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Educational History:

Ph.D.	1980-85	Duke University (Religion)
		Dissertation: "Contact with Persistent Others: The Representation of Woman in Friedrich Schlegel, G. W. F. Hegel, and Karl Gutzkow."
		Advisor: Charles H. Long
M.A.	1977-80	Duke University (Religion)
B.A.	1971-75	Wesleyan University (Religion)

Books and Edited Volumes:

On Freud's Jewish Body: Mitigating Circumcisions (New York: Fordham University Press, 2007).

Persistent Contact: Modernity and the Embodiment of Jewish Identity (New York: Fordham University Press, forthcoming).

Postmemories of the Holocaust, editor, special issue of *American Imago* 59,3 (Fall 2002).

Reading Freud's Reading, co-editor with Sander Gilman, Jutta Birmele, and Valerie Greenberg (New York: NYU Press, 1994)

Articles, refereed

"Not a Geist of a Chance: Laying to Rest an 'Unlaid Ghost'?" *Germanic Review* (forthcoming).

"Atheist Jew or Atheist Jew: Freud's Jewish Question and Ours," *Modern Judaism* 26 (Feb. 2006): 1-14.

"Spinoza's Election of the Jews: The Problem of Jewish Persistence," *Jewish Social Studies* 12 (2005): 39-63.

"En Jeu: Lincoln Logs or Pick-Up Sticks," *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 17, 1 (2005): 17-26.

"The Psychopathology of Everyday Vienna: Psychoanalysis and Freud's Familiars," *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis* 85, 5 (2004): 1-14.

"The Rites of Responsibility: The Cinematic Rhetoric of Claude Lanzmann's *Shoah* (1985)," *Film and History* 32 (2002): 30-37.

"Some More Additional 'Day Residues': The First Review of *Studien über Hysterie*, Ilona Weiss, and the Dream of Irma's Injection," *Psychoanalysis and History* 2, 1 (2000): 61-75.

"The Godfather of Psychoanalysis: Circumcision, Antisemitism, Homosexuality, and Freud's 'Fighting Jew'," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 67, 2 (1999): 355-85.

- "*Judenzopf/Chinesenzopf: Of Jews and Queues*," *positions* 2,3 (1995): 500-37
[=*Modern Sex* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1995)]
- "The Conventional Lies and Paradoxes of Jewish Assimilation: Max Nordau's Pre-Zionist Answer to the Jewish Question," *Jewish Social Studies*, n.s., 1, 3 (1995): 129-60.
- "A Paleontological View of Freud's Study of Religion: Unearthing the *Leitfossil* Circumcision," *Modern Judaism* 13 (1993): 49-70.
- "Of Mice and Mensa: Antisemitism and the Jewish Genius," *Centennial Review* 38 (1994): 361-85.
- "'A glance at the nose': Freud's Inscription of Jewish Difference," *American Imago* 49, 4 (1992): 427-44.
- "Hegel's Self-Conscious Woman," *Modern Language Quarterly* 53, 2 (1992): 173-99.
- "Blood Sin: Syphilis and the Construction of Jewish Identity," *Fault Line* 1 (1992): 21-48.
- "The Unmanning of the Wandering Jew," *American Imago* 49, 2 (1992): 227-62.

