

# Holger Zellentin

## Curriculum Vitae

### Contact

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### Academic Positions

Since 10/2019 Professor of Religion (Jewish Studies), Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Tübingen.

9/2017 – 9/2019 *Lecturer in Classical Rabbinic Judaism*, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge

1/2011-8/2017 *Lecturer in Jewish Studies*, since 8/2014 *Associate Professor in Jewish Studies*, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Nottingham.

7/2007 - 12/2010 *Assistant Professor of Rabbinics and Late Antique Judaism* and *Faculty Member*, Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies and Joint Doctoral Program in Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union and University of California, Berkeley.

9/2007 - 1/2008 *Visiting Professor*, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

9/2006 - 1/2007 *Lecturer*, Department of History and Department of Jewish Studies, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick.

### Grants, Prizes, and Research Awards

2020-2025 ERC Consolidator Grant *The Qur'an as a Source for Late Antiquity*, University of Tübingen.

2018-2023: Project Partner in the ERC consolidator grant *Qur'anic Commentary: An Integrative Paradigm*, PI: Nicolai Sinai, University of Oxford.

2015-2018: *The Philip Leverhulme Prize*, The Leverhulme Trust, see <https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/philip-leverhulme-prizes-2014>.

2016: *British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship*, The British Academy, in support of research on the Qur'ān in its Jewish and Christian context.

2012-2013: *Early Career Fellowship*, Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), in support of research on the legal interface of the Qur'ān, Syriac Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism.

2005-2018: Conference funding for international conferences from the British Academy (2018, 2016), the European Association for Jewish Studies (2016), the Arts and Humanities Research Council (2013), the University of Nottingham (2013), the University of California, Berkeley (2010, 2010, 2009), the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley (2008), and Princeton University (2005).

2001-2007: PhD Stipend Princeton University (Full Tuition and Maintenance Costs)

1999-2000: Post-graduate stipend of the University of Amsterdam, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the *Deutscher Akademischer Auslandsdienst* (DAAD)

## Education

2007 Ph.D. Religions of Late Antiquity and Program in the Ancient World, Department of Religion, Princeton University.

2004 M.A. Religions of Late Antiquity, Department of Religion and Department of Classics, Princeton University.

2002 - 2003 Visiting Graduate Student, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

2001 *Doctoraal* (BA cum MA) Semitic Languages and Cultures, Juda Palache Institute, University of Amsterdam, *cum laude* (highest honours).

1999 - 2000, Visiting Graduate Scholar, Department of Hebrew Literature and Department of Talmud, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2000 *Doctoraal* (BA cum MA), Theology and Religious Studies, University of Amsterdam.

1998 *Diplôme des Études Universitaires Générales*, Protestant Theology, Université des Sciences Humaines de Strasbourg.

## Monographs

*The Qur'ān's Legal Culture: The Didascalia Apostolorum as a Point of Departure* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013).

*Reviews:*

Joseph Lowry, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 76 (2017): 382-4, <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/693390>.

“Zellentin makes a strong case for the tight integration of the Qur’an into a clearly identifiable current of monotheistic polemics and practices in Late Antiquity ... [A]ny consideration of the Qur’an’s Late Antique context and especially of its legislation will be greatly enriched by Zellentin’s excellent study.”

Sidney H. Griffith, *Theological Studies* 76 (2015): 172-173.

“[T]oday’s scholars of Islam’s late antique origins can often discern the Qur’ān’s lively interaction with ... earlier religious traditions. Zellentin’s study provides an excellent example of an informative and hitherto overlooked case in point.”

Lev Weitz, *Review of Qur’anic Research* 1 (2015), <http://members.iqsaweb.org/page-18166>.

“Zellentin has done a truly impressive job of both accounting for the formation of some of the legal material in the Qur’an and proposing a new interpretation of the milieu in which it took shape.”

Stephen Shomaker, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 24 (2016): 134-135.

“This book is a must read for anyone interested in the relation between earliest Islam and the religious culture of the late ancient Mediterranean.”

Emran El-Badawi, *Marginalia Review of Books* 6 (2015), <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org>.

“Zellentin’s ... use of evidence is meticulous. His work dexterously engages both the primary as well as secondary literature ... [A]n elegant and exciting read on an otherwise dense and highly complex subject.”

Israel M. Gallarte, *Filologia Neotestamentaria* 26 (2013): 187.

*Rabbinic Parodies of Jewish and Christian Literature (Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism* 139; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011).

*Reviews:*

Loren R. Spielman, 2014, *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations* 9 (2014), <http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/scjr/article/view/5624>.

“Zellentin displays an impressive familiarity with both Jewish Aramaic and Syriac Christian texts.”

