

Biography

Richard Elliott Friedman

Professional:

Ann and Jay Davis Professor of Jewish Studies, University of Georgia, 2006-present
Professor of Religion, University of Georgia, 2006-present
Katzin Professor of Jewish Civilization *Emeritus*, University of California, San Diego, 2006-present
Katzin Professor of Jewish Civilization, University of California, San Diego, 1994-2006
Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature, University of California, San Diego, 1987-2006
Associate Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature, 1982-1987
Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Literature, 1976-1982
Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, England, Spring Term, 1988
Visiting Scholar, Oxford Centre for Postgraduate Hebrew Studies, Oxford, England, Fall Term, 1984
City of David Project, Excavations of Biblical Jerusalem,
Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985
Senior Fellow, American Schools of Oriental Research, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, 1997-1998

Education:

Th.D., Harvard University, 1978 (Hebrew Bible, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)
Th.M., Harvard University, 1974 (Hebrew Bible)
M.H.L., Jewish Theological Seminary, 1971 (Hebrew Literature)
B.A., University of Miami, 1968 (Philosophy)
— The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1966-67, 1969-70 (Judaica)

Languages:

Ancient: Akkadian, Aramaic, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Ugaritic
Modern: French, German, Hebrew

Awards, Honors:

B.A. cum laude

Th.M. cum laude

Th.D. Distinction

American Council of Learned Societies Fellow, 1982

Elected to membership in The Biblical Colloquium, 1987

Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching,
Revelle College, University of California, San Diego, 1987

Special Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service,
Revelle College, University of California, San Diego, 1992

Outstanding Teaching award
Warren College, University of California, San Diego, 2005

Life Member, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, England

University of California President's Research Fellowship in the Humanities, 1997

University of California Research Awards, 1978, 1979, 1984, 1988, 1997

Faculty Award, Hillel, University of California, San Diego, 2004, 2005

for *Who Wrote the Bible?* :

New York Times Editors' Recommended Selection, August 16 and 23, 1987

New York Times Notable Books of 1987

The Times, London, Editors' Recommended Selection, June 2, 1988

Laymen's National Bible Association Citation, 1988

New York Times Editors' Recommended Paperback Selection, 1989

New York Times Notable Paperback Books of 1989

for *The Disappearance of God*:

Publishers Weekly Best Books of 1995

for *The Hidden Book in the Bible*

Publishers Weekly Best Books of 1998

for *Commentary on the Torah*

Commentary Magazine Best Jewish Books of 2001

Amazon.com Editors Choice: Best Religion & Spirituality Books of 2001

for *The Bible with Sources Revealed*

National Jewish Book Award Finalist, 2005

Honored with *Festschrift*:

Sacred History, Sacred Literature: Essays on Ancient Israel, the Bible, and Religion in Honor of R. E. Friedman on His 60th Birthday, Edited by Shawna Dolansky (Eisenbrauns, 2008)

Honored with volume:

Milk and Honey: Essays on Ancient Israel and the Bible in Appreciation of the Judaic Studies Program at the University of California, San Diego, Edited by Sarah Malena and David Miano (Eisenbrauns, 2007)

Professional Activities, University Committees, Chairmanships:

I. University of Georgia

Department of Religion

Member, 2006-present

Faculty of Linguistics

Member, 2006-present

Graduate Faculty

Member, 2006-present

University Review Committee, 2007, 2008, 2009

University Special Professorships Committee, 2008, 2009, 2010

Willson Center Research Fellowship Committee, 2009, 2010

Chair, Willson Center Research Fellowship Committee, 2010

Committee to appoint Saye and Russell Professorships in History

II. University of California, San Diego:

Judaic Studies Program

Director, 1976-1986, 1999-2001, 2003

Faculty Member, 1976-2006

Co-Chair, Judaic Studies Faculty Committee, 1981-1993

Supervisor, Hebrew Language instruction, 1976-1984

Revelle College

Chair, Humanities Committee, 1985-1987, 1994-1997

Member, Humanities Committee, Revelle College, 1982-2006

Muir College

Muir Faculty Member, 1976-2006

Coordinator, Judaic Cultural Traditions course sequence, 1976-1988

Academic Senate

Vice-Chair, Committee on Distinguished Teaching, 2005-2006

Member, Committee on Distinguished Teaching, 2004-2005

Member, Committee on Faculty Research Lecturer, 1999-2001

Vice-Chair, Committee on Research, 1993-1994

Member, Committee on Research, 1992-1993

Department of Literature

Member, Comparative Literature Section, 1976-present

Advisor, Hebrew Literature, 1976-2006

Member, Executive Committee, 1978-1979

Member, Planning Committee, 1979

Co-chair, Literature Department Colloquium, 1978-81

Member, Honors Committee, 1983

Classical Studies Program

Member, 1976-2006

Education Abroad Program

Advisor, 1976-1986

Doctoral Committees:

Department of Literature

Department of History

Department of Sociology

Department of Anthropology

Conferences

Chair, Conference in Biblical Studies, "Creation of Context," 1979

Chair, Conference in Biblical Studies, "The Portrayal of Sacred History," 1981

Chair, Conference in Biblical Studies, "The Future of Biblical Studies," 1984

Chair, Conference in Biblical Studies, 1989

Editorial Board

Biblical and Judaic Studies from the University of California, San Diego

1990-2006 (Eisenbrauns)

Board of Overseers, Burke Lectureship, 1999-2000

III. Other Professional Activities:

A. Membership in Professional Societies:

Society of Biblical Literature, 1976-present

The Biblical Colloquium West, 2007

The Biblical Colloquium, 1987-present

The Authors' Guild, 1996-1999

American Schools of Oriental Research, 1997-1998

World Union of Jewish Studies, 1997-1998

Association for Jewish Studies, 1976-1981, 2004-2007

B. Other:

President, The Biblical Colloquium West, 2003-2004

Member of Doctoral committees

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Los Angeles

Claremont Colleges, School of Theology

Chair, Biblical Studies Session, Association for Jewish Studies, 1981

Chair, Plenary Session: The Bible, Archaeology, and Revisionist History

Association for Israel Studies, Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, 2003

Consultant to University of Judaism, Los Angeles, CA, 1983

Consultant to Knox College, Illinois, 1993

Consultant/Reviewer, *Encyclopædia Britannica*, 2000Consultant, *Reader's Digest*Consultant, novelist Alice Hoffman, *The Dovekeepers*

Board Member, Athens Jewish Film Festival, 2008-2011

Referee/consultant for journals, publishing houses, universities, and research grant institutions:

National Endowment for the Humanities

Canada Council

National Geographic

Israel Science Foundation

Hebrew Annual Review

Natural History

Jewish Publication Society

Paragon Books

Fortress Press

Blackwell Publishing

Christian Century

Oxford University Press

Publications

I. Books

The Exile and Biblical Narrative

(Harvard Semitic Monographs; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1981)

The Creation of Sacred Literature, Editor

(Berkeley: University of California Press, 1981)

The Poet and the Historian, Editor

(Harvard Semitic Studies; Atlanta, Scholars Press, 1983)

The Future of Biblical Studies: The Hebrew Scriptures, Editor,

(Semeia Studies; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1987), with H.G.M. Williamson

Who Wrote the Bible?, first edition

(New York: Summit/Simon and Schuster, 1987)

(Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1988; college text edition)

(London: Jonathan Cape/Random House UK, 1988)

(New York: Harper & Row, 1988; paperback edition)

(Vienna: Paul Zsolnay Verlag, 1989; German edition)

(Germany: Anaconda Verlag, 2007; German edition)

(Barcelona: Ediciones Martinez Roca, 1989; Spanish edition)

(Turin: Bollati Boringhieri, 1989; Italian edition)

(Kai Sei Sha, 1989; Japanese edition)

(Gustav Lübke Verlag, 1991; German paperback edition)

(Anaconda, 2007); 2nd German paperback edition)

(Tel Aviv: Zmora Bitan/Dvir, 1995; Hebrew edition)

Book-of-the-Month Club

Readers' Subscription Book Club

Quality Paperbacks Book Club

Readers' Union Book Club (England)

Book Club Associates (England)

Who Wrote the Bible?, second edition

(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1996)

(Paris: Editions Exergue, 1998; French hard and paperback editions)

(Istanbul: Kabalci, 2005; Turkish edition)

(Seoul: Handl Publishing House, 2010; Korean edition)

