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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

PEPPERDINE CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW, Malibu, CA

Brenden Mann Foundation Chair in Law & Religion

January 1, 2022-Present

Professor of Law

August 1, 2018-Present

Vice Dean for Faculty and Research

August 1, 2020-July 31, 2022

Associate Dean for Faculty and Research

July 1, 2018-July 31, 2020

Associate Professor of Law

July 2010-July 31, 2018

Courses: Contracts I; Contracts II; Arbitration Law; Law & Religion; Jewish Law; Tolerance, Multiculturalism and the Law; Religious Liberty Clinic; Colloquium on Law, Faith and Religion

Research Interests: Law & Religion; Arbitration; Contracts; Constitutional Law

Awards: Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2024-2025)
Professor of the Year as voted by First Year Students (2023-2024)
Professor of the Year as voted by First Year Students (2014-2015)
Professor of the Year as voted by First Year Students (2013-2014)
Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarship (2013-2014)

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT

Visiting Professor

Spring 2020, Spring 2021,
Spring 2022, Spring 2023,
Spring 2024, Spring 2025,
Spring 2026

Research Fellow, Brodie Center for Jewish & Israeli Law

Spring 2025-Present

Oscar M. Ruebhausen Distinguished Fellow

Spring 2021, Spring 2022,
Spring 2023

Visiting faculty member teaching courses titled "Free Exercise Clinic Seminar," "Advanced Free Exercise Clinic Seminar," "Law and Religion," "The Supreme Court and the Modern Establishment Clause," and "Antisemitism and the Law."

BECH-LOUGHLIN FIRST AMENDMENT CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin, TX

Non-Resident Bowden Fellow

Fall 2026-Spring 2027

Selected to participate in the Non-Resident Bowden Fellows Program, including presentation of scholarship through the Bowden Fellows Speaker Series at Texas Law and participation in an annual scholarly colloquium with leading First Amendment scholars.

KOGOD RESEARCH CENTER, SHALOM HARTMAN INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA, New York, NY

Senior Research Fellow

August 2020-Present

Research Fellow

August 2017-July 2020

Member of the Jewish Values and American Democracy research team.

NOOTBAAR INSTITUTE FOR LAW, RELIGION AND ETHICS, PEPPERDINE CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW, MALIBU, CA

Co-Director

August 2021-Present

Interim Director

August 2019-July 2021

Develop programs and initiatives to promote core mission of the Nootbaar Institute, including the annual Nootbaar Law & Religion conference as well as other research and teaching initiatives.

GLAZER INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH STUDIES, PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, Malibu, CA

Co-Director

August 2017-July 2019

Associate Director

July 2010-July 2017

Develop programs and initiatives to promote core mission of the Glazer Institute. Coordinate Israel internship program, placing 10-15 undergraduate and graduate students in a wide range of industries to pursue unique employment opportunities.

STRAUS INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, PEPPERDINE CARUSO SCHOOL OF LAW, Malibu, CA

Faculty

July 2010-Present.

Member of the full-time faculty at the Institute and currently teaching Arbitration Law.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW, Jerusalem, Israel

Visiting Faculty

November-December 2016

Taught course titled “Religion, Law and Multiculturalism: The American Experience.”

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF LAW, Ramat Gan, Israel

Visiting Faculty

May 2015

Taught course titled “Religion, Law and Multiculturalism.”

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, CT

J.D., June 2007

Activities: *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities*

Research Assistant for Professor Daniel Markovits

YALE UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, NEW HAVEN, CT

Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2009

M. Phil. in Political Science, December 2007

M.A. in Political Science, December 2003

Honors: James M. Cox Fellowship in Political Science

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY

B.A. with Honors in Political Science, History, and Philosophy, May 2002

Valedictorian of Graduating Class

Honors: Department Awards in Philosophy, Political Science, and History

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

[*Government Religious Speech and the Establishment Clause*](#), 78 VAND. L. REV. 417 (2026)
(with Mark Storslee)

[*Mapping Carson: New Frontiers of Religious Exclusion in Government Programs*](#), 101
NOTRE DAME L. REV. (forthcoming 2026)

[*Contractual Commitments and the Right to Change Religions*](#), 103 N.C. L. REV. 1 (2024).
[*Substantial Burdens as Civil Penalties*](#), 108 IOWA L. REV. 2189 (2023).

[*'The Peculiar Genius of Private-Law Systems': Making Room for Religious Commerce*](#), 97
WASH. U.L. REV. 1787 (2020).

[*Jews and the Culture Wars: Consensus and Dissensus in Jewish Religious Liberty Advocacy*](#),
56 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 305 (2019).

[*Implied Consent to Religious Institutions: A Primer and a Defense*](#), 50 CONN. L. REV. 877
(2018).

[*Identifying Substantial Burdens*](#), 2016 U. ILL. L. REV. 1771 (2016).

- Abridged version published as [*The Substantial Burden Puzzle*](#), 2016 U. ILL. L. REV.
ONLINE 1.

[*Arbitration's Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm*](#), 124 YALE L.J. 2994
(2015) (feature submission).

- Selected for presentation at the Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum

[*Religious Institutionalism, Implied Consent, and the Value of Voluntarism*](#), 88 S. CAL. L.
REV. 539 (2015) (solicited submission).

[*The Challenge of Co-Religionist Commerce*](#), 64 DUKE L.J. 769 (2015) (with Barak D.
Richman).

[*Religion's Footnote Four: Church Autonomy as Arbitration*](#), 97 MINN. L. REV. 1891 (2013).

[*Litigating Religion*](#), 92 B.U. L. REV. 493 (2013).

- Selected for presentation at the Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum

[*Religious Arbitration and the New Multiculturalism: Negotiating Conflicting Legal Orders*](#),
86 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1231 (2011).

[*Fighting for the Debtor's Soul: Regulating Religious Commercial Conduct*](#), 19 GEO. MASON
L. REV. 157 (2011).

[*The Usual Suspect Classifications: Criminals, Aliens and the Future of Same-Sex Marriage*](#), 12 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 1 (2009).

[*How the Diversity Rationale Lays the Groundwork for New Discrimination*](#), 17 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 607 (2009).

[*When Religious Practices Become Legal Obligations: Extending the Foreign Compulsion Defense*](#), 23 J.L. & RELIGION 535 (2008) (peer reviewed).

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Culture War Bystanders: Jews and the Clash Between Religion and Antidiscrimination Law, OXFORD HANDBOOK ON RELIGION AND ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW (Peter Danchin, Mark Graber & Ioanna Tourkochoriti forthcoming 2026).

Adjudicating Faith and Family: The Promise and Peril of Arbitration, RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON FAMILY LAW AND RELIGION (Joel Nichols and Karin Carmit Yefet eds. Edward Elgar Publishing forthcoming 2026).

[*What Is Jewish Law? A Conceptual View from U.S. Courts*](#), OXFORD HANDBOOK ON JEWISH LAW 645 (Zev Eleff, Roberta Kwall & Chaim Saiman eds. 2026).

[*Law's Joy: Celebrating the Study and Practice of Law*](#), AN ODE TO JOY: JUDAISM AND HAPPINESS IN THE THOUGHT OF RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS AND BEYOND 127 (Springer 2023) (with Chaim Saiman).

[*Privatization and Pluralism in Dispute Resolution: Promoting Religious Values Through Contract*](#), in CHRISTIANITY AND PRIVATE LAW 219 (Robert Cochran & Michael Moreland eds. Routledge) (2020).

[*The Future of Religious Arbitration in the United States: Looking Through a Pluralist Lens*](#), OXFORD LEGAL HANDBOOK ON GLOBAL LEGAL PLURALISM 901 (Paul Schiff Berman ed. Oxford University Press) (2020).