Anette Adelman, *Frankfurter Judaistische Beiträge* 39 (2014), 121–122.  
[German]

Laliv Clenman, *Journal of Jewish Studies* 64 (2013): 207-209.

“The scope of this book is impressive... the depth of Zellentin’s work is a great gift to the scholarly community.”

Jordan D. Rosenblum, *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 43 (2012): 444.

“In proving [his] thesis, [Zellentin] does an excellent job.”

James McGraf, *patheos.com* (2012).

“[A] careful and well-argued treatment of the challenging yet incredibly rewarding topic of parody in Rabbinic literature.”

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/exploringourmatrix/2011/06/review-of-holger-michael-zellentin-rabbinic-parodies-of-jewish-and-christian-literature.html#ixzz3OL4B2ZqE>.

Catherine Hezser, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 137 (2012): 32-3 [German].

Rafael Vicent, *Salesianum* 74 (2012): 391-2 [Spanish].

### **Edited Volumes and special issues**

*In preparation and under contract:*

*Biblical Traditions in the Qur’ān*, co-editor, with Nicolai Sinai, Gabriel Said Reynolds and Marianna Klar (Princeton: Princeton University Press), under contract.

*Published and forthcoming:*

*The Qur’an’s Reformation of Judaism and Christianity: Return to the Origins* (Routledge Studies in the Quran; Abingdon: Routledge, 2019).

*The Talmud and Christianity: Rabbinic Judaism after Constantine*, co-edited with Daniel Weiss and Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, double issue in *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 25.3 and 4 (2018).

*Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity (Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism, 119; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008)*, co-edited with Eduard Iricinschi.

*Reviews:*

Anna van den Kerchov, *Archive de Sciences Sociales des Religions* 6 (2010), <http://assr.revues.org/21587>. [French]

Francois Vinel, *Revue des Sciences Religieuses* 84 (2010): 417-418. [French]

R. Sala, *Estudio Agustiniiano* 44 (2009): 519-20. [Spanish]

Sacha Stern, *Henoch* 31 (2009): 174-8.

Jakab Attila, *Klió* 18 (2009): 62-68. [Hungarian]

Rafael Vicent, *Salesianum* (2009): 803-804. [Spanish]

Judith Lieu, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 134 (2009): 539-541.

### **Book Chapters and Journal Articles**

*Under contract, and under review:*

“Law and Ritual,” in Nicolai Sinai et al. (eds.), *Biblical Traditions in the Qur’an* (Princeton: Princeton University Press), under contract.

“Jews and the Imperial Cult,” in Catherine Hezser (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Jews and Judaism in Late Antiquity*. (Abingdon: Routledge), under contract.

“Law in the Medinan Qur’an: The Case of Biblical Incest Law and its Qur’anic Re-Iteration,” in Nicolai Sinai (ed.), *Unlocking the Medinan Qur’an* (Leiden: Brill), under review.

“Beyond Ring Composition: A Comparison of Formal Features in Q. 96 *Sūrat al-‘Alaq* and Bavli *Bava Batra* 8a,” in Marianna Klar (ed.), *Structural Dividers in the Qur’an* (Abingdon: Routledge), under review.

*Published and Forthcoming:*

“Rabbi Lazarus and the Rich Man: A Talmudic Parody of the Christian Hell (Yerushalmi *Hagiga* 2.2, 77d and *Sanhedrin* 6.9, 23c),” in Asaph Ben-Tov and Martin Mulso (eds.), *Knowledge and Profanation: Transgressing the Boundaries of Religion in Premodern Scholarship* (Leiden: Brill, 2019), 23-94.

