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DEGREES:

- Ph.D. 1991 Harvard University
Field: Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Dissertation: "The Religious Philosophy of the Karaite Aaron b. Elijah:
The Problem of Divine Justice."
(Advisors: Isadore Twersky, Bernard Septimus)
- M.A. 1978 School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
Field: Near and Middle Eastern History
- A.B. 1977 Harvard College
Field of Concentration: Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

RESEARCH AREAS:

Karaitica; Biblical Exegesis; Judeo-Arabic Literature; Medieval Jewish Philosophy.

TEACHING COMPETENCE

Ancient and Medieval Jewish History and Hebrew Literature; Hebrew Language (all periods); Hebrew Bible; Judeo-Arabic Language and Literature

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2004- Associate Professor
1998- Assistant Professor
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures,
The Ohio State University
- 1996-98 Porter Fellow in Medieval Jewish History
1990-96 Fellow in Jewish-Muslim Relations in the Middle Ages,
1986-90 Junior Fellow in Jewish-Muslim Relations in the Middle Ages
Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
- 1994-98 Hebrew Centre Lecturer in Oriental Studies, University of Oxford
1987-90 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies,
University College London

POSITIONS HELD:

- 2018 Member, Advisory Board, *The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization*, Volume 3: 600-1096 CE, ed. Arnold Franklin (New Haven: Yale University Press).

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POSITIONS HELD (CONTINUED):

- 2014- Courtesy Appointment, Department of History, The Ohio State University
2013-15 Area Editor, Medieval Judaism. *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (EBR) (De Gruyter)
2013- Member Advisory Board of the series “Library of Judeo-Arabic Literature” (LJAL), to be published by Brigham Young University Press
2007- Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Modern Jewish Studies*
2005-2006 Director, Melton Center for Jewish Studies, The Ohio State University
2002- Affiliate, Department of History, The Ohio State University.
1999- Emeritus Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
1998- Member, Melton Center Board, The Ohio State University.
1998- Affiliate, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, The Ohio State University.
1998- Affiliate, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, OSU.
1997-2013 Member of Executive Committee, Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies.
1996- Corresponding Fellow, Ingeborg Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies.
1994-98 Reviews Editor, *The Journal of Jewish Studies*
1990-98 Research Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford
1986-90 Junior Research Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford

TEACHING:

- 1998- DEPARTMENT OF NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES,
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Hebrew language: Hebrew 101, 104, 205, 401, 402
Hebrew texts Graduate level: Hebrew 621, 623, 694, 5602, 5802, 7602, 8891
GEC: Hebrew 241, 370, 373, 2700; History 330.01, 2450, 2451; Jewish
Studies 201, 2201, MRS 216, MEDREN 2516
Individual Study, Graduate level: Hebrew 693, 5193
Supervision of Masters Theses: Hebrew 998
- 1987-98 FACULTY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES, OXFORD UNIVERSITY
Supervision of D.Phil. candidate in Oriental Studies:
Supervision of Dissertations for the Diploma in Jewish Studies
Convenor, Graduate Seminars in Medieval Jewish History and Literature
and Jewish-Muslim Relations
Lecture Courses on Medieval Jewish History, Culture, and Thought
Hebrew Text Courses devoted to Bible, Mishnah, Midrash, Medieval Bible
Commentaries, Philosophy
Tutorials for B.A. and M.Phil. candidates in postbiblical Jewish History
and Hebrew Literature
- 1987-90 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
Lecture and Text Courses on post-biblical Jewish History and Literature

ADMINISTRATION (The Ohio State University):

- 2016- Hebrew Area Officer
1998-2011 Director, Hebrew Language Program
2013-14 Chair, NELC Department Curriculum Committee

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ADMINISTRATION (continued):

2013-14 Chair, NELC Department Search Committee (Hebrew Language Instructor)
2010-2011 Chair, NELC Department Undergraduate Studies Committee
2009-2010 Chair, NELC Department Self-Study
2006-2007 Chair, Search Committee for position in Classical Arabic
2005-2006 Director, Melton Center for Jewish Studies
2005, 2007-09, 2012-15 Member, Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of NELC
2004-2005 Member, Dean's Executive Committee, College of Humanities
2004-2006 Chair, Program Enrichment Committee, Melton Center for Jewish Studies
1999-2004 Chair, Language Instruction Committee, Department of NELC
1999-2001 Chair, Curriculum Committee, Melton Center for Jewish Studies
Membership at various times in various NELC and Melton Center committees

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Legacy of Maimonides, Melton Center Colloquium, October 31, 2004.

Rabbinic Culture and Its Critics: Jews, Heretics, Apostates, and Others in Medieval and Early Modern Times, a conference sponsored by the Melton Center for Jewish Studies at the Ohio State University, Sunday, October 21-Monday, October 22, 2001.

PUBLICATIONS (SINCE 2004):

MONOGRAPH

Search Scripture Well: Karaite Exegetes and the Origins of the Jewish Bible Commentary in the Islamic East. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004.