[*When Judges Are Theologians: Adjudicating Religious Questions*](#), in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON LAW & RELIGION 262 (Rex Ahdar ed. Edward Elgar Publishing) (2018).

Implied Consent Religious Institutionalism: Applications and Limits, in [RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND LGBT RIGHTS: POSSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR FINDING COMMON GROUND](#) 135 (Robin Fretwell Wilson and William Eskridge eds. Cambridge University Press) (2018)

The Future of Religious Liberty in the Wake of Hobby Lobby, in [THE CONTESTED PLACE OF RELIGION IN FAMILY LIFE](#) 40 (Robin Fretwell Wilson ed. Cambridge University Press 2018).

The Substantial Burden Question: Secular Tools for Secular Courts, in [THE CONTESTED](#)

[PLACE OF RELIGION IN FAMILY LIFE](#) 138 (Robin Fretwell Wilson ed. Cambridge University Press 2018).

[NEGOTIATING STATE AND NON-STATE LAW: THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL AND LOCAL LEGAL PLURALISM](#) (Michael A. Helfand, ed., Cambridge University Press 2015).

The Persistence of Sovereignty and the Rise of the Legal Subject, in NEGOTIATING STATE AND NON-STATE LAW: THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL AND LOCAL LEGAL PLURALISM 307 (Michael A. Helfand ed., Cambridge University Press, 2015).

ESSAYS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

[Pushed Out, Pulled In: How the New Law of Church and State Is Reshaping Jewish Education in America](#), SOURCES: A JOURNAL OF JEWISH IDEAS 122 (2026).

[Using Jewish Law: Jewish Religious Liberty Advocacy for the Right to Abortion](#), 69 WAYNE L. REV. 51 (2024) (symposium issue).

[Equal Funding as Equal Standing: The Orthodox Jewish Advocacy Project](#), SOURCES: A JOURNAL OF JEWISH IDEAS 122 (Fall 2023).

[There Are No Unconstitutional Conditions on the Free Exercise of Religion](#), 98 NOTRE DAME L. REV. REFLECTION S50 (2023).

[The Law of Torah U'Madda: Considering the Legal Implications of an Integrated Curriculum](#), COVID 19 & CHINUCH: LESSONS LEARNED AND OPPORTUNITIES UNCOVERED. VOL. III: FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND FUNDERS (2022).

[Who Arbitrates? Arbitrator Qualification Clauses in Religious Arbitration Agreements](#), CANOPY FORUM (March 16, 2022).

[A Vision for Church-State Advocacy: Rabbi Lamm's Challenge to Separationist Faith](#), 53 TRADITION 93 (2021).

[Religious Liberty and Religious Discrimination: Where Is the Supreme Court Headed](#), 2021 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE (Apr. 30, 2021) (solicited contribution to the *Biden First 100 Days Symposium*).

[From Doctrine to Devotion: The Jewish Comparative Law Project](#), 67 AM. J. COMP. L. 685 (2019) (review of SAMUEL J. LEVINE, JEWISH LAW AND AMERICAN LAW: A COMPARATIVE PROJECT and CHAIM SAIMAN, HALAKHAH: THE RABBINIC IDEA OF LAW).

[Reasoning Through Clashes between Religion and Equality: Case Law, Skeptics, and Social Coherence](#), 33 CONST. COMMENTARY 27 (2018) (review of NELSON TEBBE, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN AN EGALITARIAN AGE)

[*A New Age for Religious Minorities?*](#), 2017 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE (April 29, 2017) (solicited contribution to the *Trump First 100 Days Symposium*).

[*How to Limit Accommodations: Wrong Answers and Rights Answers*](#), 4 J. L. RELIGION & STATE (2016).

[*Between Law and Religion: Procedural Challenges to Religious Arbitration Awards*](#), 90 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 141 (2015) (invited symposium contribution).

[*What is a "Church"?: Implied Consent and the Contraception Mandate*](#), 21 J. CONTEMP. L. ISSUES 401 (2013) (invited symposium contribution).

[*Introduction: Religious Law in the 21st Century*](#), 41 PEPPERDINE L. REV. 991 (2015).

[*Beit Din's Gap-Filling Function: Using Beit Din to Protect Your Client*](#), 2 J. BETH DIN OF AM. 31 (2014).

[*Religious Legal Theory Symposium Introduction*](#), 39 PEPPERDINE L. REV. 1051 (2013) (with Robert Cochran) (symposium introduction).

[*Purpose, Precedent, and Politics: Why Concepcion Covers Less than You Think*](#), 4 Y.B. ARB. & MEDIATION 126 (2013) (invited symposium contribution).

[*A Liberalism of Sincerity: Religion's Role in the Public Square*](#), 1 J. L. RELIGION & STATE 217 (2013) (peer reviewed).

[*Confirming Piskei Din in Secular Court*](#), 61 J. HALACHA & CONTEMPORARY SOC'Y. 5 (2011) (with Yaacov Feit) (peer reviewed).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Denominational Preference and the Anti-Conformity Principle

Spiritual Damages and Contract Remedies (with Nathan Oman)

EXPERT TESTIMONY AND AMICUS BRIEFS

[Amicus Brief of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America before the U.S. Supreme Court](#), No. 25-581, *St. Mary Catholic Parish v. Roy* (with Nathan Diamant, Daniel J. Feith, Gordon D. Todd, Jeremy D. Rozansky, Sydney A. Volanski, Bill Reis, Robert D. Capodilupo, Hector Pagan, and Miranda A. Cassidy) (2026).

Amicus Brief of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, No. CV-23-0756, *Parents for Educational and Religious Liberty in Schools v. Young* (Jan. 31, 2024).

[Amicus Brief of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for the U.S. Supreme Court](#), No. 22-174, *Groff v. DeJoy* (with Nathan Diamant and Eric Rassbach) (2023) (cited in *Groff v. DeJoy*, 600 U.S. ___ at *13 (2023))

[Amicus Brief of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for New York Supreme Court, County of Albany](#), No. 907655-22, *Parents for Educational and Religious Liberty in Schools v. Young* (2022)

[Amicus Brief of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for the U.S. Supreme Court](#), No. 20-1088, *Carson v. Makin* (with Nathan Diamant, Daniel Feith and Gordon Todd) (2021)

[Amicus Brief of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America for the U.S. Supreme Court](#), No. 15-577, *Trinity Lutheran Church & School v. Comer* (with Nathan Diamant) (2016) (cited in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*, 591 U.S. ___ n.16 (2020) (Alito, J. concurring)).

Testimony before U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, [Briefing on “Peaceful Co-Existence: Reconciling Non-Discrimination Principles with Civil Liberties,”](#) pages 233-240 (September 2016).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACH COALITION, UNION OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS OF AMERICA, New York, NY

Senior Legal Advisor, June 2023-Present. Advise on efforts to advance legislative policies and litigation strategies that support government funding of nonpublic schools; support public engagement efforts related to government funding of nonpublic schools.

BETH DIN (RABBINICAL COURT) OF AMERICA, New York, NY

Executive Board Member, Consultant, Arbitrator, July 2010-Present. Provide consultation services on matters related to enforceability of rabbinical arbitration awards in state and federal court.

DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL, LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, November 2008-June 2010. Matters included *Matter of Brisman v. Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns & Rockaway*, an appeal of a New York Supreme Court decision vacating award of a rabbinical arbitration tribunal; focused on a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters and internal investigations.

HON. JULIA SMITH GIBBONS, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, SIXTH CIRCUIT, Memphis, TN
Law Clerk, September 2007-September 2008.