- “The Synchronic and the Diachronic Qur’ān: *Sūrat Yā Sīn*, Lot’s People, and the Rabbis,” in Asma Hilali and S. R. Burge (eds.), *The Making of Religious Texts in Islam: The Fragment and the Whole* (Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2019), 111-172.
- “Gentile Purity Law from the Bible to the Qur’an: The Case of Sexual Purity and Illicit Intercourse,” in Holger Zellentin (ed.) *The Qur’ān’s Reformation of Judaism and Christianity: Return to the Origins* (Routledge Studies in the Quran; New York: Routledge, 2019), 115-215.
- “The Qur’an and the Reformation of Judaism and Christianity,” in Holger Zellentin (ed.) *The Qur’an’s Reformation of Judaism and Christianity: Return to the Origins* (Routledge Studies in the Quran; New York: Routledge, 2019), 1-22.
- “Q96 *Sūrat al-‘Alaq* Between Philology and Polemics: A (Very) Critical Assessment of Günter Lüling’s Ur-Qur’ān,” in George Tamer (ed.), *Die Koranhermeneutik von Günter Lüling (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – Tension, Transmission, Transformation 9)*; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019), 159-185.
- “The Rise of Monotheism in Arabia,” in Josef Lössl and Nicholas J. Baker-Brian (eds.), *A Companion to Religion in Late Antiquity (Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World)*; Chichester: Wiley, 2018), 157-180.
- “Typology and the Transfiguration of Rabbi Aqiva (*Pesiqta de Rav Kahana* 4:7 and Bavli *Menahot* 29b),” in *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 25.3 (2018): 23-268.
- “Judaean-Christian Legal Culture and the Qur’ān: The Case of Ritual Slaughter and the Consumption of Animal Blood,” in Francisco del Río Sánchez (ed.), *Jewish Christianity and the Origins of Islam* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2018), 117-159.
- “Triological Anthropology: The Qur’ān on Adam and Iblis in View of Rabbinic and Christian Discourse,” in Rüdiger Braun and Hüseyin Çiçek (eds.), *The Quest for Humanity – Contemporary Approaches to Human Dignity in the Context of the Qur’ānic Anthropology* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017), 54-125.
- “Purity and the West: Christianity, Secularism and the Impurity of Ritual” (with Daniel Weiss), in D. Weiss, S. Schnall, and R. Duschinsky (eds.), *Purity and Danger Now: New Perspectives* (Abingdon: Francis and Taylor, 2016), 181-204.
- “*Aḥbār* and *Ruhbān*: Religious Leaders in the Qur’ān in Dialogue with Christian and Jewish Literature,” in Angelika Neuwirth and Michael Sells (ed.), *Qur’ānic Studies Today* (Routledge Studies in the Qur’ān; New York: Routledge, 2016), 258-89.
- “Jewish Dreams Between Roman Palestine and Sasanian Babylonia: Cultural and Geographic Borders in Rabbinic Discourse (*yMa’aser Sheni* 4.8-9 55b-c and *bBerakhot* 56a-b),” in Annette Weissenrieder (ed.), *Borders: Terms, Performances and Ideologies* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016), 419-57.

- “*’ahbār* und *ruhban*: Religiöse Leitfiguren im Koran in Dialog mit christlicher und rabbinischer Literatur,” in Nora Schmidt, Nora K. Schmid and Angelika Neuwirth (eds.), *Episteme in Bewegung. Beiträge zu einer transdisziplinären Wissensgeschichte* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2016), 125-65.
- “The Rabbis on (the Christianization of) the Imperial Cult: Mishna and Yerushalmi *Avodah Zarah* 3.1 (42b, 54 - 42c, 61),” in Catherine Hezser (ed.), *Jewish Art in its Late Antique Context* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015), 319-55.
- “Artapanus,” Edition, Translation, and Commentary” in: *Brill’s New Jacoby* (Leiden: Brill, 2013), 30 pages, see <http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/brill-s-new-jacoby/artapanos-726-a726?s.num=16&s.q=artapanus>.
- “Jesus and the Tradition of the Elders: Originalism and Traditionalism in Early Judean Legal Theory,” in L. Jenott et al. (eds.), *Beyond the Gnostic Gospels: Studies Building on the Work of Elaine H. Pagels (Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck 2013)*, 379-403.
- “Jerusalem Fell After Betar: The Christian Josephus and Rabbinic Memory,” in Ra’anan Boustan et al. (eds.), *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, 2013), Volume I, 319-67.
- “The End of Jewish Egypt- Artapanus’s Second Exodus,” in Gregg Gardner and Kevin Osterloh (eds.), *Antiquity in Antiquity, Jewish and Christian Pasts in the Greco-Roman World*, (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck) 2009, 27-73.
- “Margin of Error: Women, Law, and Christianity in *Bavli Shabbat* 116a–b,” in: Eduard Iricinschi and Holger Zellentin (eds.), *Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008), 339-363.
- “Making Selves and Marking Others: Identity and Late Antique Heresiologies,” (with Eduard Iricinschi), in: Eduard Iricinschi and Holger Zellentin (eds.), *Making Selves and Marking Others: Heresy and Self-Definition in Late Antiquity* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008), 1-27.
- “Rabbanizing Jesus, Christianizing the Son of David: The Bavli’s Approach to the Secondary Messiah Traditions,” in Rivka Ulmer (ed.), *Discussing Cultural Influences: Text, Context, Non-Text in Rabbinic Judaism* (New York: University Press of America, 2007), 99-128.
- “How Plutarch Gained his Place in the Tosefta,” in *Zutot: Perspectives on Jewish Culture* 4 (2004): 19-28.

