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Education

- 2011 Ph.D., University of Chicago, Divinity School (Bible)
 - Dissertation: "Forms of God, Forming God: A Typology of Divine Anthropomorphism in the Pentateuch."
- 2002 A.M., University of Chicago, Divinity School (Religion)
- 1999 B.A., Macalester College, Majors: Religion, Anthropology, *cum laude*

Academic and Professional Experience

Jan, 2016 – present | Bibliographer for Religion, Philosophy, and Jewish Studies,
Rank: Librarian, Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago

- Manage Religion, Philosophy, and Judaica & Hebraica collections
- Liaison to Divinity School, Philosophy Department, and Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies

July, 2012 - Dec, 2015 | Bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy, Rank:
Assistant Librarian, Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago

- Manage Religion, Philosophy, and Hebraica collections
- Liaison to Divinity School and Philosophy Department

Sept, 2008 - present | Adjunct Faculty, Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Jewish Studies

- Designed and teach Introductory Biblical Hebrew Online I, II, III
- Teach 5-day seminars: Archaeology and the Bible, Researching Jewish Studies, Biblical Law, Reading Biblical Narrative: From Textbook to Text, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Aug, 2010 – May, 2012 | Visiting Instructor, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Department of Religion

- Courses: Hebrew Bible in English, Archaeology and the Bible, Jewish Ceremonies and Customs

Aug, 2005 – June, 2007 | Instructor, Divinity School, University of Chicago

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Publications and Web Exhibits

- "Surfing the Waves: Abolition, Chicago Principles, and Theology," in *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) in Faith-Based Higher Education Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums (GLAMs)*, Litwin Press, forthcoming.

- [“Broken Together: Letters from Stateville MSU,”](#) ongoing web exhibit, University of Chicago Library, 2022-present.
- [“Franz Bibfeldt, The Man, The Mystery,”](#) web exhibit, University of Chicago Library, 2022.
- Co-authored with Caine Jordan and Nancy Spiegel, [“The Future of the Stephen A. Douglas Relics,”](#) *The Chicago Maroon*, May 2, 2022.
- Co-author, [“A Call for Ivy+ Libraries to Divest from Police and Prisons and Invest in Life-Giving Resources,”](#) October 27, 2020.
- [“UChicago Library Series: How do you start this conversation? How do we keep the conversation going?”](#) *Exploring Race UChicago*, November 12, 2020.
- [Tips and Resources for organizing a Prison Abolition,](#) Scholar’s Strike, September 9, 2020.
- [Prison Abolition Reading Group,](#) web exhibit, University of Chicago Library, 2020.
- [UChicago Celebrates Black History,](#) web exhibit, University of Chicago Library, 2020.
- [“Deuteronomy: Code or Covenant?”](#) *The Oxford Handbook of Deuteronomy*, edited by Don C. Benjamin. Online publication date Feb 2021.
- [“A Case for Reparations at the University of Chicago”: Sources,](#) University of Chicago Library, 2019.
- “Comparative Topics and Emerging Trends in Biblical Studies,” in *Routledge Handbook of Jewish History and Historiography*. Edited by Dean P. Bell (New York: Routledge, 2018).
- [Letters from Prison,](#) University of Chicago Library, 2018
- [Rhythm and Bombast: In Memory of Willie Pickens \(1931-2017\)](#) (co-curated with Scott Landvatter, Bibliographer of Music and Dance), University of Chicago Library, 2017.
- [James Baldwin among the Philosophers,](#) University of Chicago Library, 2017
- *Forming God: Divine Anthropomorphism in the Pentateuch*. Siphrut: Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures 12. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014.

Book Reviews

- Extended Review and Critique of Robert Alter, *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation and Commentary* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2019), cancelled due to COVID19.

- Review of John Barton, *The Nature of Biblical Criticism* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007). *The Journal of Religion*, Volume 88, Issue 3, Page 393–394, Jul 2008.
- Review of Helen Kraus, *Gender Issues in Ancient and Reformation Translations of Genesis 1–4* (Oxford Theological Monographs. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). *The Journal of Religion*, Volume 93, Issue 3, Page 375–76, Jul 2013.