(Moscow: Eksmo, 2010; Russian edition)

The Disappearance of God

(New York: Little, Brown, 1995)

(Brazil: Imago, Portuguese edition)
(Japan: Shoeisha, Japanese edition)
(Netherlands: Ten Have, 1997; Dutch edition)
(Tel Aviv: Zmora Bitan, Hebrew edition)
(Czech Republic: Argo, Czech edition)
Book-of-the-Month Club, One Spirit Book Club
British Book Club

The Hidden Face of God

(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1997;
paperback edition of *The Disappearance of God*)

The Hidden Book in the Bible

(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1998)
(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1999; paperback edition)
(London: Profile, 1999)
(Poland: Da Capo; Polish edition, 2000)
(Hungary: Gold Book; Hungarian edition, 2002)
(Kindle Edition, 2009)
(HarperCollins eBook edition)
Book-of-the-Month Club
History Book Club
Quality Paperbacks Book Club
Jewish Book Club

Commentary on the Torah

(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2001)
(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2003; paperback edition)

The Bible with Sources Revealed

(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2004)
(San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2005; paperback edition)
(HarperCollins eBook edition)

Le-David Maskil, Editor

(Biblical and Judaic Studies from the University of California, San Diego;
Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2004), with William Henry Propp

The Bible Now

(New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), with Shawna Dolansky
(Kindle edition, 2011)

II. Articles

- “The Biblical Expression *mastîr panîm*,”
Hebrew Annual Review 1 (1977), pp. 139-147
- “The MRZH Tablet from Ugarit,”
Maarav 2 (1980), pp. 187-206
- “The Tabernacle in the Temple,”
Biblical Archeologist 43 (1980), pp. 241-248
- “Composition and Paronomasia in the Book of Jonah,”
Hebrew Annual Review 4 (1980), pp. 77-92, with Baruch Halpern
- “Sacred History and Theology: The Redaction of Torah,”
 in *The Creation of Sacred Literature*, pp. 25-34
- “From Egypt to Egypt: Dtr1 and Dtr2,”
 in *Traditions in Transformation: Turning-Points in Biblical Faith*,
 Frank Moore Cross *Festschrift* (Eisenbrauns, 1981)
 J. Levenson and B. Halpern, eds., pp. 167-192
- “The Prophet and the Historian: The Acquisition of Historical Information from Literary Sources,” in *The Poet and the Historian*, pp. 1-12
- “The Hiding of the Face,”
 in *Jewish Perspectives on Ancient Israel* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987),
 J. Neusner, E. Frerichs, and B. Levine, eds., pp. 207-222
- “Deception for Deception,”
Bible Review II:1 (1986), pp. 22-31, 68
- “The Recession of Biblical Source Criticism,”
 in *The Future of Biblical Studies: The Hebrew Scriptures* (1987), pp. 81-101
- “Tabernacle,”
The Anchor Bible Dictionary (New York: Doubleday, 1992), vol. VI, pp. 292-300
- “Torah,”
The Anchor Bible Dictionary (New York: Doubleday, 1992), vol. VI, pp. 605-622
- “Torah and Covenant,”
The Oxford Study Bible, J. Suggs, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), pp. 154-163
- “Is Everybody an Expert on the Bible?”
Bible Review VII: 2 (1991), pp. 16-18, 50-51
- “Scholar, Heal Thyself,”
The Iowa Review 21 (1991), pp. 33-47
- “Late for a Very Important Date,”
Bible Review IX:6 (1993), pp. 12-16
- “Parashat Bereshit,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, 1994), pp. 1-3
- “Parashat Bereshit, II,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, 1995), pp. 1-3
- “The Deuteronomistic School,”
Fortunate the Eyes That See, David Noel Freedman *Festschrift*