### Commentary and Encyclopaedia Entries

- “Leviticus, Book of, Islam,” *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR), Walter DeGruyter, Berlin, forthcoming.

Thirty contributions to M. Azaiez, G.S. Reynolds, T. Tesei and H.M Zafer (eds.), *Qur'an Seminar Commentary: A Collaborative Study of 50 Qur'ānic Passages* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016), totalling 58 pages, for open access see [here](#).

“Laugh, Laughter in Rabbinic Judaism,” in *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR), (Berlin: Walter DeGruyter, Berlin, 2015), vol. 15, click [here](#).

“Islam—Jewish Christianity,” in: *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR) (Berlin: Walter DeGruyter, 2014), vol. 14, click [here](#).

“The Flight into Egypt in Rabbinic Tradition,” in: *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR) (Berlin: Walter DeGruyter, 2014), vol. 14, click [here](#).

“Relevance of the Temple after its Destruction, Judaism,” in: *Religion in Past and Present, Encyclopaedia of Theology and Religion* (Brill, Leiden, 2009), vol. 9, ad loc.

“Bedeutung des Tempels nach seiner Zerstörung, Judentum,“ in: Hans Dieter Betz, Don S. Browning, Bernd Janowski and Eberhard Jüngel (eds.), *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, Handwörterbuch für Theologie und Religionswissenschaft* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2005), vol. 8, ad loc.

“Mishna,” in: *Religion Past and Present, Encyclopedia of Theology and Religion* (Brill, Leiden, 2008), vol. 8, ad loc.

“Mishna,” in: Hans Dieter Betz, Don S. Browning, Bernd Janowski and Eberhard Jüngel (eds.), *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, Handwörterbuch für Theologie und Religionswissenschaft* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2002), vol. 5, ad loc.

### Invited Reviews

Guy G. Stroumsa and Adam J. Silverstein et al., *The Oxford Handbook of the Abrahamic Religions*. Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2015, in: *Journal of Qur'anic Studies* 20 (2018): 118-123.

Niclas Förster and J. Cornelis de Vos (eds.), *Juden und Christen unter römischer Herrschaft. Selbstwahrnehmung und Fremdwahrnehmung in den ersten beiden Jahrhunderten n. Chr.* (Schriften des Institutum Delizschianum 10; Göttingen 2015), in: *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum/Journal of Ancient Christianity* 21 (2017): 164-168.

Haggai Mazuz, *The Religious and Spiritual Life of the Jews of Medina*, in *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 54 (2017): 220-22.

Christoph Ochs, *Matthaeus Adversus Christianos*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012, in: *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 67 (2016): 148-151.



Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, *Early Christian Monastic Literature and the Babylonian Talmud*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013, in: *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations* 10 (2015).

Barry Wimpfheimer, *Narrating the Law: A Poetics of Talmudic Legal Stories*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011, in: *The Journal of Religion*, 93 (2013): 117-9.

Jordan D. Rosenblum, *Food and Identity in Early Rabbinic Judaism*, Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010, in: *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period* 44 (2013): 123-5.

Robert Goldenberg, *The Origins of Judaism: From Canaan to the Rise of Islam*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008, in: *Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Antiquity*, 39 (2009): 430-2.

Hans-Jürgen Becker, *Avot de-Rabbi Natan: Synoptische Edition beider Versionen*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006, in: *Hebrew Studies* 49 (2008): 363-366.

David Goodblatt, *Elements of Ancient Jewish Nationalism*, New York: Cambridge University Press 2006, in: *AJS (Association for Jewish Studies) Review* 32 (2008): 397-400.

### **Documentaries, Videos, Online Materials and Public Engagement Materials**

“Free Thinking,” interview with Shahida Rahman on British Academy conference *The Biblical Traditions in the Quran*, BBC Radio Three, aired October 29, 2018.

*The Qur’an between Judaism and Christianity*, Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), *FutureLearn*, first run January – February 2018 (completed by 5023 enrolled students from 88 countries), click [here](#).

“Koran erklärt” (“Qur’an explained”), public lecture material produced for Deutschlandfunk (German National Public Radio), contributions on [Qur’an 5:60](#) (first aired 29.9.2017), [Qur’an 5:18](#) (first aired 12.10.2018) and Qur’an 7:166 (in preparation).

*The Qur’ān between Judaism and Christianity* (III): “The Qur’ān and Judaism” and “Law from the Bible to the Qur’ān,” Public Engagement Lecture Series sponsored by the British Academy, co-sponsored by the Karimia Institute, University of Nottingham, December 4, 2016, for a video of all lectures click [here](#).

