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Current Position

ABD (expected graduation in spring 2025) PhD Candidate, Religious Studies University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: “How The Bible Became Literature: Jewish Assumptions About the Nature of Text in the Hellenistic Period”

Education

2023 MA (incidental), Religious Studies University of Pennsylvania
2019 Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Classical Languages University of Pennsylvania
2016 BA, Religion Haverford College
Minor: Classical Culture and Society
Magna cum laude
Thesis: “‘Here is a people that dwells alone, and that does not consider itself among the nations’: Balaam ben Beor and the National Boundaries of Ancient Israel”

Publications

Forthcoming “Between Flavian Power and Jewish Trauma: The Unemotionality of Josephus’ Triumph Narrative” *Judaica*

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record

Fall 2023 *Gender, Sexuality, and Religion* University of Pennsylvania

As Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021 *Religion and Sports* University of Pennsylvania
Guest Lectures: “Preparing to Undertake Ethnographic Research”; “Religion, Gender, and Sports in Catholic Women’s Basketball”
Fall 2021 *Gender, Sexuality, and Religion* University of Pennsylvania
Guest Lectures: “Sexual Subversion in the Hebrew Bible”; “Key Themes and Concepts in Jewish Tradition”
Spring 2021 *Jews and Judaism in Antiquity* University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2020 *Religions of the West* University of Pennsylvania
Guest Lecture: “Jonah in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur’an”

Conference Presentations

2025 “A Re-Evaluation of Nerva’s *Fiscus Judaicus* Coin”
Society of Classical Studies Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA
2024 Discussant: “Teaching the Traditions of the Late Antique East: A Strategy Swap”
American Academy of Religion Annual Conference San Diego, CA

2024	“Fixity as a Principle of Jewish Literature and the Transformation of Biblical Text in 2nd c. BCE Alexandria” <i>Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference</i>	San Diego, CA
2023	“A Feminist Analysis of Esther as Depicted in the Septuagint Additions” <i>Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference</i>	San Francisco, CA
2023	“What is a Biblical Addition?” <i>Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference</i>	San Antonio, TX
2023	“The Transformation of Biblical Text into Literature in Alexandrian Jewish Translation Paratexts” <i>European Association for Jewish Studies 12th Congress</i>	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
2023	“How The Bible Became Literature: Jewish Assumptions About the Nature of Text in the Hellenistic Period” <i>European Association for Jewish Studies 12th Congress: EAJS Emerge</i>	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
2023	“An End to Post-Judean War Trauma? Rethinking Nerva’s <i>Fiscus Judaicus</i> Coin” <i>Penn Center for Ancient Studies Annual Conference: Trauma</i>	Philadelphia, PA
2023	“Josephus, Historiography, and the Nature of the Bible” <i>Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar</i>	Princeton, NJ
2022	“Cultural Liminality and Legitimate Historiography According to Josephus and Plutarch” <i>Penn Center for Ancient Studies Annual Conference: Borders and Boundaries in the Ancient World</i>	Philadelphia, PA
2021	Discussant: “The Talmud’s Leaky Pipeline: A Roundtable on Gender Equity in the Field of Rabbinics” <i>Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference</i>	Chicago, IL
2021	“Josephus’ Response to a Flavian Display of Power: Reading the Unemotionality of the Triumph Narrative, <i>BJ</i> VII.123-57” <i>Jewish Authors and Power in the Graeco-Roman Period</i>	Bern, Switzerland (via Zoom)
2021	“Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2 nd c. BCE Alexandria” <i>Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar</i>	Philadelphia, PA (via Zoom)

Prizes & Awards

2024	Merle Saunders Schaff Memorial Prize “Josephus, Historiography, and the Nature of the Bible”	Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
2022	Merle Saunders Schaff Memorial Prize “Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2 nd c. BCE Alexandria”	Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
2021	Honorable Mention, Erich Gruen Prize “Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2 nd c. BCE Alexandria”	Society of Classical Studies
2016	Senior Thesis Prize in Religion	Haverford College

