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EDUCATION

- 1988 Ph.D., History of Judaism, Brown University, Providence, R.I.
Title: "Oxen, Women, or Citizens? Slaves in the System of the Mishnah"
- 1985 - 1986 Visiting Research Student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel
- 1982 M.Phil., Judaism in the Greco-Roman Period, Oxford University, Oxford, England
- 1979 B.A., Religious Studies, University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2012 – Professor of Religious Studies, Religious Studies Program,
University of Wyoming
- 1993 – 2012 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Religious Studies Program, University of
Wyoming
- 1988 – 1993 Assistant Professor of Religions, Department of Religions, Northwestern
University, Evanston, IL
- 1988 Visiting Instructor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies,
Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH

ADMINISTRATIVE and OTHER POSITIONS

- 2019 (March-April) Acting Chief Engagement Officer and Acting Director, Office of Engagement
and Outreach, University of Wyoming
- 2017 – Assistant Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of
Wyoming
- 2010, Spring Acting Director, African American and Diaspora Studies Program, U. Wyoming
- 2008 – Director, Saturday University (a faculty outreach program to the state.)
- 1998 – 2007 Council Faculty member, Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah. (A
consulting position for a competency based, distance-education university.)
- 1993 – 2014 Head, Religious Studies, University of Wyoming
2013 – 2014. Chair, Religious Studies Department
1993 – 2013. (Founding) Director, Religious Studies Program

SABBATICALS AND LEAVE

2015 – 2016 Sabbatical Leave

2008 – 2009 Professional Leave (Seibold Professor, see Honors)

1999 – 2000 Sabbatical Leave

TEACHING

Typical Courses: Varieties of Ancient Judaism, Judaism in the Graeco-Roman Period, History of Judaism, Introduction to the Old Testament, Judaism at the Dawn of Christianity, Comparing Sacred Texts of the World's Religions, Introduction to Religion, Film and Religion, New Testament Survey, Theory of Religion.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

In Preparation:

Eldon Clem, translator. Paul V.M. Flesher, editor in chief. Series: The Aramaic Targums in English. Volume one: *The Targum Torah*. Volume two: *The Targum Bible*. Baylor University Press. (Due to press, January 2019.)

Paul V. M. Flesher, *The Development of the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch: The Exegetical Progression of Popular Judaism*, a two-volume monograph identifying the source connections among the Pentateuchal Targums. Draft 1 is now complete.

Paul V. M. Flesher, "Where did the Scripture Reader and the Scripture Translator Stand in Ancient Galilean Synagogues? Preliminary Perspectives from Affordance Analysis and Archaeoacoustics."

Under Review:

Paul V.M. Flesher, 2018, "Reading and Translating Torah at the Beth Alpha Synagogue: What We Can Learn from Affordance Analysis and Archaeoacoustics."

PUBLISHED WORKS

Books:

Paul V. M. Flesher and Bruce Chilton, 2011, *The Targums: A Critical Introduction* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press), xvii + 557 pp.

Paul V. M. Flesher and Robert Torrey, 2007, *Film and Religion: An Introduction*. (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press), xii + 206 pp.

Paul V. M. Flesher, 1988, *Oxen, Women or Citizens? Slaves in the System of the Mishnah*. (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), xvi + 212 pp.

Books Edited:

Jennie Ebeling, Edward J. Wright, Mark Elliott, and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. 2017. *The Old Testament in Archaeology and History*. Baylor University Press, Waco, Texas. 650 pp. (Textbook for the archaeology and history of ancient Israel.)

Avigdor Shinan and Rimon Kasher, with Michael Marmor and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. 2011, *Michael Klein on the Targums: Collected Essays 1972-2002*. Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture 11 (Leiden: Brill Academic Press), xvi + 296 pp.

Eric M. Meyers and Paul V. M. Flesher, eds. 2010, *Aramaic in Late-Antique Judaism and Early Christianity* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns Press), pp. xx + 300 pp.

- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2002, *Targum and Scripture: Studies in Aramaic Translation and Interpretation in Memory of Ernest G. Clarke*, Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture 2 (Leiden: Brill Academic Press), xxv + 327 pp.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1998, *Targum Studies: Targum and Peshitta*, vol. 2 (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), xx + 252 pp.
- Dan Urman and Paul V. M. Flesher, 1995, *Ancient Synagogues: Historical Analysis & Archaeological Discovery*, 2 vols. (Leiden: E.J. Brill), xxxvii + 677 pp. + 53 pls. (Second Impression as a single volume, 1998.)
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1992, *Targum Studies: Textual and Contextual Studies in the Pentateuchal Targums*, vol. 1 (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), ix + 155 pp.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1990, *New Perspectives on Ancient Judaism: Society and Literature in Analysis*, vol. 5 (Lanham, MD: University Press of America), xiv + 189 pp.
- Jacob Neusner, Ernest S. Frerichs and Paul Virgil McCracken Flesher, 1989, *Religion, Science, and Magic in Concert and in Conflict: Perspectives of Judaism, Christianity, Philosophy, and Social Science*, (New York: Oxford University Press), xii + 293 pp. (Paperback 1992.)