*The Qur’ān between Judaism and Christianity* (II): “The Qur’ān’s Arabian Background” and “The Qur’ān and Christianity,” Public Engagement Lecture Series sponsored by the British Academy, co-sponsored by the Karimia Institute, University of Nottingham, October 16, 2016, for a video of all lectures click [here](#).

*The Qur’ān between Judaism and Christianity* (I): “How to Study the Qur’ān – ‘Traditional’ and ‘Academic’ Approaches” and “The Qur’ān and the Bible,” Public Engagement

Lecture Series sponsored by the British Academy, co-sponsored by the Karimia Institute, University of Nottingham, September 17, 2016, for a video of all lectures click [here](#).

“Law from the Bible to the Qur’ān,” *The Qur’ān between Judaism and Christianity*, public engagement lecture, University of Nottingham, December 4, 2016, for a video of the lecture click [here](#).

“The Qur’ān between Judaism and Christianity,” Appearance on *Radio Dawn*, Nottingham, a radio station affiliated with the Karimia Institute, September 13 and November 28, 2016.

“Why does the Bible Matter—Judaism,” in C.L. Crouch, Roland Deines, and Mark Wreford (eds.), *Why does the Bible Matter? The Significance of the Bible for Contemporary Life* (Swindon: Bible Society, 2016), 88-99.

“Jesus und der Islam,” *Arte Magazin* 12/2015: 14-5. Circulation: 107.000.

Contributions to *Jésus et l’Islam/Jesus und der Islam*, a documentary directed by Gérard Mordillat et Jérôme Prieur, Strasbourg: Association Relative à la Télévision Européenne (ARTE), screened December 8-10, 2015; 1.156.000 viewers in France, 657.000 viewers in Germany, click [here](#).

Scholarly supervision of the German translation for *Jesus und der Islam*, a documentary directed by Gérard Mordillat et Jérôme Prieur, Strasbourg: Association Relative à la Télévision Européenne (ARTE), screened December 8-10, 2015; 657.000 viewers in Germany.

“Why does the Bible Matter—Abrahamic Traditions,” click [here](#).

Conference Report, International Qur’anic Studies Association, click [here](#).

“Why study... Rabbinic Judaism,”  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qUWBz\\_8mHs&list=PL46F46C0CECF1364B&index=15](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qUWBz_8mHs&list=PL46F46C0CECF1364B&index=15).

“Theologians in Conversation: The Qur’an’s legal traditions in historical contexts,” with Tom O’Loughlin,  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqpYgNVzK2w&list=PL60FD8649577F2389&index=19>.

“Sacred Calendar – Pessach,”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQfq1T0TkPw&list=PL5DA354911314B954&index=1>.

“Theologians in Conversation: Qur’anic studies today,” with Tom O’Loughlin,  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXYMLut8WCI&list=PL60FD8649577F2389&index=18>.

“Theologians in Conversation: Jewish and Christian Foundations Narratives,” with Tom O’Loughlin,  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efrgAW19gT8&list=PL60FD8649577F2389&index=8>

## Professional Service

*Present:*

Chair, Board of Directors, *International Qur’anic Studies Association*

Program Co-Chair, *International Qur’anic Studies Association*.

Editorial Board, *Oqimta: Studies in Talmudic and Rabbinic Literature*

Subject Co-Editor for Rabbinic/Late Antique Judaism (with Shai Secunda), *Marginalia: A Review of Books in History, Theology & Religion*.

Co-Editor (inaugural), *Review of Qur’anic Research*.

Co-Editor, *Studia Traditionis Theologiae*, Brepols.

External Reviewer for research councils, including the following:

- *British Academy*
- *European Research Council (ERC)*.
- *Federal German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)/Minerva Foundation*
- *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation, DFG)*
- *Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, NWO)*.
- *The Research Foundation – Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek – Vlaanderen, FWO)*.
- *German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (Deutsch-Israelische Stiftung für wissenschaftliche Forschung und Entwicklung, GIF)*.
- *The Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies (FRIAS), University of Freiburg*.

Article and publication reviews for various publishers and journals. Book reviews for Princeton University Press, SBL Publications and Bloomsbury/T & T Clark. Journal article reviews for *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, *Journal of Jewish Studies*, *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations*, *Journal of the International Qur’anic Studies Association*, *Journal of the Jesus Movement in Its Jewish Setting*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*.

Supervision of two PhD candidates (University of Cambridge).

*Past:*

## External Examiner

- University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology (PhD, 2018)
- University of Toronto, Department for the Study of Religion (PhD, 2018)
- University of Cambridge, Woolf Institute (MA, 2014)
- University of Oxford, Oriental Institute, (MA, 2013).

