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### Employment

Fall 2018 – present	Chair, Department of Religion & Classics, University of Rochester; Rochester, New York
Fall 2017 – present	Jane and Alan Batkin Professor of Jewish Studies
Fall 2014 – Spring 2018	Director, Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies
Fall 2012 – present	Associate Professor of Religion & Classics; University of Rochester
Fall 2007 – Fall 2012	Assistant Professor of Religion & Classics, University of Rochester
2005 - 2007	Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies; Connecticut College; New London, Connecticut

### Education

August 2005	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, PhD in American Religions Dissertation: "'Muggers in Black Coats': Gender and the Ultra-Orthodox in the American Jewish Imagination"
May 2001	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, MA in American Religions Thesis: "Chicken Soup for the Souls of Black Folk: African American Converts to Judaism and the Negotiation of Identity"
May 1998	Boston University, MA in Religion and Culture Thesis: "Impressive Failures: Black Hebrews in America"
May 1996	Douglass College at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. BA double major in Religion and American Studies Honor's Thesis: "Searching for Womanhood in the Age of Black Nationalism: Two Case Studies" (Awarded Highest Honors in American Studies)

### Books and Current Book Projects

*Transparent and Queering the Jewish Family on TV*, edited by Nora Rubel and Brett Krutzsch (under review).

*Recipes for the Melting Pot: Reading The Settlement Cook Book* (under contract, Columbia University Press).

*Religion, Food, and Eating in North America*, edited by Marie W. Dallam, Reid Neilson, Nora Rubel and Benjamin E. Zeller (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014).

*Doubting the Devout: The Ultra-Orthodox in the Jewish American Imagination* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009).

### Articles and Book Chapters

"A Jewish Joy of Cooking? How a 20th Century Cookbook Containing Frog's Legs, Snails, and Ham Became a Beloved Jewish Icon." In *The Value of the Particular: Lessons from Judaism and the Modern Jewish Experience*, edited by Michael Zank and Ingrid Anderson (Boston: Brill University Press, 2015).

"Food." In *Key Terms in Material Religion*, edited by S. Brent Plate (London: Bloomsbury, 2015).

"The Feast at the End of the Fast: The Emergence of a New American Jewish Practice." In *Religion, Food, and Eating in North America*, edited by Benjamin E. Zeller, Marie W. Dallam, Reid Neilson, and Nora Rubel. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014.

- Reprinted in Leah Hochman, ed., *Tastes of Faith: Jewish Eating in the United States* (2017).

"Schadenfreude over the Slaughterhouse: Orthodox Judaism in the News." In *Oxford Handbook of Religion and the News*, edited by Diane Winston. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

"Chased Out of Palestine': Prophet Cherry's Church of the Living God and the Problem of Black Jewish Origins." In *The New Black Gods: Arthur Huff Fauset and the Study of African American Religions*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV and Danielle Brune Sigler. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2009.

"Muggers in Black Coats': The Alleged Hijacking of American Judaism." In *350 Years of American Judaism in Popular Culture*, edited by Leonard Jay Greenspoon and Ronald A. Simkins. Omaha, Nebraska: Creighton University Press, 2007.

"The Nation of Islam in the United States." In *Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in the United States*, edited by Eugene V. Gallagher and W. Michael Ashcroft. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006.

"Chicken Soup for the Souls of Black Folk: African American Converts to Judaism and the Negotiation of Identity," *Social Compass: Revue Internationale de Sociologie de la Religion/ International Review of Sociology of Religion*. No. 3 (September 2004).

### Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Miscellanea

Melissa R. Klapper, *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace: American Jewish Women's Activism, 1890-1940* (New York University Press, 2013). Book Review for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (January 2015).

"Jewish American Intellectual and Cultural Life" in Rubin, Joan and Scott Casper, ed. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Invited Blog post: "[Five Essential Jewish Cookbooks](#)," *The Forward*, February 25, 2013

Smith, Andrew, ed. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America, 2nd edition*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

- Purim (500 words)

Diner, Hasia, ed. *Women in American History: An Encyclopedia*, New York: Facts On File, Inc., 2011.