Refereed Journal Articles:

- Paul V.M. Flesher, 2008, "Being True to the Text: From Genesis to Harry Potter," *Journal of Religion and Film* 12:2.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2005, "Administration of Native American Sacred Space on Federal Land: The Approach of 'Equal Treatment,'" *Wyoming Lawyer*, December, pp. 28-9.
- Paul V.M. Flesher and Robert Torry, 2004, "Filming Jesus: between authority and heresy." *Journal of Religion and Film* 8:1.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2004, "The Aramaic Dialect of the James Ossuary," *Aramaic Studies* 2:1, pp. 37-55.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2001, "The Translations of Proto-Onqelos and the Palestinian Targums," *Journal of the Aramaic Bible* 3:1&2, pp. 75-100.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1999, "Is Targum Onqelos A Palestinian Targum? The Evidence of Genesis 28-50," *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 19, pp. 35-79.
- Paul V. M. Flesher & Robert Torry, 1998, "Teaching Film and Religion" in *Religious Studies News*, Spring issue, pp. 26-8. Reprinted in *Journal of Religion and Film*, 2:3 (December, 1998).
- Paul V. Flesher, 1989, "Structure and Argument: A Study of Immanuel Kant's *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*," in *Journal of Religious Studies* 15, pp. 119-130.

Refereed Chapters in Books:

- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2017, "Looking for the Israelites: The Evidence of the Biblical Text." In: *The Old Testament in Archaeology and History*. (Jennie Ebeling, Edward J. Wright, Mark Elliott, and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. Baylor University Press. pp. 299-316).
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2017. 31 Maps, with gazetteer. In: *The Old Testament in Archaeology and History*. (Jennie Ebeling, Edward J. Wright, Mark Elliott, and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. Baylor University Press).
- J. Edward Wright, Mark Elliott, and Paul V. M. Flesher, 2017, "Israel In and Out of Egypt." In: *The Old Testament in Archaeology and History*. (Jennie Ebeling, Edward J. Wright, Mark Elliott, and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. Baylor University Press. pp. 241-273).

- Mark Elliott, with Paul V. M. Flesher, 2017, "Introduction to the Old Testament and its Character as Historical Evidence." In: *The Old Testament in Archaeology and History*. (Jennie Ebeling, Edward J. Wright, Mark Elliott, and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. Baylor University Press. pp. 45-82).
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2014, "Tent of Meeting as *Bet Ulpana*: Temple as Torah in the Targums of Israel," In: *A Legacy of Learning: Essays in Honor of Jacob Neusner*. Bruce Chilton, William S. Green, Gary Porton and Alan Avery-Peck, eds. Leiden: Brill, pp. 64-81.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2010, "When? 'After the Destruction of the Temple,'" In: *Aramaic in Postbiblical Judaism and Early Christianity*, Eric M. Meyers and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns), pp. 55-66.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2010, "The Wisdom of the Sages: Rabbinic Rewriting of Qohelet," In: *Aramaic in Postbiblical Judaism and Early Christianity*, Eric M. Meyers and Paul V.M. Flesher, eds. (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns), pp. 269-279.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2003, "The Literary Legacy of the Priests? The Pentateuchal Targums of Israel in their Social and Linguistic Context," In: *The Ancient Synagogue*, Birger Olsson and Magnus Zetterholm, eds. (Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell), pp. 467-508.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2002, "Targum Studies and Ernest G. Clarke," In: *Targum and Scripture: Studies in Aramaic Translation and Interpretation in Memory of Ernest G. Clarke*, P.V.M. Flesher, ed. (Leiden: Brill), pp. xix-xxv.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2002, "Targum as Scripture," In: *Targum and Scripture: Studies in Aramaic Translation and Interpretation in Memory of Ernest G. Clarke*, P.V.M. Flesher, ed. (Leiden: Brill), pp. 61-75.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2001, "Prolegomenon to a Theory of Early Synagogue Development," In: *Handbuch der Orientalistik. Judaism in Late Antiquity*, Part Three, Volume 4, *The Special Problem of the Synagogue*, A.J. Avery-Peck and J. Neusner, eds. (Leiden: E.J. Brill), pp. 121-153.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2000, "The Resurrection of the Dead and the Sources of the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch," In: *Handbuch der Orientalistik. Judaism in Late Antiquity*, Part 4, *Death, Life-After-Death, Resurrection & The World-to-Come in the Judaisms of Antiquity*, A.J. Avery-Peck and J. Neusner, eds. (Leiden: E.J. Brill), pp. 311-331
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1999, "The Theology of the Afterlife in the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch: A Framework for Analysis," In: *Approaches to Ancient Judaism: New Series*, vol. 16, J. Neusner, ed. (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), pp. 1-47.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1998, "Looking for Links in all the Wrong Places: Targum and Peshitta Relationships," in *Targum Studies*, vol. 2, Paul V.M. Flesher, ed. (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), pp. xi-xx.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1998, "Conflict or Cooperation? Non-Jews in the Dura Synagogue Painting," in *Hellenic and Jewish Arts: Interaction, Tradition and Renewal*, Asher Ovadia, ed. (Tel Aviv: Ramot Publishing—Tel Aviv University), pp. 199-222.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1995, "The *Targumim*," in *Handbuch der Orientalistik. Judaism in Late Antiquity*, vol. 1, *The Literary and Archaeological Sources*, J. Neusner, ed. (Leiden: E.J. Brill), pp. 87-102.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1995, "Ancient Synagogues: A Reader's Guide," in *Ancient Synagogues: Historical Analysis & Archaeological Discovery*, vol. 1, Dan Urman & Paul V. M. Flesher, eds. (Leiden: E. J. Brill), pp. xvii-xxxvii.

- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1995, "Rereading the Reredos: David, Orpheus, and Messianism in the Dura Europos Synagogue," in *Ancient Synagogues: Historical Analysis & Archaeological Discovery*, vol. 2, Dan Urman & Paul V. M. Flesher, eds. (Leiden: E.J. Brill), pp. 346-356.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1994, "Mapping the Synoptic Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch," in *The Aramaic Bible: Targums in their Historical Context*, M. McNamara and D. R. G. Beattie, eds. (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press), pp. 247-253.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1994, "The Targumim in the Context of Rabbinic Literature," in *Introduction to Rabbinic Literature*, J. Neusner (Garden City, NY: Doubleday), pp. 410-425.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1992, "Exploring the Sources of the Synoptic Targums to the Pentateuch," in *Targum Studies: Textual and Contextual Studies in the Pentateuchal Targums*, vol. 1, Paul V. M. Flesher, ed. (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), pp. 101-134.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, "Introduction," 1992, in *Targum Studies: Textual and Contextual Studies in the Pentateuchal Targums*, vol. 1, Paul V. M. Flesher, ed. (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), pp. 1-8.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1990, "Palestinian Synagogues Before 70 C.E.: A Review of the Evidence," in *Approaches to Ancient Judaism*, vol. 6, J. Neusner, ed. (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press), pp. 67-84. Revised and reprinted in *Ancient Synagogues: Historical Analysis & Archaeological Discovery*, vol. 1, Dan Urman and Paul V. M. Flesher, eds. (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995), pp. 27-39.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1989, "Are Women Property in the System of the Mishnah?" in *From Ancient Israel To Modern Judaism: Intellect in Quest of Understanding*, J. Neusner, E. S. Frerichs, & N. M. Sarna, eds. (Lanham, MD: University Press of America), pp. 219-232.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1988, "Slaves, Israelites and the System of the Mishnah," in *New Perspectives on Ancient Judaism*, vol. 4, Alan Avery-Peck, ed. (Lanham, MD: University Press of America), pp. 101-109.
- E. S. Frerichs, Paul V. M. Flesher, J. Neusner, 1987, "Paraphrase: Midrash in the Septuagint and the Targumim," in J. Neusner, *What is Midrash?* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press), pp. 23-30.
- J. Neusner, Paul V. M. Flesher, 1987, "Prophecy: Midrash in the Dead Sea Scrolls," in J. Neusner, *What is Midrash?* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press), pp. 31-36.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1987, "Translation and Exegetical Augmentation in the Targums to the Pentateuch," in *New Perspectives on Ancient Judaism. III. Judaic and Christian Interpretation of Texts: Contents and Contexts*, J. Neusner and Ernest S. Frerichs, eds. (Lanham, MD: University Press of America), pp. 29-86.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1987, "Hierarchy and Interstitiality: The Bondman and the Freedman in the Mishnah's Caste System," in *New Perspectives on Ancient Judaism. I. Religion, Literature, and Society in Ancient Israel, Formative Christianity and Judaism*, J. Neusner and Ernest S. Frerichs, eds. (Lanham, MD: University Press of America), pp. 103-116.
- J. Neusner and Paul V. M. Flesher, 1984, "The Messiah in the Targums of the Pentateuch," in J. Neusner, *Messiah in Context: Israel's History and Destiny in Formative Judaism* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press), pp. 239-247.

Refereed Translations

- Stephen A. Kaufman, "Targum Pseudo-Jonathan and Late Jewish Literary Aramaic." Translated by Seth Ward, Bernard Grossfeld and Paul V.M. Flesher. Edited by Paul V.M. Flesher. *Aramaic Studies* 11 (2013), pp. 1-26.

Other:

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

DUG (Duke University—Galilee). Paul V. M. Flesher and Chad Spigel. (Project begun in 2016 to digitize the excavation records of the excavations of Eric Meyers and associates at five different sites and make them available through an online database. Status: database has been created and Gush Halav records are being entered.

<https://www-lib.uwyo.edu/digital/DUG/index.php/CMainPages/>)

Martin McNamara and Paul V.M. Flesher, 2014, “Targum.” Oxford Online Bibliographies (<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com>), Oxford University Press. Refereed.

DICTIONARY AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

Paul V.M. Flesher, 2016, “Targum” entry in *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Michael Satlow, Eric Orlin, Lisbeth Fried, and Jennifer Knust, eds. New York, NY: Routledge.

