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PRINCIPAL CURRENT APPOINTMENTS:

July 1, 2009 –

Director, Iona Pacific: Inter-Religious Centre at Vancouver School of Theology.

July 1, 2009 –

Associate Professor of Rabbinic Literature and Jewish Thought, Vancouver School of Theology.

CURRENT OTHER ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2014

Member, Academic Steering Committee, Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC.

September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2013

Honorary Associate Professor, Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies, The University of British Columbia.

May, 2010 – present

Visiting Rabbinic Scholar-in-Residence, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

September, 2009 – present

Law & Society Advisory Board, The University of British Columbia.

January, 2008 – 2013

Faculty Associate, Centre for Women's and Gender Studies, College of Interdisciplinary Studies, The University of British Columbia.

VST COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (current):

Administrative Services Group (VST senior administrative team), Faculty Council, Faculty Association, Iona Pacific (chair), Research Degrees, Development.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

September, 2011 – December, 2011

Guest Faculty / Co-instructor, Undergraduate Semester in Dialogue, Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC.

July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2009

Asst. Professor of Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic Literature, Diamond Chair in Jewish Law and Ethics, Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies, The University of British Columbia.

September, 1999 – June, 2002

Judaic Studies Curriculum Project Director, Vancouver Talmud Torah (part-time).

September – December, 2000; September, 2001 – April, 2002

Sessional Lecturer in Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies, The University of British Columbia (part-time).

September, 1998 – April, 2002

Sessional Lecturer, Vancouver School of Theology (part-time).

1996 – 1999

Rabbi/Educator, American Jewish Committee & San Francisco Diocese: Catholic-Jewish Educational Enrichment Program funded by Righteous Persons Foundation of Los Angeles, CA (part-time).

1997 – 1998

Project Director, Koret Foundation Day School Curriculum Project, Council of Principals of Northern Calif. Jewish Day Schools and Bureau of Jewish Education (part-time).

1996 – 1998

Founding Rabbi, Congregation Shir Shalom, Sonoma, CA (part-time).

1995 – 1998

Jewish Studies Curriculum Consultant, Brandeis-Hillel Day School, San Francisco and San Rafael, CA (part-time).

1994

Sessional Instructor (Jewish History), Department of Social Sciences, Sonoma State University, CA (part-time).

1993 - 1995

Asst. Director, Jewish Studies Principal, Tehiyah Day School, El Cerrito, CA (part-time).

1986 – 1993

Associate Rabbi, Director of Education, Congregation Rodef Sholom, San Rafael, CA.

1984 – 1986

Rabbinic Intern and Youth Director, Westchester Reform Temple, Scarsdale, NY.

EDUCATION:

Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, Simon Fraser University and Aga Khan University, SFU, Vancouver, July 19 – 30, 2010.

Certificate Program in “Expressions of Diversity: An Introduction to Muslim Cultures.”

University of California, Berkeley, 1989 – 2001

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies / Program in Jewish Studies (Dissertation Supervisors: Daniel Boyarin, David Biale, Erich Gruen; Advanced with Distinction by Examiners: Robert Alter, D. Boyarin, D. Biale, and Thomas A. Brady, Jr.). Dissertation: “Describing Yavneh: The Foundational Traditions of Rabbinic Judaism.” Kanter-Krakow Prize for Jewish Studies. United Jewish Centre, Connecticut, 1993 and 1994.

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem, 1981 – 1982; New York, 1982 – 1986

M.A. in Hebrew Literature (1984), Rabbinic Ordination (1986). Thesis: “Reconstructing the Early Jewish Debate about Kant.” Rabbi Jerome Malino Annual Award in Bible, 1984, 1985, The Samuel Ellenson Memorial Prize in Jewish Philosophy, 1984, The Rabbi Hugo Hahn Memorial Prize in Bible, 1984, The Rebeka Kohut Prize in Bible, 1983.

Kibbutz En Dor, Israel, 1980

Modern Hebrew Ulpan Program

Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, 1975 – 1979

B.A. (Magna cum laude, Special Departmental Honours, Dean’s List) Major: Political Science. Thesis: “On What Terms Union?: Language Policies and National Integration in the Multi-Ethnic State: A Comparative Study of India and the Soviet Union”

Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, Summer, 1977

Russian School

HONORARY DEGREES:

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion (Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem)

Doctor of Divinity, *honoris causa*, Los Angeles, California. May 16, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS:**EDITED BOOKS:**

2011. *The Calling of the Nations: Exegesis, Ethnography, and Empire in a Biblical-Historic Present*. Mark Vessey, Harry O. Maier, Sharon V. Betcher, Robert Daum, eds. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press).

