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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2008– Pulver Family Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies, Colby College  
2007–2008 Visiting Assistant Professor of Judaic Studies, Franklin & Marshall College  
2006–2007 Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies,  
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania

### EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. in Religion, with distinction, Columbia University  
*Dissertation:* Foreign Food: A Comparatively-Enriched Analysis of Jewish, Christian,  
and Islamic Law
- 2006 Rabbinic Ordination, Jewish Theological Seminary
- 2006 M.A. in Jewish Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary  
*Specializations:* midrash, liturgy and ritual, Jewish philosophy
- 2002 M.Phil. in Religion, with distinction, Columbia University  
*Fields:* Jewish law, Christian law, Islamic law, the comparative study of religion
- 2000 M.A. in Religion, Columbia University
- 1999 B.A., *summa cum laude*, with high honors in Politics and high honors in  
Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University

### BOOK MANUSCRIPT

**Foreigners and Their Food: Constructing Otherness in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Law**  
Berkeley: University of California Press, forthcoming 2011

*Foreigners and their Food* explores how Jews, Christians, and Muslims conceptualize “us” and “them” through rules about the preparation of food by adherents of other religions and the act of eating with such outsiders. David M. Freidenreich analyzes the significance of food to religious formation, elucidating the ways ancient and medieval scholars use food restrictions to think about the “other.” Freidenreich illuminates the subtly different ways Jews, Christians, and Muslims perceive themselves, and he demonstrates how these distinctive self-conceptions shape ideas about religious foreigners and communal boundaries. This work, the first to analyze change over time across the legal literatures of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, makes pathbreaking contributions to the history of interreligious intolerance and to the comparative study of religion.

Publication of this work is supported by a grant from Columbia University’s Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies.

PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT

- 2009 “Christians in Early and Classical Sunni Law,” in *Christian–Muslim Relations: A Bibliographic History*, vol. 1 (Leiden: Brill), 83–98
- 2009 “Muslims in Canon Law, 650–1000,” *Christian–Muslim Relations: A Bibliographic History*, vol. 1 (Leiden: Brill), 99–114
- 2008 “Muslim–Jewish Dialogue,” *Encyclopedia of the Islamic World* (Oxford University Press)
- 2008 “Sharing Meals with Non-Christians in Canon Law Commentaries, ca. 1160–1260: A Case Study in Legal Development,” *Medieval Encounters* 14: 41–77
- 2008/2009 “Kiddushin—A Service for Yom Hashoah,” *Conservative Judaism* 61.1/2: 120–52
- 2004 “Comparisons Compared: A Methodological Survey of Comparisons of Religion from ‘A Magic Dwells’ to *A Magic Still Dwells*,” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 16: 80–101
- 2003 “The Use of Islamic Sources in Saadiyah Gaon’s *Tafsīr* of the Torah,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 93: 353–95

PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS (alphabetical by category)

In production

co-editor (with Miriam Goldstein), *Beyond Religious Borders: Interaction and Intellectual Exchange in the Medieval Islamic World* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press)

“Christians in Early and Classical Shi‘i Law,” *Christian–Muslim Relations: A Bibliographic History*, vol. 2 (Leiden: Brill)

“Five Questions about Non-Muslim Meat: Toward a New Appreciation of Ibn al-Qayyim’s Contribution to Islamic Law,” in *Re-evaluating Ibn Qayyim al-Gawziyyah’s Literary Stature: Religious and Historical Issues*, a special issue of *Oriente Moderno*

“Food and Table Fellowship,” *Jewish Annotated New Testament* (Oxford)

“The Food of the Damned,” in *Islam, Salvation, and the “Other”* [working title of a collection of essays edited by Mohammad Hasan Khalil]

*Foreigners and Their Food: Constructing Otherness in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (Berkeley: University of California Press)

“Fusion Cooking in an Islamic Milieu: Jewish and Christian Jurists on Food Associated with Foreigners,” in *Beyond Religious Borders: Interaction and Intellectual Exchange in the Medieval Islamic World*

“Holiness and Impurity in the Torah and the Quran: Differences within a Common Typology,” *Comparative Islamic Studies*

PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS (continued)

“The Implications of Unbelief: Tracing the Emergence of Distinctively Shi’i Notions Regarding the Food and Impurity of Non-Muslims,” *Islamic Law and Society*, 18.1 (2011)

“Muslims in Western Canon Law, 1000–1500,” *Christian–Muslim Relations: A Bibliographic History*, vol. 2 (Leiden: Brill)

Accepted for publication but not yet complete

“Departures from Classical Approaches to Christians in Sunni and Shi’i Law,” *Christian–Muslim Relations: A Bibliographic History*, vol. 3 (Leiden: Brill)

“Muslims in Eastern Christian Law, ca. 1000–1500,” *Christian–Muslim Relations: A Bibliographic History*, vol. 3 (Leiden: Brill)

Complete but not yet accepted for publication

“Contextualizing Bread: An Analysis of Talmudic Discourse in Light of Christian and Islamic Counterparts”