Paul V.M. Flesher, 2007, 11 entries (250-1000 words each) in *Encyclopedia of Religious and Philosophical Writings in Late Antiquity* (Leiden, Brill Academic Press): “Targums,” “Pentateuchal Targums,” “Palestinian Targums,” “Targum Pseudo-Jonathan,” “Targum Neofiti,” “Fragment Targums,” “Cairo Geniza Targum Fragments,” “Targums of Israel,” “Targum Onkelos,” “Bar Kokhba Letters,” “Tosefta Targum to the Pentateuch.”

Paul V.M. Flesher, 2005, “The History of Aramaic in Judaism,” in *The Encyclopedia of Judaism*, 2nd ed. (Leiden, Brill Academic Press), vol. 1, pp. 85-96.

Paul V. M. Flesher, 2005, “The Pentateuchal Targums as Midrash,” In: *The Encyclopedia of Midrash*, J. Neusner and A. Avery-Peck, eds., 2 vols. (Leiden: Brill, 2005), vol. 2, pp. 630-646.

Paul V. M. Flesher, 2000, “Privileged Translations of Scripture,” in *The Encyclopedia of Judaism* (Leiden: E.J. Brill), vol. 3, pp. 1309-1321.

Paul V. M. Flesher, Approximately 90 short entries concerning targums, in *Dictionary of Biblical Judaism* (New York: Macmillan, 1996).

Paul V. M. Flesher, “Magen David,” “Targum,” “Jerusalem,” and “Torah Study” in *Dictionary of Religion* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1995).

Paul V. M. Flesher, 1992, “Amora, Amoraim,” “Bread of the Presence,” “The Great Assembly,” and “Zugoth” in *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Bantam DoubleDay Dell).

BOOK REVIEWS

Paul V. M. Flesher, 2007, review of “Eldon Clem, ‘Targum Onkelos and Jonathan (English),’ (Version 2.0) 2006; ‘Targum Neofiti (English),’ (Version 1.1) 2006. *Accordance Bible Software*, Oaktree Software, Inc. ” [Electronic resources] In *Aramaic Studies* 5:1 (2007), pp. 151-8.

Paul V. M. Flesher, 2005, Review of: *The Targum of Canticles: Translated, with a Critical Introduction, Apparatus, and Notes* by Philip S. Alexander, *The Aramaic Bible* 17A (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2003). In *Bulletin of Biblical Research*, pp. 117-119.

Paul V. M. Flesher, 2003, “The Story so Far. . . A Review Essay of *The Brother of Jesus: The Dramatic Story and Meaning of the First Archaeological Link to Jesus and His Family*, Hershel Shanks and Ben Witherington III, HarperSanFrancisco, New York 2003.” In

Polish Journal of Biblical Research 2:2, October, pp. 60-78. (Republished in *Bible and Interpretation*, January 2004 [Online Publication].)

- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2000, review of L.I. Levine, *The Ancient Synagogue The First Thousand Years*, in *Choice*.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2000, review of J.J. Collins, *Between Athens and Jerusalem: Jewish Identity in the Hellenistic Diaspora*, in *Choice* (December 2000) 38:4.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 2000, review of H.C. Kee and L.H. Cohick, eds., *Evolution of the Synagogue: Problems and Progress*, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* [Online Publication].
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1997, review of S. Fine, ed., *Sacred Realm: The Emergence of the Synagogue in the Ancient World*, in *Journal of Ritual Studies*, 11:1, pp. 75-76
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1993, review of P. Grelot, *What are the Targums?* in *Critical Review of Books in Religion, 1993*, pp. 413-414.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1993, review of J. Neusner, *The Talmud: A Close Encounter*, in *Critical Review of Books in Religion, 1993*, pp. 420-422.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1993, review of M.L. Klein, *Targumic Manuscripts in the Cambridge Genizah Collections*, in *Ioudaios Review* [Online Publication].
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1993, review of S.D. Fraade, *From Tradition to Commentary: Torah and Its Interpretation in the Midrash Sifre to Deuteronomy*, in *Ioudaios Review* [Online Publication].
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1989, review of J. Neusner, *The Mishnah: A New Translation*, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 15.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1986, review of I. Drazin, *Targum Onkelos to Deuteronomy*, in *Religious Studies Review*, 12:3-4.
- Paul V. M. Flesher, 1980, review of B.T. Viviano, *Study as Worship: Aboth and the New Testament*, in *Journal of Jewish Studies*, 31:2, p. 266.

NEWSPAPER COLUMN

1998 – present. *Religion Today*.

A twice-monthly newspaper column carried by several newspapers in Wyoming, including the Casper Star-Tribune. It also appears online as a blog (<http://religion-today.blogspot.com/>). I have written approximately 20 columns each year. Past columns can be read on the website of the Religious Studies Program.

WEB PUBLICATIONS

Associate Editor, *The Bible and Interpretation*, News and Commentary webzine (<http://www.bibleinterp.com>) (An online semi-popular journal of news, scholarship and commentary broadening the reach of the scholarly study of the Bible and the historical times during which it was created to a educated non-specialist audience. It places heavy emphasis on archaeological, textual and historical research.)