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

2011. "Recalling the Nation's Terrain: Narrative, Territory, and Canon." In *The Calling of the Nations: Exegesis, Ethnography, and Empire in a Biblical-Historic Present*. Mark Vessey, Harry O. Maier, Sharon V. Betcher, Robert Daum, eds. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press): 102 – 138.

2007. "Crossing Cruci-fictional Boundaries: Transgressive tropes in Potok's *My Name is Asher Lev*." In *Jesus in Twentieth Century Literature, Art, and Movies*. Paul Burns, ed. (New York: Continuum, 2007): 155 – 174.

ARTICLES:

2011. "Rhetorical Form and Didactic Content in a Rabbinic Poem." *Jewish Quarterly Review* 101.1 (Winter 2011): 1 – 26. (Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania).

2006. "'Verbal Wronging': An Analysis of Speech Banned in *m. Bava Metzi'a* 4:10." *Florilegium* (23.1): 173 – 199.

1986. "Two Views on Authority: Bleich and Borowitz." *Journal of Reform Judaism* [formerly *CCAR Journal*] (33:2): 55 – 64.

1979. "Congress Party of India: Level of Institutionalization." *Hemispheres* (Medford, Massachusetts: Tufts University Council of International Affairs): 10 – 20.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

2011. "Tosefta." In *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion, and Culture*. Judith Baskin, ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press): 612 – 613.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

2002. Editor, *Vancouver Talmud Torah Jewish Studies Curriculum Framework* (Vancouver: Talmud Torah and Robert Daum).

1999. Editorial Committee, *Guide to Jewish Customs and Practices for the Employer and Educator* (Vancouver: Canadian Jewish Congress).

1998. Author/Editor, *Jewish Studies Curriculum Framework* (San Francisco: Brandeis Hillel Day School and Robert Daum).

1990. "The State of Zionism." In *Resource Booklet* (Philadelphia: Institute for Jewish Renewal).

1984. Editor, *What is Reform Judaism?* (Russian; New York: Union of American Hebrew Congregations).

RESEARCH GRANTS:

ATS Lilly Theological Grant	Disturbing Images: Reading Civic Ideals in Early Judaism and Ancient Christianity against the Backdrop of Roman Imperial Iconography	US\$15,000	2009	Harry Maier and Robert Daum
Vancouver School of Theology	Identity, Iconography, and Empire	30,000 (3 yrs.)	2008	Harry Maier and Robert Daum
UBC-HSS	Andalusia and Rabbinic Judaism	2600	2004	Robert Daum
UBC-HSS	Interactive Jewish Law & Society Library	2550	2003	Robert Daum
UBC-HSS	Creating an Interactive Jewish Law Text Library	1833	2002	Robert Daum
UBC	Start-up grant	5000	2002	Robert Daum
Green College	"Title-in-the-Text: Biblical Hermeneutics, Colonial and Postcolonial Pre-Occupations" (Thematic Lecture Series)	10,000	2002/03	Mark Vessey (P.I.); co-investigators: Sharon Betcher, Robert Daum, Harry Maier

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION:

Student Name	Program Type	Year		Principal Supervisor	Co-Supervisor(s)
		Start	Finish		
Casey Toews	Ph.D. Religious Studies (Tannaitic Literature), UBC	2007		Robert Daum	Paul Mosca, Daphna Arbel
Jenny Ooi	M.A. Religious Studies (non-thesis), UBC	2006	2008	Robert Daum	Paul Mosca, Daphna Arbel
Tracy Ames	Ph.D. Religious Studies (Palestinian Talmud), UBC	2005		Robert Daum	Daphna Arbel, Richard Menkis
Aaron Glaim	M.A. Religious Studies ("Polygyny in Jewish Law"), UBC	2004	2006	Robert Daum	Paul Mosca, Daphna Arbel
Tracy Ames	M.A. Religious Studies ("Divorce and Exile in Aggadic Literature"), UBC	2003	2005	Robert Daum	Paul Mosca, Daphna Arbel
Damian Fernandez	M.A. Religious Studies ("Social Networks in the Rise of Episcopal Power in Late Antiquity: The Case of Martin of Tours"), UBC	2001	2003	Paul Burns	R. Daum (Second Reader)
Neil Fernyhough	Th.M. ("Constructing the World of Wealth in the Epistle of James"), Vancouver School of Theology	1999	2001	Robert Daum	Harry Maier, Dietmar Neufeld

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (including pending presentations):

Invited lecture at Universidad de La Rioja, Logroño, Spain. June, 2012.