“The Vine and Its Trellis: Probing the Nature of Toseftan Dependency and Its Implications for the Study of Early Rabbinic Literature”

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 “A Tale of Two Colleges: Jews and Baptist Institutions in Maine During the Interwar Years” (co-presenter with Desiree Shayer, Colby ’12), Annual Conference, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2010 “Old Memory in New Media: How Colby’s Maine Jewish History Project Collects and Presents Its Data,” Annual Meeting, Maine Archives and Museums
- 2010 “The Food of the Damned,” invited paper at an international symposium on “Islam, Salvation, and the Fate of the Other,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 “Poking Holes in Israel’s Holiness: Explorations in the Juxtaposition of Leviticus and the Qur’an,” Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature
- 2008 “The Scholar as Community Educator: Lessons I’ve Learned Teaching Islam to Jews... as a Rabbi,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion
- 2007 “People of the Oral Book? Attitudes Toward Rabbinic Law in Islamic Legal Literature,” Annual Conference, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2007 “Foreign Food under Foreign Rule: Developments in Jewish and Christian Law within an Islamic Milieu,” Gruss Colloquium in Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2006 “Foreign Food in the Marketplace: Recovering Historical Data Through Comparison,” Annual Meeting, American Historical Association

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- 2005 “Reading Scripture Against the Grain in Christian and Islamic Communities: A Comparatively-Enriched Study,” Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature
- 2005 “Prohibitions of Commensality with Jews in Early Medieval Canon Law,” Annual Meeting, International Congress of Medieval Studies
- 2004 “Jewish and Islamic Restrictions on Foreign Food: A Case Study in the Significance of Similarity,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion
- 2003 “On the Literary Dependency of the Tosefta,” Annual Conference, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2003 “Building Walls at the Borders: The Creation of Restrictions on Foreign Food in Modern Islam and Medieval Christianity,” Summer Academy, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin Working Group on Modernity and Islam
- 2002 “Preliminary Observations on the Source of the Mishnah and Tosefta,” Annual Conference, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2002 “Neither Fish nor Fowl: The Conception of Islam in Canon Law Sources on Commensality,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion

RESEARCH LANGUAGES (only languages I have studied formally are listed)

Arabic, Aramaic, English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Syriac

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: PUBLIC LECTURES I OFFER REGULARLY

- “Encountering Islam: An Introduction for American Jews”
- “Food and Jewish Identity: Is Keeping Kosher About Keeping Separate?”
- “Making It in Maine: Jewish Stories from the Pine Tree State”
- “Our Father Abraham in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 2011 Schusterman Visiting Artist Program, supported by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation: Israeli filmmaker-in-residence at Colby
- 2010–2011 Legacy Heritage Jewish Studies Project, directed by the Association for Jewish Studies: “Telling the Stories of Maine’s Jewish History”
- 2009–2010 Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (Colby): five separate grants to support teaching, collaborative research, and public programming related to the study of Maine’s Jewish history

## CURRENT SERVICE IN THE FIELDS OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND JEWISH STUDIES

- director and website editor, “Colby’s Maine Jewish History Project” (<http://web.colby.edu/jewsinmaine/>)
- curator, “The Medieval Canon Law Virtual Library” (<http://web.colby.edu/canonlaw/>)
- co-founder and steering committee member: “Religions in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650,” American Academy of Religion program unit

## FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2009– Faculty Fellow, Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement, Colby  
2010 AAR/Luce Foundation Summer Seminar Fellow (declined)
- 2005–2006 Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Fellow, Columbia University
- 2005–2006 Maurice and Marilyn Cohen Doctoral Dissertation Fellow,  
National Foundation for Jewish Culture
- 2005 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellow, Columbia University  
(for the advanced study of classical Arabic at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem)
- 2004–2005 Doctoral Scholarship Grant recipient, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
- 2003–2004 Paul H. Klingenstein Fellow, Columbia University
- 2003 Summer Academy Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin Working Group on  
Modernity and Islam
- 2003 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellow, Columbia University  
(for manuscript and archival research in Vatican City and Munich)
- 1999–2003 Presidential Fellow, Columbia University
- 1999–2000 Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- 1995–1999 Justice Brandeis Scholar, Brandeis University

## ACADEMIC PRIZES

### Jewish Theological Seminary

- 2006 Israel Davidson Memorial Prize (in medieval Hebrew literature)
- 2006 Isaac H. Wolfson Memorial Prize (for service to the JTS community)
- 2004 Aaron Friedenwald Prize in Jewish Theology
- 2004 Solomon and Rose S. Lasdon Prize (in Judaism and art or scholarship)
- 2003 Alexander Kohut Memorial Prize (in Talmud)
- 2003 William B. Hackenburg Prize in Midrash

### Brandeis University

- 1999 Saul and Sarah Fechter Family Prize in Political Science
- 1999 Samuel and Jennie Raucher Prize in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
- 1999 Phi Beta Kappa