

CURRICULUM VITAE OF GARY GILBERT

CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2004 - Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Director, Jewish Studies Sequence (beginning in 2018)
1998-2004 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
1995-1997 Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Lecturer, Chatham College,
Pittsburgh, PA
1993-1995 Grants Coordinator, The Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh,
PA
1992-1993 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies/Jewish
Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Visiting Appointments and Fellowships

2018 Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw
2009 Fellow, Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies, Summer Seminar,
Brandeis University
2005-2006 Visiting Scholar, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
1988 Fellow, American Numismatic Society, New York

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D., 1992 Columbia University, New York, NY; Department of Religion
M.A., 1985 Columbia University, New York, NY; Department of Religion
B.A., 1982 Haverford College, Haverford, PA; Classical Studies major
Spring 1981: Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, Rome

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Papers of the Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology. ATS Series in Theological
Scholarship and Research, vol. 1. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996 (editor)

Essays and Journal Articles

“History of the Jews of Akko” *The History of Akko*, ed. Ann Killebrew (forthcoming)

“Jews in Ancient Civic Life,” *Jews and Urban Life*, ed. Leonard J. Greenspoon (Studies in Jewish Civilization 33; West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2024), 1-21.

“The Appearance of the Menorah in Ancient Jewish Art,” *The Synagogue in Ancient Palestine: Current Issues and Emerging Trends*, ed. Rick Bonnie, et al. (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020), 393-411.

“Acts of the Apostles” *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, ed. Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Brettler, 2nd edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017; first edition 2011), pp. 219-280.

“Conversion and the Reassertion of Jewish Identity,” *Conversion*, ed. Ingolf Dalferth and Michael Rodgers. Religion in Philosophy and Theology 70; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013, pp. 13-28.

“Empire and Identity in Early Christianity” *The Multivalence of Biblical Texts and Theological Meaning*, ed. Christine Helmer and Lincoln E. Galloway (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 2006).

“Jewish Involvement in Ancient Civic Life: the Case of Aphrodisias” *Revue Biblique* 113 (2006): 18-36.

“*The Passion of the Christ*: Mel Gibson’s Depiction of Jesus and Jews,” *After The Passion is Gone: American Religious Consequences*, ed. Michael Berenbaum and J. Shawn Landres. Lanham, MD: Altamira Press, 2004.

“Jews in Imperial Administration and the Dating of the Aphrodisias Inscription,” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 35 (2004): 1-16.

“Roman Propaganda and Christian Identity in the World-view of Luke-Acts,” *New Perspectives on Luke-Acts*, ed. Todd Penner and Caroline Vander Stichle. Atlanta/Leiden: Scholars Press and E. J. Brill, 2003, 233-256.

“From Eschatology to Imperialism: Mapping the Territory in Acts 2,” *The Gospels According to Michael Goulder*, ed. Christopher A. Rollston. Harrisburg: Trinity Press International, 2002, 84-110.

“The List of Nations in Acts 2: Roman Ideology and the Lucan Response,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 121 (2002): 497-529.

“The Disappearance of the Gentiles: God-fearers and the Image of Jews in Luke-Acts.” *Putting Body and Soul Together*, eds. Virginia Wiles, Alexandra Brown, Graydon Snyder. Valley Forge: Trinity Press International, 1997, 174-84.

“The Making of a Jew. ‘God-Fearer’ or Convert in the Story of Izates,” *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 44 (1990): 299-313.

Encyclopedia Articles, and Short Notes

“Social Interactions: Early Judaism,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia on the Bible and Gender Studies*, ed. Joan Obrien (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014).

“Aphrodisias,” *Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed., John J. Collins (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010).

“Gentile Attitudes About Jews,” *Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed., John J. Collins (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 2010).

“Beam,” *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

“The Hebrew Bible: Role in Judaism,” *Companion Encyclopedia of Theology*, eds. Peter Byrne and Leslie Houlden. London: Routledge, 1995, 28-46 (with Alan F. Segal).

Book Reviews

Review of *The Gospel of Luke* (New Cambridge Bible Commentary), Amy-Jill Levine and Ben Witherington III. New York/Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2018. *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 14 (2019): 1-4.

Review of *The Gospel of Luke* (New Cambridge Bible Commentary), Amy-Jill Levine and Ben Witherington III. New York/Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2018. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming in October 2019.

Review of *The Origin of the Jews: The Quest for Roots in a Rootless Age*, Steven Weitzman. Princeton University Press, 2017. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 86 (2018): 1155-1158.