BOOKS EDITED:

The Jews of Medieval Islam: Community, Society, and Identity. (Études sur le Judaïsme Médiéval, 16) Leiden, New York, Köln: E.J. Brill, 1995.

(Co-edited with Matt Goldish): *Rabbinic Culture and Its Critics: Jewish Authority, Dissent, and Heresy in Medieval and Early Modern Times*. Wayne State University Press, 2008.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

"May Karaites Eat Chicken? — Indeterminacy in Sectarian Halakhic Exegesis." Chapter in *Jewish Biblical Interpretation and Cultural Exchange: Comparative Exegesis in Context*. Ed. Natalie B. Dohrmann and David Stern, 124-38, 277-86. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.

"Elijah Yerushalmi and Karaite Ambivalence Towards Rabbanite Literature." In *Rabbinic Culture and Its Critics: Jewish Authority, Dissent, and Heresy in Medieval and Early Modern Times*. Ed. D. Frank and M. Goldish, 249-69. Wayne State University Press, 2008.

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PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED):

(Co-authored with Matt Goldish): “Rabbinic Culture and Dissent: An Overview.” In *Rabbinic Culture and Its Critics: Jewish Authority, Dissent, and Heresy in Medieval and Early Modern Times*, 1-53. Wayne State University Press, 2008.

“The Limits of Karaite Scripturalism: Problems in Narrative Exegesis.” In “*Davar davur ‘al ofnav*”: *mehqarim be-farshanut ha-miqra ve-ha-qur’an bi-yemei ha-beinayim, muggashim le-Haggai Ben-Shammai* (“A Word Fitly Spoken’: Studies in Mediaeval Exegesis of the Hebrew Bible and the Qur’ân, Presented to Haggai Ben-Shammai”). Ed. M. Bar-Asher, S. Hopkins, S. Stroumsa, and Bruno Chiesa, 41*-82*. Jerusalem: Ben-Zvi Institute, 2007.

“A Karaite *Shehitah* Controversy in the Seventeenth Century.” In *Be’erot Yitzhak: Studies in Memory of Isadore Twersky*. Ed. Jay M. Harris, 69-97. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Center for Jewish Studies, 2005.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:

Entries in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: Verlag Walter de Gruyter, 2009-: “Aaron b. Elijah (c. 1328-1369)”; “Aaron b. Joseph ha-Rofe (c. 1250-1320)”; “Anan ben David (8th cent.)”; “Afendopolo, Caleb b. Elijah”; “Fulfillment: Medieval Judaism.” “Healing Miracles, IV.C”; “Hebrew Language, III.B”; “Hiwi al-Balkhi”; “Jacob ben Reuben, the Karaite”; “Karaite Judaism.”

Entries in *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*. Ed. Norman A. Stillman. Leiden: Brill: “Biblical exegesis - medieval Karaite ” and “Elijah ben Baruch Yerushalmi.” (2010)

“Aaron ben Elia of Nikomedia.” In *Encyclopaedia of Islam*. 3d Ed. Part 2008-1. (June 2008).

Entries in *Medieval Islamic Civilization: an Encyclopedia*. Ed. Josef W. Meri: “Education, Jewish”; “Hebrew”; “Judeo-Arabic”; “Judah Halevi”; “Karaites”; “Saadya Gaon”; “Scriptural Exegesis, Jewish.” New York: Routledge, 2005.

Revision of Nemoy, Leon. “Karaites.” *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Religion*, Second Edition. Revision of 1988 article by the late Leon Nemoy. 2004, pp. 5082-88.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS:

“When Karaites Reject a Law’s Literal Sense”
Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 16-18, 2018.

“Children of Israel, Return to the Lord”: Karaite Penitential Ideology and Practices in Tenth-Century Jerusalem.”
Association for Jewish Studies Conference, Washington, D.C. December 18-19, 2017.

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RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS (CONTINUED):

“Recovering Japheth ben Eli’s ‘Lost’ Commentary on Lamentations.”
Conference of the Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies, Vanderbilt University, August 15-18, 2016.

“The Karaite Doctrine of Election in Its Islamic Context.”
Jewish-Muslim Polemics, conference held at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, Monday, June 29, 2015.

“Jewish Biblical Exegesis in an Arabic Vein: Tenth-Century Karaites Interpret Scripture”
Judaism in Islamic Studies, Islam in Jewish Studies: Reflections and Surface Tensions, University of Pennsylvania, November 16, 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS:

2014	2014 Jewish Studies Teaching Award, Jewish Studies Student Association, The Ohio State University
2011-2012	Faculty Professional Leave, The Ohio State University
2007-08	Melton Center for Jewish Studies Small Research Grant
2005	Finalist, Outstanding Teaching Award, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University

MEMBER: Association for Jewish Studies, National Association of Professors of Hebrew, Society for Judaeo-Arabic Studies.