- Mary Antin (500 words)
- Lizzie Black Kander (500 words)
- Black Muslims (1000 words)

Invited Blog Posts cosponsored by the Jewish Book Council and MyJewishLearning.com

- "[Not Kosher](#)," March 22, 2010
- "[Jewsteria Lane](#)," March 25, 2010
- "[Based on a 'True' Story](#)," March 26, 2010

"[Jewish Enough: A Response to Sarah Imhoff's 'The Man in Black: Matisyahu, Identity, and Authenticity'](#)," Invited Response for the Religion and Culture Web Forum, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion: University of Chicago Divinity School; February 2010

"First Day Quiz." *Teaching Theology and Religion* (February 2009).

"[When Is Kosher Not Kosher?](#)" *Sightings*. Martin Marty Center: University of Chicago Divinity School; October 9, 2008

["The Case of the Missing Matzo," Sightings.](#) Martin Marty Center: University of Chicago Divinity School; April 24, 2008

## Invited Lectures

"A 'Jewish' Joy of Cooking? How a Twentieth Century Cookbook Containing Frog's Legs, Snails, and Ham Became a Beloved Jewish Icon," Cornell University: May 6, 2019.

"Recipes for the Melting Pot: Reading *The Settlement Cook Book*," Wilson College, Pennsylvania: April 15, 2019.

"The Jewish Kitchen: History and Politics," Jewish Food in the Global South Symposium; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, March 4-5, 2017.

"A 'Jewish' Joy of Cooking? How a Twentieth Century Cookbook Containing Frog's Legs, Snails, and Ham Became a Beloved Jewish Icon," Wesleyan University: February 7, 2017.

"Religion, Food and Eating in America," Colgate University: November 4, 2015.

"Recipes for the Melting Pot: Reading *The Settlement Cook Book*," Greenfield Summer Institute; Center for Jewish Studies at University of Wisconsin, Madison: July 6, 2015

"Jewish Cookbooks in America," Lehigh University: November 6, 2014.

"What is Your Food Worth?" Feinsein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University: February 10, 2014.

"Food Matters: Reading *The Settlement Cook Book*," University of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York; February 6, 2012.

"Gefilte Fish in the Gilded Age" at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York: March 29, 2011.

"Reading *The Settlement Cook Book*: Matzoh Balls, Lobster Bisque, and the Transformation of the Jewish American Kitchen" at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas: March 8, 2011.

"Doubting the Devout: The Ultra-Orthodox in the Jewish American Imagination" at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte; April 19, 2010.

"Too Jewish? Imagining the Ultra Orthodox and America" in Charlotte, NC as part of the *Divining America: Religion in American History* series (in collaboration with the National Humanities Center); April 18, 2010.

"*The Settlement Cook Book* and the Transformation of Jewish American Identity" at the Curriculum for Jewish Studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: March 31, 2009.

"Gefilte Fish in the Gilded Age: *The Settlement Cook Book* and the Transformation of Jewish American Identity" at Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania: February 16, 2009.

"Gefilte Fish in the Gilded Age: Jewish Women's Activism and *The Settlement Cook Book*" at New College in Sarasota, Florida: January 20, 2009.

## Conference Presentations

Moderator: "Seders Innovations in 20th and 21st Century America." Annual Association for Jewish Studies meeting; Virtual: December, 2020.

Presider: "Jewish Objects, Jewish Affects: Crafting, Relics, Tea Cups, Toys, and Delis." Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; Virtual: December, 2020.

Presider: "100 years after Prohibition: Temperance and Alcohol in Popular Culture." Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; Virtual: December, 2020.

"Of Domesticity and Domesticity: *The Way to a Man's Heart* as Guide to Love and Marriage." American Jewish Historical Society Biennial conference: "Future Tense"; Virtual: June 2020.

Chair/Respondent: "Jews and 'Others' on Global Television," Annual Association for Jewish Studies meeting; San Diego, California: December, 2019.

Presider: Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar. Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; San Diego: California: November, 2019.

"'Gefilte Fish Can Be the Next Sushi'; Jewish American 21<sup>st</sup> Century Inventions and Aspirations," Progressive Connexions Interdisciplinary Conference: "Food, Heritage and Community"; Prague, Czech Republic: March 9-10, 2019.

Presider: "Diverse Approaches to the Study of Religion and Dress," Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar. Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; Denver, Colorado: November, 2018.

