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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Research Scholar, Princeton University	2016-7
Part-Time Faculty, New York University	2010-
Visiting Research Professor, Jewish Theological Seminary of America	2014-5
Part-Time Faculty, Fordham University	2008-2010
Associate Professor Emerita	2008-
The State University of New York at Stony Brook	
Associate Professor of Judaic Studies, Women's Studies, & Comparative Literature	1995-2008
The State University of New York at Stony Brook	
Visiting Chairholder, Aaron Aronov Chair of Judaic Studies	Spring 2000
University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa	
Visiting Research Professor, Jewish Theological Seminary of America	Fall 1997
Visiting Research Scholar, University of Maryland Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies	1992-93
Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies, Women's Studies, & Comparative Literature	1989-95
The State University of New York at Stony Brook	
Lecturer in English, Georgetown University	1988-89

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1988	University of Maryland	Comparative Literature
MA 1984	University of Maryland	Comparative Literature
B.Mus.1971	The Catholic University of America	Music

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

- *Taboo or Not Taboo: The Hebrew Bible and Human Sexuality*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000.
- *The Phallacy of Genesis: A Feminist-Psychoanalytic Approach*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.
- *Upon the Dark Places: Anti-Semitism and Sexism In English Renaissance Biblical Translation*. Sheffield: Sheffield Press, 1990.

Articles and Chapters in Refereed Books and Journals

- "Feminist Perspectives from the Bible," *Feminism and Religion: How Faiths View Women and Their Rights*, Eds. Michele Paludi and J. Harold Ellens, Praeger: 2016. 39-58.
- "Judaism and Feminism," *Feminism and Religion: How Faiths View Women and Their Rights*, Eds. Michele Paludi and J. Harold Ellens, Praeger: 2016. 205-220.
- "Psychoanalytic Theory and the Hebrew Bible: An Overview." *Encyclopedia of Psychology and*

- Religion. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg. 2015.
- “Ritual, Psychology, and the Hebrew Bible.” *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg. 2015.
  - "Psychoanalysis and the Bible," *AJS Perspectives*. 2015. 11-13.
  - "Feminist Approaches to the Bible," In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*: Lexham Press, 2014.
  - “Psychoanalytic Theory and Biblical Texts.” *Built by Wisdom, Established by Understanding*, Ed. Maxine L. Grossman, University of Maryland Press, 2013. 39-68
  - “Psychology and the Hebrew Bible, Read Through the Lenses of Freud and Lacan,” *Psychological Hermeneutics for Biblical Themes and Texts: A Festschrift in Honor of Wayne G. Rollins*, Ed. J. Harold Ellens, Praeger Publishers, 2012. 235-256.
  - “Evil and Judaism.” *Exploring Evil*, Ed. J. Harold Ellens, Praeger Publishers, 2011. 145-161.
  - “The Healing Power of Judaism” *The Healing Power of Spirituality*, Ed. J. Harold Ellens, Praeger Publishers, 2010. 109-120.
  - “Psychoanalytic Literary Theory and Religious Studies” *Psychological Insight into the Bible*” Ed. Wayne G. Rollins and D. Andrew Kille. William H. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007. 48-50.
  - “Phallacies and Fallacies” *Psychological Insight into the Bible.*” Ed. Wayne G. Rollins and D. Andrew Kille. William H. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007. 50-52.
  - “Phallo/Logo...More Sex!” *Psychological Insight into the Bible.*” Ed. Wayne G. Rollins and D. Andrew Kille. William H. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007. 52-55.
  - “Psychology and the Bible: What Hath Freud Wrought?” *Blackwells Companion to the Bible and Culture*. Ed. J. F. Sawyer. Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers. 447-63.
  - “Bible and Culture During the Renaissance.” *Blackwells Companion to the Bible and Culture*. Ed. J. F. Sawyer. Massachusetts: Blackwell Publishers. 54-68.
  - “Religious Taboos” *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics: Religion and Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. 451-3.
  - “Sexuality and Family in the Hebrew Bible: Freud’s Lens.” *Psychology and the Bible: A New Way to Read the Scriptures*. Ed. Ellens and Wayne G. Rollins. Westport: Greenwood, 2004. 33-74.
  - “What’s In A Name? That Which We Call A Rose By Any Other Name Would Smell As Sweet: God’s Name, Lacan, And The Ultimate Phallus.” *Psychology and the Bible: A New Way to Read the Scriptures*. Ed. Harold Ellens and Wayne G. Rollins. Westport: Greenwood, 2004. 237-66.
  - “What Is Wrong With This Picture? Daughters and Fathers in Genesis.” *Psychology and the Bible: A New Way to Read the Scriptures*. Ed. Harold Ellens and Rollins Wayne G. Vol. 2. Westport: Greenwood, 2004. 41-64.
  - “Hell Hath No Fury: God, Language, and Lacan.” *The Destructive Power of Religion: Violence in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. Ed. Ellens. J. Harold. Vol. 2. London: Praeger, 2004. 155-76.
  - “The Rape(s) of Dinah (Gen. 34): False Religion and Excess in Revenge.” *The Destructive Power of Religion: Violence in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. Ed. Ellens. J. Harold. Vol. 3. London: Praeger, 2004. 53-80.
  - “The Hermeneutical Agenda: Between Text and Reader” *Pastoral Psychology* 51.2 (2002): 151-6.