Invited Talks

- Panelist, “God’s Body: Divine Embodiment in the Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism, and Early Christianity,” June 23–26 of 2025 in Gazzada, Italy
- Speaker at [Celebrating JKM Library: Past, Present, and Future](#), May 3, 2023
- Panelist, “UChicago Librarians and the Imagining Reparations from University of Chicago Project,” (U)Chicago Reparations Summit, Chicago, April 26, 2019.
- “Anxiety 101,” 101 Series at the Divinity School, University of Chicago, November 27, 2018.
- “How I Became a ‘Renegade Bibliographer’,” [Wednesday Lunch Series](#) at the Divinity School, January 31, 2018.
- Co-Presenter, “Electronic Resources in Rabbinics.” Hebrew Bible Workshop, Divinity School, University of Chicago, May 11, 2017.
- Panelist, “Careers in Libraries.” GradUCon hosted by UChicagoGrad, University of Chicago, April 8, 2016.
- “Do They Even *Do* Theological Education at University of Chicago?” Chicago Area Theological Library Association (CATLA), Spring Conference, April 24, 2015.
- Panelist, “Good without God.” Elon University, March 10, 2015.
- Co-Presenter, “[Teaching the Undergraduate Research Paper](#).” Craft of Teaching Program, Arts of Teaching Series, Divinity School, University of Chicago, February 16, 2015.
- “[Teaching the Bible with Technology](#).” Craft of Teaching Program, co-sponsored by Hebrew Bible and Early Christian Studies Workshops, Divinity School, University of Chicago, January 28, 2014.
- “[Would You Buy This Book? Academic Publishing and the Research Library](#),” Wednesday Lunch, Divinity School, University of Chicago, October 23, 2013.

- Panelist, "A Response to Tikva Frymer-Kensky's *Reading the Women of the Bible*." *Biblical Women and Power*, Spirit Week 2013, University of Chicago, April 25, 2013.
- "Teaching Religion in the Internet Age: Electronic Resources in the Religious Studies Classroom." Craft of Teaching Program, Divinity School, University of Chicago, November 1, 2012.
- Panelist, "Responding to Music: Psalm 121." *Music in American Religious Experience: Individuals and Communities*, Divinity School, University of Chicago, January 25, 2008.
- "Reflections on Tikva Frymer-Kensky." Society of Biblical Literature, 2007, Session title: *Looking for Hope: Feminist and Historical Studies in Memory of Tikva Frymer-Kensky*.

Conference Activity and Presentations

- Co-organizer, [Discussion of Transformative Justice](#), University of Chicago Library, August 30, 2021.
- Co-organizer, [Vaccine Justice: A South Side Community and Worker Forum](#), on Zoom, March 14, 2021.
- Talmud Yerushalmi Tutorial (co-organized with vendor), Jan 28, 2021
- Conference proposal: "Encouraging Outstanding Scholarly Publishing: The Case for Reference and Bibliography Awards," American Library Association, Chicago, June 25-30, 2020. (cancelled due to COVID19)
- Conference proposal: "Compendia, Handbooks and Documentary Collections: Trends in Jewish Studies Publications and Their Implications for Libraries, Teaching, and Scholarship," Association of Jewish Libraries, Evanston, June 29-July 1, 2020. (cancelled due to COVID19)
- Panel moderator for "Library Collections" at Annual Meeting of Association of Jewish Libraries, June 18-19, 2018.
- "Deuteronomy, Name Theology and Divine Location." Society of Biblical Literature, November 2010, Session Title: Deuteronomistic History.
- "Cloaking the Body: Sexuality and Clothing in Religion." *Understanding and Teaching about World Religions*, International Summer Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, June 17, 2010.
- "Divine Anthropomorphism in Genesis 1:1-2:4a." Society of Biblical Literature, November 2009, Session Title: Pentateuch.
- "Forms of God, Forming God: A Typology of Divine Anthropomorphism in the Pentateuch." Midwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature, 2008, Session title: *Hebrew Bible and Early Interpretive Literature*.