"'Gefilte Fish Can Be the Next Sushi'; Jewish American 21<sup>st</sup> Century Inventions and Aspirations," American Jewish Historical Society Biennial conference: "Fractured Paradigms: Rethinking the Study of American Jews"; National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia, PA: June 17-19, 2018.

"'You can't make a Yankee of me that way!'; *The Settlement Cook Book* and Culinary Pluralism in Progressive-Era America," Dublin Gastronomy Symposium on "Food and Power"; Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland: May 29-30, 2018.

"*The Way to a Man's Heart: A Guide to Love and Marriage*," Food Policies, Politics, and Cultures Section, Annual International Conference on Food Studies; Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy: October 26-27, 2017.

"'Happy Yom Kippur': Televising Atonement" Annual Association for Jewish Studies meeting; San Diego, California: December 2016.

"The State of Biography in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Roundtable. Annual Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present (ASAP); Tartu, Estonia: September 3, 2016.

"Golem Theory?: Critical Jewish Studies in/and ASA" Roundtable. Annual American Studies Association meeting; Toronto, Canada: October 2015.

"A 'Jewish' Joy of Cooking? How a Twentieth Century Cookbook Containing Frog's Legs, Snails, and Ham Became a Beloved Jewish Icon," North American Religions Section, Study of Judaism Section, Religion and Food Group, and Space, Place, and Religion Group. Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; San Diego, California: November, 2014.

Presider: "Wine and Religion: A Pairing of the Spirits." Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; San Diego, California: November, 2014.

Presider: "The Ethics of Food: How Religion Influences Daily Substance," Women and Religion Section and Religion and Food Group. Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; Baltimore, Maryland: November, 2013.

"Teaching Food and Religion" Roundtable, Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar. Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; Baltimore, Maryland: November, 2012.

"Historical Cookbooks: A Matter of Taste." The Roger Smith Cookbook Conference; New York, NY: February 11, 2012.

"The Feast at the End of the Fast: Yom Kippur's Break Fast Rituals and American Judaism." Annual Association for Jewish Studies meeting; Washington D.C.: December, 2011.

"The Feast at the End of the Fast: The Emergence of a New American Jewish Practice," Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar. Annual American Academy of Religion meeting; San Francisco, California; November, 2011.

"The Feast at the End of the Fast: Yom Kippur's Break Fast Rituals and American Jewish Practice." Annual American Historical Association meeting; Boston, Massachusetts; January, 2011.

Respondent: "Jewish Identity and Race in the United States," Study of Judaism Section. Annual Academy of Religion meeting; Atlanta, Georgia; November, 2010.

Presider: "Religion, Food, and Eating in North America," Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar. Annual Academy of Religion meeting; Atlanta, Georgia; November, 2010.

"For The Reputation of Our Own Nationality': *The Settlement Cook Book* and the Reforming of Jewish Domestic Culture." Annual American Historical Association meeting; New York, New York; January 2009.

"Rebber's Daughters: The New Chosen." Annual Northeast Modern Language Association meeting; Buffalo, New York; April, 2008.

"It takes history to bake such a cake': Culinary Pluralism and the Transformation of Jewish American Identity." Annual Academy of Religion meeting; San Diego, California; November, 2007.

"Chased Out of Palestine': Prophet Cherry's Church of the Living God and the Problem of Black Jewish Origins." *Revisiting Black Gods of the Metropolis: African American Religions in the Twentieth Century* symposium at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis; April 2007.

"Muggers in Black Coats'; Gender and the Ultra-Orthodox in the Jewish American Imagination." Annual Academy of Religion meeting; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; November, 2005.

"Like a Virus': American Jewish Literary Concerns over the Rightward Shift of American Judaism." *Identity, Representation and Narrative in the Studies of Religion* conference at Columbia University, March 2005.

"Muggers in Black Coats': The Alleged Hijacking of American Judaism." Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium *350 Years of American Judaism in Popular Culture* at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska; October 2004.

"Based on a True Story': Popular Imaginings of Gender and the Ultra-Orthodox among American Jews." Annual Association for Jewish Studies meeting; Boston, Massachusetts; December, 2003.

"Chicken Soup for the Souls of Black Folk: African American Converts to Judaism and the Negotiation of Identity." Annual Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meeting; Salt Lake City, Utah; November, 2002.