Invited lecture at Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla, Spain. May, 2012.

Invited research presentation at Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Victoria, BC. February 29, 2012.

“Sacred texts in a multi-religious society.” VST Extension Intensive Course, Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, BC. February 29 – March 2, 2012.

“Reading Matthew and Tannaitic Traditions.” History 500: Christianity and Judaism in Greco-Roman Antiquity (Prof. Harry Maier), Vancouver School of Theology. November 22, 2011.

“Genesis: Dangerous Questions, Forbidden Knowledge.” Opening Lecture in Arts One (Group A), UBC-Vancouver. September 12, 2011.

“Who are those other people? Fear, conflict, and religious differences.” Lecture in UBC Jump Start 2011 (pre-session transition program for new aboriginal and international students at UBC-Vancouver. August 18, 2011.

Co-convenor (with Prof. Francisco Peña, UBC) of Workshop: “Scriptures in Medieval Iberia: Language, literature, and sacred text in a multi-religious society.” Co-sponsored by Iona Pacific Inter-religious Centre at Vancouver School of Theology; Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, University of British Columbia (Okanagan campus); Universidad de Logroño (Spain). At Vancouver School of Theology. June 6, 2011.

“Comparing Paul’s letters and early Rabbinic Judaism on law, text, and tradition.” Religious Studies 415-001. The Life and Thought of Paul of Tarsus (Prof. Harry Maier). Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies, UBC. March 1, 2011.

“Second Temple Judaism.” History 500: Christianity and Judaism in Greco-Roman Antiquity (Prof. Harry Maier). Vancouver School of Theology. December 7, 2010.

“The Importance of Cultural Dialogues.” Public Lecture at Quest University, Squamish. November 29, 2010.

“Introduction to Rabbinic Judaism.” History 500: Christianity and Judaism in Greco-Roman Antiquity (Prof. Harry Maier). Vancouver School of Theology. November 23, 2010.

“Law and Society in Deuteronomy 21.” LASO 200: Law and Society (Prof Bruce Miller). Department of Anthropology, UBC. October 5, 2010.

“Genesis 1 and Forbidden Knowledge.” Opening lecture in Arts One Undergraduate Program (Group A Theme: Dangerous Questions and Forbidden Knowledge.” UBC. September 13, 2010.

“What a difference a manuscript makes: Disambiguating interventions in rabbinic erotic narratives.” Lecture Series, Centre for Women’s & Gender Studies, The University of British Columbia. March 3, 2010.

“Christians and Jews in the Ancient Gymnasium: Athleticism, Religion, and Imperial Civic Identity.” Speaker Series Roundtable, with Harry O. Maier, Vancouver School of Theology. January 27, 2010.

“Jewish law and society.” Law and Society 204: Introduction to Law and Society (Prof. Renisa Mawani). The University of British Columbia. October 1, 2009.

“Genesis as a Tale of Origin.” Arts One. The University of British Columbia. September, 2009.

“Translating Gender in Rabbinic Terms: The Case of Rape.” Workshop convened by Susanna Braund, UBC Centre for Translation Studies, Peter Wall Centre, March, 2009.
“Judaism and Sexuality.” UBC Family Studies 316: Human Sexuality (Prof. J. Ponzetti), February 4, 2009.

“Rabbi Ishmael in the Roman brothel: early Palestinian narrative and Babylonian rabbinic hagiography.” Paper in panel “In their own voices: medieval Jewish literatures.” Annual meetings of the Medieval Academy of America / Medieval Association of the Pacific, Vancouver, April 3 – 5, 2008.

“The Jewish Bible”. Lecture, Department of Critical Studies, UBC Okanagan Campus, Kelowna, BC, March 20, 2008.

"From Fraud to Embarrassment: The Mishnah on Disingenuous, Damaging Speech". Greater Vancouver Bible Colloquium (for academics in biblical studies). Vancouver School of Theology, March 12, 2008.

