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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of South Carolina Professor of History	2024-
University of South Carolina Associate Professor of History	2019-
University of South Carolina Assistant Professor of History	2013-2019
University of California, Los Angeles Viterbi Visiting Professor in Mediterranean Jewish Studies	2011-2012

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania , Ph.D. April 2011 Dissertation: <i>The Natural Philosophy of the Biblical World: Jewish and Christian Physicians in Late Renaissance Italy</i> Advisors: David Ruderman and Ann Moyer Outside Readers: Nancy Siraisi (Emerita, City University of New York) and Joanna Weinberg (Oxford)	2004 - 2011
Cambridge University , M.Phil., Historical Studies Dissertation: <i>History and Humanism in the World of a Renaissance Rabbi: The Life and Thought of Don Isaac Abravanel</i> . Awarded First Class Honors. Supervisor: David Abulafia	2004
Reed College , B.A., History Elected to Phi Beta Kappa	1998 - 2002

PRIZES

2016 Helen and Howard R. Marraro Prize, American Catholic Historical Association/ American Historical Association	2016
2012 Prize for Best Unpublished Dissertation-Length Manuscript on the History of Italy, Society for Italian Historical Studies	2013

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Humanities Collaborative Grant— University of South Carolina	2024-2025
Excel Grant, Excel Funding Program for Liberal Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (Track II Collaborative Grants) with Jennifer Deckert and André Megerdichian, Department of Theater and Dance, University of South Carolina	2023-2024
Two Thumbs Up Award, Student Disability Resource Center, University of South Carolina	2018-2019
Faculty Research Grant, Walker Institute, University of South Carolina	2015-2016
Rose and Henry Zifkin Teaching Fellowship, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania	2014-2015
Humanities Grant, Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina	2014-2016

Adjunct Fellowship, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania	2013-2014
Melville J. Kahn Fellowship, Villa I Tatti: The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Florence, Italy	2012-2013
Doris Quinn Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	2010 – 2011
Visiting Fellowship, European Seminar on Advanced Jewish Studies, Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University	April - June 2010
Finalist, Research Fellowship, Peterhouse, Cambridge University	January 2010
Critical Writing Teaching Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	2009 - 2010
Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Foundation for Jewish Culture	July 2009
Walter Annenberg Summer Research Award, University of Pennsylvania	May 2009
Dissertation Research Fellowship, Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science	May 2009
Salvatori Award for research in Italian History, University of Pennsylvania	April 2009
Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation Grant	March 2009
Renaissance Society of America Travel Grant	February 2009
Brenner Award for research in Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania	December 2008
Salvatori Award for research in Italian History, University of Pennsylvania	September 2008
Goldfein Award for research in Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania	April 2007
SAS Summer Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania	April 2007
Finalist, Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Pennsylvania	April 2006
Brenner Award for research in Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania	Summer 2005
Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	Spring 2004
Faculty Commendation for Academic Achievement, Reed College	2001 - 2002

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

The Bible and Natural Philosophy in Renaissance Italy: Jewish and Christian Physicians in Search of Truth (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Metamorphoses Kate Joyce, Photographs; Andrew Berns, translation. (Santa Fe, NM: Special Problems Press, 2021)

The Land is Mine: Sephardi Jews and Bible Commentary in the Renaissance. (Jewish Culture and Contexts, University of Pennsylvania Press, March 2022)

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Music as Medicine in Medieval and Early Modern Jewish Sources.” In progress (draft completed), for a special edition of *Jewish History* edited by Andrea Gondos and Magdaléna Jánošíková. Publication expected 2024.

“The Federalist Papers and Geographical Thought.” In James Risk et al, eds., *The REACH Act: Texts and Studies*. University of South Carolina Press. (In progress- submitted).

“Sforno on Wealth, Work, and Charity.” In Giuseppe Veltri, Giada Coppola, and Florian Dunklau, eds., *The Literary and Philosophical Canon of Obadiah Sforno* (Leiden: Brill, 2024: 25-32.)

“Psalm 38 as Plague Diagnostic and Prophylactic in Abraham Yagel’s *Moshi‘ah Hosim* (1587).” In Lori Jones and Nükhet Varlik, eds., *Death and Disease in the Medieval and Early Modern World: Perspectives from Across the Mediterranean and Beyond* (York: York Medieval Press, 2022: 247-264).