"The Other House of Israel: Black Hebrews in America." Annual Academy of Religion meeting; Orlando, Florida; November, 1998.

"Searching for Womanhood in the Age of Black Nationalism: Two Case Studies." Annual Mabel Smith Douglass Honors Program meeting; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; April, 1996.

## Selected Interviews and Media Presentations

Interview: "[Dr. Nora Rubel on the Pandemic's Impact on Jewish Communities and Hanukkah](#)," *NewsPoint360*, December 17, 2020.

Invited Op-Ed: "[As the Pandemic Rages, Many Ultra-Orthodox Jews Leaders Adhere to Tradition at All Costs](#)," *The Globe and Mail*, October 23, 2020.

Interview: Peter Beinart, [Unpacking the Immense Popularity of Shtetl](#), *The Atlantic*, June 20, 2019.

The Classical Ideas Podcast: "[Religion, Food, and Eating with Dr. Nora Rubel and Dr. Ben Zeller](#)," May 12, 2019.

Radio Roundtable: "[Discussing the Psychology and Impact of Hate and Intolerance](#)," WXXI *Connections*, December 20, 2018.

Interview: Deena Prichep, "[How Yom Kippur Fasts Became All About the Feasts](#)," National Public Radio's *The Salt*, September 29, 2017.

Interview: Mark Oppenheimer, "[Traditional Meal Ending Holy Days Becomes an Event](#)," *The New York Times*, September 30, 2011.

Radio Roundtable: "[Local Experts Analyze Mosque Controversy](#)," WXXI *Connections*, August 23 2010.

Interview: Fred Wasser, "[The Matzo Ball Matriarch of American Jewish Food](#)," *Weekend Edition Sunday*, April 12 2009.

Interview: Laura Leslie, "[Jewish American Identity and Food](#)" *The State of Things*, March 26, 2009.

## Awards and Grants

American Academy of Religion's Individual Research Grant for *Recipes for the Melting Pot: Reading The Settlement Cook Book*, 2012-2013.

Schlesinger Library Research Support Grant for "Reading *The Settlement Cook Book: Recipes for the Melting Pot*", 2011. Sponsored by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

Select participant in Workshop for Early Career Faculty in Jewish Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, May 22-25, 2011. Sponsored by The American Academy for Jewish Research, The Jewish Studies Program and the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Wabash Center Workshop Summer Research Grant, 2008. Funded by the Lilly Endowment.

Wabash Center for Teaching Theology and Religion Fellowship: Participant in Pre Tenure Workshop 2007-2008.

American Academy of Religion's Collaborative Research Grant for *Revisiting Black Gods of the Metropolis: African American Religions in the Twentieth Century* (editors: Edward E. Curtis IV and Danielle Brune Sigler), 2006-2007.

Connecticut College's R. F. Johnson Research Award for research and conference attendance, 2006-2007.

Connecticut College's R. F. Johnson Research Award for research and conference attendance, 2005-2006.

Wabash Center for Teaching Theology and Religion Fellowship awarded by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003-2004.

## Teaching

### University of Rochester Department of Religion & Classics, Rochester, NY

"American Judaism"

"Entertaining America: Jews and American Popular Culture"

"History of Judaism"

"Imagining the Jew"

"Jewish Women's Writings in America"

"Kitchen Judaism: Jewish Food Beyond the Bagel and the Bible"

"A Kosher Melting Pot? Jews and Multiculturalism in the United States"

"Religion and Food in America"

"Religion and the Race for the White House"

"Religion, Race and Ethnicity in America"

"Senior Seminar: Holidays and Holy Days"

"Sex and Power"

Independent Studies Supervised:

"Apocalypticism in American Comics"

"FemSex"

"Jews and Comic Books"

"Kosher Foodways in America"

"Mormonism in America"

"NeoPaganism in America"

"Religion, Race and Ethnicity in America" (graduate reading course)

"Religious Foodways in the US"

"Satan in America"

"Women in Contemporary Global Islam"

**Connecticut College Department of Religious Studies, New London, CT**

"Breaking Bread: Religion and American Foodways"

"Ethnicity, Race, and Religion in America"

"Imagining the Jew"

"'I must make myself for a person': A Century of Jewish Women's Writings in America"

"In the Promised Land(s): Contemporary Judaism in the United States and Israel"