Articles, solicited

- "Feuerbach," in *Theory/Religion/Critique: Classic and Contemporary Approaches*, ed. Richard King (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009)
- "The Queerest Cut of All: Freud, Beschneidung, Homosexualität und maskulines Judentum," in *Männlichkeit und Moderne. Geschlecht in den Wissenskultur um 1900*, ed. Ulrike Brunotte and Rainer Herrns (Bielefeld: transcript Verlag, 2008).
- "Hairy Heine, or the Braiding of Gender and Ethnic Difference," in *Body Parts: Critical Explorations in Corporeality*, ed. Christopher E. Forth and Ivan Crozier (London: Rowman and Littlefield, Lexington Books, 2005).
- "It's 'Alimentary': Feuerbach, and the Dietetics of Antisemitism." in *Cultures of the Abdomen: Diet, Digestion and Fat in the Modern World*, ed. Christopher E. Forth and Ana Carden-Coyne (London: Palgrave, 2005).
- "Fetishism," *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2d ed. (New York: Macmillan, 2005), 3042-47.
- "Freud, Blüher, and the *Secessio Inversa: Männerbünde*, Homosexuality, and Freud's Theory of Cultural Formation," in *Queer Theory and the Jewish Question*, ed. Daniel Boyarin, Daniel Itzkovitz, and Anne Pelligrini (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003).
- "Freud and/as a Jew in the Multicultural University," in *Teaching Freud in Religious Studies*, ed. Diane Jonte-Pace (New York: Oxford University Press [for The American Academy of Religion], 2003).
- "Introduction," *American Imago* 59, 3 (2002).
- "Der Fall Wilkomirski: *Fragments* or *Figments*," *American Imago* 59, 3 (2002).
- "Teaching Film in the Holocaust Curriculum" and "Teaching about Language and the Holocaust," in *The Holocaust and Other Genocides: A Curriculum for Tennessee Secondary Schools*, ed. Helmut Smith (Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2002).
- "Sigmund Freud und die Religion: Überlegungen zum Verhältnis von psychoanalytischem Denken und jüdischem Glauben," in *Allgemeine Jüdische Wochenzeitung* 24 (22 November 2001): 7.

- "Film and the Teaching of the Holocaust," in "Spotlight on Teaching," *Religious Studies News. AAR Edition*. 15 (Fall, 2000): 5-6.
- "Trauma," in *A Handbook for Postmodern Biblical Interpretation*, ed. A.K.M. Adam (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2000), 261-67.
- "Circumcision and Jewish Women's Identity: Rahel Levin Varnhagen's Failed Assimilation," in *Judaism Since Gender*, ed. Laura Levitt and Miriam Peskowitz (New York: Routledge, 1997), 174-87. [Reprinted in *Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism*, ed. Lynn M. Zott (Detroit, New York, et al.: Gale, 2004)]
- "Un avenir sans Juifs. Les écrits prézionistes du jeune Nordau," in *Max Nordau (1849-1923): Critique de la dégénérescence, médiateur franco-allemand, père fondateur du sionisme*, ed. Delphine Bechtel, Dominique Bourel, and Jacques Le Rider (Paris: Éditions du Cerf, 1996), 225-43.
- "Le péché contre le sang: la syphilis et la construction de l'identité juive," *Revue germanique internationale* 5 (1996): 141-64.
- "The Aromatics of Jewish Difference: Or, Benjamin's Allegory of Aura," in *Jews and Other Differences*, ed. Daniel and Jonathan Boyarin (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1996), 203-56.
- "Freud v. Freud: Freud's Readings of the *Denkwürdigkeiten eines Nervenkranken*," in *Reading Freud's Reading*, ed. Gilman et al., 180-210.
- "(G)nos(e)ology: The Cultural Construction of the Other," in *The People of the Body*, ed. Howard Eilberg-Schwartz (Albany: SUNY Press, 1992), 243-82.
- "Hegel, Schlegel, and the Sexual Division of Labor," *Papers of the [American Academy of Religion] Nineteenth Century Theology Working Group* 12 (1986): 54-70.

Review Essays:

- "Identifying 'someone who is himself one of them': Recent Studies of Freud's Jewish Identity" (rev. of, *inter alia*, Emanuel Rice, Freud and Moses; Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi, Freud's Moses; Jacques Derrida, Mal d'archive, Daniel Boyarin, Unheroic Conduct, Sander L. Gilman, Freud, Race, and Gender and The Case of Sigmund Freud), *Religious Studies Review* 23, 4 (1997): 323-31.
- "Idols, Fetishes, Foreskins: The Other of Religion" (rev. of Moshe Halbertal and Avishai Margalit, Idolatry; Emily Apter and William Pietz [eds.], Fetishism as Cultural Discourse; Geoffrey Bennington and Jacques Derrida, Jacques Derrida), *Religion* 27 (1997): 117-22.
- "Tolerating Prejudice" (rev. of Nancy Harrowitz [ed.], Tainted Greatness: Antisemitism and Cultural Heroes) *Annals of Scholarship* 11, 4 (1996): 389-404.