“The Importance of Agriculture in Medieval Jewish Life: the Case of Crete.” *Jewish History* 33:3-4 (2019): 275-298.

- “Can we Speak of a Geographical Axis in Medieval Jewish Culture?” In Jessica Maya Marglin and Matthias Lehmann, eds., *Jews and the Mediterranean* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2019): 68-80.
- “Medieval Spanish Jews and the Dangers of Wealth,” in Paul M. Robertson and Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, eds., *All Religion is Inter-Religion: Essays in Honor of Steven M. Wasserstrom* (London: Bloomsbury, 2019): 159-70.
- “The Status of Chess in Early Modern Judaism: a Case from Eighteenth-century Italy,” in Carlo Ginzburg and Lucio Biasiori, eds., *A Historical Approach to Casuistry: Norms and Exceptions in a Comparative Perspective* (London: Bloomsbury, October 2018): 101-112.
- “Ovadhiah Sforno's Last Will and Testament,” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 68:1 (Spring 2017): 1-33.
- “Ulisse Aldrovandi and the Role of Hebrew in Natural Philosophy in Early Modern Italy,” in Scott Mandelbrote and Joanna Weinberg, eds., *Jewish Books and Their Readers: Aspects of the Intellectual Life of Christians and Jews in Early Modern Europe* (Leiden: EJ Brill, 2016): 191-210.
- “The Place of Paradise in Renaissance Jewish Thought,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 75:3 (July 2014): 351-71.
- “‘Fair Measures from our Region:’ The Study of Jewish Antiquities in Renaissance Italy,” in R. Cohen, N. Dorhmann, E. Reiner, A. Shear, eds., *Jewish Culture in Early Modern Europe: Essays in Honor of David B. Ruderman* (Cincinnati: HUC Press, 2014): 156-168.
- “Judah Moscato, Abraham Portaleone, and Biblical Incense in Late Renaissance Mantua,” in Giuseppe Veltri and Gianfranco Miletto, eds., *Rabbi Judah Moscato and the Jewish Intellectual World of Mantua in the 16th-17th Centuries* (Leiden: EJ Brill, 2012): 105-119.
- “Abraham Portaleone and Alessandro Magno: Jewish and Christian Correspondents on a Monstrous Birth,” *European Journal of Jewish Studies* 5:1 (2011): 53-66.
- “Medicine,” in Judith R. Baskin, ed., *The Cambridge Dictionary of Judaism and Jewish Culture* (Cambridge, 2011), 416-417.

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS

- Review of Kirsten Macfarlane, *Biblical Scholarship in an Age of Controversy: The Polemical World of Hugh Broughton (1549-1612)*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022), *Intellectual History Review* 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17496977.2024.2309442>
- Review of *A Convert's Tale: Art, Crime, and Jewish Apostasy in Renaissance Italy* by Tamar Herzig, (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019), *AJS Review* 45:2 (Fall 2021).
- Review of *Food, Social Politics and the Order of Nature in Renaissance Italy* by Allen J. Grieco, (Florence, Italy: Villa I Tatti Series 34, Harvard University Press 2019), *Food, Culture & Society: An International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research* 42 (2021): 169-170.
- Review of *The Beginnings of Ladino Literature: Moses Almosnino and His Readers* by Olga Borovaya (Bloomington/Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2017), *Bulletin of Spanish Studies: Hispanic Studies and Researches on Spain, Portugal and Latin America*, 96:3 (2019): 3-4.
- Review of *Marking the Jews in Renaissance Italy: Politics, Religion, and the Power of Symbols* by Flora