"On Judaism, Jews, and Jewishness: An Introduction"

"Reading the Hebrew Bible: An Introduction"

"Religion in the United States"

**UNC-CH Department of Religious Studies, Chapel Hill, NC**

"Breaking Bread: World Religion and American Foodways"

"Ethnicity, Race and Religion in America"

"Religion in Global Perspective: Hinduism, Islam, Judaism,  
& the Building of National Identity"

Teaching Assistant

"Introduction to Early Judaism" (Jodi Magness)

"Religion in America" (Laurie Maffly-Kipp)

"Religion in a Global Context" (Joanne Waghorne)

"Judaism in Our Time" (Yaakov Ariel)

Research Consultant

"Shalom Y'all: The Jewish Experience in the American South" (Marcie Cohen Ferris)

**UNC-CH Department of Women's Studies, Chapel Hill, NC**

Teaching Assistant

Women's Studies 50: "Introduction to Women's Studies" Fall 2001 & Fall 2002  
(Silvia Tomaskova and Karen Booth)

**Melton Mini-School, Raleigh, NC**

Instructor for adult education course

Class: "Rhythms of Jewish Living" September 2001-June 2002

## Professional Service

American Jewish Historical Society: Executive Committee, 2018 to present.

American Academy of Religion: Steering Committee, Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar, 2017 to present.

American Academy of Religion: Founding Chair, Religion and Food Group, 2013 to 2018.

American Academy of Religion: Steering Committee, Religion, Food and Eating in North America Seminar, 2007 to 2012.

American Jewish Historical Society: Academic Council Member, 2007 to present.

Reviewer: Penn State University, 2019.

Reviewer: NYU Press, 2018 to present.

Reviewer: *Journal of Jewish Identities*, 2018 to present.

Reviewer: SUNY Press, 2017 to present.

Reviewer: *Humanities*, 2016 to present.

Reviewer: *Journal of Africana Religions*, 2013 to present.

Reviewer: *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 2008 to present.

External Reviewer: Colorado College Department of Religion, February 2016.

Dissertation Reader: Kate Holbrook, "Radical Food: Eating in the Nation of Islam and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." Boston University 2014.

Honors Thesis Outside Reader/Field Specialist: Alexandra T. Sentner, "Religion and the Postmodern in Contemporary North American Fiction." Bates College, 2014.

Honors Thesis Outside Reader/Field Specialist: Katrina Willis, "Religious Righ(s): Why Christians Vote Conservative." Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2018.

## University Service University of Rochester

Member of Search Committee for Newman Chair of Catholic Studies, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Member of Director Search Committee for Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African American Studies, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Chair, Search Committee for African American Religions, Fall 2018.

Member of Archaeology, Technology, and Historical Structures Steering Committee, Fall 2018 to present.

Elected member of Faculty Senate, Fall 2015-Spring 2018.

Member of American Studies Steering Committee, Spring 2012 to present.



Member of Jewish Studies Executive Committee, Fall 2007 to present.

Coordinator, Jewish Studies lectures, Fall 2007-present.

Coordinator, Two Icons Lecture, Fall 2014-2018.

Coordinator, Rainbow Lecture, Spring 2015-2018.

Frederick Douglass Institute Associate, Fall 2014 – present.

Susan B. Anthony Institute Associate, Fall 2007 – present.

Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Intimate Relations Policy, Spring 2018.

Member of Search Committee for Hebrew Language, Spring 2018.

Primary Organizer, Distinguished Visiting Humanist: Wendy Doniger, March 2017.

Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Intimate Relations Policy, Spring 2017.

Primary Organizer, "Transparent: A Multi-Disciplinary Symposium" November 30- December 2, 2016.

Meliora Weekend Speaker: "Religion and the Race for the White House" Interfaith Chapel, October 8, 2016.

SBAI Undergraduate Research Conference Keynote Speaker: "Religion, Food and Eating in North America: Why Food Matters." November 14, 2014.

American Studies Lecture: "Food Matters: Reading *The Settlement Cook Book's* Recipes for the Melting Pot," October 10, 2013.

Dinner Dialogues:

- "Consuming Faith," Protestant Chapel Community, April 23, 2014.
- "Religion and the Electoral Season," Protestant Chapel Community, April 18, 2012.
- "Food Practices and Religious Identity," Protestant Chapel Community, March 3, 2010.