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Fellowships

2024-25	Wolf Humanities Center Doctoral Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania
2024-25	Boardman Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania
2023-24	Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Innovation Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence	University of Pennsylvania
2021-22	Sidney Ellis Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania
2020-21	Ruth Meltzer Graduate Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania
2019-20	Margaret Schoenfeld Falk Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania
2019-25	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania

Grants

2023	Sidney Stern Memorial Trust Travel Grant	Association for Jewish Studies
2023	Louis Schwartz and Elaine Friedman Schwartz Memorial Fund Award	Jewish Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

Certifications

2021	Certificate in College and University Teaching	University of Pennsylvania
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Conferences Organized

2024	<i>Penn Jewish Studies Graduate Conference: Jews and Political Authority: Citizenship, Homeland, and Diaspora</i>	Philadelphia, PA
2021	<i>Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar</i>	Philadelphia, PA (via Zoom)

Conference Panels Chaired

2022	“Material Culture” <i>Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar</i>	New York, NY (via Zoom)
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Pedagogy Workshops

2024	“Grading in the Humanities and Qualitative Social Sciences”	University of Pennsylvania
2024	“Navigating Scenarios in Graduate Teaching”	University of Pennsylvania
2024	(Co-taught) “Teaching Outside Your Area of Expertise”	University of Pennsylvania
2023	“Working With Students on Their Writing”	University of Pennsylvania

Public-Facing Presentations

2024	“A Feminist Analysis of the Septuagint (Ancient Greek) Version of Esther”	Tifereth Israel Congregation, Washington, DC
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Mentorship

2024	TA Trainer	University of Pennsylvania
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2023-24	Graduate student teaching observations & mentorship discussions	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Undergraduate student paper won the Ann Matter Prize for Best Paper in the History of Religions Aly Kerrigan, “Plural Marriage, Plural Meanings: An Exploration of FLDS Polygyny as a Tool for Women’s Identity Construction”	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Undergraduate student paper won the Ann Matter Prize for Best Paper in the History of Religions Thomas Malloy, “Religion, Colonization, and Reclamation: The Case of the Hijras and the Two-Spirit People”	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Undergraduate student paper accepted for publication Olivia Domansky, “The Partnership Minyan”	<i>The Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa</i>
2015-16	Writing Center Peer Tutor	Haverford College

Professional & Departmental Service

2022-pres.	Co-chair, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins	University of Pennsylvania
2024	School of Arts & Sciences Teaching Awards Selection Committee	University of Pennsylvania
2023-24	Organizer, Pedagogy Workshop Series in Religious Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2014-16	Student Representative to the Board of Managers	Haverford College
2014-15	Faculty Search Committee in Religion	Haverford College
2014-15	Search Committee for Director of the Office of Student Life	Haverford College
2014-15	Clearness Committee	Haverford College

Research Assistantships

2014	Professor Jamel Velji Designed Syllabus: <i>Mabdis and Their Movements</i> Revised Syllabus: <i>The End of the World As We Know It</i>	Haverford College
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Professional Training

2023	Mini-course in Inclusive & Equitable Teaching	University of Pennsylvania
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Non-Credit Bearing Education

2023	Jewish Studies Summer School: <i>New Beginnings</i>	University of Antwerp
2016	<i>NISHMA</i> summer program in Talmud and Hebrew	Jewish Theological Seminary

Professional Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature

Association for Jewish Studies
 Society for Classical Studies
 Phi Beta Kappa Society

Reading Languages

Ancient		Modern	
	Hebrew		English
	Greek		Spanish
	Latin		French
	Aramaic		German
	Akkadian		Hebrew

Other Relevant Experience

2017-19	5 th Grade Religious School Educator	Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood, PA
2017-18	Special Assistant	Character Lab, Philadelphia, PA
2016-17	Tour Guide, Roman Scythopolis	Beit She'an National Park, Beit She'an, Israel
2016-17	Elementary School & Adult Beginner English Teaching Fellow	Beit She'an, Israel
2013	Early History Intern Editorial Assistant: <i>Naval Documents of the American Revolution</i> , vol. 13 (published in 2019)	US Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, DC
2011	Eagle Scout	Bethesda, MD

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