Reviews:

- Steven Beller, Antisemitism. A Very Short Introduction, *Modern Austrian Literature* (2008):
- Robin Judd, Contested Rituals, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (2008):
- Mark Edmundson, The Death of Freud, *Journal of Religion* (2008):
- Otto Weininger, Sex and Character, *Religious Studies Review* (2008):

- Marion Kaplan and Beate Meyer (eds.), Jüdische Welten; and Emily D. Bilski and Emily Braun et al., Jewish Women and Their Salons, H-German (October 2006).
- Oren Baruch Stier, Committed to Memory, *Biography* 27 (2004): 654-57.
- Richard J. Bernstein, Freud and the Legacy of Moses, *Religious Studies Review* 25 (1999): 379.
- Carol Delaney, Abraham on Trial: The Social Legacy of Biblical Myth, *Religious Studies Review* 25 (1999): 379.
- Moshe Gresser, Dual Allegiance: Freud as a Modern Jew, *Journal of Religion* 38 (1996): 510-12.
- Jim Obelkevich, Lyndal Roper, and Raphael Samuel (eds.), Disciplines of Faith: Studies in Religion, Politics and Patriarchy, *Critical Review of Books* 2 (1989): 478-80.
- Marilyn Chapin Massey, Feminine Soul, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 54, 4 (1986): 785-86.

Refereed Conference Presentations

- "Aspects of Wittgenstein: Duck-Rabbi" (Wittgenstein and Judaism, Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting, December 2005)
- "The Hermeneutics of Violence and the Violence of Hermeneutics: From Walter Benjamin to Jacques Derrida to Sam D. Gill, with Sidetracks to Michael Taussig and Michael Bernstein," (Critical Theory Group, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2002)
- "From *Männerbund* to *Urhorde*: The Colonial and Postcolonial Context of Freud's Theory of Cultural Formation" (German Studies Association annual meeting, October 1999)
- "The Rites of Responsibility: The Rhetoric of Lanzmann's *Shoah*" (Midwest Jewish Studies Association annual meeting, September 1997)
- "Circumcision and Jewish Women's Identity: Rahel Levin Varnhagen's Failed Assimilation" (Religious Autobiography, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 1995)
- "A Future without Jews. Nordau's Early Pre-Zionist Writings" ("Colloque Max Nordau," Maison des Sciences de l'Homme of the École des Hautes Études des Sciences Sociales, Paris, July 1992)
- "*Judenzopf/Chinesenzopf*: Of Jews and Queues" ("Fetishism Conference," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 1992)
- "From Mohels to *Mein Kampf*: Syphilis and the Jewish Question" ("Race and Ethnicity in German, German-Jewish, and Jewish Thought Conference," Deutsches Haus of Columbia University, March 1991)
- "The Sin against the Blood: Syphilis and the Construction of Jewish Identity" (History of Judaism section, AAR annual meeting, November 1990)
- "A *glance* at the nose': The Inscription of Jewish Difference" (Representations of the Jewish Body, Association for Jewish Studies annual meeting, December 1989)
- "(G)nos(e)ology: The Cultural Construction of the Other" (Religion and the Social Sciences Section [Psychosocial Construction of the Body], AAR annual meeting, November 1989)

- "A Paleontological View of Freud's Study of Religion: Unearthing the *Leitfossil* Circumcision" (Person, Culture, and Religion Group, AAR annual meeting November 1988)
- "Cosmos and History of Religions: The Creation of a Discipline in the Rhetoric of Mircea Eliade" (Rhetoric and Religious Discourse Group, AAR annual meeting, November 1987)
- "History of Religions and the Problematic of the Profane in Mircea Eliade's Methodology" (History of Religions Section, AAR/Mid-Atlantic Regional, March 1987)
- "Hegel, Schlegel, and the Sexual Division of Labor" (19th-Century Theology Working Group, AAR annual meeting, November 1986)
- "The Irony of Sexual Opposition in Hegel's *Phenomenology*" (Women and Religion section, AAR/Southeastern Regional, March 1985)
- "Sexual Opposition in Hegel: Christ and Antigone" (History of Christianity Section, AAR/Southeastern Regional, March 1984)

Visiting Lectures (1990-Present):