Meliora Weekend Speaker: "Faith & Politics: Is America a Land of God?" Interfaith Chapel, October 22, 2011.

Member of Tamor Fund Committee, Spring-Fall 2016.

Member of Search Committee for Director of Humanities Center, Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

Member of Search Committee for Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

Member of Religion Sub-Committee for Curriculum Review, Summer 2014-present.

Member of Humanities Project Executive Committee, Fall 2011 to Spring 2014.

Chair, Search Committee for Hebrew Language Instruction, Fall 2010.

Member of Search Committee for African American Religions, Fall 2010.

Member of Search Committee for Chinese Religions, Fall 2009.

Elected as Department of Religion & Classics representative to Faculty Council, Fall 2009-Spring 2011.

Served on Enrollment Advisory Committee, Summer 2009.

Participant in Faculty Diversity Listening Tour, Spring 2009.

Tea Talk: "Do-It-Yourself Religion," March 27, 2008.

Conducted interviews for Renaissance Scholarships, March 2008.

Board member, Hillel of Rochester Area Colleges (HORAC) (Fall 2007- Spring 2008).

Panelist, Diversity Teach-In, November 2, 2007.

Honors Thesis Advising:

Emerson Finkel, "Wrestling with Care, Nudging Toward Justice: An Ethnography of a Faith-Based Organization." Second Reader, 2019.

Rachel Beckman, "The Amish and the Ultra-Orthodox in America." First Reader, 2014.

Cassidy Welter, "The Effects of Urban Limitations on Food Rituals: A Study of Diaspora Populations of Orthodox Jews and Siva Devotee Hindus in New York City" Second Reader, 2014.

Daniel Gorman, "TOWARD THE EVENING STAR: Hagiography, Polemics, and the Rochester Origins of the Latter-day Saints." Second Reader, 2014.

William Chavez, "Exorcism in America." Second Reader, 2013.

Birx Allen, "Musical Connections: The Use of Music to Connect African American and Modern Spiritualism." Second Reader, 2013.

Ashley Nelson "I am a Mormon: An analysis of Mormonism and Popular Culture." Second Reader, 2012.

Ben Levine, "Why Halal? Halal Food and Muslim Identity in the U.S." First Reader, 2010.

Sam Lehman, "Interfaith Marriage and Jewish Identity: Revisiting Popular Assumptions in the Data and Responses." First Reader, 2008.

#### Graduate Student Supervision:

Chair, Dissertation Defense: Eitan Freedenberg, Art and Art History Department, 2020.

Chair, Dissertation Defense: Kyle Robinson, History Department, 2018.

Chair, Dissertation Defense: Katherine Hadden, History Department, 2017.

Dissertation Committee Member: Serenity Southerland, History Department, 2014-2017.

Dissertation Committee Member: Bryan Clutz, Warner School of Education, 2013-2016.

Outside examiner, Comprehensive Exam: Gregory Wiker, History Department, 2015.

Chair, Dissertation Defense: Erin Leary, Visual & Cultural Studies, 2015.

Dissertation Committee Member: Carly Chasin, English Department, 2015.

Outside examiner, Comprehensive Exam: Adam Stauffer, History Department, 2012.

Comprehensive Exam Committee Member: Bryan Clutz, Warner School of Education, 2011-2013.

## Connecticut College

Coordinator, Annual Saul Reinfeld Memorial Lecture Series in Judaic Studies (Spring 2006 and Spring 2007).

Coordinator, Annual Miriam Melrod Lecture Series in Jewish Identity (Fall 2006).

Member, Teaching Seminar for Incoming Faculty Organizing Committee (Fall 2006-Spring 2007).

Participant, Johnson Seminar for Incoming Faculty (Academic Year 2005-2006).

Participant, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity (Fall 2005-Spring 2007).

Invited campus lectures:

"Food and Religion" Anthropology 104: Introduction to Anthropology (April 2006).

"Nation of Islam" Religious Studies 346: Cults and Conversion in Modern America (October 2006).

Invited by students to participate in two Dessert & Dialogues:

"Are We What We Eat? What Patterns of Consumption Tell Us About Our Cultures." 360 Earth House, February 13, 2006.

"Religion and Relationships." Freeman Dorm, March 29, 2006.

