

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Michael L. Satlow**  
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**1. Name, Position, Academic Departments**

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**3. Education**

1987-1993	Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York. Ph.D. (with distinction) in Ancient Judaism. Dissertation: <u>Talking about Sex: Rabbinic Rhetorics of Sexuality</u>
1989-1991	Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Visiting graduate and research student
1982-1986	Yale University. B.A. in Judaic Studies; distinction in the major

**4. Professional Appointments**

2002-	Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University; affiliated faculty in Classics (since 2007)
2000-2002	Core faculty, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Culture, Indiana University
1999-2002	Associate Professor: Dept. of Religious Studies, Indiana University (untenured); Adjunct Associate Professor, Jewish Studies Program
1994-1999	Assistant Professor: Dept. of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
1993-1994	Visiting Assistant Professor; Judaic Studies Program, University of Cincinnati.

**5. Publications**

**a. Books**

Creating Judaism: History, Tradition, and Practice, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006)

Jewish Marriage in Antiquity, (Princeton University Press, 2001)

Tasting the Dish: Rabbinic Rhetorics of Sexuality (Brown Judaic Studies; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1995)

Religion and the Self in Antiquity, co-edited with David Brakke and Steven Weitzman, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005)

## b. Chapters in Books

- “Marriage and Divorce,” forthcoming in Oxford Handbook of Jewish Daily Life in Roman Palestine, edited by Catherine Hezser
- “Beyond Influence: Toward a New Historiographic Paradigm,” forthcoming in Jewish Literatures and Cultures, edited by Yaron Eliav and Anita Norwich
- “Jewish Monism and its Biological Implications,” forthcoming in Judaism in Biological Perspective: Biblical Lore and Judaic Practices, edited by Rick Goldberg
- “Josephus, The Jewish War,” in Classical Literature and Its Times, ed. Joyce Moss (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2006), pp. 197-207
- “Marriage, Sexuality, and the Family,” in Cambridge History of Judaism, vol. 4, edited by Steven Katz, et al. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), pp. 612-26
- “Introduction,” co-authored with David Brakke and Steven Weitzman, Religion and the Self in Antiquity (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005), pp. 1-11
- “Giving for a Return: Jewish Votive Offerings in Late Antiquity,” in Religion and the Self in Antiquity, pp. 91-108
- “Male or Female Did They Create It? Gender and the Judaism of the Sage,” in Continuity and Renewal: Jews and Judaism in Byzantine-Christian Palestine, ed., Lee I Levine (Jerusalem and New York: Dinur Center for the Study of Jewish History, Yad Ben-Zvi Press, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2004), pp. 486-504 (in Hebrew)
- “Marriage Payments and Succession Strategies in the Documents from the Judaean Desert,” in Law in the Documents of the Judaean Desert, ed. Ranon Katzoff and David Schaps, Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 96 (Leiden: Brill, 2005), pp. 51-65
- “Slipping Toward Sacrament: Jews, Christians, and Marriage,” in Jewish Culture and Society Under the Christian Roman Empire, ed. by Richard Kalmin and Seth Schwartz (Leuven: Peeters, 2003), pp. 65-89
- “Fictional Women: A Study in Stereotypes,” in The Talmud Yerushalmi and Graeco-Roman Culture III, ed. by Peter Schäfer (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2002), pp. 225-43
- “‘Oral Torah’: Reading Jewish Texts Jewishly in Reform Judaism,” in Platforms and Prayer Books: Theological and Liturgical Perspectives on Reform Judaism, ed. by Dana Evan Kaplan (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002), pp. 261-270
- “The Metaphor of Marriage in Early Judaism,” in Families in the Ancient Near Easter World, the Hebrew Bible and the Judaism and Christianity in Early Antiquity, ed. by Athalya Brenner and Jan Willem van Henten (Star 2; Leiden: Deo, 2000), pp. 13-42
- Revised Shaye J. D. Cohen, “Roman Domination: the Jewish Revolt and the Destruction of the Second Temple,” in Ancient Israel, rev. ed., ed. H. Shanks (Washington, D.C.: Biblical Archaeology Society, 1999), pp. 265-98
- “Rhetoric and Assumptions: Rabbis and Romans on Sex,” in The Jews in the Graeco-Roman World, ed. by Martin Goodman (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998), pp. 135-44

- “Sex and Shame in Late-Antique Judaism,” in Asceticism, ed. Vincent L Wimbush and Richard Valantasis (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995), pp. 538-43
- “Reconsidering the Rabbinic *ketubah* Payment,” in The Jewish Family in Antiquity, ed. Shaye J. D. Cohen (Brown Judaic Studies; Atlanta: Scholars Press), pp. 133-51