- "On Freud's *Moses and Monotheism*" (4 lectures, Limmud Conference, London, UK, Dec. 2007)
- "Overlooking Overhearing a Rumor about the Jews in the Case of Little Hans: A Freudian Dilemma" (Department of Religion, Smith College, 19 February 2007)
- "Not 'Is Psychoanalysis a Jewish Science?' But 'Is It a Jewish Joke?'" (Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago, 15 January 2007)
- "One *Meshuggeneh* Footnote: A Clipping from Little Han's Nursery" (inaugural Horowitz Family Lecture in Jewish History, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago, 14 January 2007)
- "Queerest Cut of All: Freud, Circumcision, Homosexuality and Masculine *Judentum*" ("Produktion und Krise hegemonialer Männlichkeit in der Moderne," Humboldt Universität, Berlin, FRG. December 2006)
- "Little Hans: A Footnote in the History of Circumcision" ("Freud's Foreskin", The Joy Gottesman Ungerleider Lecture, New York Public Library, May 2006)
- "(S)Queering the Triangle" (Volunteer State Community College, April 2006 [postponed on account of tornado; to be rescheduled])
- "On *Night and Fog*" (University of Alabama, September 2005)
- "Anne Frank, Elie Wiesel, and the Slaughter of the Innocents" (University of North Alabama, September 2001)
- "Freud et Psychoanalyse: sont-ils une histoire juive" (European Studies, Vanderbilt University, September 2001-6)
- "Tailing the Suspect": The Curious Coupling of Images of Chinese and Jews" (Sigmund Freud Museum, Vienna, May 2001)
- "*Der Fall Wilkomirski*: Fragments or Figments?" (Sigmund Freud Museum, Vienna, April 2001)
- "My Fellow Unbelievers': From Spinoza's *Tractatus* to Freud's *Der Mann Moses*, the Engendering of Jewish Identity" (Sigmund Freud Museum, Vienna, April 2001)

- "*Atheist Jew* or *Atheist Jew*: Freud's Jewish Question and Ours" (Sigmund Freud Museum, Vienna, March 2001)
- "Spinoza's Election of the Jews: The Problem of Jewish Persistence" (Graduate Honours Class: Religion and Culture, Faculty of Theology, University of Leiden, May 2000)
- "Fragments or Figments: Questions of Memory in an Account of Holocaust Survival" (Vanderbilt University Psychiatry Department Humanities Seminar, October 1998)
- "The *Kvatter* of Psychoanalysis: Circumcision, Antisemitism, Homosexuality, and Freud's 'Fighting Jew'" (Samuel Rosenthal Center for Judaic Studies Lecture, Case-Western Reserve University, September 1998)
- "Tailing the Suspect: The Curious Coupling of Chinese and Jews" (Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, April 1995)
- "Resnais's *Night and Fog*" (History and Modern Languages Departments, Swarthmore College, February 1994)
- "Of Mice and Mensa: Anti-Semitism and the Jewish Genius" (Jewish Studies Lecture Series, Tulane University, April 1993)
- "Vienna 1900" (History Department, Swarthmore College, April 1993)
- "Jews and European Culture" (History Department, Swarthmore College, March 1992)
- "Race Theory" (Religion Department, Franklin and Marshall College, February 1992)
- "The Unmanning of the Wandering Jew" (Humanities Doctoral Program, Syracuse University, April 1991)

Panel Participation (1990-Present):

- Vital Visions 2007 Spring Dialogue (Nashville, 18-19 May 2007)
- "Body Parts: Sexed Bodies, Secular Bodies (—'Is Castrated the Plural of Penis?')" (roundtable, Joint session of Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion and the Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultations, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2006)
- "Forgiveness and Memory" (Genocide, Holocaust, and Religion Groups, AAR annual meeting, November 2005)
- "*En Jeu*: Lincoln Logs or Pick-Up Sticks" (History of Religions Section, SECSOR annual meeting, March 2004)
- "Anthropology and Religious Studies: Encounter or Standoff?" (plenary roundtable, Society for the Anthropology of Religion annual meeting, 2002)
- "On Bruce Lincoln's *Theorizing Myth*" (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2000)
- "The (R)uses of 'Judeo-Christian'" (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 1997)
- "From Pre to Post: What do the 'Modernisms' Have to Say to the Study of Religion" (Special Topics Forum, AAR annual meeting, November 1996)
- "Liberty and Tolerance" (Academy for Jewish Philosophy annual meeting, June 1994)
- "State of Critical Theory in the AAR" (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR annual meeting, November 1995)