THE SHALEM CENTER, Jerusalem, Israel

Shalem Press Overseas Research Coordinator, Research Assistant, 1999-2002. Provided research relating to UN-Israel relations on the eve of the Six-Day War for Michael Oren's *Six Days of War*. Recruited and hired new research assistants.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *The Free Exercise Clause After Carson and Mahmoud*, Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit (July 6, 2026).

Panelist, *Ten Commandments in the Classroom: Rabbi Nathan's Case Against SB 10*, University of Texas School of Law (Apr. 23, 2026).

Panelist, *Emerging Issues at the Interface of Religion and State*, Celebrating the Publication of the Oxford Handbook of Jewish Law, Caroline Zelaznik & Joseph S. Gruss Workshop in Talmudic Law, Penn Carey School of Law (Apr. 20, 2026).

Panelist, Panel on *Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board v. Drummond*, First Amendment Law Review Symposium on the Court's Ever-Changing Religion Clause Jurisprudence: The Cases of the 2024-2025 Term, University of North Carolina School of Law (Nov. 14, 2025).

Speaker, "Mapping *Carson*: New Frontiers of Religious Exclusion in Government Programs," Notre Dame Law Review Symposium on Constructing the Whole First Amendment (Oct. 31, 2025).

Panelist, "Excluding Religion from Government Programs: Burdens and Conditions," Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit (June 24, 2025).

Panelist, "Contract Claims in Church Autonomy," Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit Judicial Conference (June 23, 2025).

Presenter, “Government Religious Speech and the Establishment Clause,” Annual Law and Religion Roundtable, Emory Law School (June 19, 2025).

Panelist, “Current Supreme Court Religious Liberty Cases: *Mahmoud v. Taylor*,” Religious Freedom Annual Review, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University (June 17, 2025).

Panelist, “Tracking and Ending Religious Discrimination,” Federalist Society Religious Liberties Practice Group (Apr. 10, 2025).

Speaker, “Charter Schools, Religion and the First Amendment: Oklahoma Statewide Charter School Board v. Drummond,” St. John’s Journal of Catholic Studies Symposium, Mattone Center for Law & Religion (Apr. 2, 2025).

Speaker, “The Establishment Clause and the Louisiana Ten Commandment Case,” Harvard Federalist Society, Harvard Law School (March 6, 2025).

Panelist, “Free Exercise and Abortion,” Federalist Society Religious Liberty Practice Group (Aug. 6, 2024).

Speaker, “Contractual Commitments and the Right to Change Religions,” Annual Law and Religion Roundtable, University of Alabama School of Law (June 20, 2024).

Panelist, “Muslim and Jewish Voices Finding Common Ground after October 7,” Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit (July 10, 2024).

Panelist, “Religious Exemptions and Abortion Laws,” Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit (July 9, 2024).

Speaker, “Legal Responses to Campus Antisemitism: The Mechanics of Title VI,” Law Students Against Antisemitism, Columbia Law School (April 15, 2024).

Speaker, “A History of Jewish Religious Liberty Advocacy for Abortion Rights,” Petrie-Flom Center, Harvard Law School (April 1, 2024).

Speaker, “Contractual Commitments and the Right to Change Religions,” UConn School of Law Faculty Workshop (Jan. 18, 2024).

Panelist, “*Groff* Sound-Off: Religious Liberty Post-*Groff v. DeJoy*,” Federalist Society UCLA Chapter, UCLA Law School (Oct. 18, 2023).

Speaker, “Using Jewish Law: Jewish Legal Advocacy on Abortion and Religious Liberty,” Wayne Law Review’s Symposium: The Evolution of Religious Liberty, Wayne State University Law School (Oct. 13, 2023).

Panelist, “The Future of Religious Education in the United States,” Notre Dame Religious Freedom Initiative Summit (July 13, 2023).

Speaker, “Making Room for the American Jew: Church-State Separation and the Battle over Government Funding,” Faculty Colloquium, Kogod Research Center, Shalom Hartman Institute (June 8, 2023).

Panelist, “The Roberts Court and the Religion Clauses,” Federal Bar Association’s Vance Forum, Georgia State University College of Law (Apr. 18, 2023).

Panelist, “*Carson v. Makin*, Parental Choice, and Religious Liberty,” Notre Dame Law School (March 30, 2023).

Discussant, *Samuel D. Brunson & Philip T. Hackney, A More Capacious Conception of Church*, Festschrift, Live Symposium and Celebration to honor Ellen Aprill, LMU Loyola Law School (March 24, 2023).

Panelist, “Faculty Directors of Law and Religion Clinics,” Symposium Celebrating 10th Anniversary of Stanford Religious Liberty Clinic (March 16, 2023).

Speaker, “What’s Next for Religious Liberty on Federal Court Dockets,” Central District of California Judges Retreat (Nov. 4, 2022).

Speaker, “There Are No Unconstitutional Conditions on the Free Exercise,” Notre Dame Law Review Symposium, Notre Dame Law School (Oct. 24, 2022).

Speaker, “Substantial Burdens as Civil Penalties,” Iowa Law Review Symposium: The Future of Religious Freedom, Iowa Law School (Oct. 14, 2022).

Panelist, “Religion and Faculty Hiring,” Religiously Affiliated Law Schools Conference, Touro Law Center (Sept. 15, 2022).

Panelist, “What’s Next for Religious School Choice,” Manhattan Institute (July 7, 2022).

Speaker, “Should Jewish Law Drive Jewish Advocacy: The Case of Abortion,” Kogod Research Center Spring Colloquium, Shalom Hartman Institute (June 9, 2022).

Speaker, “Contract Commitments and the Right to Change Religion,” Conference on Religious Liberty at a Historic Crossroads: An Examination of the American Bedrock Principle and Its Unsettled Future, Loyola University Chicago Law Journal Symposium (April 8, 2022).

Speaker, “Who Decides? Arbitrator Qualification Clauses in Religious Arbitration Agreements,” Canopy Forum at Emory Law School Center for the Study of Law and Religion (March 3, 2022).

Moderator, “Sex Segregation in Israel: Between Gender, Law and Religion,” UC Berkeley’s Helen Diller Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies (Feb. 2, 2022).

Panelist, “Religious Schools and Choice After *Carson v. Makin*,” Manhattan Institute (Dec. 2, 2021).

Speaker, “The Importance of Academics in Free Exercise Clinics,” Notre Dame Religious Liberty Summit (June 29, 2021).

Speaker, “What is Jewish Law? A Conceptual View from U.S. Courts,” Conference for Oxford Legal Handbook on Jewish Law, DePaul College of Law (June 8, 2021).

Panelist, Book Launch: “We Built Reality: How Social Science Infiltrated Culture, Politics, and Power,” by Jason Blakely, Pepperdine University Libraries (Feb. 18, 2021).

Panelist, Book Launch: “The Crown and the Courts,” by David Flatto, Fordham University School of Law Institute on Religion, Law and Lawyer’s Work (Feb. 17, 2021).

Panelist, Jewish Law Programs and Courses in American Law Schools, Annual Meeting Program of AALS Section on Jewish Law (Jan. 8, 2021).

Panelist, The Role of Religious Diversity in Culturally Competent Lawyering, Interfaith Center of New York/New York Law School (Oct. 13, 2020).

Speaker, ‘The Peculiar Genius of Private-Law Systems’: Making Room for Religious Commerce, Workshop on Democracy, Religion and the Marketplace, William & Mary School of Law (via Zoom) (July 8, 2020).

