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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 POSITIONS

- 2018–            Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
New York University
- 2015–2016      Lecturer, Introductory Biblical Hebrew I & II  
The University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2015            Instructor, Summer Intensive Introductory Biblical Hebrew  
The University of Chicago Divinity School

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer Reviewed Articles*

1. “Challenging a Priestly Credit Theology: A New Translation of Niphal הַשֵּׁב,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming.
2. “Ritual Sequence and Narrative Constraints in Leviticus 9:1–10:3,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 17 (2017): 1–35.
3. “The Composition of Numbers 32: A New Proposal,” *Vetus Testamentum* 63 (2013): 408-432.

### *Invited Essays*

1. “The Literary Representation of Sacrifice in the Hebrew Bible,” in *New Perspectives on Ritual in the Biblical World*, ed. Laura Quick and Melissa Ramos (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, forthcoming).
2. “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>
3. “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/>
4. “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>

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. *The Story of Sacrifice: Ritual and Narrative in the Priestly Pentateuchal Source* (monograph under review).
2. *The Priestly Narrative: A Hebrew Edition with English Translation and Introduction* (proposal under review).
3. “Manna and Korah: A Study of Inner-Priestly Literary Development” (article in progress).
4. “Writing and Characterization in the Book of Esther” (article in progress).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. “Composing Ritual: The Epistemology of Sacrifice in the Hebrew Bible.” SBL Annual Meeting, November 24, 2019.
2. “The Priestly Narrative: A Biography.” SBL Annual Meeting, November 24, 2019.
3. “Reconstructed Stories: The Case for a Critical Edition of the Pentateuchal Priestly Narrative.” The Jewish Theological Seminary, March 27, 2019.
4. “Numbers 32: A Neo-Documentary Perspective.” SBL Annual Meeting, November 2018, Invited Panelist in Pentateuch Session.
5. “Leviticus 17 and the Strata of P.” Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, February 25–27, 2018.
6. “Establishing Authority in the Priestly Cult: A New Analysis of Lev 10.” SBL Annual Meeting, November 20, 2017.
7. Invited response to Sarit Kattan-Gribetz, “Gender and Ancient Jewish Reading Practices.” The University of Chicago Divinity School, March 1, 2017.
8. “Ritual Sequence and Narrative Constraints in Leviticus 9.” SBL Annual Meeting, November 20, 2016.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2017–2018	Jacob Greenberg Memorial Dissertation 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
2011	Two-Brothers Fellowship Yale Divinity School

## **INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

1. Faculty participant, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, The University of Chicago, February 13–15, 2019.
2. Invited participant, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, Yale Divinity School, February 25–27, 2018.
3. Invited participant, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium, The University of Chicago, February 5–6, 2017.
4. Brauer Seminar Student Fellow, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Winter 2015.

## **COMMUNITY AND INVITED LECTURES**

1. “Leviticus 17 and the So-Called Holiness Code.” Hebrew Bible Workshop at the University of Chicago, May 15, 2017.
2. “Story and Ritual in Leviticus.” Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, May 6, 2017.
3. “The Big House: Capturing Divine Presence in the Temples of the Ancient Near East.” Anshe Sholom Bnai Israel, Chicago, IL, February 17, 2016.
4. “Birthing Leaders: The Stories of Moses and Sargon.” Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, IL, January 9, 2016.
5. “Narrative and Ritual in the Inauguration of the Priestly Tabernacle.” Hebrew Bible Workshop at the University of Chicago, February 25, 2015.
6. “Why Leviticus is More Interesting than You Think.” Kol Sasson Congregation, Skokie, IL, May 17, 2014.
7. “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  
Ancient Israel  
The Bible as Literature

### Graduate

Ugaritic I  
Ugaritic II  
Introductory Biblical Hebrew  
Advanced Biblical Hebrew

Topics in Bible: The Priestly Narrative  
Topics in Bible: Ruth, Esther, Jonah

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

2014–2015 Hebrew Bible Workshop Coordinator  
The University of Chicago Divinity School

### **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)

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Pentateuch  
Priestly Literature  
Law and Ritual  
Literary Theory  
Ritual Theory  
Ancient Near East  
Historical Criticism

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Biblical Literature  
Association for Jewish Studies