- "On Talal Asad's *Genealogies of Religion*" (Special Topics Forum, AAR annual meeting, November 1994)
- "Legacy of Michel de Certeau" (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR annual meeting, November 1993)
- "Derrida and Judaism" (Study of Judaism Section, AAR annual meeting, November 1992)
- "Eschatological and Messianic Discourse in Benjamin" ("Walter Benjamin for the Jetztzeit: 1892-1992 Conference," Duke University, February 1992)
- "Fetishism" (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR annual meeting, November 1991)
- "Discourse of Religion, Language of Critique (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR annual meeting, November 1990)
- "Theory and the Study of History" (History of Christianity Section, AAR annual meeting, November 1990)

Teaching Experience:

2006-	Vanderbilt Divinity School	Asst. Prof.
2001	Universität Wien (Institut für Judaistik)	Gastprofessor
2000-	Vanderbilt Divinity School	Senior Lecturer
1994-	Vanderbilt University (Religious Studies/ Divinity)	Lecturer
1993	Bryn Mawr (History/Judaic Studies)	Visiting Lecturer
1991-92	Princeton University (Religion)	Lecturer
1990-91	Rutgers (Comparative Literature)	External Fellow
1990	Wesleyan (Religion)	Visiting Asst. Prof.
1988	Swarthmore (Religion)	Visiting Lecturer
1984	Duke (Religion)	Instructor
1984	UNC - Greensboro (Religion)	Instructor

Courses Taught:

Universität Wien: Freud und das Judentum

Vanderbilt University: The Holocaust: Its Meanings and Implications; The Holocaust and Film; Antisemitism and Jewish Identity; Judaism and Modernity; Religious Autobiography/Religious Narrative and the Self; Themes in Western Religions; Modern Critics of Religion (graduate seminar); The Holocaust: Representation and Reflection (graduate seminar); Introduction to HACTOR/Senior Seminar (1st Year Topic: Sacrifice; 2d Year Topic: Gift; 3d Year Topic: Secret); Aspects of World Religiosity (MTS Foundation course, designed at the request of the Divinity Deans); Freud and Jewish Identity; Happenstance: Interpretation and Practice in Everyday Life (graduate seminar, Spring 2007); History of the Study of Religion: Fetishism (graduate seminar, Spring 2008).

Bryn Mawr College: The Holocaust: Problems of Representation and Interpretation

Princeton University: Modern Critics of Religion; The Self in World Religions

Rutgers University: The Body as Battlefield: Cultural Conflict in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Central Europe

Wesleyan University: The Self, the *Wholly Other*, and History; Theories of Myth and Ritual
 Swarthmore College: Religion and Literature
 Duke University: Theories of Religion
 UNC - Greensboro: Introduction to Religious Studies

Honors/Awards/Fellowships:

ATS Research Expense Grant (2007)
 Fulbright/Sigmund Freud Society Visiting Scholar of Psychoanalysis (Vienna 2001)
 Faculty Fellow, Holocaust, Genocide, and the Teaching of Ethical Values Seminar, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University (1999-2000)
 Faculty Fellow: Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University (1995-96)
 External Fellow: Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, Rutgers University (1990-91)
 American Council of Learned Societies Senior Fellowship (1989-90)
 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (1981-82)
 Duke University Tuition Fellowship (Duke, 1980-81)
 James B. Duke Fellowship (Duke, 1977-80)
cum laude (Wesleyan, 1975)

 NEH Summer Seminar: "Jewish Cultural Studies" (Jewish Theological Seminary, 1996)
 Fulbright German Studies Summer Seminar: Germany and Jewish Studies Today (Germany, 1996; declined in order to attend NEH Seminar)
 NEH Summer Seminar: "Freud and the Culture of His Time" (Freud Museum, London, 1991)

Professional Societies:

American Academy of Religion
 Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group (co-chair, 1991—2001; steering committee, 2002-5)
 Genocide, Holocaust, and Religion Group (steering committee, 2003-)
 Hegel Society of America
 Society for Values in Higher Education (1986-2000)
 Association for Jewish Studies
 Modern Language Association

Vetting:

positions (1994, 1998)
 Duke University Press (1995, 2000)
 Stanford University Press (1996, 1997, 1999)
Ethos (2000)
 University of Wisconsin Press (2000)
 Brill Academic Press (2001)

SUNY Press (2004, 2007)
Nashim (2005-6)
PMLA (2006)
 Eerdmanns (2007)
Jewish Social Studies (2007)
Modern Judaism (2008)

Symposium Organized at Swarthmore College (six sessions, Spring, 1987):
 "YIDIOMS: The Representation of the Jew in Western Culture."