Review of Yii-Jan Lee, *The Erotic Life of Manuscripts* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), in *Journal of American Academy of Religion* 85 (2017): 266-269

Review of Futre Pinheiro, Marília P., Judith Perkins and Richard Pervo (edd.). *The ancient novel and early Christian and Jewish narrative: fictional intersections* (Ancient Narrative Supplementum, 16; Groningen: Barkhuis Publishing; Groningen University Library, 2012), *Bryn Mawr Classical Studies Review* (2013)

Review of *Remains of the Jews: The Holy Land and Christian Empire in Late Antiquity*, by Andrew S. Jacobs. *Divinations: Rereading Late Ancient Religion*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004. *Review of Biblical Literature* (September 2004).

“Excavating Jesus or Finding Christ?” *Review of Biblical Literature* 6 (2003).

Review of *The First Christian Historian: Writing the ‘Acts of the Apostles*, by Daniel Marguerat. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. *Interpretation*

“Prophesying with a Pen,” *Review of Biblical Literature* 2 (2000): 45-64.

Review of *The Historical Jesus Through Catholic and Jewish Eyes*, eds. Bryan F. Le Beau, Leonard J. Greenspoon, Dennis Hamm. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2000. *Review of Biblical Literature* 9 (2002).

“Jerusalem,” “Temple Mount,” and “Western Wall,” *Reader’s Guide to Judaism*, ed. Michael Terry. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearbon, 2000, 309-10; 593-94; 615-66.

Review of *Simon “Le Magicien:” Acts 8,5-25 et l’accusation de magie contre les prophètes thaumaturges dans l’antiquité*, by Florent Hentz. Cahiers de la Revue Biblique 39; Paris: Gabalda, 1997. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 118 (1999): 773-75.

“Early Christianity: An Annotated Bibliography,” *The Reader’s Adviser, vol 4: The Best in the Literature of Philosophy and World Religions*, eds. Barbara Chernow and George Vallasi. New York: R. R. Bowker, 1988, 527-57 (with Karlfried Froehlich).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (Select)

“Jews in Ancient Civic Life,” Jews in Urban Life Conference, Creighton University, October 2021.

“Reading Paul as a Jew,” Seminar on New Testament Studies at the Christian Theological Academy, Warsaw, April 2019.

“Akko and Hasmonean Political Objectives,” Seminar on Late Antiquity at the University of Warsaw, May 2019.

“Textual Criticism of the Bible and its Importance for the Study of Shakespeare,” Annual meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America, March 2018.

“The Politics of Memory and Israeli Nationalism: The Akko Museum of Underground Prisoners,” Western Jewish Studies Association, March 2018.

“The Menorah as a Symbol of Jewish Identity,” Conference on the Ancient Synagogue, Helsinki, Finland, September 2016.

“Jews and Jewish Communities in Acts,” Glazer Annual Lecture, Pepperdine University, April 2015.

“The Akedah and Jerusalem,” Conference on Jerusalem in Late Antiquity, Kenyon Institute, Jerusalem, August 2014 (conference canceled due to violence in the area).

“The Akedah in Early Synagogue Art,” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2014.

“Labels of Identity: Jewish Proselytes and Jewish Identity in Late Antiquity,” Presidential Address, Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region, University of Santa Clara, March 2012

“The Synagogue in Christian Imagination,” Friends of Ancient History, Irvine, February 2012.

“Conversion and Jewish Identity,” CGU Symposium on Conversion, February 2011.

“Sacred Space: From Temple to Synagogue to Temple,” Jewish Community Conference on Sacred Architecture, San Francisco, February 2011

“Paul and the Jewish Question,” Paul: Old Traditions, New Perspectives, sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies, Baylor University, April 2011.

“Jewish Identity in Modern American Culture,” Symposium on Religion and American Culture, Stockton, CA, March 2007.

“Luke-Acts and the Second Sophistic,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC, November 2006.

“Jewish Involvement in Roman Civic Life,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006.

“Jewish Involvement in Roman Civic Life: a social History and Its Implications in Aphrodisias,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

“Empire and Identity in Early Christianity,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, England, July 2003.

“The James Ossuary and Jewish Views of the Afterlife,” Pacific Coast Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Davis, California, March 2003.

“Jewish Involvement in Ancient Civic Life and its Implications for Jewish History,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Los Angeles, California, December 2002.

“Christians in the ‘Worldview’ of Luke-Acts,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, Canada, November 2002.

“Excavating Jesus and Finding Christ,” Pacific Coast Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Moraga, California, March, 2002.

“The Aphrodisias Inscription: A Contextual Reappraisal,” Western Jewish Studies Association Annual Meeting, Moraga, California, March 2002.

“When Map is Territory: Geographic Images as Expressions of Political and Religious Power,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, Colorado, November 2001.

“Revisiting the Purpose of Luke-Acts: Anti-Roman Propaganda?” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, Italy, July 2001.

“Reading Luke-Acts in its Roman Context,” Pacific Coast Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Claremont, California, March 2001.

“God-fearers and Contested Identity within Jewish Communities,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2000.