Speaker, “At the Crossroads of Religion and Private Law: Making Room for Religious Commerce,” Conference on the Religion Clauses, Washington University (St. Louis) School of Law (Jan. 24, 2020).

Panelist, “Jewish Law in American Courts,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference (Dec. 17, 2019)

Speaker, “Jews and the Culture Wars: Consensus and Dissensus in Jewish Religious Liberty Advocacy,” Jewish Law Seminar, Tel Aviv University School of Law (Dec. 4, 2019).

Panelist, “Anticipating a Landmark Religious Liberty Decision: Are *Smith*’s Days Numbered?,” Conference on What’s Next for Religious Freedom, Yeshiva University (May 23, 2019).

Speaker, “Enforcing Religious Commerce,” Conference on Democracy, Religion and the Marketplace, University of Virginia School of Law (May 3, 2019).

Speaker, “The Future of Beit Din Arbitration in the United States,” Touro Law Review Conference: Comparison of Jewish and American Law (Apr. 1, 2019).

Speaker, “Jews and the Culture Wars,” Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law and Israel Studies, Berkeley Law (Jan. 28, 2019).

Speaker, “When Judges Are Theologians: Adjudicating Religious Questions,” Journal of Law, Religion and State Editorial Workshop, Bar Ilan University (Nov. 22, 2018).

Participant, Annual Dulles Colloquium on Liberal Polity and Religious Preference, First Things (May 7, 2018).

Speaker, “From Public Law to Private Law: Promoting Religious Values Through Private Dispute Resolution,” Roundtable on Christianity and Private Law, Pepperdine University School of Law (Feb. 2, 2018).

Panelist, “Governance, Resistance and Rejection: Religion and Politics Now,” Law & Religion Section Program, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 3, 2018).

Speaker, “The Future of Religious Arbitration in the United States,” Regional Conference of the Jewish Law Association, American Jewish University (Oct. 30, 2017).

Panelist, “Federal and State Protections of Corporate Religious Liberty,” Conference on Religious Liberty: Liberty, Legislation, Litigation, University of Connecticut School of Law (Oct. 20, 2017).

Speaker, “Implied Consent: A Defense and a Primer,” Workshop on the Intersection of Formal and Informal Governance, Center for Private Law, Yale Law School (Sept. 28, 2017).

Speaker, “Religion, Arbitration and the State,” Debating Law & Religion Series, Yale Law School (Sept. 27, 2017).

Panelist, “Alternative Dispute Resolution Within Faith Communities,” Webinar for the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution (Sept. 13, 2017).

Speaker, “Who is a Rabbi? When Religious Values and U.S. Employment Discrimination Law Clash,” Panel on Between Holy and Profane: Education Law and Religion, World Congress of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University (Aug. 10, 2017).

Speaker, “RFRA and the Jews: A Path Forward,” Jewish Law in the Modern State, Yale Law School (Mar. 5, 2017).

Speaker, “What Makes a Religious Institution, Religious? An Implied Consent Approach,” Conference on Faith, Sexuality, and the Meaning of Freedom, Yale Law School (Jan. 13, 2017).

Moderator, “Is There Room in the U.S. Legal System for Sharia and Halacha,” Joint Jewish Law and Islamic Law Sections Program, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 4, 2017).

Speaker, “Identifying Substantial Burdens,” Faculty Workshop, Haifa University (Nov. 23, 2016).

Moderator, Panel on Rule of Law and Political Theology, Conference of the Journal of Law, Religion and State: Religious Perspective on the Rules of Law, Bar-Ilan University (Nov. 22, 2016).

Speaker, “Identifying Substantial Burdens,” The Restoring Religious Freedom Conference: Law, Religion, Equality, and Dignity, Emory Law School (Nov. 7, 2016).

Speaker, “Identifying Substantial Burdens,” Annual Law & Religion Roundtable, McGill University (June 21, 2016).

Speaker, “Jewish Law as State Law,” Colloquium on Chaim Saiman’s *Halakha: The Rabbinic Idea of Law*, Hebrew University (June 8, 2016).

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative,” Jewish Law Colloquium, Tel Aviv University (June 2, 2016).

Moderator, “Religious Responses to Same-Sex Marriage,” Law & Religion Section Program, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 7, 2016).

Speaker, “Religious Freedom in the Age of Same-Sex Marriage,” Second Annual Sacramento Court-Clergy Conference (October 20, 2015).

Speaker, “Between Law and Religion: When Religious Law Meets Arbitration,” Faculty Workshop, UNLV-William S. Boyd School of Law (Upcoming, October 15, 2015)

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm,” Faculty Workshop, UNLV-William S. Boyd School of Law (Upcoming, October 15, 2015)

Panelist, “A Conversation with Michael Helfand, Elizabeth Sepper and Judge Jennifer Elrod,” Conference on Law, Religion and the Family Unit After *Hobby Lobby*, University of Illinois (September 10, 2015).

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm,” Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard Law School (June 16, 2015).

Speaker, “Rebuilding Claims for Religious Accommodation,” Conference on Religion and Equality, Bar Ilan Faculty of Law, Ramat Gan, Israel (June 8, 2015).

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm,” Faculty Workshop, Bar Ilan Faculty of Law (May 12, 2015).

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm,” Jewish Law Workshop, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (May 10, 2015).

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm,” Faculty Workshop, Haim Striks School of Law, Rishon LiTzion, Israel (May 7, 2015).

Speaker, “Arbitration’s Counter-Narrative: The Religious Arbitration Paradigm,” Faculty Workshop, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (March 19, 2015).

Panelist, “The Implications of *Hobby Lobby*,” University of Memphis School of Law (November 7, 2014).

Panelist, Panel on “Privatization, Transparency and First Amendment Values in Adjudication,” Yale-Quinnipiac Dispute Resolution Workshop/Yale Law Journal, Yale Law School (October 23, 2014).

Panelist, “Jewish Law and Islamic Law in the U.S. Legal System,” Conference on Jewish and Islamic Legal Systems: Comparisons and Relationships, UC Irvine School of Law (September 17, 2014).

Speaker, “The Challenge of Co-Religionist Commerce,” Annual Law & Religion Roundtable, Washington University School of Law (June 26, 2014).

Panelist, “The Current Clash,” Conference on Religious Accommodation in the Age of Civil Rights, Harvard Law School (April 4, 2014).

Speaker, “When Arbitration Goes Religious: The Lawyer’s Toolkit,” American Bar Association Annual Conference on Dispute Resolution, Miami Florida (April 3, 2014).

Panelist, “Legal Issues: Delegation, Recognition and Enforcement,” Conference on Religious Tribunals and the Law: Conflict or Conciliation?, Willamette University College of Law (March 17, 2014).

Commentator, Comparative Law Work-in-Progress Workshop, UCLA School of Law (March 7, 2014).

Speaker, “Enforcing Co-Religionist Commerce,” Fifth Annual Religious Legal Theory Conference, Emory University School of Law (February 24, 2014).

Speaker, “Enforcing Co-Religionist Commerce,” Faculty Workshop, Whittier Law School (February 17, 2014).

Panelist, “Who Will Be Exempted from the Affordable Care Act? Hobby Lobby, Little Sisters and the Other Religious Exemption Cases Before the Supreme Court,” USC Gould School of Law (February 5, 2014).

Speaker and Panelist, Interfaith Program on “Religion and Politics: Power and Empowerment,” Faith and Global Engagement, Hong Kong University (January 13, 2014).

Keynote Lecture, “Between Law and Religion: Procedural Challenges to Religious Arbitration Awards,” Conference on Religion and Power, Hong Kong University (January 13, 2014).

