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## EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., The University of Chicago Divinity School (Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East)  
Dissertation: "Story and Sacrifice: Ritual, Narrative, and the Priestly Source"  
Committee: Jeffrey Stackert (advisor); Mira Balberg, Simeon Chavel, Jonathan Klawans
- 2012 M.A., Yale University; Divinity School (Hebrew Bible)  
*magna cum laude*
- 2009 M.A., Boston College (Mental Health Counseling)
- 2006 B.A., Northeastern University (English Literature)  
*summa cum laude*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018– New York University  
*Assistant Professor*
- 2015–2016 The University of Chicago Divinity School  
*Lecturer*

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

- 2020 *The Story of Sacrifice: Ritual and Narrative in the Priestly Source*. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 141. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.  
*Recipient of the 2021 Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise*

### Reviews:

- i. Review Panel, Yale Divinity School (November 2020), (Joel Baden, Christophe Nihan, Julia Rhyder, Nicole Ruane, Jacqueline Vayntrub, James Watts)
- ii. Review Panel, published with [Ancient Jew Review](#) (April-May 2021)

1. [Procedure as Imaginative Art](#) (Mira Balberg)
  2. [Leviticus as a Mission Statement](#) (Martha Himmelfarb)
  3. [When Moses Goes to Ikea: the Introduction of Systematic Sacrifice](#) (Andrew McGowan)
  4. [Legal Discourse as World Building](#) (Hindy Najman)
- iii. Old Testament Abstracts (OTA), 44 (2021), p. 953 (Gerald A. Klingbeil).
  - iv. Book Note, Ancient Jew Review (AJR) (December 2021), <https://www.ancientjewreview.com/read/2021/11/19/book-note-the-story-of-sacrifice> (Ethan Schwartz).
  - v. Association Jewish Libraries Newsletter (December 2021/January 2022), p. 31 (David Tesler).
  - vi. The Catholic Biblical Quarterly (CBQ), 84 (2022), pp. 111-113 (Francis Landy).
  - vii. AJS Review 46.1 (2022), pp. 154–156 (Jason M. H. Gaines)

### *Translations and Editions*

- (2023) *The Consuming Fire: The Complete Priestly Source, From Creation to the Promised Land*. World Literature in Translation. Berkeley; Los Angeles: The University of California Press (in press, expected 2023).
- (2024) *The Consuming Fire: The Complete Priestly Source, From Creation to the Promised Land, with Hebrew Text Included*. World Literature in Translation. Berkeley; Los Angeles: The University of California Press (under contract).

### *Peer Reviewed Articles*

- 2022 “Challenging a Priestly Credit Theology: A New Translation of Niphal קִשָּׁב,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84.2: 183–201.
- 2020 “Sanitized Sacrifice in Aramaic Levi’s Law of the Priesthood,” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 11.3: 343–368.
- 2020 “The Idea and Study of Sacrifice in Ancient Israel,” *Religion Compass* 14.12: 1–14.
- 2020 with Candida Moss, “The New Jerusalem: Wealth, Ancient Building Projects, and Revelation 21–22,” *New Testament Studies* 66.3: 351–366.
- 2017 “Ritual Sequence and Narrative Constraints in Leviticus 9:1–10:3,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 17: 1–35.
- 2013 “The Composition of Numbers 32: A New Proposal,” *Vetus Testamentum* 63: 408–432.