“Rabbinic biography: Law and story in the case of *Zechariah ben ha-qatsav*.” Law and History Workshop sponsored by the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, the University of Victoria’s Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Law and Department of History, the University of British Columbia’s Faculty of Law and Department of History, and the Department of History at Simon Fraser University, Poet’s Cove, South Pender Island, British Columbia, Feb. 8 – 10, 2008.

“Male Privilege and Heteronormativity in Jewish Law: Gender, Rape, and the Ransoming of Captives.” Paper in panel “Gendered and Transgendered Judaism.” Canadian Society for Jewish Studies, York University, May 29, 2006.

“Rabbinic Urban Myths.” Paper in panel “The City in the Religious Imagination: Jewish, Christian, Indigenous, and Literary Perspectives.” Global Cities in the Religious Imagination Speaker Series. Sponsored by the Vancouver School of Theology, Green College, November 28, 2007.

“*Halakha* and Metaphor: Rhetorical Strategies in Rabbinic Tradition.” International Symposium on Judaism and Society, Center for Jewish Studies, Nanjing University, Nanjing, People’s Republic of China, October 11-15, 2004.

Panel chair, Baghdadi, Kaifeng, Shanghai, and Harbin Jews. International Symposium on Judaism, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China, October 14, 2004.

“Framing the Scene: Spatiality and Rabbinic Rhetoric.” The Pacific Northwest Region: AAR, SBL, and ASOR, Vancouver, BC, May 7-9, 2004.

“Crossing the Cruci-fictional Border: Transgressive tropes in Potok's *My Name is Asher Lev*.” Workshop presentation in “The Jesus Figure and Fiction.” The Pacific Northwest Region: AAR, SBL, and ASOR, Vancouver, BC, May 7-9, 2004.

“Divine-Human Encounters in Halakhic Contexts,” Workshop presentation at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies (Angelomorphic Beings and So-called Angels) convened by Prof. Daphna Arbel, January 30, 2004.

“Reflections in the Rabbinic Mind’s Eye: Visual and Spatial Rhetoric in Talmudic Discourse,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA, December 22, 2003.

“Redeeming Social Value: Rhetoric and the Ransoming of Captives in Medieval Jewish Law,” 33rd UBC Medieval Workshop, October 31, 2003.

“Trajectory of a Trope: Tending the Yavneh Vineyard,” Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, CA, December 17, 2002.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS (including pending presentations):

National Council of Jewish Women, Vancouver chapter. February 8, 2012.

Sisterhood Shabbat, Temple Sholom, Vancouver, BC. December 10, 2011.

“Before we were so rudely interrupted: Jerusalem, Córdoba, Vancouver.” Visiting Scholar, Annual Clergy Study Conference, Diocese of New Westminster, Campbell River, BC. October 3 – 5, 2011.

“Wrestling with Sacred Texts.” One week course, Sorrento Centre, Sorrento, BC, July 3 – 9, 2011.

“ ‘Black fire on white fire’: Living with Jewish texts.” Address to Graduates of Florence Melton Adult Mini School, Vancouver, BC. June 21, 2011.

“Introducing Iona Pacific Inter-religious centre.” Vancouver Roundtable, Vancouver Club, Vancouver. June 14, 2011.

“Theory and Practice in Interfaith and Intercultural Dynamics.” Video presentation for Workshop (with Dr. Aruna Alexander). “Behold” Intercultural Conference. United Church of Canada, May 12 – 13, 2011.

“Sharing narrative space: Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Biblical Interpretation.” Scholar-in-Residence, British Columbia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, March 29 – 30, 2011.

“Lost in translation: What are we missing when we read the Bible in English?” BC Jewish Museum and Archives Philosopher’s Café. Peretz Centre, Vancouver, March 16, 2011.

Address in Distinguished Preacher Series. St. Mary’s Kerrisdale Anglican Church, Vancouver, Feb. 20, 2011.

“Windows and Mirrors: Looking at other religions.” Canadian Memorial United Church, Vancouver, Feb. 6, 2011.

“Reading for our lives: Actively engaging our stories.” Distinguished Speaker. Centennial Distinguished Speakers Series. St. Mary’s Kerrisdale Anglican Church, Vancouver, January 12, 2011.

“Meeting the neighbours: Challenges and opportunities in Inter-religious encounters.” Lecture. Har-El Congregation. West Vancouver, December 9, 2010.