Moderator, “Religious Law in U.S. Courts,” Joint Program of the AALS Jewish Law and Islamic Law Section, AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 5, 2014).

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Speaker, “On Religion and Money,” University of Mississippi Faculty Workshop (November 22, 2013).

Panelist, “Private International Law Beyond the State: Family Law and Legal Pluralism,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Comparative Law (October 11, 2013).

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Speaker, “A Liberalism of Sincerity: Religion’s Role in the Public Square,” Conference on Religious Law and State’s Affairs, Bar Ilan University (May 31, 2011).

Speaker, “Religious Arbitration and the New Multiculturalism: Negotiating Conflicting Legal Orders,” Faculty Colloquium, University of St. Thomas School of Law (April 6, 2011).

Panelist, “Religious Issues in Marriage and Divorce Law” Jewish Law Students Association, University of Minnesota School of Law (April 5, 2011).

Speaker, “Religious Arbitration and the New Multiculturalism: Negotiating Conflicting Legal Orders,” Faculty Workshop, University of Mississippi School of Law (January 27, 2011).

Panelist, “Rabbinical Arbitration in the 21st Century: Contemporary Issues and Challenges,” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Jewish Law Section (January 6, 2011).

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- “Ethics of Advocacy,” Congregation Shaare Tefillah (Nov. 14, 2025).
- “Equal Funding as Equal Footing: American Jews and the Constitutional Law of Government Funding,” Congregation B’nai David Judea (Aug. 30, 2025).
- “Can Charter Schools Be Religious?” Teach Coalition Webinar (May 5, 2025).
- “Legal Responses to Campus Antisemitism,” Englewood Community Salon (March 31, 2025).
- “Church, State and American Jewish Identity,” Englewood Community Salon (March 12, 2025).
- “What Jewish Church-State Advocacy Tells Us About Jewish Identity,” Alexander Jewish Leadership Institute, Columbia-Banard Hillel (Feb. 24, 2025).
- “Excluding Religion from Government Funding: Why the Problem Persists and What We Can Do,” 2024 Annual Teach NYS Member Conference (Nov. 7, 2024).
- “The New York Battle Over Substantial Equivalency Where Is the Case Headed?” 2024 Annual Teach NYS Member Conference (Nov. 7, 2024).
- “Case Update: Loffman v. California Department of Education,” Teach CA (Oct. 31, 2024).
- “The Yeshiva Education Controversy: Is There A Constitutional Right to Not Educate Your Child,” Congregation Rinat Yisrael (May 24, 2024).
- “YU Pride v. YU: How It Works and What It Means,” Congregation Rinat Yisrael (May 18, 2024).
- “Using the Law to Fight Campus Antisemitism: The Looming Fight Over Title VI,” Congregation Rinat Yisrael (May 18, 2024).

“Combatting Religious Discrimination in Government Funding: Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Headed,” Congregation Rinat Yisrael (May 17, 2024).

“Legal Responses to Campus Antisemitism: Where Are We Headed?” Young Israel of Century City (May 11, 2024).

“Religious Freedom in the Courts: A Discussion,” Congregation Adat Shalom (May 9, 2024)

“Higher Education Post-October 7: Legal, Philosophical and Pedagogical Perspectives,” Hartman Institute (March 12, 2024).

“Exploring Jewish Identity Through Church-State Advocacy,” Civic Spirit, Lawrence, NY (March 6, 2024).

“Legal Responses to Campus Antisemitism: The Battle Over Title VI,” Grad Network, Columbia-Barnard Hillel (Feb. 22, 2024).

“What Jewish Church-State Advocacy Tells Us About Jewish Identity,” Alexander Jewish Leadership Institute, Columbia-Banard Hillel (Feb. 21, 2024).

“Religion, State and the Future of Jewish Education,” TEACH Coalition, Lawrence, NY (Feb. 12, 2024).

“What Does the Law Say About Campus Antisemitism?” West Side Institutional Synagogue (Jan. 29, 2024).

“Using the Law to Fight Campus Antisemitism: The Looming Fight Over Title VI,” Baron Hirsch Congregation (Dec. 16, 2023).

“YU Pride v. YU: How It Works and Where Its Headed,” Baron Hirsch Congregation (Dec. 16, 2023).

“The Battle Lines Over Government Funding: Where We’re Headed,” Baron Hirsch Congregation (Dec. 16, 2023).

“Ethics of Advocacy,” Baron Hirsch Congregation (Dec. 15, 2023).

“YU Pride v. YU: How It Works and Where Its Headed,” EDS VI Conference (Dec. 4, 2023).

“The Battle Lines Over Government Funding: Where We’re Headed,” EDS VI Conference (Dec. 4, 2023).

“Using the Law to Fight Campus Antisemitism: The Looming Fight Over Title VI,” Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale (Dec. 2, 2023).

“The Battle Lines Over Government Funding: Where We’re Headed,” Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale (Dec. 2, 2023).

“Ethics of Advocacy,” Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale (Dec. 1, 2023).

“Using the Law to Protect Religious Liberty,” Beren Law Student Leadership Conference, Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law (August 15, 2023).

“Special Needs Litigation Update,” Teach Coalition (July 5, 2023).

“Groff v. DeJoy Briefing with Nathan Diamant,” Orthodox Union Advocacy Center (July 5, 2023).

“Update on Government Funding, Religious Charter Schools and Religious Private Schools,” (June 28, 2023).

“Religious Charter Schools and Private School Funding,” Teach Coalition Webinar (June 9, 2023).

“Regulating Hasidic Education,” Uri L’Tzedek (March 21, 2023).

“The Yeshiva Education Controversy: Is There a Constitutional Right to Not Educate Your Child?” Young Israel of Teaneck (Feb. 11, 2023).

“YU Pride Alliance v. YU: What It Means and Where It’s Headed,” Young Israel of Teaneck (Feb. 11, 2023).

“Why We Need to Talk Values: Jewish Advocacy for Government Funding,” Young Israel of Teaneck (Feb. 11, 2023).

“The Past, Present, and Future of Jewish Advocacy on Abortion,” Young Israel of Teaneck (Feb. 10, 2023).

“Abortion Rights and Religious Liberty: What Should Jewish Advocacy Look Like?” Tikvah Fund Speaker Series, The Frisch School (Feb. 9, 2023).

“What Does Jewish Church-State Advocacy Tell Us About Jewish Identity and Jewish Values?” Alexander Jewish Leadership Institute, Columbia/Barnard Hillel (Feb. 8, 2023).

“YU Pride Alliance v. YU: What It Means and Where It’s Headed,” Congregation Ahavath Torah (Nov. 19, 2022).

“Jewish Advocacy for Government Funding: Thinking About Values,” Congregation Ahavath Torah (Nov. 19, 2022).

“The Past, Present, and Future of Jewish Advocacy on Abortion,” Congregation Ahavath Torah (Nov. 18, 2022).

“How do Jewish Schools Fit into the Politics of American Education?” Shalom Hartman Institute of North America (Nov. 9, 2022).

“Government Funding and the Separation of Church and State,” Decalogue Society of Lawyers (Sept. 20, 2022)

“The Legacy of Roe v. Wade: Jewish Advocacy on Abortion,” Young Israel of Century City (June 25, 2022)

“Religious Schools and the Law,” Liebert Cassidy Whitmore LLP Webinar (June 13, 2022).

“Religion on the Supreme Court’s Docket: Excluding Religion from Government Funding,” Young Israel of Century City (May 21, 2022).

“Religion on the Court’s Docket: Excluding Religion from Government Funding,” Irving Place Minyan (March 20, 2022).

“The Beth Din System: Where We Are and Where We Are Headed,” Conference on Beth Din Arbitration in the 21st Century, Congregation B’nai Yeshurun (Feb. 20, 2022).