- (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1995)
Astrid Beck et al, eds., pp. 70-80
- “Some Recent Non-arguments Concerning the Documentary Hypothesis,”
Texts, Temples, and Traditions, Menahem Haran *Festschrift*
(Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1996)
Michael Fox et al, eds., pp. 87-101
- “Parashat Wayyera’,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, 1996), pp. 1-3
- “Bereshit,” (revised from “Parashat Bereshit”)
in *Learn Torah With* (Los Angeles: Alef Design Group, 1996),
Stuart Kelman and Joel Lurie Grishaver, eds., pp. 2-6, 10
- “Parashat Lek Leka,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, 1998), pp. 1-3
- “The Hidden Book in the Bible,”
Excerpt from *The Hidden Book in the Bible*,
Religious Studies News (AAR/SBL, September, 1998), pp. 18-19
- “The Novelist and the Philologist, or Nothing Happens by Chance Anymore,”
Paradoxa 5 (1999) pp. 42-58
- “Parashat Vayyelek,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, 2000), pp. 1-3
- “Solomon and the Great Histories,”
Ann Killebrew and Andrew Vaughn, eds., *Biblical Lands and Peoples in
Archaeology and Text* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003)
- “Deception for Deception,”
in H. Shanks, ed., *Abraham and Family* (Washington, DC: Biblical Archaeology
Society, 2000), pp. 131-144; reprinted from *Bible Review* 2 (1986), pp. 22-31,
68
- “Parashat Yitro,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, 2001), pp. 1-3
- “Death and Afterlife: The Biblical Silence,” with Shawna Dolansky Overton
in *Judaism in Late Antiquity*, Volume Four: *Death, Afterlife, Resurrection,
and the World to Come* (Leiden: Brill, 2001)
Alan J. Avery-Peck & Jacob Neusner, eds., pp. 35-59
- “Studying Torah: Commentary, Interpretation, Translation,”
Excerpt from *Commentary on the Torah*
Judaism 50 (2001), pp. 295-306
- “Why I Wrote My Torah Commentary,”
Moment 26/6 (December, 2001), pp. 56-59, 72-76
- “An Essay on Method,”
in *Le-David Maskil* (Biblical and Judaic Studies from the University of
California, San Diego; Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2003)
Richard Elliott Friedman and William Henry Propp, eds., pp.1-15
- “No, He Had No Banana — Of Faith and Reason,”
Moment 28/4 (August 2003), pp. 60-61, 68-70
- “Three Major Redactors of the Torah,”
in *Birkat Shalom* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2008), pp. 31-44

- “Taking the Biblical Text Apart,”
Bible Review XXI/4 (2005), pp. 19-23, 48-50
- “More Dangerous Than Holocaust Deniers”
The Jerusalem Post, July 20, 2006
- “Jeremiah’s Wish”
The Jerusalem Post, February 2, 2007
- “Pentateuch,” with Shawna Dolansky
Encyclopedia Judaica (2007), vol. 15, pp. 730-753
- “Biblical Perspective,”
Dream of Zion (Jewish Lights, 2007), pp. 186-188
Jeffrey Salkin, ed.
- “Ancient Biblical Interpreters vs. Archaeology & Modern Scholars”
Biblical Archaeology Review, vol. 34, no. 1 (January/February, 2008), pp. 62-67
- “A Bible Scholar in the City of David”
in *Historical Biblical Archaeology and the Future — The New Pragmatism*
(London: Equinox, 2009)
Thomas Levy, ed.

III. Reviews

- Jeffrey H. Tigay, ed., *Empirical Models for Biblical Criticism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1985). Reviewed in *Journal of Religion* (1988)
- Leslie Brisman, *The Voice of Jacob: On the Composition of Genesis* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1990). Reviewed in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (1991)
- Harold Bloom and David Rosenberg, *The Book of J* (New York: Grove Weidenfeld, 1991). Reviewed in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*
- Robert B. Coote, *In Defense of Revolution: The Elohistic History* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991). Reviewed in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (1993)
- Moshe Weinfeld, *Deuteronomy — The Anchor Bible* (New York: Doubleday, 1991). Reviewed in *Association for Jewish Studies Review* (in press)
- Baruch Halpern and Deborah W. Hobson, eds., *Law and Ideology in Monarchic Israel* (Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1991). Reviewed in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (1995)
- Karen Armstrong, *A History of God* (New York: Knopf, 1993). Reviewed in *Bible Review* X:6 (1994)