“ ‘Not by might.’ How the rabbis used Hanukkah to think about self-defense, religious identity, and leadership.” King David High School, Vancouver, December 8, 2010.

Invited by the Muslim community leadership of the Lower Mainland to offer greetings from a Jewish perspective in the program of the commemoration of Eid-ul-Adha hosted at Vancouver City Hall by the Mayor and City Council of Vancouver. (This was the first time that one Jewish and one Christian representative of the non-Muslim, “Abrahamic” traditions were invited to participate in the formal program of this annual event.) Vancouver City Hall, November 30, 2010.

“Tracing the Biblical Web: Narrative and Morality in the Hebrew Scriptures.” Visiting Rabbinic Scholar-in-Residence Lecture. Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, November 25, 2010.

“Interfaith Dialogue in the Twenty-first Century: Imperatives, Challenges, Opportunities.” Lecture in Theology on Tap Series. St. Mark’s College, Vancouver. November 4, 2010.

“Reading with the neighbours: Amos, Luke, and the rest of us.” Visiting Rabbinic Scholar-in-Residence Lecture, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, BC, July 11, 2010.

“Moving back into the neighbourhood.” Guest Scholar / Synod Partner, Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, Vancouver, BC, May 15, 2010.

“Why are texts so important in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam?” Philosophers’ Cafe, Jewish Museum and Archives of British Columbia, Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, BC, May 12, 2010.

“On Reconciliation in Judaism.” Lenten Series, Deanery of Diocese of New Westminster, BC, April, 2010.

“Introducing Judaism.” Visiting lecture at Corpus Christi College, Vancouver, BC, April, 2010.

“Possibilities for cooperation between Jews and Muslims locally and between Israelis and Palestinians.” Panel participant, Quest University, Squamish, BC, April, 2010.

“My Spirituality.” Lenten Noon Lecture Series. St. John the Divine Anglican Church, Victoria, BC, March 24, 2010.

“Iona Pacific: an integrated approach to inter-religious dialogue.” Lutheran Ministerial Association, Vancouver, BC, March 18, 2010.

“Iona Pacific: Bridging Communities.” Inaugural Address, Iona Pacific Inter-Religious Centre, Vancouver School of Theology, January 28, 2010.

Respondent to Address by Mark Freiman, National President of Canadian Jewish Congress, “Responding to Anti-Semitism,” Community Forum on Anti-Semitism, Co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress – Pacific Region (CJC-PR), Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, and Temple Sholom of Vancouver, BC, December 1, 2009.

Presentation & discussion in series, “Living on Holy Ground,” St. Andrew’s - Wesley United Church, Vancouver, BC, November 4, 2009.

“The Israeli-Palestinian Situation and Canadian Jewish-Christian Relations.” West Point Grey United Church, Vancouver, BC, November 2, 2009.

“Gender in Talmudic Tales.” Sisterhood of Temple Sholom, Vancouver, BC, October 24, 2009.

“Minding the Gap: How can Jews and Christians work together for peace and security in Israel and Palestine?” Jewish-Christian Dialogue, Co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific Region and Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC. October 7, 2009.

Invited by Bishop Michael Ingham to be guest scholar, along with Bishop of Taiwan, at Synod of Diocese of New Westminster, May, 2009. Deferred due to scheduling conflict.

“Midrash.” Intensive one-week course in Rabbinic literature at the Chalmers Summer School of Vancouver School of Theology, July, 2008.

“Reading Rabbinic Literature,” Continuing Education Seminar at Or Shalom Congregation, March 5, 2008.

“Biblical Tales in the Present World: Reading Biblical Family Systems,” Workshop for mental health professionals, Jewish Family Service Agency, Vancouver, February 22, 2008.

“Doing well by doing good: what Jewish texts tell us about living an ethical life,” keynote address at community/campus research workshop for 50 UBC undergraduate and graduate students and community members, JCC of Greater Vancouver, March, 2005.

“Biblical Hermeneutics and Postmodern Homiletics.” Continuing Education Program, Chalmers Institute of the Vancouver School of Theology, February 3, 2004.

“Rabbinic Rhetoric: Narrative Power & Moral Authority,” Continuing Studies, UBC Robson Square, 2003 Winter Term 2 (January – April, 2004).

Academic Advisor, “Past Reflections, Future Insights into Muslim – Jewish Relations,” public symposium featuring Professors Reuven Firestone, Emile Sahliyah, Ibrahim A. Karawan, and Elie Rekhess, Canadian Jewish Congress, April 27, 2003.

