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#### Education

The Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Ph.D. Philosophy of Religions 2005

Dissertation Claiming God: Theological Predication and its Limits in the *Mekhilta de Rabbilshmael*  
and *The Star of Redemption*

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A.M.R.S. Religious Studies 1995

Pitzer College Claremont, California

B.A. Philosophy, Literature, and Religion 1992

#### Areas of Specialization

Modern Jewish Thought, Jewish Exegetical Theology and Religious Language, Philosophy of Religion,  
Religious Epistemology, Philosophical Hermeneutics

#### Awards, Honors and Grants

Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Florida, 2013 (\$7500)

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Presentations, continued

³The Cosmic Eye and its Pupil: Divine Perfection, Divine Providence, and the Problem of