**c. Referred Journal Articles**

- “Theophrastus’s Jewish Philosophers,” forthcoming in Journal of Jewish Studies
- “Defining Judaism: Accounting for ‘Religions’ in the Study of Religion,” Journal of the American Academy of Religion 74:4 (2006): 837-60
- “Disappearing Categories: Using Categories in the Study of Religion,” Method and Theory in the Study of Religion 17 (2005): 287-298
- “Etz Hayim, Sex and the Paths Not Taken,” Conservative Judaism 56:4 (2004): 75-82
- “And on the Earth You Shall Sleep: Talmud Torah and Rabbinic Asceticism,” Journal of Religion 83 (2003): 204-225
- “Jewish Marriage: The Evidence of the Inscriptions,” in Proceedings of the Twelfth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Division B, History of the Jewish People (Jerusalem: World Union of Jewish Studies, 2000), pp. 17\*-24\*
- “‘One Who Loves his Wife Like Himself’: Love in Rabbinic Marriage,” Journal of Jewish Studies 49 (1998): 67-87
- “4Q502: A New Years Ritual?” Dead Sea Discoveries 5 (1998): 57-68
- “Jewish Constructions of Nakedness in Late Antiquity,” Journal of Biblical Literature 116 (1997): 429-54
- “A Historical Source? b. Baba Batra 7b-8a,” Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period 28 (1997): 314-20
- “Jewish Knowing: Monism and its Ramifications,” Judaism 45:4 (1996): 483-89
- “Try to Be a Man’: The Rabbinic Construction of Masculinity,” Harvard Theological Review 89 (1996): 19-40
- “Texts of Terror’: Rabbinic Texts, Speech Acts, and the Control of Mores,” AJS Review 21 (1996): 273-97
- “‘Wasted Seed’: The History of a Rabbinic Idea,” Hebrew Union College Annual 65 (1994):137-75
- “‘They Abused Him Like a Woman’: Homoeroticism, Gender Blurring, and the Rabbis in Late Antiquity,” Journal of the History of Sexuality 5 (1994): 1-25

**d. Non-Referreed Journal Articles**

- “A History of the Jews or Judaism? A Review of Seth Schwartz, Imperialism and Jewish Society,” The Jewish Quarterly Review 95 (2005): 151-162

**e. Book Reviews**

- David Goodblatt, Elements of Ancient Jewish Nationalism, forthcoming in The Ancient History Bulletin
- Catherine Hezser, Jewish Slavery in Antiquity, in Journal for the Study of Judaism 38 (2007): 392-4
- Alexei M. Sivertsev, Households, Sects, and the Origins of Rabbinic Judaism, in The Catholic Biblical Quarterly 68 (2006): 553-4

- Christine E. Hayes, Gentile Impurities and Jewish Identities: Intermarriage and Conversion from the Bible to the Talmud, in The Studia Philonica Annual 16 (2004)
- Charlotte Fonrobert, Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstructions of Biblical Gender, and Jonathan Klawans, Impurity and Sin in Ancient Judaism, in Journal of Jewish Studies 53 (2002): 172-174
- Tal Ilan, Integrating Women into Second Temple History, in Jewish Quarterly Review 92 (2002): 647-49
- Entries on "Gender," "Marriage," and "Sex" in The Reader's Guide to Judaism, ed. Michael Terry (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2000), pp. 198-200, 395-96, 555-56
- Hyam Maccoby, Ritual and Morality: The Ritual Purity System and its Place in Judaism, in Review of Biblical Literature: <http://www.bookreviews.org/Reviews/0521495407.html>
- N. S. Hecht, et al., An Introduction to the History and Sources of Jewish Law, in Shofar 18 (2000): 166-68
- John H. Hayes and Sara R. Mandell, The Jewish People in Classical Antiquity: From Alexander to Bar Kochba, in Biblical Archaeology Review 26.4(2000): 59-60
- Christine Hayes, Between the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds, in Hebrew Studies 40 (1999): 362-65
- Hayim Lapin, Early Rabbinic Civil Law and the Social History of Roman Galilee: A Study of Mishnah Tractate Baba Mesia, in Journal of Biblical Literature 117 (1998): 132-34
- Jeffrey L. Rubenstein, The History of Sukkot in the Second Temple and Rabbinic Periods, in Religious Studies Review 22 (1996): 355
- Jonathan Goldberg, ed. Reclaiming Sodom, in Journal of the History of Sexuality 6 (1995): 124-26
- David Biale, Eros and the Jews, in Shofar 12 (1994): 114-16
- Daniel Boyarin, Carnal Israel: Reading Sex in Talmudic Culture, in Journal of the History of Sexuality 5 (1994): 297-300