- Cassen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), *AJS Review* 42:2 (2018): 456-457.
- Review of *A Remembrance of His Wonders: Nature and the Supernatural in Medieval Ashkenaz* by David Shyovitz (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015) *Isis* 109,1 (2018), 170-71.
- Review of *The Age of Secrecy: Jews, Christians, and the Economy of Secrets*, by Daniel Jütte (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2015) *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 40:1 (April 2016): 178-80.
- Review of *The Secret Faith of Maestre Honoratus: Profayt Duran and Jewish Identity in Late Medieval Iberia*, by Maud Kozodoy (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015) *Isis* 108:1 (March 2017): 180-81.
- Review of *Reorienting the East: Jewish Travelers to the Medieval Muslim World*, by Martin Jacobs, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47:3 (2015): 627-629.
- Review of *Galileo's Instruments of Credit: Telescopes, Images, Secrecy* by Mario Biagoli, Published on *H-Net* (2010).
- Review of *The Jewish Body: Corporeality, Society and Identity in the Renaissance and Early Modern Period* edited by Maria Diemling and Giuseppe Veltri, *Renaissance Quarterly* 63:1 (Spring 2010): 206-207.
- Review of *Reckless Rites: Purim and the Legacy of Jewish Violence* by Elliot Horowitz, *Medieval Encounters* 14:2/3 (2008): 410-412.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “*The Land is Mine*” (Book Talk by invitation). Universidad de Buenos Aires. October 2025 (in Spanish).
- “Physicians, the Diffusion of Medical Knowledge, and Jewish Culture in Early Modern Europe.” Brandeis University, Jewish Studies Colloquium, Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry. October 2024
- “Hippocratic Ideas about Environment in Renaissance Hebrew Texts.” Mediterranean Ecologies, Saint Louis University/Washington University, Saint Louis, MO, April 2024.
- “A Late Renaissance Jewish view of ancient agricultural practices.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2023.
- “Medicine, Torah, and Antiquarianism.” Salo and Jeanette Baron Conference, New York University, May 2023.
- “They are always prone to illness: Letters of a Young Jewish Physician in the 16th-century Italian Countryside.” University of Pennsylvania, 15th Annual Schoenberg Symposium: Translating Science. November 2022.
- “The Land is Mine: Sephardi Jews and Bible Commentary in the Renaissance.” Jewish Studies Brunch Book Talk, University of South Carolina, October 2022.
- “The Land is Mine: Sephardi Jews and Bible Commentary in the Renaissance.” Centers for Jewish Studies at the Graduate Center and at Queens College, CUNY. October 2022.
- “Jewish Perspectives on Medicine in Scripture from late medieval Iberia and Italy.” Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies: Philosophy in Scripture: Jewish Philosophical Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in the Late Medieval Period. Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford, UK, June 2022.
- “Agriculture as an Occult Science in Early Modern Jewish Thought.” Early Modern Workshop,

March 2021.

- “‘Proven by scientia and experience’: Agriculture as an Occult Science in Fifteenth-Century Jewish Thought,” Conference Paper, “Premodern Experience of the Natural World in Translation,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, June 2019.
- “Ecologies of/and Knowledge in Early Modern Kabbalah,” Conference Paper, 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo Michigan, May 2019.
- “‘Corruption of Hebrew’: Renaissance Jewish Scholars and Hebrew Lexicography,” Conference Paper, Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 2019.
- “‘The Foundation of the World’: The Ecological Ideas of Post-Expulsion Spanish Jews in Italy and the Ottoman Empire,” Seminar, Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California Los Angeles, November 2018.
- “Medieval Spanish Jewry between Islam and Christianity: Agriculture, Land Tenure, Environment,” Conference Paper, “South Carolina Medievalist Association,” South Carolina State University, September 2018.
- Panel respondent, “Praxis,” at Gruss Colloquium, “Science and Transformation in Jewish Culture,” Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2018.
- “Isaac Abravanel on Wealth, Work, and Poverty,” Conference Paper, “Premodern Judaism from Manuscript to Print,” Newberry Library, Chicago, November 2017.
- “Medieval Spanish Jews and the Dangers of Wealth,” Conference Paper, “‘All Religion Is Inter-Religion’: A Celebration of Steven M. Wasserstrom’s Contributions to the Study of Religion on His 30-Year Anniversary at Reed College,” Portland, OR, October 2017.
- “Isaac Abravanel and Nature,” Conference Paper, Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 2017.
- “‘Ovadyah Sforno on Wealth, Work and Charity,” Conference Paper, “Lost & Found in Translation: ‘Ovadyah Sforno and his World,” Hamburg, Germany, January 2017.
- “Was There Such a Thing as ‘Jewish Medicine’ in Early Modern Europe?” Conference Paper, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2016.
- “Abraham Portaleone (1542-1612) and Monsters.” Conference Paper, Frankfurt, Germany, May 2016.
- “Botanical Knowledge, Agricultural Practice, and Sartorial Propriety in late Medieval Mediterranean Jewish Culture.” Conference Paper, University of California, Irvine/ University of Southern California, April 2016.
- “‘Women who Love to Go Out’: Jewish Women as Peddlers in Renaissance Italy.” Conference Paper, “Individuals and Legal Institutions Around the Medieval Mediterranean,” Duke University, March 2016.
- “Why Should We Care about Jewish Farmers in the Middle Ages?” Seminar, History Center, University of South Carolina, February 2016.
- “Giuseppe Levi’s Collection of Medieval Legends.” Gruss Colloquium in Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 2015.
- “*Pro magna parte laboratores sive cultivatores agrorum et vinearum*: Jews in the Venetian Stato da Mar.” Seminar, Italian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, March 2015.

