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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

- 2023– Princeton University  
*Assistant Professor*
- 2018–2023 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)
- viii. Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft (ZAW), 134 (2022), p. 273 (Jan Dietrich)
- ix. Biblica 103.2 (2022), pp. 299–301 (Julia Rhyder)

### *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.

Reviews:

- i. Publishers Weekly (February 2023), <https://www.publishersweekly.com/9780520383654>

(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            “Rethinking the Place of the Pentateuch in Late Persian and Hellenistic-era ‘Priestly’ Literature,” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 13.3: 257–284.

2022            “Challenging a Priestly Credit Theology: A New Translation of Niphal חשב,” *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.

### *Essays in Edited Volumes*

- 2023 "Misplaced Places: Redaction and the Priestly Wilderness Itinerary" in *The Pentateuch and its Interpreters: A Festschrift in Honor of Baruch J. Schwartz*, ed. Joel Baden and Jeffrey Stackert (Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck).
- 2022 "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): 183–197.

### *Other Invited Writings and Online Publications*

- Forthcoming Publication Preview: *The Consuming Fire: The Complete Priestly Source from Creation to the Promised Land*, *Ancient Jew Review*, expected Summer 2023.
- Forthcoming with Annette Yoshiko Reed, "Sirach" (Introduction, notes, excurses), *Westminster Study Bible* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, forthcoming).
- Forthcoming "Sidebar: Ritual and Narrative in Leviticus," *Harper Collins Study Bible, 3rd Edition* (New York: Harper Collins).
- 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 Feder, Yitzhaq. *Purity and Pollution in the Hebrew Bible: From Embodied Experience to Moral Metaphor* in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*.
- 2022 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* 102 (2022), 293–294.
- 2020 Rhyder, Julia. *Centralizing the Cult: The Holiness Legislation in Leviticus 17–26* in *AJS Review* 44 (2020), 414–416.

### *Invited Teaching*

- 2023 "Leviticus 25: A Mathematical Perspective" for *Hebrew Bible Exegesis: Leviticus* at Harvard University (Julia Rhyder)
- 2021 "Sacrifice in the Hebrew Bible" for *The Bible and Pop Culture* at Wellesley College (Eric Jarrard)
- 2020 "Aramaic Levi Document" for *Qumran Aramaic* at University of California, Los Angeles (Catherine Bonesho)
- 2020 "Leviticus" for *Making of Scripture* at the University of Pennsylvania (Simcha Gross)
- 2019 "Mary Douglas and Ritual Purity" for *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion*, NYU (Annette Reed)
- 2018 "Mary Douglas and Ritual Purity" for *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion*, NYU (Annette Reed)

### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2023 "After a Pentateuch: Textual Pluriformity and Torah in the Second Temple Period." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2023.
- 2023 "Counting and Calculating Ritual: The Role of Numeracy in the Pentateuchal Priestly Materials." European Association for Biblical Studies, July 2023.
- 2023 "Counting Sheep: Numeracy and Mathematical Thinking in P." Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium (Keynote), February 26, 2023.
- 2023 "Writing Ritual in Biblical and Second Temple Literature." Princeton University, January 12, 2023.
- 2023 "Writing Ritual in Biblical and Second Temple Literature." The University of Pennsylvania, January 24, 2023.

- 2022 “The Mathematics of Priestly Writings: A Preliminary Exploration.” Columbia Hebrew Bible Seminar, December 13, 2022.
- 2022 Conversation with Ilana Pardes on “*Ruth: A Migrant’s Tale*.” Columbia Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies, November 16, 2022.
- 2022 “Put Down the Pentateuch: Reassessing the Status of the Torah in Second Temple Judaism.” Yale Divinity School, October 2022.
- 2022 “Before, In, and After Genesis: Approaches to Teaching the Bible’s First Book.” Columbia University, September 2022
- 2022 “Unthinking Sacrifice in Second Temple Jewish Literature.” Society for Old Testament Studies (Keynote Lecture), July 2022.
- 2022 “Unthinking Sacrifice in Second Temple Judaism.” Princeton University, February 16, 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
- 2013 Tikva Frymer Kensky Memorial Prize, The University of Chicago

## 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

- 2022– Steering Committee Member, Pentateuch Section  
Society of Biblical Literature
- 2020–2023 Chair, Columbia Hebrew Bible Seminar
- 2019– Steering Committee Member, Ritual in the Biblical World Section  
Society of Biblical Literature
- 2019– Co-convener (with Joel Baden and Jeffrey Stackert)  
Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium
- 2014–2015 Hebrew Bible Workshop Coordinator  
The University of Chicago Divinity School

### *Peer Reviewer*

Harvard Theological Review  
Vetus Testamentum  
Jewish Studies Quarterly  
Journal of Hebrew Scriptures  
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  
Who Wrote the Bible?

### *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  
Ben Sira  
Priestly Writings from the 7<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> centuries

## 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