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APPOINTMET

Assistant Professor of Law, Villanova Law School 2006—

Areas: Private Law Theory
Jewish Law
Comparative Jurisprudence

Courses: *Contracts*

Jewish law (designed syllabus)

Seminar: *The Uses of Tradition in Legal and Religious Discourse*
(designed syllabus)

EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY 1999-2001

J.D., May 2001

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 1994-1998

B.B.S. Finance, *magna cum laude*

Honors: Dean's List – all semesters; Hope Scholar, 1994-1998

Yeshivat Har Etzion, Alon Shvut, Israel 1996-1998

Graduate Talmudic and Biblical Studies

Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavne, Yavne, Israel 1993-1995

Undergraduate Talmudic and Biblical Studies.

FELLOWSHIPS

John M. Olin Fellow in Law, Harvard Law School 2004-2006

Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History, 2005-2006

New York University School of Law

PUBLICATIONS

- *Restitution and the Production of Legal Doctrine*, 65 WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW REVIEW __ (FALL 2008).

- *Public Law, Private Law and Legal Science*, 56 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 691 (2008) (peer reviewed).
- *Restitution in America: Why the US Refuses to Join the Global Restitution Party?* 28 OXFORD JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 99 (2008) (peer reviewed).
- *Jesus' Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Reading*, 23 JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION 97 (2007-08) (peer reviewed).
- *Restating Restitution: A Study in Contemporary Common Law Conceptualism*, 52 VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW 487 (2007).
- *Legal Theology: The Turn to Conceptualism in 19th Century Jewish Law*, 21 THE JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION 39 (2006) (peer reviewed).
- *Interpreting Immunity: Qualified Immunity and the Common Law Tradition*, 7 U. PENN. J. OF CONST. LAW 1155 (2005).

Works In Progress

- *The Proceduralization of American Law*
Alternate Title: *(The Distribution of Doctrinal Complexity Across Common Law Systems)*
- *The Law of the Jewish State and the State of Jewish Law* (solicited by JEWISH QUARTERLY REVIEW)

In Early Stages of Development

- *Formalism as a Comparative Law Concept*
- *The Impact of Law and Economics on Traditional Private Law Doctrine*

CLERKSHIP

Judge Michael W. McConnell, Salt Lake City, UT 2/2003—8/2004
Clerk to Judge McConnell on United States Court of Appeals
for the Tenth Circuit.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, & Hamilton, New York, NY 2001-2003
Associate, Intellectual Property Group

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

NYU Law School Legal History Forum (October 2005)

Presented: *Legal Theology: Conceptualism in Jewish Law*

NYU Law School Legal History Forum (March 2006).

Presented: *The Development of Restitution law in England and the U.S.*

Contract and Governance: Public vs. Private Ordering, Toronto, CA (October 2006)

Presented: *Restitution in America: Why the US Refuses to Join the Global Restitution Party?*

AALS Section on Jewish Law, Washington, D.C. (January 2007)

Presented: *Christian Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Approach*

Michigan-Illinois Comparative Law Workshop, Urbana, Illinois (February 2007)

Presented: *Restitution in America Why the US Refuses to Join the Global Restitution Party?*

Third International Conference on Contracts, Houston Texas (February 2007)

Presented: *Restitution Law from a Comparative Perspective*

Julius Stone Centenary Conference, Sydney Australia, (July 2007)

Presented *Precedent, History and Tradition in Private Law Judging: Contrasting American and Anglo Discourse*

Beyond the State? Rethinking Private Law, Hamburg, Germany (July 2007)

Presented: *Public law, Private law and Legal Science*

Faculty Scholarship Exchange, Boston College Law School (October 2007)

Presented: *Jesus' Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Approach*

Christian Legal Theory Seminar, U. Pennsylvania Law School (November 2007)

Presented: *Jesus' Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Approach*

Restitution Roundtable, Washington & Lee Law School (December 2007)

Presented: *Where is the American Law of Restitution Hiding... and Why?*

AALS Section on Jewish Law, New York, NY (January 2008)

Presented: *Teaching Jewish Law in American Law Schools- Rethinking the Current Paradigms*

Faculty Scholarship Exchange, St. Thomas Law School, (January, 2008)

Presented: *Jesus' Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Approach*

International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU Law School, (March 2008)
Presented: *Jesus' Legal Theory—A Rabbinic Approach*

Legal Theory Workshop, McGill University Law School, Montreal CA (April 2008)
Presented: *Precedent and Law: A Comparative Common Law Analysis*

Religiously Affiliated Law Schools Conference, Boston College Law (April 2008)
Presented: *The Role of Jewish law in a Catholic Law School*

Free Will and Coercion in Jewish Law, Harvard Law School (May 2008)
Panel leader: *Coercion resulting in the violation of Jewish Law*

International Obligations Conference, National University of Singapore (July 2008)
Presented: *The Distribution of Doctrinal Complexity Across Legal Systems*

Center for Modern Torah Leadership, Boston, MA (August 2008)
Presented: *Is a Philosophical Account of Jewish Law Possible?*