Symposium Organized at Vanderbilt University (18-20 March 2007):
 "On the Lip(s) of Miriam's Well: Jews|Women|Cultures"

Service to Vanderbilt University

"My Jewish Question," VDS Dean's Lunch (February 2007)
 Tree Dedication for Paul Rusesabagina (25.9.06)
 University Lectures Committee (2005-)
 Film Studies Program— affiliated faculty (2005-)
 Max Kade Center for European and German Studies—affiliated faculty (2005-)
 Academic Programs Committee—Divinity School (2004-5)
 Jewish Studies Program—affiliated faculty (2003-)
 Honor Council—Divinity School (2002-6)
 Introduction to *Voyages*, Vanderbilt Hillel and Nashville Premieres, Sarratt
 Cinema (February 2002)
 "Discussion of Gad Beck's *An Underground Life*," Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation
 Reading Group (November 2001)
 Jewish Studies Committee (2000-3)
 "Presentation, Screening, and Discussion of Milhaileanu's *Train of Life*,"
 Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture Series (October 2000)
 German Studies Committee (2000)
 "Discussion of *Maus*, Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation Reading Group (October
 1999)
 "Discussion of Binyamin Wilkomirski's *Fragments*," Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation
 Reading Group (October 1997)
 "Holocaust: What's in a Word?" Student Salon, Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture
 Series (October 1997)
 "Discussion of Elie Wiesel's *Night*," Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation Reading
 Group (April 1997)
 "Presentation, Screening, and Discussion of Resnais's *Night and Fog*," Vanderbilt
 Holocaust Lecture Series (October 1996)
 GDR Colloquium on Religion, Presentation and Participation (Fall 1996, 1999,
 2001)
 GDR Colloquium on Teaching, Presentation and Participation (Spring 1996)
 Project Dialogue Advisory Committee, Vanderbilt University (1995-96. 1999-
 2000)
 Campus Committee of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee
 (1994-2000)

Vanderbilt Holocaust Lecture Series Committee (1994-; cochair 2001; chair 2002, 2006)

Service to the Nashville Community

"Auschwitz Lullaby," a panel discussion on Holocaust (re)presentation, The Renaissance Center, Dickson, TN (3 February 2007)

Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee (2006-)

"The Shoah and Darfur," Hume-Fogg Academic High School, Nashville (May 2006)

TAG/Tennesseans Against Genocide (2005-; board member, 2007-)

"The Protocols of Zion," a panel discussion on contemporary antisemitism, Belcourt Theater (December 2005)

"Shake Hands with the Devil", panel discussion on Rwandan genocide, Belcourt Theater (August 2005)

Nashville Chamber Orchestra/Jewish Music Festival Committee (2005-7)

Congregation Sherith Israel Board of Directors (2004-)

MANNA Board of Directors (2002-4)

"Film and the Holocaust"(course for 8th-10th graders), West End Synagogue Religious School (Dec. 2000-Jan. 2001; Jan.-Feb. 2003)

"The Roots of the Holocaust," Akiva School, Nashville (Nov. 2000)

Akiva School Board of Directors, (June 2000-2006)

——— Education Committee, chair (June 2002-4)

"Tolerating Prejudice," National Council of Jewish Women, Nashville (February 1999)

"The History of Antisemitism: From Golgotha to Goldhagen," Lunch and Learn Program, West End Synagogue, Nashville (February 1998)

PIE (Parent's Involved in Education) Team, a parent-teacher-community working group, Akiva School, Nashville (Summer 1977-2001)

"Screening and Discussion of 'Tzvi Nüssbaum—A Boy from Warsaw'," Nashville Yom-HaShoah Commemoration (May 1997)

"Discussion of Children's Poetry during the Holocaust," Akiva School, Nashville (April 1997; April 2000)

"Freud's Jewish Identity," Lunch and Learn Program, West End Synagogue, Nashville (March 1995).

Nashville Yom-HaShoah Commemoration Planning Committee of the Jewish Federation (1995-).