Briefing on *Carson v. Makin*, Orthodox Union Advocacy Center (Dec. 8, 2021).

“The Future of Religious Liberty,” Jewish Currents’ Futures Forum (Oct. 5, 2021).

“Dual Loyalty in a Different Key: JFK, Faith and the Presidency,” Tikvah Fund Online Academy (Aug. 16, 2021).

“The Possibilities and Problematics of Advocacy,” Shalom Hartman Institute (June 28-29, July 5-7, 2021).

“Religious Liberty After the Agudath Israel Decision: What Happened and Where We Are We Headed,” Young Israel of Oceanside (Feb. 14, 2021).

“Religious Liberty, the Supreme Court, and the Jews,” Shalom Hartman Institute (Jan. 14, 2021).

“Prenuptial Agreements,” United to Heal Conference, Amudim (Dec. 20, 2020).

“When COVID 19 Restrictions and Religious Liberty Collide,” Annual Conference of the Orthodox Union West Coast (Dec. 20, 2020).

“A Constitutional Stress Test: COVID-19 and Religious Liberty,” Federalist Society Chapter of the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (Nov. 23, 2020).

“Paths to Public Interest Law,” Louis D. Brandeis Center (Nov. 19, 2020).

“Making Room for the American Jew,” Shalom Hartman Institute’s Midtown Seminar (Nov. 16, 2020).

“Jews and Religious Freedom,” Tikvah Online Academy (Oct.-Dec. 2020).

“Orthodox Communities and American Politics,” Judaism, Citizenship and Democracy, Shalom Hartman Institute (Oct. 28).

“Values, Interests, & Identity: Advocacy for Religious Liberty,” Judaism, Citizenship and Democracy, Shalom Hartman Institute (Oct. 19, 21).

“Religious Liberty During the Pandemic: How it Works and Where We’re Headed,” Congregation Agudath Sholom (Oct. 19, 2020).

“Making Room for the American Jew: Separation of Church and State,” All Together Now: Jewish Ideas for this Moment, Shalom Hartman Institute (July 20-22, 2020).

“American Jews in Pursuit of Religious Liberty,” All Together Now: Jewish Ideas for this Moment, Shalom Hartman Institute (July 20, 2020).

“Supreme Court Roundup: Cases of Importance to Synagogues and Schools,” Orthodox Union Webinar (July 9, 2020).

“American Jews and the Religious Liberty Project: From Peyote to Pandemic,” All Together Now: Jewish Ideas for this Moment, Shalom Hartman Institute (July 7-9, 2020).

“Supreme Court Ruling in Nonpublic School Aid Case,” Orthodox Union Webinar (June 30, 2020).

“American Jews and the Religious Liberty Project: From Polygamy and Peyote to Contraception and COVID-19,” Maimonides Scholars Program (June 2020).

“American Jews and the Religious Liberty Project: From Polygamy and Peyote to Contraception and COVID-19,” Tikvah Scholars Program (May 2020).

“Navigating Jewish Values, Interests and Identity: How American Jews Advocate for Religious Liberty,” Young Israel of Century City (April 30, 2020).

“Religious Freedom in the United States: How it Works and Where It’s Headed,” American Civics and History for Israel Teens (April 12, 2020).

“The View from the Outside: Beth Din and the American Legal System,” Seminar on Issues in Contemporary Beth Din Practice, Yeshiva University (Feb. 9, 2020).

- “Using U.S. Church-State Dilemmas to Talk About Israel,” Machon Siach (Jan. 27, 2020).
- “From Torture to Contract: How the Halachic Prenup Works,” Bais Abraham Congregation (Jan. 25, 2020)
- “The Mohel, the Baker and the Eruv-Maker: What Religious Discrimination Looks Like,” Bais Abraham Congregation (Jan. 24, 2020).
- “Navigating Jewish Values, Interests and Identities: American Jewish Advocacy for Religious Liberty,” Tikvah Fund Gap-Year Faculty Seminar (Dec. 3, 2019).
- “Kosher and the Constitution: When the State Plays Mashgiach,” Young Israel of Century City (Apr. 6, 2019).
- “Does Jewish Law Like Lawyers: Building a Just Legal System,” Beth Din of America CLE Program (Feb. 18, 2019)
- “Female Testimony in Beit Din: An Untold Story of Halachic Justice,” Beth Din of America CLE Program (Feb. 17, 2019)
- “American Democracy and the Responsibility of Jewish Citizenship,” Shalhevet Institute (Nov. 12, 2018).
- “American Jewish Group Identity,” Shalom Hartman Institute of North America Faculty Seminar (Oct. 30, 2018).
- “Ethics of Lawyering: Are Lawyers Essential to the Justice System or Obstacles to True Justice,” National Conference of Jewish Lawyers & Jurists (Oct. 22, 2018).
- “The Mohel, the Baker and the Eruv-Maker: What Does Religious Discrimination Look Like,” National Conference of Jewish Lawyers & Jurists (Oct. 22, 2018).
- “Why Beis Din? Promoting Jewish Commercial Values,” Congregation Or Torah (July 7, 2018).
- “From Torture to Contract: How the Halachic Prenup Works,” Congregation Or Torah (July 7, 2018).
- “The Mohel, the Baker and the Eruv-Maker: Religious Discrimination in Government Funding,” Congregation Or Torah (July 7, 2018).
- “Religious Liberty in Crisis: What It Means for the Jewish Community,” Congregation Or Torah (July 7, 2018).

- “Religion and American Law,” Maimonides Scholars Program, Tikvah Fund (June 25-29, 2018).
- “The Mohel, the Baker and the Eruv-Maker: Religious Discrimination in Government Funding,” Young Israel of Century City (June 16, 2018).
- “Civil Rights Law: Interpretation and Application of Religious Exemptions,” National Conference of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (April 23, 2018).
- “Exercising Jewish Influence: On Jewish Communities and American Legal Policy,” Conference on Thinking Beyond Ourselves: The Ethic of Citizenship in Modern Orthodox Education, Shalom Hartman Institute of North America (April 22, 2018).
- “Female Testimony in Beit Din: An Untold Story of Halachic Justice,” Congregation Bnai Yeshurun (April 21, 2018).
- “No Shul Left Behind: Religious Discrimination in Government Funding,” Congregation Bnai Yeshurun (April 21, 2018).
- “Religious Liberty in Crisis: What It Means for the Jewish Community,” Congregation Bnai Yeshurun (April 21, 2018).
- “Does Jewish Law Like Lawyer: Building a Just Legal System,” Congregation Bnai Yeshurun (April 20, 2018).
- “Does Jewish Law Like Lawyer: Building a Just Legal System,” Kehilat Kesher (March 10, 2018).
- “Female Testimony in Beit Din: An Untold Story of Halachic Evolution,” Kehilat Kesher (March 10, 2018)
- “No Shul Left Behind: Religious Discrimination in Government Funding,” Kehilat Kesher (March 9, 2018)
- “No Shul Left Behind: Religious Discrimination in Government Funding,” West Side Institutional Synagogue (Feb. 24, 2018)
- “Using Jewish Memory to Build a Righteous Community,” West Side Institutional Synagogue (Feb. 24, 2018)
- “Developing Community Leaders and Wielding Influence in a Global World,” Conference on Yeshiva University and the World of Tomorrow, Yeshiva University (Oct. 22, 2017).
- “Female Testimony in Beit Din: An Untold Story of Halachic Justice,” Young Israel of West Hartford (Oct. 21, 2017).