IV. Brief Notes

- “The Nephilim in Gen 6:4,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, October, 1997)
- “Who Names Whom in Genesis,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, November, 1997)
- “A Family’s Chain of Suffering — and a Solution”
Torat Hayim (UAHC, December, 1997)
- “The Kingdom of Judah,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, December, 1997)
- “Prepared to Leave in Haste,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, January, 1998)
- “Moses’ Family,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, February, 1998)
- “The Collection for the Tabernacle,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, February, 1998)
- “The Examination for Contamination in a House,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, April, 1998)
- “The Ritual of the Goats on the Day of Atonement,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, April, 1998)
- “Pinhas and Sacred Space,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, July, 1998)
- “Ethical and Ritual,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, August, 1998)

“The End and Beginning of the Torah,”
Learn Torah With. . . (Torah Aura, October, 1998)

V. Other

Introduction to David Noel Freedman, “Yahweh of Samaria and His Asherah,”
Biblical Archaeologist (December, 1987) p. 243

Response to John Van Seters (“Scholars Face Off Over Age of Biblical Stories”)
Bible Review X:4 (1994), pp. 40-44, 54

Response to Joseph Blenkinsopp
Bible Review X:6 (1994), p. 55

“David Noel Freedman: An Appreciation from His Colleagues,”
 in *Fortunate the Eyes That See, David Noel Freedman Festschrift*
 (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1995), pp. xvi-xvii

“A Recognition of David Noel Freedman: On the Occasion of the publication of His
 Collected Papers,” *JQR* 88 (1998) pp. 259-261

Reply to John Van Seters (“Some Comments on a Recent Literary ‘Discovery’”)
Religious Studies News (AAR/SBL, November, 1998), p. 7

Introduction to Jeffrey H. Tigay, ed., *Empirical Models for Biblical Criticism* 2nd edition
 (Dearborn, MI: Dove, 2005)

VI. Electronic

“Who Wrote the Flood Story”
 PBS - NOVA, online companion to television special “The Bible’s Buried
 Secrets”
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/bible/flood.html>

Papers and Lectures

I. Papers and Lectures at Academic Institutions and Conferences:

- University of California, Santa Cruz, 1977
“The Biblical Expression *mastîr panîm*”
- Association for Jewish Studies, Annual Conference, Boston, 1980
“From Eve to Esther: The Literary Study of the Bible”
- World Congress of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1981
“The Literary Relationship Between Priestly Narrative and JE”
- Ohio State University, 1981
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- University of California, Berkeley, 1982
“The Priestly Tabernacle”
- McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1983
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- University of Judaism, Los Angeles, 1983
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- San Diego State University, 1984
“Woman in the Old Testament”
- University of California, Los Angeles, 1985
“The Unique Literary Problems of the Bible”
- University of California, Santa Cruz, 1986
“The Birth of the Story of Dinah”
- University of California, Santa Barbara, 1986
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- Texas A&M University, 1986
“Who Wrote the Bible?—The Sequel”
- Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 1986
“Modern Study of Hebrew Bible Literature”
- Princeton University, The Biblical Colloquium, 1986
“The First Major Prose Writer”
- Temple University, “Biblical Roots of Constitutionalism,” Philadelphia, 1987
Conference Marking the 200th Anniversary of the United States Constitution,
“Law Meets History”
- Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Boston, 1987
“Ancient Near Eastern Parallels and Other Non-arguments Concerning the
Documentary Hypothesis”
- University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 1988
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- University of Miami, 1988
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- University of Cambridge, England, 1988
“The First Major Prose Writer in the Bible”

- University of California, Berkeley, 1988
“The First Major Prose Writer”
- Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 1990
“Jeremiah and the Deuteronomistic School”
- University of Judaism, Los Angeles, 1990
“Who Wrote the Bible, II: A Newly Discovered Work”
- Creighton University, 1990
“Comedy in Greece and Israel”
- University of Nebraska, Omaha, 1990
“The First Great Writer”
- Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Conference
Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, 1991
“Scholar Heal Thyself”
- University of California, Los Angeles, 1991
“Issues in Biblical Studies in the 1980’s—Prospects for the 1990’s”
- University of Hartford, 1991
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- Yale University, 1991
“J: The Discovery of the First Great Writer”
- San Diego State University, 1991
“Jacob and Esau: The Art of Deception”
- National Council for the Advancement of Science Writing, La Jolla, CA, 1992
“‘Science’ and the Bible”
- Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1992
“The Hidden Face of God”
- Knox College, 1993
“The Myth of the Old Testament God of Wrath”
- The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, 1993
“The Disappearance of God”
- Lower Columbia College, Longview, Washington, 1995
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
- Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 1995
“J”
- University of California, Los Angeles, 1996
“The Hidden Face of God”
- California Institute of Technology, 1996
“The Disappearance of God”
- Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Region, Annual Meeting, La Jolla, CA, 1996
“J and E”
- University of California, Riverside, 1996
“The First Great Writer”
- University of California, Riverside, 1996
“The Hidden Face of God”
- Arizona State University, 1996
The Eckstein Lectures
- University of Nevada, Reno, 1997