- “Who Is Like a Prophet?: ‘Jezebel’ and John and the Faces of Prophecy in Revelation.” Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
- “The Glory of the God of Israel: The Function of Divine Presence in Ezekiel 8:1-11:25.” Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, 2003.

Physical Exhibitions

- UChicago Celebrates Black History
- “A Case for Reparations at the University of Chicago”: Sources
- Robert G. Schloerb Honorary Exhibit
- Recent Publications in Black History and Culture
- In Memory of Amos Oz
- Letters from Prison (co-curated with Matthew Vega, M.A. student, Divinity School)
- Rhythm and Bombast: In Memory of Willie Pickens (1931-2017) (co-curated with Scott Landvatter, Bibliographer of Music and Dance)
- James Baldwin among the Philosophers
- A Brief History of Protest at the University of Chicago: 1915-1992
- Witness: Holocaust Memorial Books
- Representations of the Holocaust in the Arts and the Legacy of Elie Wiesel (1928-2016) co-curated with Tzvi Schoenberg, M.A. student, Divinity School
- Benjamin Elijah Mays and the University of Chicago
- A Philosophy of Education: An Exhibit in Memory of Philip W. Jackson (1928-2015), co-curated with Christine D. Bailey
- Jewish Liturgy through the Ages: Nusah Ashkenaz 1795-2015, co-curated with David Frankel, Ph.D. student, History of Judaism
- Journeys to the West: An Exhibit in Memory of Anthony C. Yu, 1934-2015, co-curated with Jiaxun Wu, Chinese Studies Librarian, and Romulus Stefanut, Ph.D. candidate, Bible
- From Gnostics to U-Boats: The Work of Robert McQueen Grant 1917-2014
- Meaning Found in Comparison: An Exhibit in Memory of Martin Riesebrödt (1948-2014)
- Women and Philosophy at the University of Chicago co-curated with Julie Huh (Class of 2015) and Alaina Bompiedi (Class of 2015)
- In Memory of Jean Bethke Elshtain (1941-2013)
- Kierkegaard at 200

- From Grounds to Gifts: The Divinity Students Association (DSA) and the Religion Collection
- Girls Scouts of the United States of America, 1912-2012, co-curated with Catherine Mardikes, Bibliographer for Classics and Ancient Near East

Professional Activities & Service

- UChicago Library representative, Library Services Meeting with American Theological Schools Committee members, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago (LSTC), February 20, 2024.
- Library Liaison for JKM Library patrons, 2022-present
- 2018-2020 | Award Committee, Association of Jewish Libraries Judaica Reference Award and Judaica Bibliography Award
- 2014 | Reviewer for University of California Press, *A Handbook for the Anthropology of Christianity*, 2014.
- 2013 | Reviewer for Yale University Press, *Aesthetics of Biblical Hebrew*, 2013.

Local Institutional Service

- Subject Specialist liaison, ER Metadata Working Group, 2023-present
- Member, Patron Services subgroup of JKM Project, 2022-present
- Member, Land Acknowledgment External Relations Working Group, 2022-present
- Mentor to Matthew Vega, Hanna Holburn Gray Library Graduate Fellow in Subject Librarianship, Oct 2019-2021
 - The Ins and Outs of Academic Conferences for graduate students of color
 - @4thfloorlibrarians on Instagram
 - UChicago Celebrates Black History (physical and web exhibit)
 - Prison Abolition reading group
 - Racial capitalism reading group
- Founder, Read/Write/Publish, 2019-2020
- Search Committee, Special Collections Metadata Librarian, 2019-2020
- Inaugural Chair, Librarians' Forum, 2018- 2019
 - Drafted description and mission statement
 - Implemented new meeting structure and communication mechanisms
 - Conducted surveys to align agenda items to librarians' and administrative priorities

