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Education

- 2018 PhD, History of Judaism, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2010 A.M., Divinity, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 1986 Master of Fine Arts, Acting, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1981 Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude*, Amherst College

RESEARCH

My research focuses on the influence of rabbinic midrash on the formation, and continuous reformation, Jewish cultural memory.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- 2019 Spertus Institute: “The Binding of Isaac: Obedience and Interpretation” (Graduate level course, Spring Seminar, June 2-6, 2019)
- 2018 Memory Bound: Jewish Memory and the Binding of Isaac. Course to be taught at University of Chicago, Winter Quarter, 2018 (see Fellowships and Awards, below)
- 2016 Power and Privilege in Self and Society. Masters in Interfaith Action Program, Claremont Lincoln University (online course)
- 2015 Interfaith Leadership. Masters in Interfaith Action Program, Claremont Lincoln University (online course)

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2015 Introduction to the Study of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School (Prof. Sarah Hammerschlag)
- 2013 Introduction to Modern Hebrew, University of Chicago (Prof. Ari Almog)

ADULT EDUCATION

- 2012 Reading the Psalms in Real Time. Graham School of Continuing Education, University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

2019 *Second Slayings: The Binding of Isaac and the Formation of Jewish Memory*, Gorgias Press

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2019 “Bound: Isaac, Immortality, and Ageism in the Academy,” *AJS Perspectives*, Fall 2019 (forthcoming)

2019 “Midrash Rabbah,” “Midrash Rabbah: Medieval Era,” and “Midrash Rabbah: Modern Era,” for *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (forthcoming)

2011 “Repair Beyond Rupture: David Weiss Halivni, Karl Lowith, and the Meaning of Repentance after the Shoah,” *Toronto Journal for Jewish Thought*, Vol. 2. <http://tjtt.cjs.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/David-Gottlieb-Rupture-Repentance-and-Cultural-Memory-David-Weiss-Halivni-and-the-Uses-of-Teshuvah-JJT-Vol.-2.pdf>

2010 “Like a Polished Arrow: Arthur Miller, *Death of a Salesman*, and the Jewish Prophetic Instinct,” *Symposia: The Graduate Student Journal of the Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto*, Vol. 2. <http://symposia.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/symposia/article/view/6950/9217>

BOOK REVIEWS AND RESPONSES

2019 “*Now I Know: Five Centuries of Aqedah Exegesis*, by Albert van der Heide,” *AJS Review*

2017 Response: Richard B. Miller, “The Moral and Political Burdens of Memory,” for Religion and Culture Forum, University of Chicago Divinity School
<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/religion-culture-forum>

2013 Review of Jan Assmann, *Cultural Memory and Early Civilization*, in *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 93, No. 2 (Spring, 2013).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2017- Co-Host, “New Books in Jewish Studies Podcast.”
Present <http://newbooksnetwork.com/category/jewish-studies/>

2016 “A Disgraced Rabbi Re-Emerges and His Past Is There Waiting For Him,” *Sightings: Religion in Public Life*. <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/disgraced-rabbi-re-emerges-and-his-past-there-waiting-him>

2014 “After Voyeurism Scandal, Questions About Orthodox Rabbis’ Control of Female Conversions,” *Sightings*. <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/after-voyeurism-scandal-questions-about-orthodox-rabbis-control-female-conversions-david>

2011 “The Physics of Adherence: How a Recent Study Overlooked the Post-Secular,” *Sightings*. <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/physics-adherence-how-recent-study-overlooked-post-secular-david-gottlieb>

2010 “*Tikkun Olam*: Jewish Sacred Repair, Secular Action or both?” *Sightings*. <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/november-4-2010-tikkun-olam-jewish-sacred-repair-secular-action-or-both>

OTHER WRITING

- 2019 “A Binding Legacy: how my father’s story led me to study the story of Isaac,” *Tablet*, September 24, 2019. <https://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/289821/a-binding-legacy>
- 2014 “Not Two.” *Tricycle*. <https://tricycle.org/trikedaily/not-two/>
- 2013 “Finding Solace in the Jewish Calendar After Our Daughter’s Accident,” *Tablet*, May 13, 2013. <https://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-life-and-religion/131859/the-calendar-as-solace>
- 2012 “Toward a Jewish Housing Initiative.” *Zeek*. <http://zeek.forward.com/articles/117304/>
- 2008 “Lech Lecha, Or: How Israeli Jews Find Renewal in Diaspora.” *Zeek*. <http://www.zeek.net/802aliyah/>
- 2004 *Letters to a Buddhist Jew* (with Akiva Tatz). Jerusalem: Targum Press

CONFERENCES

- 2018 “The Binding of Isaac and the Devaluation of the Feminine,” American Academy of Religion Conference, Denver, CO
- 2018 “Masculine Violence and the Binding of Isaac,” Midwest Jewish Studies Association, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Respondent, “Grappling with the ‘Global Ethic’: Multi-Religious Perspectives on Global Issues, Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2016 “Second Slayings: The Binding of Isaac, Interpretations of Sacrifice, and the Formation of ‘Midrashic Memory’,” Association for Jewish Studies 48th Annual Conference
- 2014 Panelist, “Conflicts and Resolutions: The Challenges and Responses to Sacrifice, Divine Injustice, and Prejudice,” Midwest Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion
- 2012 Panelist, “Ways of Knowing,” Graduate Student Conference, Harvard Divinity School
- 2012 Panelist, “Collapsing Identities: Moving from Jewish(minus)one to Jewish(plus)many,” American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting
- 2009 Presenter, “The Artist Under the Microscope,” Ustinov College, University of Durham, UK
- 2009 Panelist, “The Art of Religion,” Graduate Student Conference, Indiana University Graduate Religious Studies Conference

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Inaugural Graduate Student Lectureship awarded by Chicago (now Greenberg) Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago. Course listed in Religious Studies and Fundamentals, Winter Quarter 2018
- 2012 Inaugural University of Chicago Divinity School Graduate Student Lectureship at University’s Graham School for Continuing Education

2012 Katz Center/Hebrew University Summer Program for Graduate Students in Jewish Studies

2011 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Modern Hebrew

REFERENCES

Professor Paul Mendes-Flohr, Dorothy Grant Maclear Professor of Modern Jewish History and Thought, University of Chicago Divinity School. mfishban@uchicago.edu. Swift Hall 306A, 1025 E. 58th Street, Chicago, IL, 60637. (773) 702-1029

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