- “The First Great Writer”
World Congress of Jewish Studies, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1997
“Late for a Very Important Date: The Antiquity of the Sources of the Torah”
The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1997
“The J Text from Genesis to 1 Kings 2”
The Albright Institute, American Schools of Oriental Research, Jerusalem, 1998
“The First Great Writer”
The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, 1998
“Translation and Commentary”
University of California, Los Angeles, and Skirball Museum, 1998
“Back to Egypt!”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, 1998
“The Largest Source of the Pentateuch and the Deuteronomistic History”
California Institute of Technology, 1999
“The Hidden Book in the Bible”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 1999
“Solomon and the Great Histories”
Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, 2000
“Moses, Man of Words: The Unity of the Torah”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 2001
“The Synthesis of the Torah”
The Biblical Colloquium West, Inaugural Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2002
“A Discourse on Method”
Linfield College, Oregon, 2002
The Frazee Lecture: “Rediscovering the Heart of the Hebrew Bible”
University of California, Los Angeles, 2002
“Modes of Leadership in the Bible, or: Who’s in Charge Here?”
University of California, Los Angeles, Hillel, 2002
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2003
“Three Major Redactors of the Torah”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2003
“He Shall Surely Die — Translating the Emphatic in Biblical Hebrew”
University of Florida, 2004
“What Should a Biblical Commentary Comment On?”
University of Judaism, 2004
“The Disappearance of God in the Hebrew Bible”
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 2005
“Deception in the Bible: Jacob and Esau”
University of Georgia, 2005
“Jacob and Esau”
Siegel College, Cleveland, Ohio, 2005
“A Schizophrenic Scholar: Traditional Scholarship and the Modern Bible
Scholar”
“What Should a Biblical Commentary Comment On?”
“Who Wrote the Bible?”

The Biblical Colloquium West, San Diego, CA, 2006
“Israel and the Bible — Then and Now”
Association for Jewish Studies, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2006
“Jeremiah’s Wish That He Had Never Been Born”
Society of Biblical Literature, Southeastern Regional Annual Meeting (SECSOR)
Atlanta, GA, 2008
“Bible Scholars as Film Consultants, or Selling Soap in Boise”
Society of Biblical Literature, Southeastern Regional Annual Meeting (SECSOR)
Atlanta, GA, 2008
“Who Wrote the Bible?”
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting
Boston, MA, 2008
David Noel Freedman Memorial Session
Presiding and Presentation
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2010
“The Death of the Gods”

IV. Lectures at Non-academic Institutions:

- Western Association of Temple Educators, February, 1980
Scholar-in-Residence
"Archaeology and the Bible"
- Brandeis-Bardin Institute, 1985
"The Bible and the Politics of the Middle East"
- Brandeis-Bardin Institute, California 1986
"Who Wrote the Bible?"
- St. Louis, MO: Jewish Book Fair, November, 1987
"Who Wrote the Bible?"
- Washington, DC: Jewish Book Fair, November, 1987
"Who Wrote the Bible?"
- Tidewater, VA: Jewish Book Fair, November, 1987
"Who Wrote the Bible?"
- California Museum of Ancient Art, 1988
"Who Wrote the Bible?"
- Greater Miami Book Fair, 1988
"Who Wrote the Bible?"
- Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, 1989
"The First Great Writer"
- School of Christian Living, Midland, TX (Interdenominational) January, 1990
7 lectures
- La Jolla Ministerial Association, La Jolla, CA, January, 1994
"The House of David Inscription"
- Maimonides Society, La Jolla, CA, October, 1994
"Call a Doctor"
- Archaeological Institute of America, San Diego Society, 1994
"A Biblical Scholar Looks at Archaeology"
- San Diego Jewish Book Fair, November, 1995
"The Disappearance of God"
- Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, Annual Conference, Palm Springs, CA, 1996
"The Disappearance of God"
- Camp Ramah, Ojai, CA, August, 1996
Scholar-in-Residence
- National Cathedral, Washington, DC, November, 1998
"The Hidden Book in the Bible"
- San Diego Jewish Book Fair, November, 1998
"The Hidden Book in the Bible"
- CAJE Conference, San Diego, CA, January, 1999
"What Should a Commentary Comment on?"
- La Jolla Ministerial Association, CA, March, 1999
"The Hidden Book in the Bible"
- Union of American Hebrew Congregations Biennial Convention
Orlando, Florida, December, 1999

