

Curriculum Vitae
Michael L. Satlow

1. Name, Position, Academic Departments

Michael L. Satlow
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Program in Judaic Studies/Department of Religious Studies

2. Contact Information

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3. Education

1987-1993 Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York. Ph.D. (with distinction) in Ancient Judaism. Dissertation: *Talking about Sex: Rabbinic Rhetorics of Sexuality*

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

2009- Professor, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University

2007- Affiliated Faculty, Department of Classics, Brown University

2002-2009 Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies and Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University

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

How the Bible Became Holy (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014)
The Gift in Antiquity, editor (Malden: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013)
World Religions: Judaism, by Natalie M. Rosinsky (I am the Content Adviser) (Mankato: Compass Point, 2010)

Creating Judaism: History, Tradition, and Practice, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006)
Religion and the Self in Antiquity, co-edited with David Brakke and Steven Weitzman, (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005)
Jewish Marriage in Antiquity, (Princeton University Press, 2001)
Tasting the Dish: Rabbinic Rhetorics of Sexuality (Brown Judaic Studies; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1995)

b. Chapters in Books

- “What Does Love Have to Do with It? Sibling Relationships among Judean Jews in the First-Third Centuries CE,” forthcoming in conference volume
- “Markets and Tithes in Roman Palestine,” forthcoming in conference volume
- “Faith, Rabbinic Judaism,” in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*
- “Fornication,” forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*
- “Jew or Judaeon?” in Carolyn Johnson Hodge, Saul M. Olyan, Daniel Ullucci, and Emma Wasserman, eds., *“The One Who Sows Bountifully”: Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers* (BJS 356; Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2013), 165-175
- “From Salve to Weapon: Torah Study, Masculinity, and the Babylonian Talmud,” in P. H. Cullum and Katherine J. Lewis, eds., *Religious Men and Masculine Identity in the Middle Ages* (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2013), pp. 16-27
- “Teaching Ancient Jewish History: An Experiment in Engaged Learning,” in Jon A. Levisohn and Susan P. Fendrick, eds., *Turn it and Turn it Again: Studies in the Teaching and Learning of Classical Jewish Texts* (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2013), pp. 212-235
- “Introduction,” *The Gift in Antiquity*, ed. Michael L. Satlow
- “Family, Jewish,” in the *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*
- “Religion, Jewish,” in the *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*
- “Tradition: The Power of Constraint,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies*, edited by Robert Orsi (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 130-150
- “Jewish In-Laws, the View from Antiquity,” in C. Badel and C. Settapani, ed., *Les stratégies familiales dans l’antiquité tardive* (Paris: de Boccard, 2012), 265-277
- “Marriage and Divorce,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Daily Life in Roman Palestine*, edited by Catherine Hezser (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 344-361
- “Beyond Influence: Toward a New Historiographic Paradigm,” in *Jewish Literatures and Cultures: Context and Intertext*, edited by Yaron Eliav and Anita Norwich (Brown Judaic Studies; Providence: Brown University, 2008), pp. 37-53
- “Jewish Monism and its Biological Implications,” in *Judaism in Biological Perspective: Biblical Lore and Judaic Practices*, edited by Rick Goldberg (Boulder, CO: Paradigm, 2009), pp. 18-39
- “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 Eastern 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
- 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
- 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

- “Jewish Time in Early Nineteenth Century America: A Study of Moses Lopez’s Calendar,” forthcoming in *American Jewish Archives Journal*
- “Narratives or Sources? Active Learning and the Teaching of Ancient Jewish History and Texts,” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 15 (2012): 48-60.
- “Two Copies of a Printed Early American Jewish Calendar in Providence,” *Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes* 15 (2009): 416-427

- “‘Fruit and the Fruit of Fruit’: Charity and Piety among Jews in Late Antique Palestine,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 100 (2010): 244-277
- “Philo on Human Perfection,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 59 (2008): 500-519
- “Theophrastus’s Jewish Philosophers,” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 59 (2008): 1-20
- “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; reprinted in Bjorn Krondorfer, ed., *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism (Critical Reader)* (Philadelphia: SCM Press, 2009)
- “‘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

- “‘According to the Law of Moses and Israel’: Marriage from Social Institution to Legal Fact,” *AJS Perspectives* (Spring, 2013), 16-17
- “The Pope, the Jews, and the Vatican Museum,” *The Jewish Daily Forward*, April 18, 2011
- “The Hedgehog, the Fox, and the Talmud,” *Zeek*, February 12, 2009 (http://www.jewcy.com/post/hedgehog_fox_and_talmud)
- “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