Essays in *Bible and Interpretation*:

- 2012 Paul V.M. Flesher, “The Huqoq Synagogue Mosaics,” August.
- 2012 Paul V.M. Flesher, “What the Gospels Left Out,” July.
- 2012 Paul V.M. Flesher, “The Ossuary of James the Brother of Jesus: From Trial to Truth?” March.

- 2011 Paul V.M. Flesher, “Did the Synagogue save Judaism?” September.
- 2011 Paul V.M. Flesher, “What did Jesus’ Synagogue Look Like?” August.
- 2011 Paul V.M. Flesher, “College Students and Cultural Memory: Bible-Believing Christians and the Academic Approach to the Bible,” July.
- 2011 Paul V.M. Flesher, “The Oral Character of the King James Bible,” June.
- 2009 M. Elliott and P.V.M. Flesher, “Questions about the Heliodorus Stele,” December.
- 2009 Paul V. M. Flesher, “Seeking the Sacred Past,” May.
- 2009 Paul V. M. Flesher, “How Should Archaeology Reach its Public?” April.
- 2004 Paul V. M. Flesher, “Mel’s Jesus: A “Real Man” or Just a Toon?” March.
- 2002 Paul V. M. Flesher, “The Experts and the Ossuary: A Report on the Toronto Sessions about the James Ossuary,” December. (Translated into Polish and published as “Eksperci a ossuarium Jakuba,” In: *Ossuarium Jakuba, Brata Jezusa: Odkrycie, ktore podzielilo uczonych*, Z. J. Kapera, ed., Krakow: Enigma Press, 2003, pp. 53-63.)
- 2002 Paul V. M. Flesher, “The Ossuaries of Jesus and James,” November.
- 2002 Paul V. M. Flesher, “Observing the Ossuary,” November. (Translated into Polish and published as “Obserwujac Ossuarium,” In: *Ossuarium Jakuba, Brata Jezusa: Odkrycie, ktore podzielilo uczonych*, Z. J. Kapera, ed., Krakow: Enigma Press, 2003, pp. 83-88.)
- 2002 Paul V. M. Flesher, “Does the James’ Ossuary really refer to Jesus Christ?” October. (Translated into Polish and published as “Czy ossuarium Jakuba ma rzeczywiscie zwiazek z Jezusem Chrystusem?” In: *Ossuarium Jakuba, Brata Jezusa: Odkrycie, ktore podzielilo uczonych*, Z. J. Kapera, ed., Krakow: Enigma Press, 2003, pp. 131-135.)
- 2000 Paul V. M. Flesher, “The Last Battle of the Dead Sea Scrolls War,” November.

Exploring Religions (<http://www.uwyo.edu/ReligioNet/ER>) [No longer online.]

- 1997 Website Author. A comparative introduction to five world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam.

Student Advantage Research (<http://research.studentadvantage.com>) [No longer online.]

- 2000 Editor for Religious Studies Catalogue. Led a team of five students and faculty who catalogued, classified and abstracted 2000 websites on religion.
- 2000 Editor for Religious Studies Tutorials. Created three introductory interactive web-based tutorials for Religious Studies.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Archaeological expedition staff

- 2019 Abu Shusha Excavations, Jezreel Valley Regional Project. Database manager.
- 2017 Jezreel Valley Regional Project, Survey member.
- 2012 – 2015 Huqoq Excavation Project. Database creator and manager.
- 1995 Tel Mique (Ekron) Archaeological Expedition. Field database manager.

Offices in professional societies

- International Organization for Targumic Study, President (2001-2004, 2004-2007)
- International Organization for Targumic Study, Board member (1995-2001, 2007-present)

Wyoming Humanities Council, Board of Directors, member (2009-2011)

Conference Organizer

- 2007 International Organization for Targumic Study, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2004 International Organization of Targumic Study, Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2001 International Organization of Targumic Study, Basel, Switzerland. (Conference Chair only).

Service to professional societies

- Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem. “NEH Fellow” Selection Panel, member (1997, 2000)
- History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Section, Society of Biblical Literature. Executive Committee, member (1990 - 1995)

Editorial Positions, Editorial Boards and Manuscript Reviewing

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- 2000 - present Editor in Chief, Supplements to *Aramaic Studies* (2016 to present). [Known as: Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture, 2000 to 2016]. Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden. A monograph publication series.
- 1994 - 2007 Executive Editor, *Newsletter for Targumic and Cognate Studies*. A twice-yearly bibliographical newsletter.
- 1992 - 2002 Editor, *Targum Studies* (the first English-language monograph series devoted solely to study of the Targums). This was first published by Scholars Press, Atlanta, GA and then by Global Press, Binghamton, NY.
- 1987 - 1989 Managing Editor, *New Perspectives on Ancient Judaism*. Monograph series.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- 2006 - present Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Religion and Film*
- 2002 - 2007 Associate Editor, *Encyclopedia of Religious Writings in Antiquity* (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden).
- 2000 - present Associate Editor, *The Bible and Interpretation*, News and Commentary webzine (<http://www.bibleinterp.com>).
- 1997 - present Founding Member, Editorial Committee, *Aramaic Studies* (formerly *Journal of the Aramaic Bible*).
- 1995 – 1998 Consulting Editor, *Millennial Encyclopedia of Judaism, The Religion* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2000).
- 1992 - 1995 Steering Committee member, *Newsletter for Targumic and Cognate Studies*.
- 1990 - 1996 Editor for Targum Studies, *Dictionary of Biblical Judaism* (New York: Macmillan, 1996).
- 1989 - 1991 Editorial Committee member, *Approaches to Ancient Judaism* (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press).