“The Akedah and the Synagogue: Destruction and Sacred Substitution,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2000.

“Religion, Politics and Messianism,” Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont, California, September 2000.

“Simeon ben Kosiva: the Military Messiah,” Pacific Coast Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Azusa, California, April 2000.

“Luke-Acts and Roman Political Ideology,” Conference Celebrating the Scholarship of Michael Goulder, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, February 2000.

“Bar Kokhba, Sukkoth, and the Third Temple,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, Illinois, December 1999.

“The Early Rabbis and The Invention of Judaism,” Dorsha Wallman Lecture, Lipinsky Institute of Judaic Studies at San Diego State University, San Diego, California, February 1999.

“The Jerusalem Temple and the Making of Sacred Time,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando, Florida, November 1998.

“What’s Wrong with Cornelius? Godfearers and the Image of Jews in Luke-Acts,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November, 1995.

“Judaism *Extra Synagogas*: Jewish Life in Imperial Asia Minor,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Illinois, November 1994.

“Aphrodisias and Acts: Roman Propaganda and the Lucan Response,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, District of Columbia, November 1993.

“The Origins of Hanukkah,” Israel Heritage Lecture, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 1992.

“Herod I and Rome: A Numismatic Perspective,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Anaheim, California, November 1989.

PRIZES, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- Fellowship, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Summer Institute, 2009.
- Dunbar Student Fellowship, for work with Erin Jacklin (2002-03) and Jon Yahalom (2006-07)
- Faculty Research Grant, Claremont McKenna College, 2000, 2002.
- Claremont Graduate University, Humanities Electronic Media Project; supporting the use of technology in the classroom, 2000.
- Claremont McKenna College, Gould Center for the Humanities; support the Gould Seminar Lecture Series, 1999.
- Claremont McKenna College, Gould Center for the Humanities, Summer Research Fellow, 1999, 2001, 2003.
- Salo and Jeanette Baron Dissertation Prize, Columbia University, 1992 (nominated).
- President’s Fellow, Columbia University, 1984-1986.

COURSES TAUGHT

FHS 10: Natures of the Self

RLST 21: Jewish Civilization

RLST 55: Jewish Art and Identity

RLST 62: Eat, Drink, and Be Jewish

RLST 87: Israel: Zionism and the Jewish State

RLST 93: Religion and Politics in Israel

RLST 120: Life of Jesus

RLST 129: Ancient Jewish Experience

RLST 131: Synagogue and Church

RLST 132: Messiahs and the Millennium

RLST 135: Jerusalem

RLST 137: Jewish-Christian Relations

RLST 163: Women and Gender in Jewish Tradition

Ancient Synagogue. Graduate course taught at the University of Warsaw (Spring 2019)

Academic Programs

Staff, Archaeological excavation in Akko, Israel, 2010-2019. Excavation of Tel Akko directed by Dr. Ann E. Killebrew (Penn State University) and Dr. Michal Artzy (Haifa University).

Academic travel to Israel, June 2011. Organized and led a ten-day program to Israel, focusing on Jerusalem, its history, culture, and current political debates.

Academic travel to Israel, May 2008. Organized and led a two-week program to Israel, sponsored by The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights, focusing on the Holocaust and current human rights issues in Israel.

SERVICE

Service to the College and Claremont Consortium

- Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies (2006-09) and Department of Religious Studies (2011-2018)
- Associate Director, The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights
- Coordinator, Jewish Studies Sequence, Claremont McKenna College
- Coordinator, Intercollegiate Program in Religious Studies, Claremont Colleges
- Member, Claremont Colleges Hillel Council
- Jewish Studies Council, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University
- Academic advising
- Faculty representative for Elie Wiesel Essay Contest

Committee Work

- Standing Committees
 - Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Academic Standards Committee
 - WASC Steering Committee
 - Assessment Committee for General Education
 - Student Recruitment Committee
 - Committee on Religious Affairs
 - Academic Affairs Committee, Board of Trustees
- Ad-hoc Committees
 - Alcohol Task Force
 - Diversity and Climate Issues Taskforce
 - Strategic Planning Committee, Consortium subcommittee
- Advisory Boards
 - Gould Center for Humanistic Studies, Faculty Advisory Board
- Other activities
 - Master of Ceremonies, Senior Awards Night (May 2011)
 - Talk to CMC parents group

Service to the Profession

- President, Pacific Coast Region, Society of Biblical Literature (2011-12)
- Member, Executive Board, American Academy of Religion, western region

Service to the Community

- Presentations to synagogues and churches on issues related to Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations
- President, Temple Beth Israel Board, Pomona, CA (2008-2010)
- AYSO soccer, coach BU10 (2002 and 2003), BU14 (2007)
- Instructor, Florence Melton Adult Education program, Pittsburgh, PA (1995-1997)