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Employment

2026-	Robert A. Oden, Jr. Postdoctoral Fellow for Innovation in the Liberal Arts and Postdoctoral Fellow in Religion	Carleton College
2025-26	Visiting Assistant Professor of Hebrew & Jewish Studies	University of Kentucky

Education

2025	PhD, Religious Studies Dissertation: "How the Bible Became Literature: Jewish Assumptions About the Nature of Text in the Hellenistic Period"	University of Pennsylvania
2023	MA (incidental), Religious Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2019	Postbaccalaureate Certificate, Classical Languages	University of Pennsylvania
2016	BA, Religion Minor: Classical Culture and Society *Magna cum laude* Thesis: "'Here is a people that dwells alone, and that does not consider itself among the nations': Balaam ben Beor and the National Boundaries of Ancient Israel"	Haverford College

Publications

Under Review	"Gendered Aspects of Esther's Character in the Septuagint"	
2024	"Between Flavian Power and Jewish Trauma: The Unemotionality of Josephus' Triumph Narrative"	*Judaica: Neue digitale Folge*

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record

Spring 2027	*Understanding Religion*	Carleton College
Winter 2027	*The Hebrew Bible*	Carleton College
Fall 2026	*Bible Past and Present*	Carleton College
Spring 2026	*The Dead Sea Scrolls*	University of Kentucky
Spring 2026	*Jews in America*	University of Kentucky
Spring 2026	*Elementary Biblical Hebrew II*	University of Kentucky
Fall 2025	*Introduction to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible*	University of Kentucky
Fall 2025	*Christians in the Roman Empire*	University of Kentucky
Fall 2025	*Elementary Biblical Hebrew I*	University of Kentucky
Fall 2023	*Gender, Sexuality, and Religion*	University of Pennsylvania

As Teaching Assistant

Spring 2021	*Religion and Sports* Lectures: "Preparing to Undertake Ethnographic Research"; "Religion, Gender, and Sports in Catholic Women's Basketball"	University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2021	*Gender, Sexuality, and Religion* Lectures: "Sexual Subversion in the Hebrew Bible"; "Key Themes and Concepts in Jewish Tradition"	University of Pennsylvania
Spring 2021	*Jews and Judaism in Antiquity*	University of Pennsylvania
Fall 2020	*Religions of the West* Lecture: "Jonah in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur'an"	University of Pennsylvania

Invited & Conference Presentations

2026	"Mediating the Jewish Textual Tradition Through the Hellenistic State: The Royal Librarian Demetrius as a New Moses in the *Letter of Aristeas*" *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*	Philadelphia, PA
2026	"Gendered Aspects of Esther's Character in the Septuagint" *Gender Stereotypes in Antiquity*	Jerusalem, Israel (via Zoom)
2025	"Prophetic-Historical Truth-Telling in Josephus" *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*	Washington, DC
2025	"Strategizing CVs for Graduate Students" *University of Pennsylvania Religious Studies Colloquium*	Philadelphia, PA (via Zoom)
2025	"A Re-Evaluation of Nerva's *Fiscus Iudaicus* Coin" *Society of Classical Studies Annual Conference*	Philadelphia, PA
2024	Discussant: "Teaching the Traditions of the Late Antique East: A Strategy Swap" *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*	San Diego, CA
2024	"Fixity as a Principle of Jewish Literature and the Transformation of Biblical Text in 2nd c. BCE Alexandria" *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference*	San Diego, CA
2024	"Feminist Readings in Ancient Greek Esther" *Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania*	Philadelphia, PA
2023	"A Feminist Analysis of Esther as Depicted in the Septuagint Additions" *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*	San Francisco, CA
2023	"What is a Biblical Addition?" *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference*	San Antonio, TX
2023	"The Transformation of Biblical Text into Literature in Alexandrian Jewish Translation Paratexts" *European Association for Jewish Studies 12th Congress*	Frankfurt am Main, Germany
2023	"How The Bible Became Literature: Jewish Assumptions About the Nature of Text in the Hellenistic Period" *European Association for Jewish Studies 12th Congress: EAJS Emerge*	Frankfurt am Main, Germany