- "I signed but I did not say': Oaths against Gambling, Casuistry and Early Modern Judaism." "Norms and Exceptions: a Comparative Approach to Casuistry." Florence, Italy, December 2014.
- "*Wissenschaft des Judenthums* and Jewish Agricultural Life in the Middle Ages." Ruth Melzer Seminar, Katz Center, University of Pennsylvania, November 2014.
- "Washing with Wine: a Responsum of Joseph ben Solomon Colon (c. 1420-1480) at the Intersection of *Halakhah* and Medicine." Early Modern Workshop, Northwestern University/Spertus Institute, Chicago, August 2014.
- "'This evil act?' Jews and Hunting in Renaissance Italy." Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, New York, March 2014.
- "As long as it is not his trade': Early Modern Jews and Hunting." A Case for Cases: the Varieties of Casuistry, Symposium, UCLA, January 2014.
- "The Jews of Renaissance Italy." British Institute of Florence, Florence, Italy, May 2013.
- Response to Fabrizio Lelli, ed., *Gli ebrei nel Salento: secoli IX-XVI* (Galatina, 2013). Università del Salento, Lecce, March 2013.
- "Hebrew Letters as Witness to Rural Medicine in Renaissance Italy," Fellows' Seminar, Villa I Tatti: The Harvard University Center for Renaissance Studies, Florence, Italy, November 2012.
- "'Impossible to Deny': Terrestrial Paradise and Jewish Thought of the Italian Renaissance." Seminar, UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, April 2012.
- "Intellectual Contacts between Jewish and Christian Physicians in Early Modern Europe." Early Modern Workshop, Brown University, February 2012.
- "Evidence of Acculturation in the Letters of Renaissance Italian Jews." Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 2011.
- "Evidence of Provenance, Marginalia and Ownership in Extant Copies of the Basel Edition (1578-80) of the Babylonian Talmud in the Northeastern United States." Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University, July 2011.
- "Jacob Zahalon and the Permissibility of Practicing Medicine in Seventeenth-Century Rome." Conference paper; Co-organizer of Panel "Medicine and the Church in Counter-Reformation Rome." Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Montreal, March 2011.
- "Ulisse Aldrovandi and the Science of Scripture." Conference paper, History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 2010.
- "Jewish Christian Relations in Renaissance Italy: the Court Physician Abraham Portaleone (1542-1612) and his Correspondents." Seminar paper, Reed College, October 2010.
- "Theologians, Naturalists and Hebraism in Sixteenth-Century Italy." Conference paper, Reading Hebrew and Jewish Texts in Early Modern Europe, All Souls College, Oxford University, June 2010.
- "The Role of Hebrew in Medical and Natural Scientific Research in Early Modern Italy." Seminar paper, European Seminar on Advanced Jewish Studies, Oxford University, June 2010.
- "Between Natural Philosophy and Religious Studies: Biblical Bread in late Renaissance Italy." Seminar paper,

Hebrew, Jewish, and Early Christian Studies Seminar, Divinity Faculty, Cambridge University, May 2010.

“Abraham Portaleone (1542-1612) and his Correspondents: an Episode in the History of Jewish-Christian Relations in Renaissance Italy.” Seminar paper, University of Delaware, March 2010.

“*Perché sia chiamata santa?*” Ulisse Aldrovandi and the Hebrew Language.” Seminar paper, Center for Italian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, November 2009.

“Biblical Medicine in Renaissance Italy.” Lecture, Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia, October 2009.

“Natural Science and Jewish Culture in Late Renaissance Mantua.” Conference paper, Judah Moscato and Jewish Culture in Mantua in the Sixteenth Century. Mantua, Italy, July 2009.

“The Greek Bible in Italian Jewish Culture of the Late Renaissance.” Seminar paper, The Greek Bible: Later Transmission, Revision and Reception, Divinity Faculty, Cambridge University, May 2009.

“David de’ Pomi and the Meaning of Biblical Natural History in Renaissance Italy.” Conference Paper, Renaissance Society of America Conference, Los Angeles, March 2009.

“Holy Embryology in Late Renaissance Italy.” Seminar paper, Center for Italian Studies, University of Pennsylvania, February 2009.

“Jewish Botanical Interests in Late Renaissance Italy.” Conference paper, Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, October 2008.

“The Crypto-Judaism of Amatus Lusitanus.” Conference paper, Society for Crypto-Judaic Studies Conference, Phoenix, August 2008.

“The Forest Within: Natural Imagery and Classical Allusion in Sixteenth-Century Spanish ‘*Silvae*.’” Graduate Student Conference led by Peter Stallybrass and Roger Chartier, University of Pennsylvania, March 2006.

PANELS ORGANIZED

“The Culture of Hunting in Renaissance Italy.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting March 2014

“Medicine and the Church in Counter-Reformation Rome.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting (co-organizer) March 2011

PUBLICATIONS IN POPULAR PERIODICALS

Substack: *New Wine, Old Vessels*. Posts twice a month since October 2024.

"Back to Nature," *Tablet*, August 14, 2018

"Hunting for Deer—and Meaning," *Tablet*, November 2, 2016

"The Scent of the Field," *Tikkun* 31:2 (2016): 23-24

TEACHING

Courses Taught, University of South Carolina

Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)

Fall 2025

Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the mid Seventeenth Century (undergraduate)

Fall 2025

The Good Life (University of South Carolina Honors College)

Spring 2024

Introduction to the History Major (undergraduate)

Fall 2024

History of Medicine from Antiquity to the Scientific Revolution (undergraduate)	Fall 2024
Kabbalah: Science, Religion and Nature in Western History (undergraduate)	Spring 2024
Biblical Hebrew (undergraduate)	Spring 2024
Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2023
Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the mid Seventeenth Century (undergraduate)	Fall 2023
History of Medicine from Antiquity to the Scientific Revolution	Spring 2023
Renaissance Europe	Spring 2023
American Founding Documents	Fall 2022
Kabbalah: Science, Religion and Nature in Western History (undergraduate, team-taught with Matthew Melvin-Koushki, Islamic Studies)	Fall 2022
Dissertation Prospectus Seminar (graduate)	Spring 2022
American Founding Documents	Spring 2022
God and Nature	Fall 2021
Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2021
History of Medicine from Antiquity to the Scientific Revolution	Spring 2021
Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the mid Seventeenth Century (undergraduate)	Spring 2021
Kabbalah: Science, Religion and Nature in Western History (undergraduate, team-taught with Matthew Melvin-Koushki, Islamic Studies)	Spring 2020
Dissertation Prospectus Seminar (graduate)	Spring 2020
Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2019
God and Nature (undergraduate)	Fall 2019
The European Renaissance (undergraduate)	Spring 2019
Judaism and Ecology (undergraduate)	Spring 2019
Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the mid Seventeenth Century (undergraduate)	Fall 2018
Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2018
The European Renaissance (undergraduate)	Fall 2017
Modern Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2017
The Archival Instinct (undergraduate, team-taught with Evan Meaney, Media Arts)	Spring 2017
The European Renaissance (undergraduate)	Spring 2017
Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2016
Nature (undergraduate, senior seminar)	Fall 2016
Environmental History (graduate)	Spring 2016
Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the mid Seventeenth Century (undergraduate)	Spring 2016
Ancient and Medieval Jewish History (undergraduate)	Fall 2015
The European Renaissance (undergraduate)	Fall 2015
Dissertation Prospectus Seminar (graduate)	Spring 2014
Early Modern & Modern Jewish History (undergraduate)	Spring 2014
Western Civilization from Ancient Times to the mid Seventeenth Century (undergraduate)	Fall 2013
The European Renaissance (undergraduate)	Fall 2013

