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Education

The Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Ph.D. Philosophy of Religions 2005

Dissertation Claiming God: Theological Predication and its Limits in the *Mekhilta de Rabbilshmael*
and *The Star of Redemption*

Co-Advisors: Michael Fishbane and Paul Mendelsohn Reader: David Tracy

A.M.R.S. Religious Studies 1995

Pitzer College Claremont, California

B.A. Philosophy, Literature, and Religion 1992

Areas of Specialization

Modern Jewish Thought, Jewish Exegetical Theology and Religious Language, Philosophy of Religion,
Religious Epistemology, Philosophical Hermeneutics

Awards, Honors and Grants

Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Florida, 2013 (\$7500)

Baumgardner-Gelbart Foundation Grant to fund a semi-annual lecture in Jewish Studies, written with
Drew Farmer and Jennifer Moore, 2011-2015 (\$20,000), 2011-2013 (\$20,000)

Presentations, continued
3 The Cosmic Eye and its Pupil: Divine Perfection, Divine Providence, and the Problem of Universalism and Particularism in Rabbinic Theology, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August, 2013.

3 \$EVROXWH)DFWXDOLW\ &RPPRQ 6HQVH DQG WKH 3UREOHP
Rose] ZHL Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft Toronto, September, 2012.

3 'LVFRXUV Hand Building: Rethinking Jewish Theology and its Epistemological
)RXQG DWHUAL Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, December, 2009.

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World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, August, 2009

3 5HDGLQJ IRU 'LYLQH 3HUIHFWRQ 7KHRORJLFDO 5HIOHFWLRQ
Commentary of Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael Retelling the Bible, Center for Theoretical Study, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, September, 2008.

3 5HDGLQJ 'LYLQH 3HUIHFWRQ Rabbinic Judaism: Theological, Halakhic and Reflective
3UDFWLFH LQ 5DQDQD Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November, 2008.

Teaching Interests

Modern Jewish Thought, Rabbinic Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Jewish Mysticism, Topics in Medieval and Modern Philosophy: Epistemology, Hermeneutics, Philosophical Theology

Teaching Experience

Rabbinic Theology (USF, 2014); Philosophical and Religious Conceptions of Truth (USF, 2014);
Modern Jewish Thought (USF, 2013, 2008); Realism and Reference (Graduate Seminar in Philosophy,
USF, 2012); Rabbinic Judaism (USF, 2011); Hermeneutics and Religious Epistemology (Graduate
Seminar in Philosophy, USF, 2010); Jewish Mysticism (USF, 2010-2011); Early Jewish Literature
(USF, 2007, 2009-2012, 2014); Jewish Theology (USF, 2009); Classics of Judaism (USF, 2007);
Introduction to Judaism (USF, 2006-2012); Biblical Hebrew (USF, 2006); Introduction to Major
Religious Texts