## University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

### Invited campus lectures:

"The Women's Movement and its Impact upon Religion in America." Religion in America; April 2003.

"A History of the Nation of Islam." Religion in America; October 2001.

## Community Scholarship

"Jews, Race, and Whiteness: A Complicated Story in Contested Times." Invited speaker for Moorestown Jewish Association in Moorestown, NJ; November 8, 2020 (Virtual).

"A Bissel of *Shtisel*: Ultra-Orthodox Jews on TV." Invited speaker at Temple Sinai in Rochester, New York; October 21, 2020 (Virtual).

"*A History of Jewish Cookbooks*." Invited lecture at Jewish Community Center in Rochester, New York; November 6, 2019.

"#MeToo: The Bible's Treatment of Women." Invited panelist for Interfaith Bible Study Series, Rochester, New York; February 6, 2019.

Steering Committee Member: Farash Institute Fellowship for the Advancement of Jewish Humanities and Cultures Selection Committee, Fall 2015-present.

"A Sephardic Taste." Invited speaker at Temple Sinai in Rochester, New York; December 2, 2015.

"Booze and Books." Invited public lecture for Rochester Cocktail Revival in Rochester, New York; May 4, 2015.

Moderator: "*Wondrous Oblivion*: a Discussion." Jewish Community Center of Rochester, New York; January 18, 2015.

"On *Religion, Food and Eating in North America*." Invited lecture at Jewish Book Festival in Rochester, New York; November 9, 2014.

Moderator: "Religion and Community in the Modern World." George Eastman House in Rochester, New York; May 21, 2014.

"The Evolution of the Cocktail." Invited public lecture for Rochester Cocktail Revival in Rochester, New York; May 4, 2014.

"*The Settlement Cook Book*." Invited lecture at Jewish Community Center in Rochester, New York; May 1, 2014.

Jewish Education Services Committee Member, Jewish Federation of Rochester, New York; 2011-2013.

"The Way to a Man's Heart: The *Settlement Cook Book*." Invited public lecture for "UR Always Learning at the Highlands" in Rochester, New York; October 26, 2011.

"Too Jewish? Imagining the Ultra-Orthodox and America." Invited public lecture for "UR Always Learning at the Highlands" in Rochester, New York; May 4, 2011.

"Doubting the Devout: Exploring current anxiety over the ultra-Orthodox in American-Jewish Life." Invited public lecture at Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester, New York; January 30, 2011.

"Reading the Recipe: What Our Cookbooks Can Tell Us About Jewish Practice." Invited workshop facilitator for Global Day of Jewish Learning at Jewish Community Center in Rochester, New York; November 7, 2010.

"Reading *The Settlement Cook Book*: Matzoh Balls, Lobster Bisque, and the Transformation of the Jewish American Kitchen." Invited public lecture at Temple Beth El in Charlotte, NC; April 2010.

"Esther: A Jew in the Persian Court." Invited panelist for Commission on Jewish Christian Relations Series ("Women Comment on Women of the Bible"), Rochester, New York; March 11, 2009.

"*The Settlement Cook Book* and *From Manna to Mousse*: Matzoh Balls, Lobster Bisque, and the Transformation of the Jewish American Kitchen." Jewish Federation Series ("Dinner with the Author"), Waterford, Connecticut; October 2006.

Faculty advisor for 2007 International Jewish Film Festival sponsored by Southeastern Connecticut Jewish Federation.

Consultant and writer of wall text for 2007 art exhibit entitled, "*At Home and Abroad: The Transcendental Landscapes of Christopher Pearse Cranch*." Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT.

"Too Jewish?: Popular Representations of Ultra-Orthodox Jews." Jewish Federation Series ("Dinner with the Author"), Waterford, Connecticut; November 2005.

"The Immigrant': A Symposium." Invited panelist at Westport Country Playhouse, Westport Connecticut; October, 2005.

Facilitator and resource consultant for Anti-Defamation League sponsored Robert Weaver Youth Interfaith Youth Program for Christian, Jewish, and Muslim high school students in the greater Boston area (August 1998-June 1999).

## Languages

Reading competence in Hebrew, French and Italian

## Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion

American Studies Association

Association for Jewish Studies

American Jewish Historical Association

Association for the Study of Food and Society

National Women's Studies Association