Courses Taught, UCLA

The Past in Medieval Jewish Thought (graduate/undergraduate)	Winter 2012
Jews of the Italian Renaissance (undergraduate)	Fall 2011

Courses Taught, University of Pennsylvania

God and Nature (undergraduate)	Spring 2015
History of Museums (undergraduate)	2009 - 2010
Print, Technology and Learning in the Early Modern World (undergraduate)	Summer 2008

Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania

European History 1500 - Present (Emily Fisher Gray)	Spring 2007
European History 1500 - Present (Ronald Granieri)	Spring 2006
Modern Middle Eastern History (Eve Troutt Powell)	Fall 2006
Modern Jewish Cultural and Intellectual History (David Ruderman)	Fall 2005

SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

External Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Religious Studies	2023-2024
Member, Carolina Core Approval Committee, Provost's Office	2022-
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History	2022-
Faculty Advisor, Philomathic Society	2021-
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society)	2021-
First-Year Mentor, McNair Scholars	2021-2022
Chair, Warwick Study Abroad Committee	2021-
Member, Solomon Tenenbaum Lecture Committee (College of Arts and Sciences)	2021-
Member, Faculty Development Committee, (at the request of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences)	2021-
Member, Faculty ad hoc Committee on Environmental Sustainability (University of South Carolina)	2021-
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee	2021-
Member, Undergraduate Committee	2021-
Member, Founding Documents Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee	2021
Member, History Department Chair Search Committee	2019
Member, Committee to Revise Tenure and Promotion Guidelines	2019
Member, Graduate Council Humanities Curriculum Committee (College of Arts and Sciences)	2019-2020
Member, Graduate Committee	2019-2021
Member, Executive Committee	2018-
Participant, Faculty Development Group (College of Arts and Sciences, "Junior Faculty Research")	2017
Member, Undergraduate Committee	2018-2019
History Department Representative, Faculty Senate	2017-2021
Member, Graduate Committee	2017-2018
Invited Panelist, "Grant Basics Workshop," Office of the Vice President for Research	September 2016
Member, Graduate Committee	2016-2017
Interviewed on WUSC 90.5FM by D.J. No B.S.	November 2015
Member, Undergraduate Committee	2015-2106
Member, Graduate Committee	2013-2014
Reviewer, SPARC Graduate Fellowship	2013-

OTHER SERVICE

Funding Proposal Reviewer, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)	2017-
Book Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Exeter University Press, Brill Press	2016-
Judge, I Tatti Prize for Best Essay by a Junior Scholar	2013
Article Reviewer: <i>Jewish History</i> ; <i>Spontaneous Generations</i> ; <i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i> ; <i>Journal of Early Modern History</i> ; <i>Religions</i> ; <i>Sixteenth-Century Studies</i> ; <i>Manuscript Studies</i> ; <i>Early Science and Medicine</i> ; <i>Viator</i> ; <i>Manuscript Studies</i> ; <i>Sixteenth-Century Journal</i>	2012-
Assistant Editor, <i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i>	2010 - 2011
Planning Committee Member, Pennsylvania Medical Humanities Consortium Conference	2009 - 2012
Executive Committee Member, Section on Medicine and the Arts, College of Physicians of Philadelphia	2009 - 2012
Reader and Judge: James V. Saporito Memorial Prize for best undergraduate essay in intellectual and cultural history, University of Pennsylvania	2007 - 2008
Adult Education Lecturer at Synagogues in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania Have presented over twenty lectures on a variety of topics and periods in Jewish history	2005 – 2011
Co-organizer, Post-Classical Latin Reading Group, University of Pennsylvania	2004 - 2010
Research Assistant to Ann Blair, Harvard University	2004

LANGUAGES

Thorough knowledge of Hebrew, Spanish, Italian, Latin, and ancient Greek; proficiency in German and French; basic knowledge of modern Greek.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association (AHA)
Association for Jewish Studies (AJS)
History of Science Society (HSS)
Renaissance Society of America (RSA)