Executive Committee, *British Association for Jewish Studies* (2012-2019).

Supervision of five PhD and eight MA theses (2007-2018, all completed).

Inaugural Chair, Nominations Committee, *International Qur'anic Studies Association* (2013-2018).

University of Nottingham Research Leaders Programme 2017.

Mid-Career Fellow of the British Academy, 2016.

Senior Tutor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Nottingham (2013-15).

Member, *Qur'ān Seminar at Notre Dame*, 9/2012- 4/2013, dedicated to the production of a collaborative commentary on the Qur'ān.

Member, *Core Doctoral Faculty* (History), the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, 9/2008 – 12/2010. Responsibilities included integrating the faculty of Jewish Studies into the History Area and creating a new Ph.D. program in History of Judaism.

Member, *Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Group* at the University of California, Berkeley, 9/2008 – 12/2010.

*Graduate Advisor*, Joint Doctoral Program in Jewish Studies, University of California and Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, 9/2008 – 12/2010.

*Co-Chair*, Joint Doctoral Program in Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union and University of California, Berkeley, 9/2008 – 7/2009. Responsibilities included establishing a new protocol of collaboration with the office of the Dean of the University of California and of the Graduate Theological Union.

Member, *Faculty Council*, the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, 9/2008 – 7/2010.

**Invited Lectures and Seminars** (fully funded by the host institution, since 2012)

- “Jews and Christians in the Qur’an: Unity and Strife among the Israelites,” *Muslim Perspectives on Jewish-Christian Relations*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, December 5, 2019.
- “Politics and Religion: Spaces and Boundaries of Freedom” (With Masooda Bano), *European Forum Alpbach*, Alpbach, Austria, August 16-21, 2019.
- “The Qur’an and/on the Talmud,” *The Dynamics of Religious Interaction*, University of Cambridge, held June 25, 2020
- “Gentile Purity in Judaism and Christianity,” *Negotiating Identities: Conflict, Conversion and Consolidation in Early Judaism and Christianity (200 BCE–400 CE)*, Lund University, held May 12–15, 2019.
- “Circumcision in Late Antiquity: the Ethnic and Ritual Context in Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” University of Oslo, May 10, 2019.
- “Rabbinic Judaism and Syriac Christianity,” *Prospects and Challenges of Syriac-Orthodox Theology in Europe*, University of Paderborn, March 15, 2019.
- “The Transmission of Legal and Literary Features of Late Antique Literature into the Qur’anic Milieu,” *The Dissemination of Religious Knowledge in Antiquity*, SOAS, University of London, 5-7 November 2018.
- “The Qur’anization of Late Antiquity: Methodological Reflections on the Arabic Recasting of the Hebrew Bible,” *The Bible and the Humanities – Launch Conference*, Oriel College, University of Oxford, October 16–18, 2018.
- “Law and Ritual,” *British Academy Conference: The Biblical Traditions in the Quran*, The British Academy, London, October 12, 2018.
- “Prophecy: Divine Assault on the Human Tradition in Islam, Christianity and Judaism,” *Polemics and Prophethood in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, University of Zürich, May 15, 2018.
- “Legal Hermeneutics and the Birth of Islam, Christianity and Judaism,” Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, March 12, 2018.
- “Originalism and Traditionalism: Innovating Sacred Law in Late Antiquity and Beyond,” American Academy of Rome, October 18, 2017.
- “Rabbinic Rhetoric Under the Cross,” Centre Paul-Albert Février, Université Aix Marseilles, September 12, 2017.

