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**Current Position:**

Blanche and Irving Laurie Professor of Jewish History

Departments of Jewish Studies and History

Rank: Distinguished Professor

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ – 2004-present

**Prior Experience:**

Paul and Berthe Hendrix Memorial Professor of Jewish Studies

Department of Near Eastern Studies

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY – 1999-2004

Professor of Near Eastern Studies  
Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY – 1995-1999

Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies  
Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY – 1989-1995

Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Studies  
Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY – 1986-1989

Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies  
Department of Religious Studies  
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY – 1980-1986

**Visiting Positions:**

Visiting Researcher (on two occasions)  
Taylor-Schechter Cairo Genizah Research Unit  
University Library  
University of Cambridge  
Cambridge, England – July 2017 / June-July 2015

Visiting Researcher  
Tyndale House  
Cambridge, England – June-July 2015

Visiting Scholar (on five occasions)

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies (Yarnton Manor)

University of Oxford

Oxford, England – July 2018 / July 2017 / June-July 2014 / June-  
December 2012 / October 2010 – February 2011

Barnett Visiting Scholar in Jewish Literature

Brite Divinity School – Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, TX – May 2011

Visiting Scholar (on three occasions)

Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA – September-October 2015 / June-August 2013 /  
April-June 2011

Mandelbaum Visiting Professor in Jewish Studies (on three occasions)

Department of Hebrew, Biblical, and Jewish Studies

University of Sydney

Sydney, Australia – March-May 2019 / February-March 2011 /  
July-August 2004

Finard Visiting Professor in Jewish Studies

Department of Philosophy and Religion

Colgate University

Hamilton, NY – academic year 2001-2002

Visiting Research Professor and Teaching Fellow  
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA – academic year 1997-1998

Visiting Research Professor  
Department of Hebrew Language  
Hebrew University  
Jerusalem, Israel – August-December 1993

Visiting Research Professor  
Department of Bible  
Hebrew University  
Jerusalem, Israel – January-June 1987

**Adjunct Positions:**

Adjunct Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA – January-May 2007

Adjunct Associate Professor of Judaic Studies  
State University of New York at Binghamton  
Binghamton, NY – 1991, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2003

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies  
Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY – 1982-1985

**Education:**

New York University  
Institute of Hebrew Culture and Education  
Ph.D., 1980 / M.A., 1977

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
School of Journalism and Department of English  
B.A., 1975

**Dissertation:**

“Evidence for Spoken Hebrew in Biblical Times”  
(revised as *Diglossia in Ancient Hebrew*, see Publications)

**Courses Taught:**

Introduction to the Bible I  
Introduction to the Bible II  
Introduction to Ancient Judaism  
The Dead Sea Scrolls  
Jewish Society and Culture I: Ancient and Medieval  
Scroll Down: Classical Jewish Texts, from Parchment to Internet  
The Bible and Modernity

The Bible through Literary Eyes  
Women in the Bible  
How Do We Know This?  
The Journey Motif in Ancient Literature  
Biblical Hebrew  
History of the Hebrew Language  
Readings in Biblical Hebrew Prose  
Readings in Biblical Hebrew Poetry  
Genesis  
Exodus and Conquest  
Proverbs  
Song of Songs  
Qohelet  
Ancient Egypt  
Hieroglyphic Egyptian  
West Semitic Inscriptions  
Ugaritic  
Aramaic

**Administrative Work** (at Rutgers University):

Chair, Department of Jewish Studies, 2004-2010

Acting Chair, Department of Jewish Studies, January-June 2014

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Jewish Studies, 2011-present

**Administrative Work (other):**

Acting Chair, Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University, July-December 1990, 1998-1999

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University, 1994-2001

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Cornell University, 1987-1989

Acting Associate Dean, School of Continuing Studies  
Canisius College, January-August 1983

**Editorships:**

Associate Editor, *Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics*, 4 vols.  
(Leiden: Brill, 2013), 2008-2013.

Advisory Board Member, *Biblical Literature Studies* (in Chinese)  
[http://sjwxyj.henu.edu.cn/yw/yw\\_lwjs.aspx?kh=1](http://sjwxyj.henu.edu.cn/yw/yw_lwjs.aspx?kh=1), 2008-present.

Advisory Board Member, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*  
<http://www.jhsonline.org/>, 2000-present.

Book Review Editor, *AJS Review*, Association for Jewish Studies, 1989-1997.

Editorial Board Member, *AJS Review*, Association for Jewish Studies, 1989-2001.