Grant review panels

2001 National Endowment for the Humanities, Grant Review Panel.

Grant Refereeing

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Humanities (Nederlandse Oraniasie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, Geesteswetenschappen).

European Research Council, European Commission.

Manuscript Refereeing

Society of Biblical Literature: Ancient Near East Monographs, E. J. Brill Academic Publishers, Macmillan Publishing House, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Mayfield Publishing Company, Oxford University Press.

Aramaic Studies, Journal of the Aramaic Bible, Journal of the History of Ideas, Shofar, Journal of Jewish Studies, Journal of Rabbinic Research, Journal of Popular Culture, Polish Journal of Biblical Studies, Journal of Religion and Film, Eighteenth-Century Life.

Memberships in professional societies

International Organization for Targumic Study

American Academy of Religion

American Schools of Oriental Research

Association for Jewish Studies

Chicago Society for Biblical Research

Society of Biblical Literature

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016, Spring Seymour Gitin Distinguished Professor, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem Israel.

2008 – 2009 Seibold Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wyoming.

2008 Senior Scholar Lecture (invited plenary lecture). American Academy of Religion—Society for Biblical Literature—American Schools of Oriental Research Rocky Mountain/Great Plain Regional Conference. “Being True to the Text: From Genesis to Harry Potter,” March 29.

1986 – 1987 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Princeton, NJ.

1985 – 1986 Feder Fellow (for Graduate study in Israel), Brown University, Providence, RI.

CONTRACTS & GRANTS

Funded Projects as Principal Investigator

“Synagogue Mosaics and Palestinian Targums: Concepts of Torah and Temple among Galilean Jews in the Rabbinic Period.” Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research, Summer Grant, \$6000.

Funded Projects as Co-Principal Investigator

2004 “Aramaic in Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity.” Co-director with Professor Eric Meyers at Duke University. A 6-week National Endowment for the Humanities

Summer Seminar. Budget—\$128,000.00. During the Seminar I taught two Aramaic courses and helped lead the thrice-weekly seminar presentations.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2018 “Were Galilean Synagogues the *Sitz im Leben* for the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch? An Archaeoacoustic Inquiry into the Archaeological Evidence.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National meeting, Denver, November 2018.
- 2018 “Broadhouse and Galilean Basilical Synagogues: Which had the Better Acoustics?” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual National meeting, Denver, November 2018.
- 2018 “Where did the Scripture Reader and the Scripture Translator Stand in Ancient Galilean Synagogues? Preliminary Perspectives from Affordance Analysis and Archaeoacoustics.” Plenary lecture. International Organization for Targumic Study, London. July 2018
- 2017 “Acoustic Typology of Ancient Synagogues in Greater Galilee,” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual National meeting, Boston, November 2017.
- 2017 Panel presenter, Digital Humanities in Archaeology and History. Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National meeting, Boston, November 2017.
- 2016 “Performing Targum in the Beth Alpha Synagogue: Let’s Put the Show on Right Here,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, San Antonio, November.
- 2016 “Worshipping in a First century Synagogue: What do Gamla’s Remains Reveal?” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, San Antonio, November.
- 2010 “Cairo Geniza Manuscripts Q and K and the Targumism of Onqelos,” International Organization for Targumic Study, Congress, Helsinki, Finland, July.
- 2009 “Oral Translating and Written Targum: The Role of Translation according to Rabbinic Literature,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, November.
- 2004 “Tabernacle and Torah in Targum and Tesseræ,” Association of Jewish Studies, 35th Annual National Meeting, Chicago, December 19-21.
- 2004 “Jewish Aramaic in Palestine,” International Organization of Targumic Study, 4th Congress, Leiden, July 29-30.
- 2003 “Does the Kaufman Effect impact the Literary Character of the Targums of Israel,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, November
- 2003 “Late Jewish Literary Aramaic and the Sources of Targum Pseudo-Jonathan,” European Association of Biblical Studies, Copenhagen, August 3-6.
- 2002 “Torah in Targum and Synagogue,” European Association of Jewish Studies, 7th Congress, Amsterdam, July 21-25.
- 2001 “Targumic Evidence for the Dialectal Transformation of post-70 Galilee: The Impact of the Priests.” Paper presented in the special session, “Priestly Power in the Rabbinic Era Galilee,” at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, Denver, CO, November 21.
- 2001 “The Literary Legacy of the Priests? The Pentateuchal Targums of Israel in their Social and Linguistic Context.” Paper presented at the conference: The Ancient Synagogue: From the Beginning to about 200 C.E. An International Conference at Lund University (Sweden), October 14-17, 2001 (by invitation only).
- 2001 “Targums and Priests: A Proposal Concerning Religious Developments in the Galilee” Keynote address to the International Organization for Targumic Study, Third Congress, Basel Switzerland, August 3.