- “Jesus, Christianity and the Law in the Qur’ān and in the Biblical Tradition,” Zentrum für Islamische Theologie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, April 3, 2017.
- “The Qur’ān and the Biblical Tradition-New Perspectives on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” University of Texas, Austin, March 30, 2017.
- “The Qur’ān as a Road Map to Late Antiquity: The Case of Gentile Purity,” Princeton University, March 27, 2017.
- “Law in the Medinan Qur’ān,” *Unlocking the Medinan Qur’an*, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, March 20, 2017.
- “From the Holiness Code to the Qur’ān: a Brief History of Gentile Purity Regulations in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” *Aspects of Qur’ānic Scholarship—Philology meets Theology*, Free University, Berlin, September 24, 2016.
- “Beyond Ring Composition: A Comparison of Formal Features in Q. 96 *Sūrat al-‘Alaq* and Bavli *Bava Batra* 8a,” *Structural Dividers in Qur’anic Material: A Synthesis of Approaches*, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, June 3, 2016.
- “The Rabbis and Typology,” *The Talmud and Christianity: Rabbinic Judaism after Constantine*, University of Cambridge, June 28, 2016.
- “What did the Palestinian Rabbis know about Early Byzantine Christianity? Ancient Polemics and Contemporary Politics of Identity,” *The Montefiore Lecture*, University of Southampton, December 8, 2015.
- “Jewish-Christianity: Category, Error, and the Future of Qur’anic Studies,” *Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, October 31, 2015.
- “Self-Criticism within Talmudic Legal Reasoning,” Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford, October 20, 2015.
- “Triological Anthropology: The Qur’ān on Adam and Iblis in View of Rabbinic and Christian Discourse,” *Notions of Dignity and Deficiency – Intertextual Approaches to the Anthropology of the Qur’an in Contemporary Muslim Discourse*, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, September 17, 2015.
- “From Late Antique Typology to Qur’anic Prophetology,” *Typology – Strategies of Reenactment and Fulfillment in the Milieu of the Qur’an and its Exegesis*, Free University Berlin, July 15, 2015.
- “Between Philology and Polemics: A Critical Assessment of the Enduring Contributions of Günter Lüling,” *Internationales Symposium, Kritische Koranhermeneutik, Günter Lüling in Memoriam*, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, June 20, 2015.

- “Angels or Men? The Messengers to Lot in the Qur’ān in their Jewish and Christian Context,” *Early Islamic History in Review: A Workshop in Honour of Gerald Hawting*, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, April 10, 2015.
- “Qur’ānic Typology beyond Judaism and Christianity,” *Typology in the Qur’ān and in Qur’ānic Exegesis*, Free University Berlin, December 2, 2014.
- “Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: The Qur’ān as a Crossroads,” Lund University, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, November 4, 2014.
- “‘Jewish Christianity’ and the Qur’ān,” Lund University, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, November 4, 2014.
- “Gentile Purity: From the Decree of Jesus’ Apostles to the Qur’ān,” *Purity and Impurity Across Anthropology, Psychology & Religious Studies: Contaminating Disciplines*, Cambridge University, May 20, 2014.
- “Rabbinic Visions of the Gods: From Idolatry to Iconolatry in Roman Palestine,” The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Institute of Archaeology, December 15, 2013.
- “The Qur’ān’s Fragmentation and Realignment of Gospel and Talmud,” The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London October 1, 2013.
- “Early Judean Legal Theory and the Gospel of Matthew,” Cambridge University, Faculty of Divinity, October 29, 2013.
- “The Yerushalmi on the Cult of the (Christian) Emperor,” Princeton University, Department of Religion, May 19, 2013.
- “Jesus and Ritual Purity in the Apostolic Literature and in the Qur’ān,” Brown University, Departments of Classics, History, and Religion, April 18, 2013.
- “Rabbinic Dream Interpretation in its Palestinian and Babylonian Contexts,” Brown University, Departments of Classics, History, and Religion, April 17, 2013.
- “Constantine’s Apotheosis: Rabbinic Legislation on the Late Roman Imperial Cult,” Northwestern University, Jewish Studies, April 15, 2013.
- “Identity and Difference: Rabbinic Judaism and Christian Narrative,” University College London, Institute of Jewish Studies, March 14, 2013.
- “Rabbinic Attitudes Towards Pagans and Paganism,” Oxford University, Oriental Institute, February 18, 2013.
- “‘And He loves those who keep clean’ (Q2:222): The Quran and Judaeo-Christian Ritual Law,” *Return to the Origins: The Qur’an’s Reformation of Judaism and Christianity*, January 20, 2013, University of Nottingham.

“Rabbinic and Christian Narratives of the Destruction of the Temple,” King’s College, London, December 4, 2012.

“Rabbinic Historiography as Response to Christian Triumphalism: The Temple’s Destruction in Aramaic, Syriac and Greek Discourse,” University of Chicago, Jewish Studies and Medieval Studies, October 4, 2012.

“The Qur’ān on Rabbis and Judaism,” University of Birmingham, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, May 8, 2012.

“Rabbinic and Christian Narratives of the Destruction of the Temple,” University of Birmingham, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, April 23, 2012.

““Jewish Christianity” and the Qur’ān,” Oxford University, Oriental Institute, February 21, 2012

“The Byzantine Context of the *Yerushalmi*,” Oxford University, Oriental Institute, January 24, 2012.

### Conferences organized

*British Academy Conference: The Biblical Traditions in the Quran*, October 11-12, 2018, with Nicolai Sinai, Marianna Klar and Gabriel Reynolds, see [here](#).

*The Talmud and Christianity*, University of Cambridge, June 27-28, 2016, with Daniel Weiss and Michal Bar-Asher Siegal, see [here](#).