- “What Can Judaism Teach U.S. Law,” Young Israel of West Hartford (Oct. 21, 2017).
- “Religious Liberty and Recycled Tires: The Future of Religious Discrimination in Government Funding,” Young Israel of West Hartford (Oct. 20, 2017).
- “SCOTUS Trinity Lutheran Case and the Jewish Community,” National Conference of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, Chicago, IL (Sept. 12, 2017).
- “Constitutional Rights in Tension: The Balancing Act of Religious Liberty Laws and Equal Protection Rights,” National Conference of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, Chicago, IL (Sept. 12, 2017).
- “Religious Institutions and LGBT Discrimination,” California Islamic University (July 13, 2017).
- “Impact of Today’s Supreme Court Ruling on Shuls and Schools,” Orthodox Union Advocacy Center Conference Call (June 27, 2017).
- “Does Jewish Law Like Lawyers: Building a Just Legal System,” Young Israel of West Hempstead (June 3, 2017).
- “Religious Liberty in Crisis: What It Means for the Jewish Community,” Young Israel of West Hempstead (June 3, 2017).
- “Female Testimony in Beit Din: An Untold Story of Halachic Evolution,” Young Israel of West Hempstead (June 3, 2017).
- “Religious Liberty in Crisis: How Should the Jewish Community Respond,” YUHSB/MYA Centennial Lecture Series, Riverdale Jewish Center (May 8, 2017).
- “Halacha’s Commitment to Justice: Proving Your Case In Beit Din,” Young Israel of New Rochelle (May 6, 2017).
- “From Torture to Contract: How the Halachic Prenup Works,” Young Israel of New Rochelle (May 6, 2017).
- “The Future of Religious Freedom: What It Means for the Jewish Community,” Young Israel New Rochelle (May 6, 2017).
- “To Beit Din or To Court: Where Should Jews Sue?,” Young Israel of New Rochelle (May 6, 2017).
- “How Does the Jewish Prenup Work,” Lincoln Square Synagogue (Mar. 5, 2017).

- “Religious Liberty in Crisis: How Should the Jewish Community Respond,” Twelfth Annual Jonathan H. Spanbock Memorial Lecture in Jewish Ethics, Lincoln Square Synagogue (Mar. 4, 2017).
- “Religious Liberty in the 21st Century,” Woodland Hills Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Jan. 18, 2017).
- “Anti-Sharia Laws, the First Amendment and the Future of Religious Liberty,” Conference on Jews and Muslims in America Today, Shalom Hartman Institute (Jan. 16, 2017).
- “Jewish Institutions and American Law: Questions on the Horizon,” Orthodox Union West Coast Convention (Dec. 8, 2016).
- “Where is Religious Freedom Headed?” Guest Lecture in the Philosophy of Law, Stern College (Dec. 5, 2016).
- “Religious Freedom in the 21st Century: What It Means for the Jewish Community,” LEARNINGFEST2016, Jewish Community Center, Dallas, Texas (Nov. 6, 2016).
- “Does Jewish Law Like Lawyers?” Congregation Shaare Tefilla, Dallas, Texas (Nov. 5, 2016).
- “Female Testimony: A Halachic Blueprint for the Evolving Role of Women in Beit Din,” Congregation Shaare Tefilla, Dallas, Texas (Nov. 5, 2016).
- “What Can Judaism Teach U.S. Law,” Congregation Shaare Tefilla, Dallas, Texas (Nov. 5, 2016).
- “The Future of Religious Liberty in the United States,” National Jewish Retreat, Palm Desert, CA (August 17, 2016).
- “The People vs. Joseph’s Brothers: A Mock Trial,” National Jewish Retreat, Palm Desert, CA (August 17, 2016).
- “A Nation of Shepherds: Reclaiming the Mission of Orthodoxy,” Congregation Ohel Leah, Hong Kong (June 12, 2016).
- “Enforcing Jewish Law in the 21st Century,” Congregation Ohel Leah, Hong Kong (June 12, 2016).
- “To Beit Din or to Court: Where Should Jews Sue?” Congregation Ohel Leah, Hong Kong (June 12, 2016).
- “From Torture to Contract: Solving the Agunah Crisis,” Congregation Ohel Leah, Hong Kong (June 12, 2016).

- “Does Jewish Law Like Lawyers?” Congregation Ohel Leah, Hong Kong (June 11, 2016).
- “Arbitration Goes Religious: Beth Din Decisions in U.S. Courts,” National Conference of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists,” Chicago, IL (May 18, 2016).
- “Religious Liberty in the Age of Same-Sex Marriage,” Young Israel of Century City, Los Angeles, CA (March 19, 2016).
- “The Ethics and Limits of the First Amendment,” South Bay Jewish Law Forum, Redondo Beach (Feb. 23, 2016).
- “Jewish Values in a Secular World: Who’s Influencing Whom,” Shalhevet Institute, Los Angeles, CA (Feb. 2, 2016).
- “Religious Liberty in the Age of Same-Sex Marriage,” Congregation Rinat Yisrael, Teaneck, NJ (Dec. 20, 2015).
- “Courting Justice: Choosing Between Beth Din and Secular Court,” Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood, NJ (Dec. 19, 2015).
- “A Nation of Shepherds: Reclaiming Our Intellectual Heritage,” Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood, NJ (Dec. 19, 2015).
- “Female Testimony in Beis Din: An Untold Story of Halachik Evolution,” Congregation Ahavath Torah, Englewood, NJ (Dec. 18, 2015).
- “Life as a Religious Minority,” Ramaz Upper School, New York, NY (Dec. 18, 2015).
- “Does Jewish Law Have a Problem with Female Witnesses [Hint: No],” Jewish Center of the Upper West Side, New York, NY (Dec. 17, 2015).
- “Jewish Values and Western Values: Challenges and Opportunities,” Drisha Institute, New York, NY (Nov. 18, 2015).
- “Where is Religious Freedom Headed?” Guest Lecture in the Philosophy of Law, Stern College (Nov. 18, 2015).
- “What Can Judaism Teach U.S. Law?” *Scholar in Residence*, Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel, Chicago, IL (September 12, 2015).
- “Does Jewish Law Have A Problem with Female Testimony [Hint: No],” *Scholar in Residence*, Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel, Chicago, IL (September 11, 2015).
- “Religious Liberty in the 21st Century: What it Means for the Jewish Community” *Scholar in Residence*, Anshe Sholom B’nai Israel, Chicago, IL (September 11, 2015).

- “The Future of Religious Liberty,” Women, Men, and the Future of Marriage in America: A Tikvah Institute for Women (August 23-25, 2015).
- “How Should Our Faith Inform the Laws of a Liberal Democracy?” Jewish Center of the Upper West Side, New York, NY (April 20, 2015).
- “Female Testimony: A Blueprint for the Evolving Role of Women in Beit Din,” *Scholar in Residence*, Congregation Orach Chaim, New York, NY (April 18, 2015).
- “Religious Freedom in the 21st Century: What it Means for the Jewish Community,” *Scholar in Residence*, Congregation Orach Chaim (April 18, 2015).
- “Life as a Religious Minority,” Ramaz Upper School, New York, NY (April 17, 2015).
- “How the Halachic Prenup Works,” *Issues and Answers*, Young Israel of Century City, Los Angeles, CA (Feb 28, 2015).
- “Religious Freedom and the First Amendment,” *Politics, Culture, and the Jewish Future: Orthodox Women in the Modern Age*, A Tikvah Fund Seminar for Women, Glen Cove, NY (August 17-19, 2014).
- “Protecting Religious Minorities: From Law to Politics,” *Public Conversation*, Aspen Center for Social Values, Aspen, Colorado (August 11, 2014).
- “Circumcision Bans and Religious Freedom,” Carmel High School, Hong Kong (January 14, 2014).
- “Does Jewish Law Have a Problem with Female Witnesses? [Hint: No],” *Scholar in Residence*, Hong Kong Jewish Community Centre (January 12, 2014).
- “Choosing Law Over Faith: A Jewish Approach,” *Scholar in Residence*, Ohel Leah Synagogue, Hong Kong (January 11, 2014).
- “When Religion Makes You Feel Like an Outsider,” *Program on the Relationship Between United States Law and Judaism*, Ramaz Upper School, New York, NY (January 6, 2014).
- “When Religion Makes You Feel Like an Outsider,” *Presidential Fellows Speaker Series*, Yeshiva University, New York, NY (January 6, 2014).
- “Woman as Witnesses: Responding to the *Halchik* Challenge,” Young Israel of Century City (November 2, 2013).
- “Litigating Religion: Choosing Between *Beit Din* and Secular Court,” Young Israel of Century City (December 1, 2012).