- 2001 “Towards the Classification of Jesus Figures in Contemporary Film.” Paper Presented at the American Society of Church History, national meeting, Boston, January 4.
- 2000 “The Proto-PT Source of the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch,” Aramaic Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Conference, Nashville, November 18-21.
- 1999 “Messianism in the Painting of the Dura Europos Synagogue,” University of Manchester (England), December.
- 1998 “Is Onkelos a Palestinian Targum? Revisiting the Question,” International Organization for Targumic Study, Oslo, Norway, July 30-31.
- 1997 Panel presentation on the film, *Punch me in the Stomach*, American Academy of Religion, Annual National Meeting, San Francisco, November 21.
- 1997 “Is Targum Onkelos a Palestinian Targum?” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 27-30.
- 1997 “Teaching Film and Religion,” Panel Presentation, Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Salt Lake City, May 2.
- 1995 “Imagining the Audience of the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch,” International Organization of Targumic Study, Cambridge, England, July.
- 1995 “Conflict or Cooperation? Non-Jews in the Dura Synagogue Painting,” in *The Howard Gilman International Conference: Hellenic and Jewish Arts*, Delphi, Greece, June.
- 1994 “Mark 7:1-23 and Rabbinic Rhetoric,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, Chicago, November.
- 1992 “Doing History with Rabbinic Literature: The Case of Proselyte Initiation,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, San Francisco, November.
- 1992 “Slavery in Early Judaism: The Mishnah and History,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, San Francisco, November.
- 1992 “The Synoptic Targums: Sources of the Palestinian Targums to the Pentateuch,” presented at *The Aramaic Bible: Targums in their Historical Context*, Royal Irish Academy conference, Dublin, Ireland, July 14-17.
- 1990 “Addressing the Audience: The Implications for Targum Translations,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, New Orleans, November.
- 1990 “The Wisdom of the Sages: Rabbinic Rewriting of Qohelet,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, New Orleans, November.
- 1990 “Sacred Translation as Cultural Narrative: Inscriptions on Balaam’s Ass,” International Conference on Narrative Theory, New Orleans, April 4-6.
- 1990 Member of Review Panel for Richard Stegner, *Narrative Theology in Early Jewish Christianity*, Chicago Society for Biblical Research, February 4.
- 1989 “Evaluating Narrative Cogency: The Targumic Versions of the Balaam Story,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, Anaheim, CA, November.
- 1989 “Palestinian Synagogues before 70 C.E.: A Review of the Evidence,” Midwest regional meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Chicago, November.
- 1987 “Women and Slaves, Householders and Children: The Classification of Humanity in the System of the Mishnah,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, Boston, November.

- 1978 “Authorship of the Pauline Epistles: A Computer-Assisted Study,” American Philological Association, Annual National Meeting, Vancouver, December.
- 1978 “Computer-Assisted Authorship Determination in the Letters of Paul,” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual National Meeting, New Orleans, November.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2017 “The Archaeo-Acoustics of Ancient Synagogues: The Case of the First-Century Synagogue at Gamla,” WIHR Conference Roundup, October 2017.
- 2016 “What about Isaac? Targumic Rewriting of Genesis 22. Or, The Targums Interpret the Sacrifice of Isaac.” University of the Holy Land. Jerusalem Israel. April 1. (Also given at the Jerusalem University College. Jerusalem, Israel. April 12.)
- 2016 “Worshipping in a First-century Synagogue: What do Gamla’s Remains Reveal?” Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. Jerusalem, Israel. February 18.
- 2016 “Which Date? The Palestinian Targums to the Torah among the Targums of Israel.” Bar Ilan University. Tel Aviv, Israel. January 19.
- 2015 “The Transformation of the Ancient Synagogue: From the Meeting Hall of Jesus’ Galilee to the Sacred Space of Early Byzantine Galilee.” New College, University of Edinburgh, November 27. (Repeated for the University of the Holy Land, Jerusalem Israel. January 20, 2016.)
- 2013 “Are the People of Israel God’s ‘Second Adam’? Adam, Israel and the Torah in the Ancient Jewish Targum Translations of the Adam and Eve Story.” Symposium in honor of Jan-Wim Wesselius. Theological University of the Netherlands, Kampen. Kampen, The Netherlands.
- 2012 “Should Scripture be Understood? How Different World Religions View the Translation of their Sacred Texts.” Brigham Young University, September.
- 2009 “What about Isaac? Targumic Rewriting of Genesis 22” Durham University (England), March.
- 2006 “Aramaic in the Galilee,” Dublin, Trinity College, University of Dublin, Dublin (Ireland), March.
- 2006 “Messianism in the Dura Synagogue Paintings,” Dublin, Trinity College, University of Dublin, Dublin (Ireland), March.
- 2006 “Messianism in the Dura Synagogue Paintings,” Theologische Universitet, Kampen (Netherlands), February.
- 2006 “Aramaic in the Galilee,” Queens College, University of London, February .
- 2006 “From the Persians to the Byzantines: How Aramaic went Native in Palestine,” Queens University (Belfast, Northern Ireland), February.
- 2006 “The Origins of Aramaic in Galilee,” Oxford University, February
- 2006 “Adam and Eve in the Pentateuchal Targums,” Durham University (England), January.
- 2006 “Were the Jews of the Dura Europos synagogue messianic?” Durham University (England), January.
- 2006 “The Origins of Aramaic in Galilee,” Cambridge University, January.
- 2003 “Messianism in the Dura Synagogue Paintings,” Duke University, February.
- 1999 “The Paintings of the Dura Europos Synagogue,” Queens University (Belfast, Northern Ireland), October.