*Return to the Origins: The Qur’ān’s Reformation of Judaism and Christianity*, University of Nottingham, January 20-1, 2013, see [here](#).

*Crosscurrents: Jewish and Islamic Cultural Exchange, 600-1250 C.E.*, at the University of California at Berkeley, October 14, 2010, with Deena Aranoff.

*The Literary Art of the Bavli*, at the University of California at Berkeley, January 26, 2010, with Daniel Boyarin.

*Reading Genesis*, at the University of California at Berkeley, March 11, 2009, with Ron Hendel.

*From Tragedy to Text: The Artful Narration of Historical Experience in Jewish Culture*, at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, March 11, 2008, with Deena Aranoff.

*Making Selves and Marking Others: Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity*, at Princeton University, January 16-18, 2005, with Eduard Iricinschi.



**Responses, Research Seminars and Conference Presentations** (since 2011)

“The Qur’an and the Gospel of Matthew: God’s Law and the Late Antique Emergence of Islam,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Boston, November 21-24, 2020.

Response to Maren Niehoff, “Philon von Alexandria. Eine intellektuelle Biographie,” Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät, Universität Tübingen, December 11, 2019.

“The Qur’anic Community, Their Prophet, and Their Personal Encounters with Jews and Christians,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, November 22, 2019

“The Jewish Law and anti-Rabbinic Criticism in the Qur’an,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association International Meeting*, Tangier Global Forum, Tangier, Morocco, July 25, 2019.

“Between Commentary and Polemics: The Qur’an and the Rabbinic Tradition,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, University of Oxford, July 22, 2019.

“Heavenly Scriptures, the Interjections of the *šayāṭīn*, and the Protection of the Prophets from Late Antiquity to Early Islam,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference*, Denver, November 18, 2018.

“The Relevance of Midrash: Between Origen and the Mekhilta,” response to Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Oriental Institute, Oxford, February 21, 2018.

“Divine Law and Human Intervention: Judaism, Christianity, Islam and the US Constitutional Debate,” Senior Seminar in Inter-Religious Relations, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge, February 1, 2018.

“The Prohibition of Incest in the Qur’an in its Biblical and Late Antique Context,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference*, Boston, November 19, 2017.

“The Biblical Basis of the Rabbinic Noahide Laws: A New Approach to an Old Problem,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, University of Edinburgh, July 10-12, 2017.

“Étude du texte coranique: structure et composition,” response to Michel Cuypers and Geneviève Gobillot, *Institut d’études de l’Islam et des sociétés du monde musulman* (IISMM), École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS) Paris, 3 February, 2017.

“The *Talmud Yerushalmi* and the Birth of Monastic Literature,” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, San Diego, CA, December 19, 2016.

- “The Noahide Covenant from the Bible to the Qur’ān,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference*, San Antonio, November 19-22, 2016.
- “Gentile Purity in Origen, the Clementine Homilies, and the Qur’ān: Sectarian Observances or Mainstream Practices?” *Sixth British Patristics Conference*, University of Birmingham, September 6, 2016.
- “Gentile Purity from the Holiness Code to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, University of Birmingham, July 10-12, 2016.
- “Repetition, Structure, and Meaning in the Talmud and in the Qur’ān,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, November 22, 2015.
- “From Messenger to Prophet, from Prophet to Messenger: The Development of Prophetology in the Qur’ān” *From Revelation to Scripture: A Symposium on Divine Speech and Prophetic Inspiration in Islam at the Cambridge Muslim College*, September 12, 2015.
- “Breaking the Commandments of God for the Sake of Our Tradition: The Rabbinic ‘Supremacy Clause’ in Historical Perspective.” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, University of Manchester, July 7, 2015.
- “Secondary Synchronicity as Literary Device” *British Association for Islamic Studies Annual Conference*, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, July 13, 2015.
- “The Qur’ān and Rabbinic Judaism: “Mecca” and “Medina” between Palestine and Babylonia,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference*, San Diego, November 23, 2014.
- “The Jews Behind the Qur’ān: Religious and Ethnic Considerations,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, July 14, 2014.
- “Delineating Accommodation and Resistance to Late Roman Paganism,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, University of Kent, July 9, 2013.
- “Critical Science or a Critique of Science? The Babylonian Talmud on Palestinian Dream Interpretation,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, University College London, June 29, 2012.
- “The Qur’ān on the Origins of the Qur’ān” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, November 21, 2011.
- “No Exit: Punishment, Hell, and Early Byzantium according to the Talmud Yerushalmi,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA November 20, 2011.
- “The Yerushalmi and Christian Aramaic,” *British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, Oxford University, July 20, 2011.