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- Education* Ph.D., Religious Studies, Stanford University, 1997
 M.A., Stanford University, 1994
 M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School, 1991
 B.A., Religion, Haverford College, 1988
- Current
Position* Professor of Religion, Haverford College
- Employment* Associate Professor of Religion, Haverford College, 2004-2010
 Assistant Professor of Religion, Haverford College, 1997-2004
 Visiting Instructor, Tulane University, 1996-7
 Adjunct Instructor, Stanford University, 1996
 Adjunct Instructor, Tulane University, 1995
 Lecturer, Santa Clara University, 1993
- Awards* Haverford Hurford Humanities Symposium Grant, 2011
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2010-11
 Haverford Teaching with Technology Grant, 2010-11
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2009-10
 Haverford Hurford Humanities Curricular Institute Grant, 2009
 Haverford Teaching with Technology Grant, 2009
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2008-09
 Haverford Hurford Humanities Symposium Grant, 2008-09
 Faculty Support Grant, Haverford College, 2008
 Haverford Hurford Humanities Working Group, 2008
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2007-08
 Mellon New Directions Fellowship, 2006-07
 Haverford Teaching with Technology Grant, 2005-06
 Haverford Hurford Humanities Symposium Grant, 2006
 Haverford Hurford Course Enhancement Grant, 2005
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2004
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2002
 Koret Foundation Book Award for *Moses Hess and Modern Jewish Identity*, 2001
 Skirball Visiting Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, 2000
 Memorial Foundation For Jewish Culture Grant, 2000-2001
 DAAD Scholarship, Language Study in Germany, 2000
 Koret Jewish Studies Publications Program Grant, 2000
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 2000
 Faculty Research Grant, Haverford College, 1999

Newhouse Foundation Grant, Stanford University, 1997
Memorial Foundation Grant for doctoral research, 1997
Department Fellowship, Stanford University, 1996-7
Newhouse Foundation Summer Grant, Israel, 1996
Dorot Foundation Summer Grant, Israel, 1996
Fulbright Scholarship for doctoral research, Israel, 1994-95
Interuniversity Fellowship for doctoral research, Israel, 1994-95
Koret Foundation Summer Grant, Israel, 1992
Department Fellowship, Stanford University, 1991-94
Phi Beta Kappa, Haverford College, 1988
Highest honors in Religion, Haverford College, 1988

Books

Material Culture and Jewish Thought in America
(Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010)

Abraham Geiger's Liberal Judaism: Personal Meaning and Religious Authority (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006)

Moses Hess and Modern Jewish Identity (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001). Winner of the Koret Foundation Book Award in Jewish Thought and Philosophy, 2001

Publications

"Vision and Authenticity in Heschel's *The Sabbath*,"
Modern Judaism (forthcoming)

"American Jewish Philosophy," in *The Cambridge History of Modern Jewish Philosophy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2010)

"Performing the Material Self: Mordecai Kaplan and the Art of Writing,"
AJS Review, 31/1 (2007), 109-31

"The Politics of Religion in the Thought of Samuel Holdheim," in *Re-Defining Judaism in an Age of Emancipation: Comparative Perspectives on Samuel Holdheim* (Leiden: Brill, 2007), 63-79

"Abraham Geiger's Attitude about the Place and Status of Women in Judaism," in *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia* (Jerusalem: Shalvi Publishing, 2006)

"Imagining Moses: The Burden and Blessing of Reading Freud's *Moses and Monotheism*," in *Jewish Book Council*, Vol. 55/56 Year 1997-1999, ed. Avi Bernstein-Nahar (New York: Jewish Book Council, 2001), 62-87

Review Essay: Lenn Goodman, *Judaism, Human Rights, and Human Values* (New York and Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1998); David Novak, *Covenantal Rights: A Study in Jewish Political Theory*, (Princeton,

Princeton University Press, 2000), *Jewish Political Studies Review* 13/1-2 (2001), 263-78

“Historical Memory in Abraham Geiger’s Account of Modern Jewish Identity,” *Jewish Social Studies* 7/1 (2000), 109-26

“A Narrative Reading of Moses Hess’s Return to Judaism,” *Modern Judaism* 19 (1999), 41-65

“Public Religion in Samson Raphael Hirsch and Samuel Hirsch’s Interpretation of Religious Symbolism,” *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy*, 9 (1999), 69-105

Book Reviews

Materializing Religion: Expression, Performance and Ritual, edited by Elisa-Beth Arweck and William Keenan (Aldershot and Burlington, Vt.: Ashgate Publishing, 2006), *Sociology of Religion* 69/3 (Fall, 2008), 363-64

David Ellenson, *After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity* (Cincinnati: Hebrew Union College Press, 2004), *AJS Review* 30/1 (2007)

Elliot Dorff, *The Unfolding Tradition: Jewish Law After Sinai* (New York: Aviv Press, 2005), *Sh'ma* (January, 2006)

Jonathan Hess, *Germans, Jews and the Claims of Modernity* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2002), *Zeitschrift für Neuere Theologiegeschichte/Journal for the History of Modern Theology* 11/2 (2004), 306-308

Shaping Losses: Cultural Memory and the Holocaust, edited by Julia Epstein and Lori Hope Lefkowitz (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2001), *Biography* 26/1 (2003), 151-53

Michael Meyer, *Judaism within Modernity: Essays on Jewish History and Religion* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2001), *Religious Studies Review*

Louis Newman, *Past Imperatives: Studies in the History and Theory of Jewish Ethics* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1998), *Religious Studies Review*

Steven Nadler, *Spinoza: A Life* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999), *Religious Studies Review*, 26/4 (2000), 390

Lenn Goodman, *Judaism, Human Rights, and Human Values* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998), *Religious Studies Review*, 26/1 (2000), 99

Rachel Adler, *Engendering Judaism: An Inclusive Theology and Ethics* (Philadelphia and Jerusalem: The Jewish Publication Society, 1998), *Religious Studies Review*, 25/2 (1999), 203

Papers Presented

“Religious Borders: Samuel Hirsch and Abraham Geiger on Jewish Education,” Samuel Hirsch: Religionsphilosoph, Emanzipationsverfechter und radikaler Reformler Conference, Luxemburg, October 17-19, 2010

“Abraham Geiger and Cultural Studies,” Abraham Geiger: Reformler, Historiker, Herausforderer des Christentums (1810-1874) Conference Goethe Universität, Frankfurt am Main, May 16-17, 2010

“Seeing Time, Seeing Jewish: Vision in Heschel’s *The Sabbath*,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 21, 2009

“What does Jewish look like? Representation and Image in American Jewish Culture,” Fairfield University, November 19, 2009

“Visual Judaism: A Methodological Investigation,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D. C., December 22, 2008

“Seeing Jewish and Jewish Seeing: Toward a Visual Judaism,” The University of Rochester, October 29, 2008

“Visualizing Heritage: The Pictorial Covers of *Lilith* Magazine,” Association for Jewish Studies, Toronto, Canada, December 16, 2007

“The Material Art of Writing: The Diaries of Mordecai Kaplan,” American Studies Association, Oakland, CA, October 12, 2006

“Mordecai Kaplan’s Civilization as Aesthetic Performance,” Association for Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C, December 20, 2005

“The Art of Writing: The Diaries of Mordecai Kaplan,” American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 22, 2005

“Reading Practices and Religious Authority: Abraham Geiger's Biblical Criticism and the Study of Judaism,” American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, November 22, 2004

“Writing Nineteenth Century Wrongs: A Response,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 23, 2003

“What Traditions Do: Abraham Geiger, George Lindbeck and the Meaning of Liberalism,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Washington, December 16, 2001

“The Bible as Struggle: Abraham Geiger's Reading of Origins, Traditions, and Sacred Texts,” Southampton University, Southampton, England, April 24, 2001

“The Politics of Religion in the Thought of Samuel Holdheim,” Samuel Holdheim (1806-1860): Reformer oder Häretiker? Leben, Werk und Wirken, Nettetal, Germany, April 17-20, 2001

“Gendered Identities and the Public Sphere in Abraham Geiger’s Biblical Exegesis,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Chicago, December 21, 1999

“Identity, Religion, and Election in Abraham Geiger’s *Judaism and its History*,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 20, 1998

“Identity in Modern Jewish Thought,” Beth Hillel/Beth El, October 31, 1998

“The Roots of Modern Jewish Identity,” Main Line Reform Temple, March 22, 1998

“Transcendental Argument, Narrative Identity, and Hess’s *Rome and Jerusalem*,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 22, 1997

“Moses Hess’s ‘Return’ to Judaism: Problems in Jewish National and Religious Identity,” Political Dimensions in Modern Jewish Thought: Conference of the Center for Judaic Studies, Boston University, October 26-27, 1997

“Identity, Tradition, and Lost Innocence in Hess’s *Rome and Jerusalem*,” Graduate Student Conference on Modern Jewish Thought, History, and Literature; Harvard Center for Jewish Studies, April 7, 1997

“Emotive Responses and Religious Goods: Moses Hess’s critique of Jewish Identity,” Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, December 18, 1995

*Professional
Assignments*

Founder and Chair, *Working Group in Modern Jewish Studies*
Association of Jewish Studies Conference, 2001-present (Chair, 2001-04)

Division Chair, *Modern Jewish Thought and Theology*

Association of Jewish Studies, 2008-present

Reviewer, *Judaism Section*

American Academy of Religion, 2006–present

Editorial Board, *Jewish Publication Society of America*
2008-present

*Committee
Assignments*

Faculty Representative to the Board of Managers, 2008-2010

Academic Council, 2008-2010

Chair, Ad Hoc Search Committee, Philosophy, 2007-2008

Humanities Center Steering Committee, 2004-2005

Ad Hoc Search Committee, Director of Facilities Management, 2003-2004

Administrative Advisory Committee, 2001-2005

College Planning Committee, 2001-2003, 2004-2006

Ad Hoc Search Committee, History, 1998-99

Courses

120a - Introduction to Jewish Thought (Fall 1997)

246b - Contemporary Jewish Thought (Spring 1998)

398a - Approaches and Methods in the Study of Religion (Fall 1998)

349b - Seminar in Modern Jewish Thought (Spring 1999)

281a - Modern Jewish Thought (Fall 1999)

101b - Introduction to the Study of Religion (Spring 2000)

648 - Topics in Modern Jewish Thought (Temple U.) (Spring 2000)

280a - Ethics and the Good Life (Fall 2001)

349a - Seminar in Modern Jewish Thought (Fall 2001)

398a - Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (Fall 2001)

120a - Jewish Thought and Identity (Fall 2002)

281b - Modern Jewish Thought (Spring 2003)

305a - Religion, Ethics and Society (Fall 2003)

128b - Reading Sacred Texts (Spring 2004)

399b - Senior Seminar and Thesis (Spring 1998-2000, 2003-06, 07-09)

284a - American Judaism (Fall 2004, Fall 2007)

305a – Jewish Thought in America (Fall 2005)

130b - Material Religion in America (Spring 2006, Spring 2009)

303a – Seminar in Material Religion (Fall, 2008)

250b - Jewish Images, Imagining Jews (Spring 2008)