- 1998 “Early Synagogue Theology: The Evidence of the Dura Europos Excavations,” Tulane University, October 9.
- 1993 “Who says we can’t paint pictures? Art and Ancient Judaism,” part of 1993 Religious Studies Lecture Series: Varieties of the Sacred, University of Wyoming, February.

SEMINARS CONDUCTED

- 2004 “Aramaic Language Instruction: Jewish Palestinian Aramaic,” a six-week seminar in the NEH Summer Seminar “Aramaic in Late-Antique Judaism and Early Christianity,” held at Duke University, Eric Meyers and Paul V.M. Flesher, co-directors.
- 2004 Co-moderator, “Aramaic and its Literatures in Judaism and Christianity,” a six-week seminar in the NEH Summer Seminar “Aramaic in Late-Antique Judaism and Early Christianity,” held at Duke University, Eric Meyers and Paul V.M. Flesher, co-directors.
- 1988 “Social Categories in Early Judaism,” a week-long seminar (June 20-23) in the NEH Summer Institute, “Judaic Studies in the Liberal Arts College and University,” Brown University, E. S. Frerichs, Director.
- 1988 “The Early Synagogues,” a week-long seminar (June 27-30) in the NEH Summer Institute, “Judaic Studies in the Liberal Arts College and University,” Brown University, E. S. Frerichs, Director.

COMMITTEES

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- 2018 – 2019 Chair, *ad hoc* Hiring Committee for the Director of the American Heritage Center. (UW’s archive institution and the largest non-governmental archive west of the Mississippi.)
- 2017 – Academic Planning Committee, Faculty Senate
- 2017 – 2018 Presidential Task Force for Engagement and Outreach
- 2016 Organizing Committee, The Bridge. (Middle East art display and teaching events.)
- 2014 Chair, *ad hoc* Hiring Committee for Outreach School Marketing position
- 2014 – 2017 Outreach School Managers Committee, as director of Saturday University Division.
- 2014 – 2015 Executive Committee member, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research
- 2014 – 2015 External Board, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research, Convener and Chair.
- 2013 – 2014 Saturday University Presidential Task Force, Chair.
- 2013 – 2015 Chair, Steering Committee, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research
- 2012 – 2013 Co-chair, Humanities Initiative Steering Committee
- 2011 Member, Presidential Task Force: Biodiversity Conservation Initiative
- 2003 - 2009 Member, Outreach Council, Outreach School
- 1998 - 1999 Member, NCA Self-Study Sub-Committee on Information Technology
- 1998 - 1999 Chair, NCA Self-Study, *ad hoc* Sub-Sub-Committee on Academic Computing
- 1998 - 1999 Member, Coordinating Committee on Academic Planning
- 1998 - 1999 Member, *ad hoc* Committee on Academic Planning

- 1997 - 1998 Chair, Outreach Task Force on Developing and Delivering Internet/Web Courses
- 1995 - 1998 Member, Academic Planning Committee (Faculty Senate)
- 1994 - 1995 Member, Faculty Committee, School of Environment and National Resources

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES COMMITTEES

- 2017 – Central Committee
- 2017 – 2018 Tenure and Promotion Committee
- 2012 – 2014 Heads Council, Member
- 2009 – 2013 Faculty Representative, Board of Visitors
- 1996 – 1997 Heads Council member
- 1995 – 1996 Chair, Student/Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities
- 1993 – 1994 Member, Public Relations Committee

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES COMMITTEES

- 2017 – 2018 Member, *ad hoc* Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in Metaphysics

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, RELIGIOUS STUDIES COMMITTEES

- 2014 – 2015 Chair, Arabic Studies Tenure and Promotion Committee
- 2013 – 2014 Chair, Assessment Committee
- 2010 Chair, *ad hoc* Hiring Committee for Arabic Language faculty position
- 2009 – 2010 Chair, *ad hoc* Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in Asian Religions
- 2005 – 2011 Co-chair, Fund Raising Committee for a Chair in Mormon Studies and Center for the Study and Teaching of Religion in the American West
- 2003 – 2014 Chair, Religious Studies Tenure and Promotion Committee
- 2002 – 2003 Chair, *ad hoc* Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor in American Religious History (specialty, Religion in the American West)
- 1993 – 2014 Chair, Religious Studies Program Steering Committee

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY, SALT LAKE CITY, UT

- 1999 – 2002 Member, University Coordinating Council.
- 1998 – 1999 Member, Self-Study Committee for Accreditation Candidacy
- 1998 – 2007 Council Faculty, Liberal Arts Council (originally the Associate of Arts Program Council).