“When Religion Makes You Feel Like an Outside,” *Yom Iyun on the Relationship Between United States Law and Judaism*, Ramaz Upper School (November 6, 2012).

“Courting Justice: Choosing Between Beth Din and Secular Court,” *Shabbat Afternoon Speaker Series*, B’nai David-Judea Synagogue (July 30, 2011).

“Life as a Minority in the United States: How the Constitution Fails to Protect Religious Conduct,” *Tikvah Scholars Program*, The Frisch School (December 12, 2011).

“Why Law?” *Scholar-in-Residence*, Shavuot Learning Program, Yavneh Congregation, (June 7, 2011).

“Courting Justice: Choosing Between Beth Din and Secular Court,” Yavneh Congregation, *Scholar-in-Residence, Shavuot Learning Program* (June 7, 2011).

“Life as a Minority in the United States: How the Constitution Fails to Protect Religious Conduct,” *Yom Iyun on the Relationship Between United States Law and Judaism*, Ramaz Upper School (March 28, 2011).

“Taking Beth Din Judgments into Secular Courts,” LimmudLA Annual Conference (February 20, 2011).

“Courting Justice: Choosing Between Beth Din and Secular Court,” *Lecture Series on Ethics*, Beth Jacob Synagogue (December 5, 2011) (CLE Credit).

“Case Update and Analysis: *Matter of Nachum Brisman v. Hebrew Academy*,” Presentation to Davis Polk & Wardwell Litigation Department (March 3, 2010).

“Process and Pitfalls of Confirming *Piskei Din* as Arbitration Awards,” *Conference on Jewish and American Law*, Yeshiva University (January 17, 2009) (CLE Credit).

BLOGS

Volokh Conspiracy, Guest Contributor, “[Scientology Arbitration and the First Amendment](#)” (Jan. 25, 2022).

Volokh Conspiracy, Guest Contributor, “[Scientology and Arbitration](#)” (Jan. 23, 2020).

Prawfsblawg, Guest Contributor, November 2010, November 2011, March 2012, November 2012, May 2013, November 2014.

CLR Forum, Guest Contributor, May 2012.

Opinio Juris, “[Social Ostracism and Non-State Governance: A Comment on Hathaway & Shapiro](#),” Contribution to Online Symposium, November 15, 2011.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

The State of Religious Freedom, Ken Starr Institute/Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (June 8-10, 2026).

The State of Religious Freedom, Ken Starr Institute/Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (June 7-10, 2025).

The State of Religious Freedom, Ken Starr Institute/Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics, Chateau d'Hauteville, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (June 11-13, 2025).

Charting the Future of Church and State, Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (Feb. 8-9, 2024).

Annual Nootbaar Fellows Conference, Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics, Pepperdine University School of Law (Feb. 2-3, 2023).

Annual Nootbaar Fellows Conference, Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics, Pepperdine University School of Law (May 11-12, 2022).

Annual Law & Religion Roundtable, Nootbaar Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics (with Richard Garnett, Nelson Tebbe and Paul Horwitz), Pepperdine University School of Law (June 25-26, 2020).

Religious Violence and Extremism, Conference of the Journal of Law, Religion and State (with Haim Shapira, Zvi Zohar and Amos Israel), Bar-Ilan Faculty of Law (May 28-30, 2018).

Religious Critiques of Law, Annual Nootbaar Conference (with Robert Cochran), Pepperdine University School of Law (Mar. 9-10, 2017).

Religious Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Conference of the Journal of Law, Religion and State (with Haim Shapira, Zvi Zohar and Amos Israel), Bar-Ilan Faculty of Law (Nov. 22-24, 2016).

Doing Justice Without Doing Harm, Annual Nootbaar Conference (with Robert Cochran), Pepperdine University School of Law (March 11-12, 2016).

Wisdom Law and Lawyers, Annual Nootbaar Conference (with Robert Cochran), Pepperdine University School of Law (Feb. 27-28, 2015).

Love and Law, Annual Nootbaar Conference (with Robert Cochran), Pepperdine University School of Law (Feb. 7-8, 2014).

Islamic and Jewish Law in the 21st Century: Contemporary and Philosophical Challenges to Religious Law, Joint Program of the AALS Sections on Jewish Law and Islamic Law

(with Seval Yildirim), AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 5, 2014) (papers published in 41 PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW (2014)).

Prawfsfest XI, Annual Conference of the Prawfsblawg Network (with Dan Markel), Pepperdine University School of Law (December 9-10, 2013).

The Rise of Non-State Law, American Society of International Law, Washington, D.C. (May 2, 2013).

The Competing Claims of Law & Religion, Third Annual Religious Legal Theory Conference (with Robert Cochran), Pepperdine University School of Law, February 2012 (published in 39 PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW (2013)).

EDITORIAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

Editor, SSRN Law & Religion eJournal
Editor, Journal of Law, Religion and State (Brill Press)
Peer Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
Peer Reviewer, Oxford University Press
Peer Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation
Peer Reviewer, Harvard Law Review
Peer Reviewer, Yale Law Journal
Peer Reviewer, Journal of Law & Religion

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE SERVICE

Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee (2025-2026)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee (2024-2025)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee (2023-2024)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee (2022-2023)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, *ex officio* (2021-2022)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, *ex officio* (2020-2021)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee (2019-2020)
Committee Chair, Faculty Resources (2018-2019)
Committee Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, *ex officio* (2018-2019)
Committee Member, Faculty Resources (2017-2018)
Committee Member, University Faculty Council (2016-2017)
Committee Member, Faculty Resources (2016-2017)
Committee Member, Faculty Resources (2015-2016)
Committee Member, Faculty Resources (2014-2015)
Committee Member, Faculty Resources (2013-2014)
Committee Member, Faculty Resources (2012-2013)
Committee Member, Curriculum Committee (2010-2011)
Committee Member, PACIS Project Oversight Committee (2011-2012)

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2004 and Fall 2006. Served as teaching fellow for Bryan Garsten's course titled *Democratic Rhetoric*.

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2006 and Spring 2007. Served as teaching fellow for Ian Shapiro's course titled *Moral Foundations of Politics* courses.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

AALS SECTION ON LAW & RELIGION

Chair, 2019

Chair-Elect, 2018

Law & Religion Prize Committee, 2017

Law & Religion Prize Committee, Chair, 2016

Programming Committee, Chair, 2015

Executive Committee, 2012

Programming Committee, 2011

AALS SECTION ON JEWISH LAW

Chair, 2013

Chair-Elect, 2012

Secretary, 2011

Treasurer, 2010

BAR ADMISSION

New York Attorney Registration Number: 4734620