### *Invited Essays and Other Writings*

- Forthcoming "Sidebar: Ritual and Narrative in Leviticus," *Harper Collins Study Bible, 3rd Edition* (New York: Harper Collins).
- Forthcoming "Misplaced Places: Redaction and the Priestly Wilderness Itinerary" in *Untitled Festschrift*, ed. Joel Baden and Jeffrey Stackert (Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck).
- Forthcoming "The Literary Representation of Sacrifice in Biblical Narrative," in *New Perspectives on Ritual in the Biblical World*, ed. Laura Quick and Melissa Ramos (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark).
- 2022 "Adaptation to the Story World: a Response to Nathan MacDonald," *Ancient Jew Review*, February 14, 2022.  
<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/read/2022/2/2/adaptation-to-the-story-world>
- 2020 "Scapegoat," *Bible Odyssey*, May 6, 2020.  
<https://www.bibleodyssey.org/passages/related-articles/scapegoat>
- 2019 "Dissertation Spotlight: Story and Sacrifice: Ritual, Narrative, and the Priestly Source," *Ancient Jew Review*, March 6, 2019.  
<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2019/3/6/dissertation-spotlight-story-and-sacrifice-ritual-narrative-and-the-priestly-source>
- 2018 "Gad and Reuben Receive Land in the Transjordan: A Documentary Approach," *TheTorah.com*, July 11, 2018. <https://thetorah.com/gad-and-reuben-receive-land-in-the-transjordan-a-documentary-approach/>
- 2014 "On the State of Pentateuchal Criticism," *Ancient Jew Review*, November 30, 2014.  
<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2014/11/30/bible-and-babel-on-the-state-of-pentateuchal-source-criticism>

### *Book Reviews*

- Forthcoming Quine, Cat. *Casting Down the Host of Heaven: The Rhetoric of Ritual Failure in the Polemic Against the Host of Heaven* in *Journal of Religion*.
- 2020 Rhyder, Julia. *Centralizing the Cult: The Holiness Legislation in Leviticus 17–26* in *AJS Review* 44 (2020), 414–416.

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS/UNDER REVIEW

- (under review) "Sacrificing Torah in Second Temple Jewish Literature" (for submission to the *Journal of Ancient Judaism*).
- (in prep) with Annette Yoshiko Reed, "Sirach" (Introduction, notes, excurses), *Westminster Study Bible* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, forthcoming).
- (in prep) "Priestly Warfare: A Case for Identifying P in the Book of Joshua" (article in progress).

(in prep) *Rewriting Sacrifice in Second Temple Judaism.* (Monograph in progress).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2022 "Unthinking Sacrifice in Second Temple Jewish Literature" Society for Old Testament Studies (Keynote Lecture), July 2022.
- 2022 "Sacrificing Torah in Second Temple 'Priestly' Literature" Studies in Second Temple Judaism: A Global Enterprise, Frankel Institute for Judaic Studies (University of Michigan) and the Enoch Seminar, January 2022.
- 2021 "The Place of P in Hellenistic Jewish Literature." Association for Jewish Studies, December 2021.
- 2021 "The Sensorial Landscapes of Sacrifice in Second Temple Jewish Literature." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2021.
- 2021 "Leviticus 10: A Response to Nathan MacDonald." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2021 (postponed from November 2020).
- 2021 "A God's-Eye View: The Perception of Sacrifice in Aramaic Levi." The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Second Public Conference, New York University, June 2021.
- 2021 "Rethinking an Approach to Biblical Translation: A Response to Samuel Boyd's Language Contact, Colonial Administration, and the Construction of Identity in Ancient Israel." University of Colorado at Boulder, May 5, 2021.
- 2021 "Can Sacrifice be Literary? Ritual and Narrative in the Priestly Inauguration Day Episode." University of California Los Angeles, Center for the Study of Religion, February 17, 2021.
- 2020 "Perspective and Perception: Sacrifice in the Aramaic Levi Document." University of Birmingham Biblical Studies Seminar, December 16, 2020.
- 2020 "Reading across the Lines: Narrative and the Theorization of Ritual in Leviticus 9–10" Harvard University Hebrew Bible Workshop, October 23, 2020.
- 2020 "Writing Ritual, Composing Cult: A Literary Approach to Leviticus 1–16." Columbia Bible Seminar, March 24, 2020. [lecture cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2019 "The Literary Representation of Sacrifice in the Hebrew Bible." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2019. [withdrew from conference]
- 2019 "The Priestly Narrative: A Biography." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2019. [withdrew from conference]
- 2019 "Rethinking Orality and Poetry: The Bible and Beyond." Book Review Panelist, New York University, September 2019.
- 2019 "Reconstructed Stories: The Case for a Critical Edition of the Pentateuchal Priestly Narrative." The Jewish Theological Seminary, March 27, 2019.
- 2018 "Numbers 32: A Neo-Documentary Perspective." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2018, Invited Panelist in Pentateuch Session.