**Archaeological Experience:**

Tel Dor, Israel – Summer 1980  
Caesarea, Israel – Summer 1999

**Memberships:**

American Oriental Society  
Association for Jewish Studies  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Society for Old Testament Study (U.K.)

**Guest Lectures:**

University of Oxford	Bar-Ilan University
University of Cambridge	Tel-Aviv University
University of Manchester	Ben-Gurion University
University of Birmingham	Pontifical Biblical Institute
University of Nottingham	Leiden University
University College London	Tsukuba University
SOAS, London	Japan Bible Seminary
Trinity College Bristol	University of Sydney
Trinity College Dublin	University of Toronto
Hebrew University	McGill University



Harvard University	Spertus College
Jewish Theological Seminary	College of Charleston
Colgate University	Tulane University
Binghamton University	Louisiana State University
Lehigh University	Creighton University
Pennsylvania State University	University of Oklahoma
Johns Hopkins University	Brite Divinity School
Smithsonian Institution	Lanier Theological Library
Library of Congress	Brigham Young University
Catholic University	Utah State University
George Washington University	University of Oregon
American University	Stanford University
Andrews University	American Jewish University
Grand Rapids Theological Seminary	UC – Los Angeles
Northwestern University	UC - San Diego

### **Digital Humanities**

[www.bensira.org](http://www.bensira.org) – website devoted to the book of Ben Sira, developed jointly with Jacob Binstein (launched December 2013).

<http://jts-ms-r1622-1.org/> – website devoted to JTS MS R1622.1, an important (albeit incomplete) Mishna manuscript, developed jointly with Joshua Blachorsky, with the assistance of Jacob Binstein (launched May 2015).

<http://johannes-obadiah.org/> – website devoted to the life of Johannes of Oppido = Obadiah the Proselyte, Catholic monk who converted to Judaism in 1102 C.E., developed with Peter Shamah, with the assistance of Jacob Binstein (launched August 2018).

**Miscellaneous:**

Extensive travel to all major archaeological sites in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.

Recipient, National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for College Teachers, 1986-87.

Recipient, Junior Humanities Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, Cornell University, Summer 1988.

Recipient, Cornell Fund for the Internationalization of Research in the Humanities, 1991.

Frequent offerings in Cornell's Adult University, Ithaca, NY, 1988-2002.

Tour leader, Cornell's Adult University in Israel, October 1993.

Tour leader, Cornell's Adult University in Egypt, January 1997.

Tour leader, Biblical Archaeology tour in Israel, for [www.jewish-explorations.com](http://www.jewish-explorations.com), June 2016.

Invited Participant, Workshop on “The Grammar and Lexicon of Mishnaic Hebrew,” Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, September 1996.

Invited Participant, Research Group on “Biblical Hebrew in Its Northwest Semitic Setting,” Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, December 2001 - January 2002.

Frequent lecturer for Biblical Archaeology Society, 1998-present.

Developer and instructor of CyberTower online mini-course “The Bible and History,” 2000-2004 (no longer active since leaving Cornell University).

Developer and instructor of Bildner Center online mini-course “The Bible and History,” available online at: <http://bildnercenter.rutgers.edu/online-studies>, 2006-present.

Developer and instructor of “The Book of Genesis,” marketed by The Teaching Company “Great Courses” program, released 2006.

Developer and instructor of “The Dead Sea Scrolls,” marketed by The Teaching Company “Great Courses” program, released 2010.

Regular participant and presenter at Renaissance Weekend: Jackson Hole, WY, July 2011 / Charleston, SC, December 2015 / Charleston, SC, December 2016 / Charleston, SC, December 2017.

Regular lecturer for Smithsonian Associates at the Smithsonian Institution:  
March 2017 / October 2017 / May 2018 / December 2018

Visiting lecturer, Skidmore College Summer Seminar in Judaic Studies,  
July 2002, July 2005.

Invited Participant, International Workshop on Israelian Hebrew, Tsukuba  
University, Tsukuba, Japan, July-August 2002.

Frequent referee for academic journals and publishers.

Frequent referee for tenure and promotion cases (concern for  
confidentiality prevents me from presenting a sample list).

**Publications:**

7 books written, 10 books edited, 180+ articles written,  
numerous review essays and book reviews.

See the following pages for a complete list. Or go to:

<http://jewishstudies.rutgers.edu/people/core-faculty/gary-a-rendsburg/gary-a-rendsburg>

(with pdf files of most of my published articles available there)

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