- Collaborated with Center for Digital Scholarship to create agenda for Open Access Week
 - Organized screening of “Change the Subject” for Library Staff
- ex officio Member, Humanities, Area Studies Group
- ex officio Member, Collection Development Forum (formerly, Committee on Collection Development)
 - Duplication Working Group (2018)
 - Print vs. Electronic Working Group (2018)
- Co-founder and co-organizer Community Potlucks for Library Staff, 2018-2021
- Member, Professional Development for Instructors, sub-group of Instruction and Outreach Steering Committee, 2015-2020
 - Co-organizer, Disciplinary Data Round Robin, 2019
 - Co-organizer, Peer Observation Training 2017
- Member, Omeka.net Interest group, 2019-2020
- Member, Intranet Advisory Group, 2016-2019
- Co-organizer, Open Access Day Group, 2015
- Search Committee for Project Archivist, 2015
- Search Committee for Japanese Studies Librarian, 2014
- Member, Assessment Project Team, 2013-2016
 - Collections Assessment Project, 2016
 - Disability Services Accommodation Process Mapping, 2016
 - Interlibrary Loan Process Mapping, 2016
 - Graduate Survey Analysis Team, 2015
 - Faculty Survey Analysis Team, 2013
- Member, Committee on Instruction and Outreach, 2013-2014
- Member, Professional Development Advisory Group, 2013-2015

Selection of Library Instruction

- American Culture Wars
- Yiddish for Research
- The Literary Hebrew Bible
- Resources for Translating the Greek New Testament
- Yiddish Literature in America
- Gender and Embodiment in Yiddish Literature (with Special Collections)
- Building a Bibliography for you Dissertation
- Research in American Religious History (with Nancy Spiegel)
- Following the Citation Trail
- Campus Religious Leaders

- Catholic Rare Books

Research Guides

- [Religion](#)
- [Philosophy](#)
- [Jewish Studies](#)
- [Hebrew Bible](#)
- [Environmental Ethics](#)
- [American Culture Wars](#)
- [Black Gods and the Black Metropolis](#)
- [Land Acknowledgement At UChicago](#)
- [Plans and Guidelines for starting a Prison Abolition Reading Group](#)

Continuing Education

- “Cultivating Your Citational Practice: An Introduction to Practical and Ethical Considerations for Images and More,” Visual Resources Center, January 22, 2024.
- Advancing Diversity, Ingrid Wallace Presents, September, 2021
- Chicago Center for Teaching, “Realizing a More Inclusive Pedagogy,” March 15, 2019.
- “[Exhibit, Instruct, Promote, Collaborate: An Introduction to Omeka for Digital Scholarship](#),” Visual Resources Association, University of Chicago, March 1, 2019
- Scholarly Communications: From Understanding to Engagement (ACRL/ATLA Roadshow), February 22, 2019
- Mental Health First Aid certification, August 28, 2018
- Mental Health and Wellness Workshop (co-organizer), July 31, 2018
- Peer Observation Training (co-organizer), September 8, 2017
- Instructional Skill Share: Active Learning (co-organizer), June 15, 2017
- Instructional Skill Share: Technology and Teaching (co-organizer), August 23, 2016
- Association of College & Research Libraries Immersion Program: Teaching Track, University of Chicago, September 9-11, 2015
- Yiddish for Research, University of Chicago, March 30-June 5, 2015
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative: Social and Behavioral Sciences March 15, 2013 (Refresher, March 16, 2015)
- Statistical Analysis for Libraries Seminar Series, University of Chicago, February 21-March 28, 2013

Languages

- Modern languages: French, German, modern Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, Yiddish
- Ancient languages: biblical Hebrew, biblical Greek, Koine Greek, Aramaic, Akkadian, Canaanite dialects, Ugaritic

Professional Memberships

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies
- Association of Jewish Libraries
- Chicago Area Theological Library Association
- Jewish Library Network of Metropolitan Chicago
- Library UX Chicago