- 2018 "Leviticus 17 and the Strata of P." Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, February 25–27, 2018.
- 2017 "Establishing Authority in the Priestly Cult: A New Analysis of Lev 10." SBL Annual Meeting, November 20, 2017.
- 2017 Invited response to Sarit Kattan-Gribetz, "Gender and Ancient Jewish Reading Practices." The University of Chicago Divinity School, March 1, 2017.
- 2016 "Ritual Sequence and Narrative Constraints in Leviticus 9." SBL Annual Meeting, November 20, 2016.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021-2022 Frankel Institute for Jewish Studies Fellowship (University of Michigan)
- 2021 Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise
- 2017–2018 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Chicago Center for Jewish Studies
- 2014 Tikva Frymer Kensky Memorial Prize, The University of Chicago
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## INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

- 2019 Faculty participant, AAJR Workshop for Early Career Faculty in Jewish Studies, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, May 29–30, 2019.
- 2019 Session chair, "Memory and Forgetting: Theorizing from Late Antique and Medieval Near East," New York University, May 8, 2019.
- 2019 Faculty participant, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, The University of Chicago, February 13–15, 2019.
- 2018 Invited participant, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, Yale Divinity School, February 25–27, 2018.
- 2017 Invited participant, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, The University of Chicago, February 5–6, 2017.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- 2020–2024 Chair, Columbia Bible Seminar
- 2019– Steering Committee Member, Ritual in the Biblical World Section  
Society of Biblical Literature
- 2019–2020 Co-convenor (with Joel Baden and Jeffrey Stackert)  
Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium

2014–2015 Hebrew Bible Workshop Coordinator  
The University of Chicago Divinity School

*Peer Reviewer*

Vetus Testamentum  
Jewish Studies Quarterly  
Gorgias Press

COMMUNITY AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2017 “Leviticus 17 and the So-Called Holiness Code.” Hebrew Bible Workshop at the University of Chicago, May 15, 2017.
- 2017 “Story and Ritual in Leviticus.” Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, May 6, 2017.
- 2016 “The Big House: Capturing Divine Presence in the Temples of the Ancient Near East.” Anshe Sholom Bnai Israel, Chicago, IL, February 17, 2016.
- 2016 “Birthing Leaders: The Stories of Moses and Sargon.” Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, January 9, 2016.
- 2015 “Narrative and Ritual in the Inauguration of the Priestly Tabernacle.” Hebrew Bible Workshop at the University of Chicago, February 25, 2015.
- 2014 “Why Leviticus is More Interesting than You Think.” Kol Sasson Congregation, Skokie, IL, May 17, 2014.
- 2012 “The Composition of Numbers 32: A New Proposal.” Hebrew Bible Workshop at the University of Chicago, October 15, 2012.

## COURSES

### *Undergraduate*

Sacrifice: From Moses to the Modern Era  
Cultures and Contexts: Ancient Israel  
The Bible as Literature  
Intensive Introductory Biblical Hebrew

### *Graduate*

Ugaritic I  
Ugaritic II  
Introductory Biblical Hebrew  
Advanced Biblical Hebrew  
The Priestly Narrative  
Third Century BCE Literature  
Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law  
The Theory and Practice of Translation

## LANGUAGES

Ancient	Akkadian, Aramaic (biblical, imperial, targumic, Babylonian Jewish), Greek (koine and Attic), Hebrew (biblical and rabbinic), Syriac, Ugaritic
Modern	Hebrew, German, Spanish, French (all: reading knowledge)

## REFERENCES

Available upon request