2023 "An End to Post-Judaean War Trauma? Rethinking Nerva's *Fiscus Iudaicus* Coin"
Penn Center for Ancient Studies Annual Conference: Trauma — Philadelphia, PA

2023 "Josephus, Historiography, and the Nature of the Bible"
Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar — Princeton, NJ

2022 "Cultural Liminality and Legitimate Historiography According to Josephus and Plutarch"
Penn Center for Ancient Studies Annual Conference: Borders and Boundaries in the Ancient World — Philadelphia, PA

2021 Discussant: "The Talmud's Leaky Pipeline: A Roundtable on Gender Equity in the Field of Rabbinics"
Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference — Chicago, IL

2021 "Josephus' Response to a Flavian Display of Power: Reading the Unemotionality of the Triumph Narrative, *BJ* VII.123-57"
Jewish Authors and Power in the Graeco-Roman Period — Bern, Switzerland (via Zoom)

2021 "Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2nd c. BCE Alexandria"
Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar — Philadelphia, PA (via Zoom)

Prizes & Awards

2025 Merle Saunders Schaff Memorial Prize — Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
"A Feminist Analysis of Esther as Depicted in the Septuagint Additions"

2024 Honorable Mention, Erich Gruen Prize — Society of Classical Studies
"Rethinking Nerva's *Fiscus Iudaicus* Coin"

2024 Merle Saunders Schaff Memorial Prize — Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
"Josephus, Historiography, and the Nature of the Bible"

2022 Merle Saunders Schaff Memorial Prize — Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania
"Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2nd c. BCE Alexandria"

2021 Honorable Mention, Erich Gruen Prize — Society of Classical Studies
"Translation Across Literary Cultures in 2nd c. BCE Alexandria"

2016 Senior Thesis Prize in Religion — Haverford College
"'Here is a people that dwells alone, and that does not consider itself among the nations': Balaam ben Beor and the National Boundaries of Ancient Israel"

Fellowships

2026- Robert A. Oden, Jr. Postdoctoral Fellowship for Innovation in the Liberal Arts — Carleton College

2024-25 Wolf Humanities Center Doctoral Fellowship — University of Pennsylvania

2024-25 Boardman Fellowship in Religious Studies — University of Pennsylvania

2023-24 Center for Excellence in Teaching, — University of Pennsylvania

	Learning, and Innovation Graduate Fellowship for Teaching Excellence	
2021-22	Sidney Ellis Fellowship in Religious Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2020-21	Ruth Meltzer Graduate Fellowship in Jewish Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2019-20	Margaret Schoenfeld Falk Fellowship in Jewish Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2019-25	Benjamin Franklin Fellowship	University of Pennsylvania

Grants

2026-	Fellowship Support for Oden Postdoctoral Fellowship for Innovation in the Liberal Arts at Carleton College	Mellon Foundation
2023	Sidney Stern Memorial Trust Travel Grant	Association for Jewish Studies
2023	Louis Schwartz and Elaine Friedman Schwartz Memorial Fund Award	Jewish Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

Certifications

2021	Certificate in College and University Teaching	University of Pennsylvania

Conferences Organized

2025	*Keywords: A Symposium*	Philadelphia, PA
2024	*Penn Jewish Studies Graduate Conference: Jews and Political Authority: Citizenship, Homeland, and Diaspora*	Philadelphia, PA
2021	*Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar*	Philadelphia, PA (via Zoom)

Conference Panels Chaired

2026	"Literary Constructions of Place in Antiquity" *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*	Philadelphia, PA
2025	"Aesthetics" *Keywords: A Symposium*	Philadelphia, PA
2024	"Premodern Jews as Imperial Subjects" *Penn Jewish Studies Graduate Conference: Jews and Political Authority: Citizenship, Homeland, and Diaspora*	Philadelphia, PA
2022	"Material Culture" *Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar*	New York, NY (via Zoom)

