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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New York University

Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Fall 1987

Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure, Fall 1991

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Director of Graduate Studies, Fall 1989-Spring 1996

Director of Religious Studies, Fall 1995-Spring 2002

Rice University, Fall 2007

Lynette S. Autrey Visiting Professor, Humanities Research Center

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Professor in Jewish Mysticism

Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2005

Visiting Professor, Humanities Center

Dartmouth College, Spring 2003

Brownstone Visiting Professor of Jewish Studies

University of Notre Dame, Fall 2002

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Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Spring 2002

Visiting Professor of Jewish Mysticism

Columbia University, Fall 1989-Spring 2000
Adjunct Professor of Jewish History

University of Toronto, Spring 1998
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Russian State University for the Humanities, March 1995
Visiting Professor of Jewish Mysticism and Philosophy

University of Chicago, Winter Quarter, 1992
The Divinity School, Regenstein Visiting Professor in Jewish Studies

Princeton University, Spring 1992
Adjunct Associate Professor of Religion

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 1989-90; 1991-92; 1992-93
Adjunct Associate Professor of Jewish Philosophy

Queens College, 1988-89
Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies

Cornell University, 1986-87
Instructor in Jewish Mysticism

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP

Association for Jewish Studies
(Member of the Program Committee, 1994-2000)

American Academy of Religion
(Co-chair of the Study of Judaism Section, 1992-1998)

Medieval Academy of America

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American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected as a fellow in Spring 2008)

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Editor: *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*

Editor: State University of New York Press Series in Judaica: Mysticism, Hermeneutics,
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Editorial Board: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *Kabbalah: A Journal for the Study of Jewish Mystical Texts*; *Jewish Quarterly Review*; *Brill Series Supplements to the Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*; *Ekstasis: Religious Experience from Antiquity to the Middle Ages*

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BOOKS

The Book of the Pomegranate: Moses de León's Sefer ha-Rimmon. Brown Judaic Series 144. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988.

Through a Speculum That Shines: Vision and Imagination in Medieval Jewish Mysticism. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.

Winner of the American Academy of Religion's Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion in the Category of Historical Studies, 1995

Winner of the National Jewish Book Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 1995

Along the Path: Studies in Kabbalistic Myth, Symbolism, and Hermeneutics. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995.

Circle in the Square: Studies in the Use of Gender in Kabbalistic Symbolism. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995.

Abraham Aboulafia—Cabaliste et Prophète: Herméneutique, Théosophie, et Théurgie, translated by J.-F. Sené. Paris: Éditions de L'éclat, 1999.

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Sprache, Eros, Dasein: Kabbalistische Hermeneutik und poetische Einbildungskraft, translated by D. Westerkamp. Berlin: Philo Verlagsgesellschaft mbH, 2002.

Pathwings: Poetic-Philosophic Reflections on the Hermeneutics of Time and Language. Station Hill/Barrytown Press, 2004.

Language, Eros, Being: Kabbalistic Hermeneutics and Poetic Imagination.

New York: Fordham University Press, 2005.

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Luminal Darkness: Imaginal Gleanings From Zoharic Literature. London: Oneworld Publications, 2007.

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A Dream Interpreted Within a Dream: Oneiropoiesis and the Prism of Imagination. New York: Zone Books, 2011.

Edited Books:

Perspectives on Jewish Thought and Mysticism, edited together with A. Ivry and A. Arkush, Australia: Harwood Academic Publishers, 1998.

Rending the Veil: Concealment and Secrecy in the History of Religions, New York and London: Seven Bridges Press, 1999.

Suffering Religion, edited together with Robert Gibbs. New York and London: Routledge, 2002.

New Studies in Jewish Philosophy, edited with A. Hughes. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009.

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“Left Contained in the Right: A Study in Zoharic Hermeneutics,” *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 11 (1986): 27-52.

“Circumcision and the Divine Name: A Study in the Transmission of Esoteric Doctrine,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 78 (1987): 77-112.

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“Beyond the Spoken Word: Oral Tradition and Written Transmission in Medieval Jewish Mysticism,” in *Transmitting Jewish Traditions: Orality, Textuality and Cultural Diffusion*, 166-224. Edited by Y. Elman and I. Gershoni. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2000.

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- “Messianism in the Christian Kabbalah of Johann Kemper,” in *Millenarianism and Messianism in the Early Modern European Culture: Jewish Messianism in the Early Modern World*, 139-187. Edited by M. D. Goldish and R. H. Popkin. The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001.
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- “Beyond Good and Evil: Hypernomianism, Transmorality, and Kabbalistic Ethics.” In *Crossing Boundaries: Ethics, Antinomianism and the History of Mysticism*, pp. 103-156. Edited by J. J. Kripal and W. Barnard. New York and London: Seven Bridges Press, 2002.
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- 1986-87 Andrew W. Mellon Teaching-Research Fellowship in the Humanities. Cornell University
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- 1996 Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.
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