

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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#### New York University

2015–2021 (expected) Ph.D. Candidate, Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
Concentration: Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East  
Dissertation: “Recasting Kingship: Power, Disrupted History, and Scribal Adaptation”  
Committee: Daniel E. Fleming (chair); Mark S. Smith

2019 M.Phil., Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
Concentration: Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East  
Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies

#### Cornell University

2011–2015 A.B. *summa cum laude*, Religious Studies  
Honors Thesis: “The Feasibility of a Nonpartisan ‘Biblical Archaeology’: A Case Study of Contemporary Religious Zionists’ Utilization of ‘Joshua’s Altar’ on Mount Ebal/el-Burnat”  
Committee: Lauren A.S. Monroe (chair); Jonathan A. Boyarin  
A.B., Comparative Literature  
Minor, Near Eastern Studies  
Minor, Jewish Studies

#### The University of Cambridge

2013–2014 Tripos Part IIB, Theology and Religious Studies, Faculty of Divinity  
Focus: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and Modern Jewish Studies  
Junior Year Abroad  
Supervisors: Nathan MacDonald, Daniel Weiss, Philip Jenson

### CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND LECTURES

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“Deconstructing ‘Identity’ and Locating the ‘Other’: Josephus’ Portrayal of the War with the Tribe of Benjamin (Ant. 5.136–174; Judges 19–21),” Association for Jewish Studies 52nd Annual Conference, Jews and Others in the Greco-Roman World Session, Virtual: December 16, 2020.

“The Joseph Narrative, Inheritance Disputes, and Property Law.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Biblical Law Section, Virtual: December 1, 2020.

“Theorizing Kingship Through ‘Service’: Reciprocity, Authority, and Historiography.” ASOR Annual Meeting, State and Territory in the Ancient Near East: Mapping Relationships and Challenging Paradigms, Virtual: November 21, 2020.

“Movement, Social Location, and Identity Distinction: Benjaminit Migration in the Hebrew Bible.” The Center for Ancient Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate Conference, Movement, Mobility, and the Journey: Ancient Actions and Perspectives: February 29, 2020.

“Locating a Scribal Ideology of Kingship in Time and Space: Royal Land Acquisition in 1 Kings 21 and Ezekiel 46.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Historiography and the Hebrew Bible Section, San Diego: November 25, 2019.

“Recasting Kingship and Scribal Adaptation in 1 Samuel 8.” Emerging Voices in Samuel Studies Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison: April 25–27, 2019.

“Negotiating the Boundaries of 'Identity': Benjamin at the Yahweh Festival of Shiloh.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Historiography and the Hebrew Bible Section, Denver: November 19, 2018.

“Reexamining the Political-Legal Ideology of mišpaṭ hammelek (1 Samuel 8:11–18).” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Historiography and the Hebrew Bible Section, Boston: November 21, 2017.

“Transition to Monarchy and Exchange of Power: Reexamining 1 Samuel 8.” Guest Lecture, Graduate Biblical Seminar on Samuel, Cornell University: March 16, 2016.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of *Praying Legally*, by Sholom E. Holtz, *Review of Biblical Literature*, (forthcoming).

## WRITING FOR A POPULAR AUDIENCE

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“Résumés Demystified: Tips for Humanities PhDs,” *Job List*, Modern Language Association, January 26, 2021, <https://joblist.mla.org/article-details/18/resumes-demystified-tips-for-humanities-phds/>

“Yes, You Can Still Network at Virtual Conferences!” *Job List*, Modern Language Association, November 11, 2020, <https://joblist.mla.org/article-details/16/yes-you-can-still-network-at-virtual-conferences-/>

“Résumé versus Curriculum Vitae: What’s the Difference?” *Job List*, Modern Language Association, November 2, 2020, <https://joblist.mla.org/article-details/14/resume-versus-curriculum-vitae-what-s-the-difference-/>

“Start-up tackles roomie conflicts with online dorm contracts,” *USA Today*, July 30, 2014, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/07/30/start-up-tackles-roomie-conflicts-with-online-dorm-contracts/37393269/>

“Colleges can be doing more to combat drinking culture, study says,” *USA Today*, July 21, 2014, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/07/21/colleges-can-be-doing-more-to-combat-drinking-culture-study-says/37393113/>

“Cornell enables students to apply using LinkedIn profiles,” *USA Today*, July 14, 2014, [https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/07/14/cornell-enables-students-to-apply-using-linkedin-profiles/37392825/?\\_ga=2.89397139.949545571.1599075997-1663122925.1599075997](https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/07/14/cornell-enables-students-to-apply-using-linkedin-profiles/37392825/?_ga=2.89397139.949545571.1599075997-1663122925.1599075997)

“Students explore the ‘good life’ in self-reflexive classes,” *USA Today*, June 13, 2014,  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/06/13/students-explore-the-good-life-in-self-reflective-classes/37391889/>

“Is college tuition paying for essentials, or lavish amenities?,” *USA Today*, May 19, 2014,  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/05/19/is-college-tuition-paying-for-essentials-or-lavish-amenities/37391309/>

“STEM vs. the humanities. One, the other, a combination? Students discuss,” *USA Today*, May 13, 2014,  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/05/13/stem-vs-the-humanities-one-the-other-a-combination-students-discuss/37391013/>

“5 Reasons to Major in the Humanities Before Entering the High Tech Industry,” *USA Today*, February 21, 2014, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2014/02/21/5-reasons-to-major-in-the-humanities-before-entering-the-high-tech-industry/37438791/>

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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2020–2021 Innovation and Career Initiatives Fellow, Modern Language Association

2019–2020 Institutional Researcher, Public Humanities Initiative in Doctoral Education  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Spring 2019 Adjunct Instructor, New York University  
*Cultures and Contexts: Modern Israel*

Fall 2018 Adjunct Instructor, New York University  
*Cultures and Contexts: Ancient Israel*

Fall 2017 Adjunct Instructor, New York University  
*Cultures and Contexts: Ancient Israel*

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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2020–2021 Public Humanities Doctoral Fellowship  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University; funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

2015–2020 The Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University

2019–2020 Max G. Bronner Fellowship in Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University

2019 Higher Education Teaching Certificate, Part II: Achieving Success through  
Communication  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University

2018	Higher Education Teaching Certificate, Part I: The Art and Craft of Teaching Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University
2018	Dean's Student Travel Grant Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University
2015	The Goethe Prize, First Place Department of German Studies, Cornell University
2015	Phi Beta Kappa College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University
2014	Harry Caplan Travel Fellowship Department of Classics, Cornell University
2014–2015	Mortar Board “Der Hexenkreis” Senior Honor Society Cornell University
2014	Excellence in Jewish Studies Competition, Honorable Mention The Jewish Theological Seminary
2012–2015	The Cornell Club of Los Angeles Scholarship Cornell University
2011–2015	Dean's List Cornell University

## LANGUAGES

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Ancient	Hebrew (epigraphic, biblical, and rabbinic), Akkadian, Ugaritic, Aramaic (biblical, imperial, targumic, Babylonian Jewish),
Modern	Hebrew, German, French, Spanish

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Scribal Culture; Kingship and Politics; Hebrew Bible (Former Prophets; historiography; history of interpretation); Historiography; Literary and Critical Theory; Jewish Studies; History of Religion/Religious Studies; Ancient Near East; Early Judaism; Public Humanities

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Association for Jewish Studies  
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## REFERENCES

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