is no Joke...Or is it?” for the 43rd Ryterband Symposium in Jewish Studies co-sponsored by Wright State University, the University of Dayton, and United theological Seminary.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 I delivered a talk at Marian University in Indianapolis on “What the Hebrew Bible Can Teach Us About Illness, Death and Dying.”

On December 15, 2022 I delivered a talk on “Psalm 37:25, Innocent Suffering, and Divine Recompense” for the Oxford Interfaith Forum via Zoom to an audience of 90 scholars from across the world.

On May 10, 2022 I presented my essay “A Plague Broke out among Them”: Reflections on the Bible and the Pandemic,” at the Durham University Old Testament Seminar and received feedback from faculty and PhD students.

I also spoke to two classes in spring 2022 via Zoom one at Boston College on the Joseph story and one at a seminary in Philadelphia on my essay concerning illness, death, and dying in the Bible and today.

In mid-March 2022, I lectured in person at Highpoint University in North Carolina on the topic: “Does God Play Favorites: The Promise and Peril of Biblical Chosenness” and the following day spoke to a class of 30 students on topic of impurity in Leviticus.

In January 2022, I spoke to a group of Catholic nuns, priests and seminarians at the Institute of Formation and Religious Studies in Quezon City, Philippines for 2 hours via Zoom on the topic of “Innocent Suffering, Divine Recompense, and Redemptive Hope in the Hebrew Bible”.

In December 2021 I was interviewed on the “Two Cities” podcast about an essay I co-wrote critiquing certain anti-Jewish trends in Pauline scholarship. The podcast was released in March 2022

On Sept. 30, 2021 from 5-6:30PM SUNY Purchase invited me to give a 90 minute Zoom talk to over 100 participants entitled: “Does the Idea of “God's Chosen People’ Divide Jews and Christians?”

On Sept. 30, 2021 from 7:30-9PM I participated in a webinar hosted by Union Seminary in Virginia on Death & End of Life Issues and spoke about an essay I have recently published on this. Topic in relation to the Hebrew Bible.

The Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies at St. Leo University held a conference on “Recent Catholic Theologies of Jews and Judaism and the Challenge of Theological Dialogue” from May 9-11, 2021. I was one of approximately 12 scholars invited for this 3-day dialogue in which I participated and also gave a formal response paper that will be published in 2022.

In January-mid-February 2021 I taught a 5 session course on “Wealth and Poverty in the Jewish Bible” at Congregation Bnai Israel for 25 adult learners via Zoom.

Wednesday Sept. 18, 2019. I spoke to 28 students in a course on Jewish/Christian/Islamic dialogue at Hartford Seminary on the theme of chosenness 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 Shalom 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 Bible'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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 Dialogue and 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

Summer 2024-Summer 2025. On a PhD dissertation committee at Duke University. Have given feedback over the year and various sections of the project. The dissertation defense is set for July, 30, 2025.

Summer 2024. Served as one of three judges on the 2024 Jordan Schnitzer Book Prize Committee chosen by the Association for Jewish Studies to evaluate 32 books and choose a winner and a runner up.

May 2024, Ben Gurion University commissioned me to review the full dossier of a colleague in Jewish Studies who is being considered for promotion to Full Professor. I

read through many essays and a couple of books and produced a detailed letter of evaluation.

January 2023, I was asked to review a 40 page grant application for funding from the Israel Science Foundation (ISF) and I produced a written evaluation of my assessment of the proposal.

Fall 2023. Served on a committee at Mount Holoke reviewing and voting on a colleague's promotion case. Helped locate and solicit external reviewerrs, read dossier and external letters, etc.

In the summer of 2023 Cambridge University Press asked me to review for a second time a 250 page book manuscript related to my expertise in ancient Israelite and early rabbinic conceptions of the gods worshipped by non-Israelites and their idols/icons. I read the complete manuscript and produced a detailed three-page single spaced evaluation including mvarious suggestions on the content and style of the manuscript.

December 2022, Cambridge University Press asked me to review a 230 page book manuscript related to my expertise in ancient Israelite and early rabbinic conceptions of the worship of non-Israelite deities and their idols/icons. I read the complete manuscript and produced a detailed three-page single spaced evaluation including many suggestions on the content and style of the manuscript. asked to

In December 2022, I evaluated an essay on. Genesis for *Biblical Theology Bulletin*.

July and August 2022, I was the external reader for Brandon Hurlbert's PhD viva, the oral defense of his PhD work completed at Durham University. This involved reading his entire thesis, generating a detailed evaluation and list of issues and corrections, and participating in his oral defense via Zoom.

May 2022, served as external article reviewer for *Vetus Testamentum*.

May 2021, served as external article reviewer for *Harvard Theological Review*.

2019-present, served on the Board of Advisors for the *Journal of Interreligious Studies* (JIRS). This involves 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.

July 2015-June 30, 2021 served a six-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.

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

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