“Literary Interpretation in the Hebrew Bible” and “Gender in Scripture,” Annual Peter Kaye Lectures Continuing Education Event, Vancouver School of Theology, March 10 – 11, 2003.

“Respondent. “Miriam, Music, and Miracles.” Annual Peter Kaye Lectures, Prof. Carol Meyers, Vancouver School of Theology, March 10, 2003.

“‘Ona’at *devarim* in Jewish Law,” Annual Retreat, Burquest Community, Coquitlam, BC, March 1, 2003.

“Israel: The Conceptual Place of the Land in Classical Jewish Law and Culture,” JCC of Greater Vancouver, February 27, 2003.

“Safed in the 16th Century” and “Public Prayer in Jewish Law,” Morasha Leadership Retreat sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel, Squamish, BC, January 31 – February 1, 2003.

“Judaism and Homosexuality,” Jewish Family Service Agency of Greater Vancouver for Parents and Friends of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Jews, January 23, 2003.

“Mything the Point: Yavneh and the Founding Moment of Rabbinic Judaism,” Diamond Chair Inaugural Lecture, Rothstein Theatre, Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver, October 26, 2002.

“A Text for the Graduates.” Convocation Ceremony. Vancouver School of Theology, 2002.

“Reconciliation in Jewish Tradition: The Other in the Self, the Self in the Other” and “Fighting Words: Polemical Rhetoric,” Public lectures coordinated with Interdisciplinary Seminar on Peace and Reconciliation in a World of Violence,” Vancouver School of Theology, March, 2002.

“Letter and Spirit in Biblical Law,” VST Auxiliary, Chown Memorial – Chinese United Church, February, 2002.

“Master Storytellers: How the Talmudic Rabbis Created Rabbinic Judaism,” Annual Scholar-in-Residence, Temple Beth Or. Everett, Washington, February, 2002.

“Rabbinic Legends: The Foundation Texts of Rabbinic Judaism.” Annual Scholar-in-Residence. Temple Beth Or. Everett, Washington. February, 2001.

“Textuality in Rabbinic Judaism.” Keynote Address: National Young Leadership Cabinet Inaugural Conference. UJA/Jewish Federations of Canada. Vancouver, 2000.

“Building an Ethical Jewish Community.” Keynote Address: Annual Adult Education Conference. Vancouver Talmud Torah. November, 1999.

Guest Rabbi, High Holy Days, Congregation Beth Israel, Vancouver, 1999.

Lecturer, Vancouver Elder Hostel, Chalmers Institute, Vancouver, February, 1999.

Session co-chair (secondary school curriculum track), Catholic-Jewish conference in Baltimore, Maryland: *Teaching the Shoah to Parochial School Students*. Co-sponsored by American Jewish Committee, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archdiocese of Baltimore, February, 1999.

Visiting Lecturer, “The Evolution of the Rabbinate” and “The Idea of Holiness in Judaism,” St. Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park, California, January, 1999.

Presenter, “Sacred Texts, Moral Contexts: Teaching the Gospels to Roman Catholic Secondary School Students after Vatican II,” National conference for Jewish and Catholic educators, co-sponsored by American Jewish Committee and Los Angeles Archdiocese, Los Angeles, California, June, 1998.

“Talmud” and “Biblical Narrative,” Educators seminars presented at Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education held at Stanford University, 1997.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (partial list):

Co-organized international conference – “Scriptures in Medieval Iberia: Language, literature, and sacred text in a multi-religious society” – with Prof. Francisco Peña, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, UBC-Okanagan, and Juan Antonio Martínez Berbel, Centro Internacional de Investigación de la Lengua Española (CILENGUA) y Universidad de La Rioja. Co-sponsors: Iona Pacific Inter-religious Centre (Vancouver School of Theology), Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies (UBC-Okanagan), CILENGUA, Universidad de La Rioja, Green College (UBC), and Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures (Simon Fraser University), at Vancouver School of Theology. June 6, 2011.

Invited (non-transferable) to conference on Office of Religious Freedom, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa. October 3, 2011. (Declined due to schedule conflict)

Closed-door roundtable on Office of Religious Freedom. Hosted by Hon. Jason Kenney, Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism. Vancouver, BC. July 18, 2011.

Member, Blaney Award Advisory Committee, SFU Centre for Dialogue, April, 2011 – March 31, 2012.