Pedagogy Workshops

2024	"Grading in the Humanities and Qualitative Social Sciences"	University of Pennsylvania
2024	"Navigating Scenarios in Graduate Teaching"	University of Pennsylvania
2024	"Teaching Demonstrations"	University of Pennsylvania
2024	(Co-taught) "Teaching Outside Your Area of Expertise"	University of Pennsylvania

2023	"Working With Students on Their Writing"	University of Pennsylvania

Public-Facing Presentations

2026	"Ancient Judaism as Seen through the Dead Sea Scrolls"	Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Lexington, KY
2025	"What's So Exciting About the Dead Sea Scrolls?"	Ratio Christi, University of Kentucky
2024	"A Feminist Analysis of the Septuagint (Ancient Greek) Version of Esther"	Tifereth Israel Congregation, Washington, DC

Mentorship

2026-27	Mentorship of two Senior Integrative Exercises (comps)	Carleton College
2025	Professionalization Workshop: "Strategizing CVs for Graduate Students"	University of Pennsylvania Religious Studies Colloquium
2024	TA Trainer	University of Pennsylvania
2023-24	Graduate student teaching observations & mentorship discussions	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Undergraduate student paper won the Ann Matter Prize for Best Paper in the History of Religions Aly Kerrigan, "Plural Marriage, Plural Meanings: An Exploration of FLDS Polygyny as a Tool for Women's Identity Construction"	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Undergraduate student paper won the Ann Matter Prize for Best Paper in the History of Religions Thomas Malloy, "Religion, Colonization, and Reclamation: The Case of the Hijras and the Two-Spirit People"	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Undergraduate student paper accepted for publication Olivia Domansky, "The Partnership Minyan"	*The Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*
2023	Undergraduate student paper published Emma Boockvar, "A Clash of Creed: The Paradox of LGBTQ+ Pride Within Orthodox Judaism"	*The Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*
2023	Undergraduate student paper published Zoe Millstein, "Redefining the Rabbinate: Women Rabbis in Israel and the United States"	*The Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*
2015-16	Writing Center Peer Tutor	Haverford College

Professional & Departmental Service

2026	Mark and Ruth Luckens International Prize in Jewish Thought and Culture Evaluation Committee	University of Kentucky
2025-26	Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence Scholarship Evaluation Committee	University of Kentucky
2022-25	Co-chair, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins	University of Pennsylvania

2024	School of Arts & Sciences Teaching Awards Selection Committee	University of Pennsylvania
2023-24	Organizer, Pedagogy Workshop Series in Religious Studies	University of Pennsylvania
2014-16	Student Representative to the Board of Managers	Haverford College
2014-15	Faculty Search Committee in Religion	Haverford College
2014-15	Search Committee for Director of the Office of Student Life	Haverford College
2014-15	Clearness Committee	Haverford College
2014-15	Librarian and Co-secretary, Honor Council	Haverford College

Research Assistantships

2014	Professor Jamel Velji Designed Syllabus: *Mahdis and Their Movements* Revised Syllabus: *The End of the World As We Know It*	Haverford College

Professional Training

2023	Mini-course in Inclusive & Equitable Teaching	University of Pennsylvania

Non-Credit Bearing Education

2023	Jewish Studies Summer School: *New Beginnings*	University of Antwerp
2016	*NISHMA* summer program in Talmud and Hebrew	Jewish Theological Seminary

Professional Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature
Association for Jewish Studies
Society for Classical Studies
Phi Beta Kappa Society

Reading Languages

Ancient	Hebrew	*Modern*	English
	Greek		Spanish
	Latin		French
	Aramaic		German
	Akkadian		Hebrew

Other Relevant Experience

2017-19	5th Grade Religious School Educator	Main Line Reform Temple, Wynnewood, PA
2017-18	Special Assistant	Character Lab, Philadelphia, PA

2016-17	Tour Guide, Roman Scythopolis	Beit She'an National Park, Beit She'an, Israel
2016-17	Elementary School & Adult Beginner English Teaching Fellow	Beit She'an, Israel
2013	Early History Intern Editorial Assistant: *Naval Documents of the American Revolution*, vol. 13 (pub. 2019)	US Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington, DC
2011	Eagle Scout	Bethesda, MD

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