- "Isis and Osiris/ Moses and God: The Power of the Rod." *Feminist Companion to Exodus Through Deuteronomy*. Ed. Athalya Brenner. Sheffield (UK): Sheffield Academic Press (University of Sheffield). 2000. 64-80.
- "Esther." *Eerdmans' Dictionary of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans' Publishing Company. 2000. 427-29.
- "Lacan." *A Handbook for Postmodern Biblical Interpretation*. St. Louis: Chalice Press. 2000. 151-155.
- "Psychoanalytic Literary Theory." *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*. Nashville: Abingdon Press. 1999. Vol. 2. 335-338.
- "Daddy-Dearest and the 'Invisible Spirit of Wine'" *Feminist Readings of the Book of Genesis*. Ed. Athalya Brenner. Sheffield (UK): Sheffield Academic Press (University of Sheffield). 1998. 82-97.
- "Oedipus Wrecks: Moses and God's Rod." *Reading Bibles, Writing Bodies*. Ed. David Gunn and Timothy Beal. London: Routledge Press. 1996. 71-83.
- "Ruth: The Power of Discourse and the Discourse of Power." *Feminist Readings of the Book of Ruth*. Ed. Athalya Brenner. Sheffield (UK): Sheffield Academic Press (University of Sheffield), 1993. 26-41.
- "Daughters and Fathers in Genesis ... Or, What is Wrong With This Picture?" *The New Literary Criticism and the Hebrew Bible*. Ed. J. Cheryl Exum and David Clines. Sheffield (UK): Sheffield Academic Press (University of Sheffield), 1993. 250-265.
- "Father and Daughter Incest in the Hebrew Bible." *Feminist Readings of Exodus to Deuteronomy*. Ed. Athalya Brenner. Sheffield (UK): Sheffield Academic Press (University of Sheffield), 1993. 220-235.
- "Intertextuality, Transference, and the Reader in/of the Biblical Text." *Reading Between Texts*. Ed. Danna Nolan Fewell. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992. 57-73.
- "In Our Image We Create Him, Male and Female We Create Them: The E/Affect of Biblical Characterization." *Semeia* 64 (1993): 105-113.
- "Abimelech's Interpretation of a Dream and the Dream of Interpretation." *Literature and Psychology*. Ed. Frederico Pereira. Lisbon: Instituto Superior de Psicologia Aplicada, 1992. 189-197.
- "Hebrew Bible Translation and the Fear of Judaization." *Sixteenth Century Journal* 21 (1990): 217-33.
- "The Rape of Dinah: Crime and Punishment?" *Mid-Hudson Language Studies* 12 (1989): 1-15.

#### Book Reviews

- Review of *Finding Morality in the Diaspora? Moral Ambiguity and Transformed Morality in the Books of Esther* by Charles D. Harvey. *Shofar: In Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*.
- Review of *Seeking Ezekiel* by David J. Halperin. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 44/3 (1996): 678-681.
- Review of *Countertraditions in the Bible: A Feminist Approach* by Ilana Pardes. *Bible Review* 11 (1995): 15-16.
- Review of *Hagar the Egyptian* by Savina Teubal. *Bible Review* 8 (1992): 13-14.
- Review of *Lethal Love* by Mieke Bal. *Hebrew Studies* 30 (1989): 100-106.

