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EDUCATION

- 2007 Harvard University, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Ph.D. in Jewish Studies
2001 Boston University, M.A., Philosophy of Religion
1995 London School of Economics, Law Degree (LL.B. Hons.)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2013 Associate Professor with tenure, History Department and Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
2007 Assistant Professor, History Department and Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Law School
2006-7 Lecturer, University of Michigan Law School
2005-6 Visiting Research Investigator, Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan
Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School
2004 Lecturer, Rutgers University, Department of Jewish Studies and Religion

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2014 Salo Baron Prize (American Academy of Jewish Research) for Best First Book in Jewish Studies for *The Sense of Sight in Rabbinic Culture*
2014-15 Institute for Humanities, University of Michigan Faculty Fellowship
2013 Honorable Mention, Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards (books published in Biblical Studies, Rabbinics, Jewish History and Culture in Antiquity in 2010-2013) for *The Sense of Sight in Rabbinic Culture*
2009-10 Fellow, Frankel Institute for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
2008-9 Investigating Student Learning Award, CRLT, University of Michigan
2004 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on "Aramaic and Syriac in Post-Biblical Judaism and Christianity," Duke University

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- The Sense of Sight in Rabbinic Culture: Jewish Ways of Seeing in Late Antiquity* (Cambridge University Press, 2013)
"Pilgrimage Itineraries: Seeing the Past Through Rabbinic Eyes," *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, 20:3, 22 (Fall 2013): 4-256
"Their Backs Toward the Temple and Their Faces Toward the East: The Temple and Toilet Practices in Rabbinic Palestine and Babylonia," *The Journal for the Study of Judaism*, vol. 43, no. 3 (Fall 2012): 1-41
"Embracing Icons: Byzantine Jewish Iconophiles," *Images: A Journal of Jewish Art and Visual Culture*, Volume 1 (2007): 36 - 54