“Significant Books”
Mercy Hospital, San Diego, CA, 2000
“Medicine and the Bible”
Los Angeles Times Book Festival, UCLA, 2001
“Commentary on the Torah”
Ramah Darom Center for Southern Jewry, Georgia, 2002
Scholar-in-Residence
Human Rights Commission, San Diego, CA, 2003
Jewish Culture
American Conference of Cantors, International meeting, San Diego, CA, 2004
Scholar-in-Residence
Lehrhaus Judaica, “Bible by the Bay,” San Francisco, CA, 2005
Keynote Address: “Israel and the Bible: Then and Now”
Central Conference of American Rabbis Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2006
“Israel and the Bible: Then and Now”
Interfaith Cultural Organization, Athens, GA, 2006
“All the Families of the Earth”
Central Conference of American Rabbis, August 12, 2009
CCAR Conference Call for Reform Rabbis presentation
Limmud Fest, Tumbling Waters Retreat Center, GA, September 4-5, 2009
3 lectures: “Israel Then and Now,” “A Tale of Two Commentaries,” “Reform,
Orthodox, Conservative, and the Bible”
Atlanta Journal-Constitution Decatur Book Festival, GA, September 6, 2009
Presentation on all of my books
Biblical Archaeology Fest, Atlanta, GA, November, 2010
Lecture: “The Death of the Gods”

IV. Ongoing Study Programs:

San Diego Rabbinical Association
monthly sessions: 1991-2005

Biblical Ethics Study Group
A group of academics, professionals, and other laypersons organized to study ethical issues in the Bible. San Diego, CA, monthly meetings, 1986-1991

Ramah Darom, Georgia, Summer, 1999-2010
Scholar-in-Residence
Lectures and weekly study sessions

Jewish-Palestinian Dialogue Group
2001-2004

Torah Study, Athens, GA
weekly meetings
2008-2010

V. Media Consulting

NBC, "The Eternal Light"

A&E, "Mysteries of the Bible"

A&E, "Who Wrote the Bible?"

Dreamworks, "Prince of Egypt"

PBS-WGBH, Boston, "NOVA"

"The People of the Covenant: The Origins of Ancient Israel and the Emergence of Judaism"

PBS, "The Kingdom of David"

ARTE, "The Bible Revealed"

PBS - NOVA, "Bible's Buried Secrets"

Citations/Interviews/Reviews in Media:

I. Regarding Who Wrote the Bible, 1987:

New York Times, Wall Street Journal, U.S. News & World Report, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Kirkus Reviews, Library Journal, Harvard Magazine, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dallas Tribune, Dallas Times Herald, Dallas Morning News, New York Daily News, Arizona Daily Star, San Diego Union, San Diego Tribune, Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque Tribune, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, America, Toronto Globe and Mail, Miami Herald, Rochester NY Democrat and Chronicle, El Paso Times, Minneapolis Star and Tribune, Europeo (Italy), Maariv (Israel), London Observer, The Independent (London), Weekend Telegraph, Western Morning News (Plymouth, England), Glasgow Herald, Church Times (London), Sheffield Star, Chronicle of Higher Education, New York Jewish Week, Catholic Herald, Boston Jewish Advocate, Detroit Jewish News, B'nai B'rith Jewish Monthly, Hadassah Magazine, San Diego Jewish Times, San Diego Jewish Heritage, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle, Lewistown PA Sentinel

CNN, Larry King, Washington, DC; NPR, "Morning Edition," New York, NY; WHP, Harrisburg, PA; KYW, Philadelphia, PA; WDWS, Champagne, IL; KYKK, New Mexico; KIDO, Boise, ID; KFYI, Phoenix, AR; KGIL, Los Angeles, CA; KPSI, Palm Springs, CA; WBAL, Baltimore, MD; KIK, Calgary; CJAD, Montreal; WMT, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; KLIF, Dallas, TX; WSMU, New Jersey; KLPJ, Austin, TX; WKBN, Youngstown, OH; KSDO, San Diego, CA; BBC Radio WM, Birmingham, England; BBC Radio Manchester, England; Piccadilly Radio, Manchester; BBC Radio Cambridge, England; BBC Radio Oxford; Radio Wales; LBC (London); BBC Radio 4 (London)

II. Regarding The Disappearance of God, 1995:

Washington Post, Publishers Weekly, Time, Kirkus Reviews, Booklist, Los Angeles Times, Dallas Morning News, National Review, Religion, Bible Review, San Diego Union-Tribune, San Diego Reader, National Jewish Post & Opinion, Philadelphia Jewish Exponent, Los Angeles Jewish Journal, San Diego Jewish Heritage, Reno Gazette Journal, Conservative Judaism

National Public Radio ("Talk of the Nation," Ray Suarez), October 5, 1995; National Public Radio ("Radio Times"), November 20, 1995; KPBS, San Diego ("These Days"); KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, Evening News; KNSD-TV, San Diego, Evening News; "Page One," Simon Wiesenthal Center, Washington, DC; KDFW-TV "Morning Show," Dallas, TX; KLIF, Dallas, TX; KPLX, Dallas, TX; Irving Community Television Network, Dallas, TX; WAGA-TV, Atlanta, GA; Peach State Public Radio, Atlanta, GA; WVEU-TV, Atlanta, GA; WAMU-

FM/NPR (Derek McGinty), Washington, DC; Voice of America, Washington, DC; News Channel 8, Springfield, VA; UCSD-TV, San Diego, CA

III. Regarding The Hidden Book in the Bible, 1998

New York Times, New York Times Book Review, Publishers Weekly, Kirkus Reviews, Los Angeles Times, Time, International Herald Tribune, USA Today, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Denver Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Religion News Service, Library Journal, San Diego Union-Tribune, The Forward, Religious Studies News, Bible Review, Orange County Register, The Citizens Weekly, National Public Radio stations, UCSD Television

IV. Regarding Commentary on the Torah

Los Angeles Times; Jerusalem Post; Publishers Weekly; Moment; Philadelphia Inquirer; Associated Press; Judaism Magazine; Reform Judaism; Journal of Jewish Studies; Bible Review; San Diego Union-Tribune; Houston Chronicle; Los Angeles Jewish Journal; San Diego Jewish Heritage; WAIC, Springfield, Massachusetts; KPBS, San Diego ("These Days"); CBC, Canada

V. Other

National Public Radio ("All Things Considered," Robert Siegel), October 5, 1990
Newsweek, October 1, 1990
U.S. News & World Report, July 30, 1990
U.S. News & World Report, December 10, 1990 (cover)
Commentary, November, 1990
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Los Angeles Times, October, 1990
Detroit News, December 5, 1990
Jerusalem Post, February, 1991
Tikkun, March/April, 1991
Bible Review, February, 1991
KPBS, San Diego ("These Days"), 1993
The Atlantic Monthly, August, 1993
La Jolla Light, 1994
New York Times, March 18, 1995
The Jerusalem Report, June 15, 1995 (cover)
Haaretz, June 23, 1995
Associated Press, March, 2001
Associated Press, November, 2001
San Diego Union-Tribune, December, 2001
UCSD-TV, "Dig This" Interview, August, 2002

Beliefnet, 2004
U S News & World Report, 2008
Superinteressante (Brazil), 2008

VI. Television

A&E, 3-hour special: "Who Wrote the Bible?" March, 1995
UCSD-TV: "The Hidden Book in the Bible," October, 1998
PBS, "The Kingdom of David"
UCSD-TV: "Dig This," interview on "Who Wrote the Bible?"

VII. Internet

Beliefnet

PBS, NOVA: "The Bible's Buried Secrets"