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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles. Ph.D. in Jewish History (secondary concentration in History of Religions), 1980. Dissertation: "The Image of Bar Kokhba in Jewish Literature up to the Seventeenth Century: False Messiah and National Hero"
Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles. M.A. in Judaic Studies, 1971
Raymond College, University of the Pacific. B.A. in Liberal Arts, 1967

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-2019	Jessie Ball duPont Professorship in Religion
2000-2007, 2009-10	Department Head
1998-99, 2004	Visiting Fellow, University College, Oxford University
1996-2019	Professor of Religion, Washington and Lee University
1988-96	Associate Professor of Religion, Washington and Lee University
1993-94	Fulbright Visiting Professor, Graduate Program of Ethics, Mahidol University, Bangkok
1984-88	Assistant Professor of Religion, Washington and Lee University
1979-84	Visiting Professor, Graduate Program of Religious Studies, Mahidol University, Bangkok
1972-77	Lecturer, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles
1968-69	(Related experience) VISTA Volunteer working with Seneca Indians on the Alleghany Reservation, NY
2002	(Related) Summer Teaching Workshop, Associated Colleges of the South

COURSES TAUGHT at Washington and Lee University

God and the Holocaust, Perspectives on Death and Dying, Biblical Job and his Modern Masks, Travel and Transformation, Introduction to Judaism, Modern Jewish Literature in Translation, Beginning Biblical Hebrew, Approaches to the Study of Religion, Writing 100, Introduction to Religion, Introduction to Islam and Judaism, Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Judaism: Sages and Mystics, Modern Jewish Thought, Islam, Apocalyptic Literature, Islamic and Judaic Mysticism, Interreligious Dialogue

PUBLICATIONS

"Jews and Other Peoples of Southern India: excerpts from the travelogue, *Even Sapir*, by Rabbi Jacob Sapir, based on his journey along the Malabar coast and beyond, 1860," pp. 282-306 in *Malabar in the Indian Ocean: Cosmopolitanism in a Maritime Historical Region*, ed., Mahmood Kooria and Michael Pearson, Oxford University Press, India, 2018

"David d'Beth Hillel and Jacob Sapir: their encounters with temple Hinduism in 19th-century India," pp. 19-39 in *PaRDeS: Zeitschrift der Vereinigung für Jüdische Studien,* the journal of the German Association of Jewish Studies, Vol. 23, 2017.

"Jacob Sapir's Journey through Southern India in 1860: Four Chapters on Indian Life from *Even Sapir*, Translated, Annotated, and Introduced," *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol. 13 (2013): pp. 73-

95.

"Hinduism, Torah, and Travel: Jacob Sapir in India," *Shofar* 30:2 (Winter 2012): pp. 26-51.

Review Essay on *Letters to a Buddhist Jew***,** in *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol. 9 (2007): pp. 96-100.

"Hindus and Hinduism in Medieval Jewish Literature," pp. 57-73 in *Indo-Judaic Studies in the Twenty-First Century: a view from the margin*, ed. Nathan Katz, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

"The Garden in the Middle," pp. 71-84 in *Beside Still Waters: Jews, Christians, and the Way of the Buddha*, Wisdom Press, 2003.

"Abraham, the Easterners, and India: Jewish interpretations of Genesis 25:6," *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, Vol. 3 (2000): pp. 49-70.

Review Essay: "Jewish-Buddhist Meetings," *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal in Jewish Studies*, 17.3 (Spring 1999): pp. 93-98.

Book: *The Image of Bar Kokhba in Traditional Jewish Literature: False Messiah and National Hero*, Penn State Press, 1994.

"Jewish Path, Buddhist Path: Do They Meet?" *Menorah Review* 35 (Fall 1985).

"Teaching Judaism in Thailand," pp. 67-100 in *Approaches to Modern Judaism*. Vol. II. ed., Marc Lee Raphael. Brown Judaic Studies 56. Chico: Scholars Press, 1984.

"Dangerous Hero: Rabbinic Attitudes Toward Legendary Warriors." *HUCA* 54 (1983): pp. 181-194.

SELECTED PAPERS

"Holy and Profane in the Travels of Jacob Sapir," 17th World Congress of Jewish Studies, in Jerusalem, 2017.

"Two 19th-century Jewish travelers in India: Hindu idolatry and Hindu Judaism," Association of Jewish Studies, in San Diego, 2016.

"Representations of Hinduism in Jewish thought of medieval Spain: toward a history of Jewish concepts of comparative religion," World Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions, in Erfurt, 2015.

"Jacob in India: a 19th c. Jew encounters idolatry and holiness among Hindus," American Academy of Religion, in Chicago, 2008.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AND INTERESTS

The history of Jewish views of Hinduism and Indian culture, and Jewish theories of comparative religion which include Hinduism in their framework.

Jewish Travel: a typology

Annotated translation of Jacob Sapir's Hebrew-language travelogue, *Even Sapir* (pub. 1864), his India travels

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES: Hebrew, German, conversational Thai