#### **f. Invited Lectures**

- "Jewish Childhood in Antiquity," given at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Diego (Early Christian Families Group; November, 2007)
- "Scriptures and Race," panelist at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November, 2006)
- "Peoples of the Land: Jewish Piety in Late Antiquity," University of Wisconsin (March, 2006)
- "The Jewish Word on Christianity: Clues in Rabbinic Texts," Hebrew College (March, 2006)
- Respondent, to session on rabbinic orthodoxy, given at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Philadelphia (History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism; November, 2005)
- "How Jewish Was Jewish Marriage," given at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Antonio (Early Christian Families Group; November, 2004)
- "What is Judaism?" given at "Revson 25: Academic Conference and Celebration," at the Jewish Theological Seminary (May, 2004)
- "Inscriptions from the Land of Israel: Project Update" given at "Workshop on Aphrodisias" at New York University (May, 2004)

Respondant, "The State of the Field in the History of Judaism II: Social and Political History," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting (December, 2003)

"'If You Want to Be Perfect': Perfection and the Jews of Antiquity," given at the University of Notre Dame (November, 2003)

"Beyond Influence: Explaining Similarity and Difference Among Jews in Antiquity," given at a conference entitled "Jewish Literatures and Cultures: Context and Intertext," sponsored by the Fraenkel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan (November, 2003)

"A People of Philosophers: Jews, Greeks, and Self-Identity," given at the Culture and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean Seminar (Brown, September, 2003)

"Giving for a Return: Jewish Votive Offerings in Late Antiquity," given at the Judaic Studies Colloquium (Brown, February, 2003) and at a conference entitled "The Religious Self in Antiquity," at Indiana University (September, 2003)

Respondant, session on Jewish culture in Roman and Byzantine Palestine, History and Literature of Rabbinic Judaism Section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November, 2002

"Adam, Eve, and Jewish Marriage in Antiquity," given at McGill University, February, 2002

"And on the Earth You Shall Sleep: Talmud Torah and Rabbinic Asceticism," given at Brown University, January, 2002

Respondant, session on food among Jews in antiquity, Hellenistic Judaism Section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November 2001

"Fictional Women: The Construction of the Woman in Roman Palestine," given at a conference on "The Talmud Yerushalmi and Graeco-Roman Culture, November, 2000

Review of Daniel Boyarin, Unheroic Conduct, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November, 2000

"'As Difficult as Splitting the Sea of Reeds': Jews, Matchmaking, and Marriage in Antiquity," given at Washington University, March, 2000

"Slouching Toward Sacrament: Jews, Christians, and Marriage," given at conference on "Jewish Society and Culture under Christian Rome," (JTS; New York), March, 2000

"Male or Female Did He Create it? The Gendering of Rabbinic Judaism," given in Jerusalem, July, 1999 (in Hebrew)

"Marriage, Myth, and Metaphor: Marital Ideologies in Early Judaisms," given at Colloquium on the Ancient Family in Amsterdam, June, 1998

"Marriage Payments and Succession Strategies in the Documents from the Judaean Desert," given at conference on Law in the Judaean Desert Papyri, Bar-Ilan University, June, 1998

"Why Marry? Jewish Ideologies of Marriage in the Talmudic Period," given at the School of History, Tel Aviv University, January, 1998

"Jewish Constructions of Nakedness in Late Antiquity," given at AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, 1995

"Rhetoric and Assumptions: Rabbis and Romans on Sex," given at colloquium on "Jews in the Graeco-Roman World," sponsored by the British Association of Jewish Studies, Oxford, July, 1995

"Constructing the Male in Late-Antique Judaism," given at AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, 1994

Respondant in session on Homosexuality in the Bible, at North American Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Studies Conference, 1994

"Sex and Shame in Late-Antique Judaism," given at an International Conference on Asceticism, Union Theological Seminary, New York, April, 1993

“Sex in the Talmud,” given at a conference on Jewish law and sexuality, Harvard Law School, April, 1993

“Reconsidering the Rabbinic Ketubah Payment,” given at AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, 1990

## 6. Papers Read

“Piety and Charity in Late Antique Judaism,” Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting (December, 2006); European Association of Jewish Studies (July, 2006)

“Inscriptions from the Land of Israel,” Digital Epigraphy Workshop, Brown University (November, 2005)

“‘A People of Philosophers’: Jews, Greeks, and Self-Identity,” World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (2005)

“Talmud Torah and Rabbinic Asceticism,” Midwest Jewish Studies Colloquium, May, 2001

## 7. Work in Progress

People of the Land, to be a book on the piety of non-rabbinic Jews in antiquity

“Philo on Human Perfection,” writing for submission to a journal

“A People of Philosophers: Toward a Model of Jewish Cultural Interaction,” writing for submission to a journal