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

- November 2016: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference: “The Price of “Love”: Psychological and Political”
- April 2016: New England-Maritimes Regional American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. “Medicine and Judaism: Body, Mind, and Spirituality.”
- March 2016: Mid-Atlantic Regional American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. “Inclusion, Exclusion, and Group Stability in Jewish Rituals: Ancient Israel and Contemporary”
- February 2016: Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion. “Medicine and Judaism: Physical and Psychological Concepts”
- November 2015: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “The Biblical Phallus... Who Wants It Who Has It, Who Gets It, And How”
- November 2015: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Ritual, Psychology and the Hebrew Bible”
- November 2014: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. "Mellowed with Wine: Cursed be Who?"
- November 2013: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. "God's Dilemma: The Ultimate Irony"
- July 2013: Society of Biblical Literature International Conference. "Atone and Be 'At-One': The People Israel, the Individual and the Scape-Goat"
- November 2010: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Medicine and the Hebrew Bible”
- August 2010: International Association for the History of Religions: “Psychoanalytic Literary Theory and the Hebrew Bible”
- November 2006: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Psychology and the Bible.”
- November 2004: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Women, Ideology, and Violence.”
- November 2004: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Moses and God’s Name.”
- November 2003: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “The ‘Rape(s)’ of Dinah: ‘False Religion and Excess in Revenge.’”
- November 2002: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Art as Text: Text as Art: Apparatus as a Translation Tool”
- November 2001: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “And God Said.....: God, Language and Lacan”
- November 2000: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “The Biblical Phallus: Who Wants It, Who Has It, Who Gets It and How.”
- November 1999: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Respondent. “The Hermeneutical Agenda: Between Text and Reader.”
- February 1999: American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Conference. “Cain and Abel: The ‘Meat’ of the Text.”
- November 1998: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Jacob, Esau, and Momma: Freud’s Unholy Trinity.”
- November 1997: Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture & Society National Conference. “What Do We Do With a Drunken Sailor?”
- November 1997: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Daddy-Dearest and the ‘Invisible Spirit of Wine.’”
- November 1994: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. “Pyrramis and Frisbee: Ancient Texts/Modern Readers.”

- November 1993: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, "Oedipus Wrecks: Moses and God's Rod."
- June 1993: Eleventh World Congress of Jewish Studies. "Fathers, Mothers, Sons, and Daughters: The Biblical Family De-Constructed."
- November 1992: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, "Oedipus Schmoedipus, I Love My Mom! -- God and the (De-)Construction of Female Sexuality."
- November 1992: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, Respondent to session "Psychology and Biblical Studies."
- April 1992: University of California (Davis) National Conference on Minority Discourse in Dominant Cultures, "Fouly Corrupted by Jewes: Jewish Discourse and Christian Translation."
- November 1991: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, "Daughters and Fathers in Genesis ... Or, What is Wrong With This Picture?"
- November 1991: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, Presider for Session "Constructing Gender/Constructing Sexuality."
- July 1991: Eighth European-American Conference in Literature and Psychoanalysis, "Interpreting the Interpreter: Biblical Dreams and Other 'Writing on the Wall.'"
- July 1991: Society of Biblical Literature International Conference, "Whose Dream is This, Anyway? Abimelech as/and a Reader."
- February 1991: Seventh Citadel Conference on Literature: The Poetry, Drama, and Prose of the Renaissance and Middle Ages, "The Politics of Word Choice."
- November 1990: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, "Intertextuality and Transference: The Reader in/of Genesis 12 and Genesis 20."
- August 1990: Society of Biblical Literature International Conference, "Hebrew Bible Translation and the Fear of Judaization."
- November 1989: Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, "Adam and Eve: The Poetics and Politics of Stereotypes."
- May 1989: International Association for Philosophy and Literature Annual Conference, "The Dialectics of Translation."
- April 1989: Society of Biblical Literature Chesapeake Bay Regional Conference, "*Xesed*: Object and/or Source."
- March 1989: Society of Biblical Literature Southeastern Regional Conference, "Translations of the Book of Ruth: A Reflection of Renaissance England Ideology."
- March 1989: American Academy of Religion Southeastern Regional Conference, "The Authority of Word Choice: Sir Thomas More vs. William Tyndale."
- November 1988: Mid-Hudson MLA Conference, "Crime and Literature."

#### INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES

- October 24, 2015: Academic Respondent to play at the Shakespeare Theater (Washington DC) "Salome, We Hardly Knew Ye"
- May 10, 2012: Lecture at the Jewish Museum: "Women in the Biblical World"
- June 02, 2009: Academic Respondent to play at the Jewish Theater Festival: "10 Conversations Between Sarah and Hagar."
- April 2009: Fordham University Guest Lecturer: "The Politics of Biblical Translation"
- February 2009: Williams Club Guest Lecturer: "The Hebrew Bible in/and the Ancient Near East"
- November 2008: Fordham University Guest Lecturer: "Goddesses: Cultural Aspects of the Biblical World"

- September 2008: Williams Club Guest Lecturer: “Love and Marriage in the Hebrew Bible”
- July 2008: Williams Club Guest Lecturer: “The Bible and American Politics”
- January 2003: Florida Atlantic University Guest Lecturer: “Feminist Biblical Criticism: Avoiding Literary Mal[e]-Practice
- April 2001: Moravian Theological Seminary Guest Lecturer. “Sin and Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible.”
- October 1999: State University of New York at Stony Brook History Department Colloquium. “Anti-Semitism and English Renaissance Bible Translation.”
- January 1999: Case Western Reserve University Public Colloquium. “The ‘Other’ Among the People of the Book.”
- November 1996: State University of New York at Stony Brook Graduate School Teaching Workshop Series, “Time in a Bottle: Balancing a Full Schedule.”
- April 1996: University of Alabama Guest Lecturer. “Jewish Studies from a Feminist Perspective.”
- April 1996: Temple Emanu-El, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Guest Lecturer. “Biblical Studies in the Twenty-first Century.”
- April 1995: Long Island Chapter of Hadassah Guest Lecturer. “Is ‘Feminist Biblical Criticism’ Oxymoronic?”
- March 1993: Columbia Theological Seminary Visiting Scholar. “Feminist Criticism and the Hebrew Bible.”
- June 1993: Congregation Adas Israel, Washington, D.C. Guest Lecturer. “The Hebrew Bible from a Feminist Perspective.”
- March 1992: University of Maryland at Munich Guest lecturer. “Literary Theory and Feminist Criticism: History = (?) Her-Story.”
- January 1992: Friends of Judaic Studies at State University of New York at Stony Brook at Stony Brook Guest Lecturer. “Feminist Literary Criticism and the Hebrew Bible.”
- November 1991: National Organization for Women (NOW), Long Island Chapter, Guest Lecturer. “Literary Theory and the Hebrew Bible.”
- June 1991: Washington, DC Lawyers’ Committee Interfaith Bible Study Group. Guest Lecturer. “Song of Songs: Paradise Revisited.”
- April 1990: Brandeis Alumni Association Guest Lecturer. “Sexism and Anti-Semitism in English Biblical Translation.”
- July 11 - August 15 1989: Smithsonian Institution Guest Lecturer Series “Literature: The Art of Invention.”

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### Profession

- Society of Biblical Literature, Steering Committee, Psychological Approaches to Religion  
1998-2005; 2013-Present
- Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, Psychology and Religion Section, Chair.  
2015-
- Mid-Atlantic Region Society of Biblical Literature, Reception History, Section, Chair. 2015-
- Editorial Board, *Semeia* 2001-2007

- Editorial Board, *Postscript(s): Sacred Text, Contemporary Worlds* 2003-2007
- Society of Biblical Literature, Chair, Narrative Research on the Hebrew Bible Group, 1992-1999
- Society of Biblical Literature, Steering Committee, Rhetorical Criticism Section, 1997-1998
- Member, Delegate Assembly, Modern Language Association 1996-2000
- Outside reader for the State University of New York Press 1991
- Outside Reader for *Biblical Interpretation* 2012-Present

#### Stony Brook Campus

- Member, Faculty Senate, State University of New York at Stony Brook 1990-1996
- Member, Board of Directors, Humanities Institute, SUNY at Stony Brook 1990-91

#### Stony Brook Department

- Director of Graduate Studies 2001-2003
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (Pro Tem) Spring 1999
- Faculty Advisor for Judaic Studies Minors 1993-2000
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee 1991-92; 1993-95; 1998-99, 2001-2008
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee 1989-91; 1995-2008
- Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Humanities Majors 1990-91
- Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Comparative Literature Majors (Pro Tem) 1990-1991
- Member, Search Committee for Junior Position in Comparative Studies 1989-90

#### ACADEMIC HONORS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ GRANTS/ AWARDS

- American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant (ACLS) 1990
- The State University of New York at Stony Brook Faculty Development Grant 1990
- New York State/United University Professions New Faculty Development Award 1990
- University Fellow, University of Maryland  
1985-88
- Teaching Fellow, University of Maryland 1984-85

#### ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Academy of Religion
- Psychology Culture and Religion Group
- World Union of Jewish Studies
- American Jewish Studies Association
- Modern Language Association