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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

2024    “Between Flavian Power and Jewish Trauma: The Unemotionality of Josephus’ Triumph Narrative”    *Judaica: Neue Digitale Folge*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Congress: EAJIS Emerge</i>	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
2023	“An End to Post-Judaean 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> c. BCE Alexandria”	Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
2021	Honorable Mention, Erich Gruen Prize “Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 in Religious Studies	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 in Religious Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2020-21	Ruth Meltzer Graduate Fellowship in Jewish Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2019-20	Margaret Schoenfeld Falk Fellowship in Jewish Studies	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	“Teaching Demonstrations”	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
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>
2023	Undergraduate student paper published Emma Boockvar, “A Clash of Creed: The Paradox of LGBTQ+ Pride Within Orthodox Judaism”	<i>The Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa</i>
2023	Undergraduate student paper published Zoe Millstein, “Redefining the Rabbinate: Women Rabbis in Israel and the United States”	<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
2014-15	Librarian and Co-secretary, Honor Council	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	NISHMA 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**

<b>Ancient</b>		<b>Modern</b>	
Hebrew		English	
Greek		Spanish	
Latin		French	
Aramaic		German	
Akkadian		Hebrew	

**Other Relevant Experience**

2017-19	5 <sup>th</sup> 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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