Member, Judaic (Curriculum) Committee, King David High School, Vancouver, BC. 2010 - 2011.

Founding co-convenor, Steering Committee, Christian – Jewish Dialogue, co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Vancouver School of Theology, October, 2002 – September, 2003. This Dialogue program continues to this day.

Member, Executive Board, Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific Region, 2002 – 2004.

Member, Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific Region, 2002 – 2004.

Member, Board of Trustees, Brandeis Hillel Day School, San Francisco and Marin Counties, California, 1992 – 93.

Member, Board of Directors, Tehiyah Day School, El Cerrito, California, 1997. (Resigned upon relocation to Canada.)

Member, Educational Allocations Subcommittee, Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma, and the Peninsula, California, 1996 – 97.

Vice-president, Board of Directors, Marin Interfaith Council, California, county-wide coalition of 40+ congregations and social service agencies; MIC was designated as a core funding recipient by the Marin Community Foundation; 1988 – 93.

Member, founding clergy steering committee, AIDS Interfaith of Marin, California (a/k/a Marin AIDS Interfaith Network), providing sectarian spiritual support and advocacy for persons living with HIV, families, and care-givers, 1986 – 93.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (including intermittent terms between 2002-2012):

Central Conference of American Rabbis, HUC-JIR Alumni Association, Medieval Association of the Pacific, American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, Jewish Law Association, Canadian Society for Jewish Studies, Association for Jewish Studies

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Workshop in Conflict Resolution, Vancouver School of Theology, Fall, 2009
- Spanish: UBC Continuing Studies, Robson Square, Fall/Spring Terms, 2005-06.
- Spanish Intensive, *Centro de lenguas e intercambio cultural*, Seville, Spain, Summer, 2004.
- UBC Faculty of Arts Pilot Teaching Project (Mentoring program for junior faculty), UBC Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth, Spring, 2003.
- Instructional Skills Workshop (3 days), UBC Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth, December, 2002.
- UBC Equity Office Training Workshop: “Positive Space,” Fall, 2002.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS:

- “New Office to Protect Religious Freedom,” in *The Source / La Source* 12:21, January 10, 2012.
- CBC Radio / BC / Morning Edition. Friday, January 6, 2012.
- CiTR / 101.9 fm. Guest on “Prof Talk,” hosted by Farha Khan. October 25, 2011.
- Articles appearing in the *Jewish Independent*, *Vancouver Sun*, *Anglican Journal*, *Presbyterian Record* (forthcoming), and other print and new media publications.
- Interviewed by Daniel Lee for feature story in *Korea News* on religious identity and culture in Vancouver. Interview on March 2, 2009; published March 14, 2009 in print and electronic editions.
- Interviewed (live-to-tape, July, 2008, broadcast in December, 2008) by Rafe Mair for *The Search with Rafe Mair* for CHNU Television (Channel 10 in Vancouver).
- Interviewed by Doug Todd of the *Vancouver Sun* for major feature article regarding

multi-faith perspectives on Jesus of Nazareth.

- Interviewed by *Georgia Straight* regarding multiculturalism and public funding of religious rituals at Vancouver Cemetery.
- Interviewed by freelance journalist regarding Jewish legal and ethical perspectives on withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights.
- Interviewed by Canadian Jewish News regarding Jewish Studies in China.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Developed a taxonomy, translations, and critical analysis of the full corpus of nearly 200 classical Rabbinic text traditions (from ca. the 3rd to the 6th centuries C.E.) on Yavneh (Jamnia), the legendary foundational site of Rabbinic Judaism.
- Areas of teaching expertise: Literary and rhetorical analysis of biblical and rabbinic literature (narrative, law, poetry, and other genres); Jewish law and ethics; Biblical Hebrew; Rabbinic Hebrew; Talmudic Aramaic; origins of Rabbinic Judaism and Christianity; gender and sexuality studies; Jewish intellectual history; comparative theology and religion (principally Judaism, Christianity, Islam); contemporary Jewish thought; critical theory; Jewish cultural studies; rhetoric; homiletics; law and society; inter-religious dialogue.
- Current research projects: Co-producing film project with Daniel Pearl Foundation; monograph on rabbinic literature; Judaism in Spain; fiction and religious cultures with Prof. Hussein Keshani and Prof. Francisco Peña, Faculty of Critical Studies, UBC.