- Rainer Albertz and Jakob Wöhrle, eds., *Between Cooperation and Hostility: Multiple Identities in Ancient Judaism and the Interaction with Foreign Powers* for the *Review of Biblical Literature*, forthcoming in *Review of Biblical Literature*
- Naomi Koltun-Fromm, *Hermeneutics of Holiness: Ancient Jewish and Christian Notions of Sexuality and Religious Community*, in *Review of Biblical Literature*: <http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=7800>
- Jonathan Schofer, *Confronting Vulnerability: The Body and the Divine in Rabbinic Ethics*, forthcoming in *Shofar*
- Stuart Miller, *Sages and Commoners in Late Antique 'Erez Israel*, *Henoch* 30 (2008): 178-180
- David Goodblatt, *Elements of Ancient Jewish Nationalism*, forthcoming in *The Ancient History Bulletin*
- Adam H. Becker and Annete Yoshiko Reed, eds., *The Ways that Never Parted: Jews and Christian in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76 (2008): 512-514
- 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): 309-15
- 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
- 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

6. Invited Lectures

- Respondent at conference on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Brandeis University (October, 2013)
“Jewish Votives in Late Antiquity,” at the W. F. Albright Institute (April, 2013); conference on “Lived Ancient Religion” in Erfurt, Germany (June, 2013)
“Markets and Tithes in Roman Palestine,” conference in Heidelberg, Germany, (March, 2012); Department of Jewish History, Ben Gurion University (May, 2013)
“From Salve to Weapon: Torah Study, Masculinity, and the Babylonian Talmud,” at conference at the University of Huddersfield, UK, (July, 2012)
“Tradition and Other Problems in the Study of Religion,” Sternberg Invitational Lecture, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, (September, 2012)
“Jewish Sibling Relationships in Antiquity,” conference at University of Tübingen, Germany, (October, 2012)
“Jew or Judean, Ethnos or Genos?” Classics Department, Tel Aviv University, Israel, (November, 2012)
Respondent and Text Workshop Leader, The Enoch Seminar, Milan, Italy (June, 2011)
“Belief,” Yale Religious Studies Workshop (April, 2011)
“Big Givers: The Origins of Jewish Charity,” The Larry Axel Memorial Lecture, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN (October, 2010)
“Who Needs Theory?” keynote address at the NE Regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Newton, MA (April, 2010)
“Jewish Piety and Charity in Antiquity,” presented at Columbia University (March, 2009)
“Jewish In-Laws: The View from Antiquity,” conference on the family in late antiquity, sponsored by L’anée épigraphique, Paris (February, 2009), and at the University of Toronto (August, 2009)
“Early Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality,” conference on “Covenant, Community, and Sexuality,” Hebrew College, Newton MA (June, 2008)
“Jesus in the Talmud,” University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth (March, 2008)
“Teaching Ancient Jewish History: An Experiment in Engaged Learning,” at a conference on “Teaching Rabbinic Literature: Bridging Scholarship and Pedagogy,” Brandeis University (January, 2008)
“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

7. Work in Progress

Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religion, associate editor in charge of Judaism

Jewish Piety in Late Antiquity, a monograph project

8. Papers Read

“A Social Network Analysis of the Rabbis from Antiquity: A Prototype,” at the “Ancient Religions, Modern Technology Workshop,” Brown University (February, 2012)

“Customs of the Jews: A Study of Jewish Customs in Tannaitic Literature,” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Auckland (July, 2008)

“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

9. Other

“From Israelite to Jew,” a podcast series. Available at iTunes, iTunesU (Brown University site), and at <http://mlsatlow.blogspot.com>

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

“Then and Now,” a personal blog at <http://www.mlsatlow.com>

10. Academic Honors, Fellowships

2013 Teaching with Technology Award, Brown University

2013 S. Gitin Distinguished Professorship, W. F. Albright Institute, Jerusalem

2012 Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship, Israel

2007 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellow

2007 Cogut Faculty Fellowship

2001, 2002 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana University (\$6500)

2000 Grant in Aid, Indiana University (\$1850, for preparation of indexes for book)

1999 Emergency Grant in Aid, Indiana University (\$500, for translation of article into Hebrew)

1998- Corresponding Fellow, Rennert Center for Jerusalem Studies, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

1998- Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Virginia (\$5,000 also for 1996 and 1995)

1997-98 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship

- 1996-97 Resident Fellow, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities,
University of Virginia (grant to develop internet project, worth about \$12,000
plus leave time)
- 1996-97 University Teaching Fellowship, University of Virginia (\$5,000)
- 1995-96 Associate Fellow, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities,
University of Virginia
- 1992-93 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson
National Fellowship Foundation
- 1990-91 Lady Davis Graduate Fellowship for study at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem