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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Dartmouth College (Current)

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies/Judaic Studies at Franklin and Marshall College (Fall 2018-Spring 2023)

Academic Focus: Anthropology of Religion, Judaism, Israel/Palestine Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Post-Colonial Studies

Languages: English, Hebrew, Arabic (Palestinian Dialect), French

Institutional Service at Franklin and Marshall:

- 2018-Current: Judaic Studies Committee, Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Committee, The Middle East and Islamic Studies Faculty Caucus
- 2018-2021: Strategic Planning Committee, Committee for the Quality of Campus Life, Day of Dialogue Committee

Professional Memberships: The American Academy of Religion, The Association for Judaic Studies, The Seminar on Jewish Orthodoxies, American Anthropological Association

EDUCATION

The University of California, Davis

PhD in Cultural Anthropology, 2012-2018

The New School for Social Research

MA in Cultural Anthropology, 2010-2012

Franklin and Marshall College

Bachelor of the Arts (Judaic Studies Major), 2005-2009

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- AJS Jordan Schnitzer First Book Publication Award, 2023
- Luce-AAR Advancing Public Scholarship Grant, 2022
- National Science Foundation Research Fellowship, 2014-2017
- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Research Grant, 2016-2017
- Academic Consortium of the Jewish Community Federation Grant, 2017
- UC Davis Provost Fellowship, 2012-2013

- The Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, for Hebrew Studies at Middlebury College, Summer 2011
- The Milton Sidney and Thelma Weinman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Judaic Studies, 2009
- Franklin and Marshall Judaic Studies Summer Research Travel Grant, 2008
- Franklin and Marshall Presidential Scholar, 2005-2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College. Current.

Courses: Introduction to Judaism, Race and Religion, Religion and Ethnography.

Assistant Professor, Franklin and Marshall College, 2018-2023.

Courses Offered: Gender and Religion, Introduction to Religious Studies, Introduction to Judaism, Israel/Palestine: Beyond the Binary, Race and Religion

Lecturer, UC Davis, Winter 2016-Winter 2018.

Courses Offered: Gender, Sexualities, and Feminist Theory, Anthropology of the Middle East

BOOKS

Feldman, Rachel. *Messianic Zionism in the Digital Age: Jews, Noahides, and the Third Temple Imaginary* (Rutgers University Press, Spring 2024)

Feldman, Rachel and Ian McGonigle. (eds) *Anthropological Approaches to 'Settler-Indigeneity' in the West Bank*. (McGill University Press, Fall 2023)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Feldman, Rachel and Ayala Fader. "Illiberal Jewish-Christian Encounters and Nostalgic Political Imaginations in Amish Country Tourism." Under Review with *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (JAAR).

Feldman, Rachel. "'Women from the Tribe of Judah: Gendering Settler-Indigeneity in an International West Bank Seminary.'" In *Anthropological Approaches to 'Settler-Indigeneity' in the West Bank*. Edited by Rachel Feldman and Ian McGonigle. (McGill University Press, 2023)

Feldman, Rachel. "Hasidism, Race, and Social Change." *Shofar* 40:3 Book Forum. April 2023.

Feldman, Rachel. "I call it 'Rabbi YouTube: Rabbinic Authority in the Digital Age and Global South.'" *The Association for Judaic Studies Review*. Vol 46.1. April 2023.

Feldman, Rachel. Book review for *Becoming Jewish, Believing in Jesus* by Manoela Carpenedo. *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations* (SCJR) 17, no. 1 (2022): 1-3.

Feldman, Rachel. 2022. I authored four encyclopedia articles for *De Gruyter: Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*. My contributions include entries for Aime Palliere, Noahides in Modern Judaism, Noahides as a Religious Movement, and The Third Temple Movement.

Feldman, Rachel. "Pious Mobilities: Jewish Pilgrimage to Uman During the Pandemic." *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Jewish Studies*. Vol 40.1. Spring 2022.

Rachel, Feldman. Book review essay for *When the State Winks: The Performance of Jewish Conversion in Israel* by Michal Kravel-Tovi. *American Ethnologist*. 2020.

Feldman, Rachel. "Jewish Theocracy at the Biblical Barbeque: The Role of Third Temple Activism and Sacrificial Reenactments in Shaping Self and State" *The Journal of Contemporary Jewry*. Vol 40 (2020): 431-452.

Feldman, Rachel. "Jewish Women in The Middle East." A Chapter for the Handbook on Middle East Women. Edited by Suad Joseph and Zeina Zaatari. Routledge: 2022.

Feldman, Rachel. "The Children of Noah: Has Messianic Zionism Created a New Judaic Faith?" *Nova Religio*, 22.1 August 2018: 115-128.

Feldman, Rachel. "Temple Mount Pilgrimage in the Name of Human Rights: The Use of Piety Practice and Liberal Discourse to Carry out Proxy-State Conquest." *The Journal of Settler Colonial Studies*. 2018. Volume 8 Issue 4.

Feldman, Rachel. "Putting Messianic Femininity into Zionist Political Action: The Case of Women for the Temple." *The Journal of Middle Eastern Woman's Studies*. November 2017. Vol 13. No.3.

PRESENTATIONS (INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES)

Holy Cow: Religion, Race, and Milk in Lancaster, County, PA. Guest lecture at Fordham University. May 8th 2023.

Messianic Zionism in the Digital Age. Invited public lecture at Saint Joseph's University. April 27th 2023.

The Children of Noah (Bnei Noah): From Jewish Legal Theory to a Global Religious Movement. Invited panelist at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. April 26th 2023.

The Children of Noah (Bnei Noah): From Jewish Legal Theory to a Global Religious Movement. Invited talk for the Department of Jewish Thought at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. March 15th 2023.

Holy Cow: Religion, Race, and Milk in Lancaster, County, PA. Invited guest lecture at the Young Center at Elizabethtown College. March 2 2023.

Hasidism in the Global South. Paper Presentation for The Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting. Dec 2022.

From Puebla to Jerusalem (by way of Skype): Judaizing Trends in Mexico Today. Centro de Estudios Antropológicos, UNAM (Mexico) October 25 2022.

'Born again, again.' *Jewish Digital Missionaries and the Global Noahide Movement.* Invited talk for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Ben Gurion University of the Negev. March 29th 2022.

The Children of Noah: Christian Zionism and Messianic Judaism in the Philippines. Invited Panelist for the “Virtual Workshop on Christian Zionism in the Global South” sponsored by the State University of Campinas in Brazil. October 2021.

The Messianic Underpinnings of the Liberal-Settler State: Thinking Israel/Palestine and the US Together. Invited Paper Presentation for the virtual “Messianic Leadership Conference” at Oslo University. June 2021.

Hasidism and Jewish Messianism in the Global South. Invited Talk for the Jewish Studies Department at Dartmouth College. December 2020.

Renew, Re-voice, Re-imagine: Ethnographies of Religion and Technology. Paper Presentation. The American Academy of Religion. 2020 Annual Conference.

Roundtable: Jews/Judaism: Undisciplined Locations. The Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting. Dec 2019.

Author Meets Critics Panel: Jasbir Puar's The Right to Maim. Invited Paper Presentation. The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Nov 2019.

Christian Philo-Semitism and Christian Zionism in the Global South and Europe. Invited Paper Presentation. The International Society for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference. Barcelona, July 2019.

The Changing Face of Religious Authority: Knowledge, Legitimacy and Power Conference at The University of Cambridge. Invited Paper Presentation. June 2019.

The Globalization of the Third Temple Movement and the Emergence of “Bnei Noah” (Children of Noah) Communities. Paper Presentation at The Association for Judaic Studies Annual Conference. December 2018.

Textured Bodies: Scripture, Practice, and Power in the Contemporary Middle East. Panel Organizer and Paper Presenter. American Anthropological Association Conference. Minneapolis. November 2016.

The Third Temple Movement: From Margins to Mainstream. Invited Guest Lecturer for Jewish communities in Basel and Zurich, Switzerland. September 2016.

Women’s Pilgrimage to the Temple Mount: Feminism and New Messianic Architectures in Jerusalem. Paper Presentation at the “Spirits of the City” Conference, Anthropology Department, UCSB. May 30-31, 2015.

Third Temple Women and the Feminine Messianique. Invited guest lecturer at SOAS, Israel Studies Group. University of London. March 19, 2015.

Guardians of the Jewish Home and the House of God: Third Temple Women and Messianic Feminism. Invited lecturer for the Jewish Studies colloquium. UC Davis. November, 2014.

Towards Understanding Current Events in the Middle East: Notes from ethnographic research and activism. Invited Panelist. UC Davis. October, 2014.

Jewish “Traitors” and The Remaking of American Jewish Identity Through Palestine Activism. The American Anthropological Association Conference. Chicago. November, 2013.

Building the “Third Temple” In Jerusalem: An Investigation into the Construction of Messianic Time. UC Davis Anthropology Graduate Conference. 2012.

Speculative Design and Israel/Palestine. The American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. 2011.

PODCASTS AND DOCUMENTARY FILM

The Children of Noah: Birth of a Religion (Forthcoming 2023)

Funded by The Guardian (UK)

Pending Grants: Jewish Story Partners, Hot Docs Deal Maker, Catapult Film Grant

Rachel Feldman and Lia Tarachansky (co-directors)

Marc Serpa Francoeur (producer)

Raw Milk: Amish and Hasidic Chalav Yisrael Collaborations in Lancaster County. Podcast that I created based on my fieldwork in Lancaster County for *Religion, the Secular, and Machines In Between*, a podcast series curated by Dr. John Modern. Forthcoming Fall 2022.

Available for pre-release listening here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/13wM1MnCj-bYj0vXtKSCZ80vYFM0IN9Hu/view?usp=sharing>

The Jewish Diaspora Podcast “What is Zionism, Anyway?” Invited Panelist. Published online Jan 9th 2020. <https://diasporapodcast.simplecast.com/episodes/what-is-zionism-anyway-dLwImyPZ>