“Extreme Teaching: The Limits of Active Learning in a Survey of Ancient Jewish History”

“Jewish Childhood in Antiquity”

## 8. Other

“Inscriptions from the Land of Israel: An Internet Prototype,” at <http://www.iath.virginia.edu/mls4n/home.html>

“Inscriptions from Israel/Palestine,” at <http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/Inscriptions>

## 9. Service

### a. University

First-year adviser (2007-8)

Sheridan Center faculty liaison (fall, 2007)

Faculty Affairs Committee (fall, 2007)

Digital Humanities Initiative committee member (2006-)

Graduate Advisor, Department of Religious Studies (2004-2006)

Editor, Brown Judaic Studies (2004-)

Library Committee, Program in Judaic Studies (2002-3, 2004-)

Concentration Advisor, Program in Judaic Studies (Fall, 2003)

Coordinator, Culture and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean (CRAM) (Fall, 2003, 2004-5)

Computing Advisory Board (Fall, 2003, 2004-5)

### b. Profession

Reviewer, “Judaism Section,” American Academy of Religion (2007)

Board Member, Henoch (2007-)

Board member, Journal of the American Academy of Religion (2005-)

Reviewed book manuscripts and proposals for Johns Hopkins University Press (2002); University of Pennsylvania Press (2002); Oxford University Press (2004); Princeton University Press (2004); Duke University Press (2005); Columbia University Press (2007)

Reviewed articles for Jewish Quarterly Review, Jewish Studies Quarterly, Journal of the American Academy of Religion; AJS Review; Hebrew Union College Annual

Program Unit Chair, History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section, Society of Biblical Literature (2002-2006)

Steering Committee, Social History of Early Judaism and Christianity, Society of Biblical Literature (2002-2005)

Co-Organizer, "The Religious Self in Antiquity", a conference held at Indiana University in September, 2003

### **c. Community**

- 2007 Taught a course on "Jewish History and Memory" at Hebrew College
- 2007 Taught Rabbinics section in Me'ah program, Temple Emanu-El (13 weeks)
- 2006 Taught a course on "Heresy" in the Me'ah Graduate Institute, Hebrew College, Newton
- 2006 Taught series on "Ezra," at Temple Israel, Sharon (4 weeks)
- 2006 Lectured on rabbinic understandings of Christianity, Hebrew College, Newton
- 2006 Taught Rabbinics section in Me'ah program, Temple Israel, Sharon (13 weeks)
- 2005 Taught series, "The Origins of Jewish Marriage," at Temple Israel, Sharon (4 weeks)
- 2005 Taught Rabbinics section in Me'ah program, Temple Emanu-El (13 weeks)
- 2004 Lectured on "Did the Jews Kill Jesus," Temple Beth-El in Fall River
- 2004 Taught "Ancient Jewish Spirituality" at Temple Emmanu-El Scholar (8 weeks)
- 2004 Taught Rabbinics section in Me'ah program, New Bedford (13 weeks)
- 2004 Lectured on "The Beginning of Jewish Sex," as part of a lecture series sponsored by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies in Boston
- 2004 Lectured on "What is Judaism?" at Temple Emmanu-El

### **10. Academic Honors, Fellowships**

- 2007 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellow
- 2007 Cogut Faculty Fellowship
- 2007 Co-recipient (with John Bodel) of Salomon Faculty Research Grant for work on a Center of Digital Epigraphy
- 2005-6 Recipient of Salomon Faculty Research Grant for work on "Inscriptions from the Land of Israel"
- 2003-4 Recipient of a Scholarly Technology Group grant for work on "Inscriptions from the Land of Israel"
- 2001, 2002 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana University
- 2000 Grant in Aid, Indiana University
- 1999 Emergency Grant in Aid, Indiana University
- 1998- Corresponding Fellow, Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 1998- Faculty Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia
- 1997-98 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship

1996-97           Resident Fellow, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities,  
University of Virginia  
1996-97           University Teaching Fellowship, University of Virginia  
1995-96           Associate Fellow, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities,  
University of Virginia

## **11. Teaching**

### *Undergraduate Courses:*

“Judaism”  
“The Jews: History, Culture and Religion (Bible to Middle Ages)”  
“Religion and the Dead Sea Scrolls”  
“Jewish Life Cycle”  
“Judaism and Christianity in Conflict”  
“The Beginnings of Judaism”  
“Jewish and Islamic Law”  
“Talmud”

### *Graduate Courses:*

“The Mishnah”  
“Orthodoxy in Antiquity”  
“Philo”  
“Halakhic Midrash”