**Dustin N. Atlas**

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Assistant Professor, Religious Studies

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Queen’s University**

Director of Jewish Studies, Assistant Professor, Religious Studies 2019-Present

**University of Dayton**

Assistant Professor, Religious Studies 2016-2019

**Cornell University**

Visiting Scholar, Institute for German Cultural Studies Summer 2016

**Al Quds Bard College**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Division Head 2014-2016

**Tel Aviv University**

Visiting Professor, International B.A. in Liberal Arts 2014-2015

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Golda Meir Fellowship 2013-2014

Sponsor: Professor Jonathan Garb, Gershom Scholem Chair

**EDUCATION**

**Rice University**, Houston, Texas, United States

Doctorate*,* Religious Studies December 2013

Dissertation Title: *Out of the In-Between: Moses Mendelssohn and Martin Buber's*

*German Jewish Philosophy of Encounter, Singularity, and Aesthetics*.

Supervisor: Jeffrey J. Kripal, J. Newton Rayzor Professor of Philosophy and Religious Thought

Masters*,* Religious Studies November 2010

**University of Western Ontario**, London, Ontario, Canada

Masters, Theory and Criticism

Dissertation Title: *Kierkegaard’s Grotesque* August 2005

**York University**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Bachelor of Arts (Magna Cum Laude)PhilosophyandHumanities June 2003

**PUBLICATIONS**

**peer reviewed articles and chapters**

“The Eloquent Muteness of Creatures: affect and animals in Martin Buber’s dialogical writings”

 Indiana University Press volume on Martin Buber Spring 2020

“How to do Things with Things: Craft at the Edge of Buber’s Philosophical Anthropology”

 *Images* (Vol 11, Issue 1) Fall 2019

“What God Does Not Possess: Moses Mendelssohn’s Philosophy of Imperfection”

 *Journal of Jewish Thought and Philosophy* (Vol 27, Issue 1) Spring 2019

 “Mendelssohn's Aesthetics of Critical Tolerance: against unity and political theology” *Idealistic Studies* (Vol 44, Issue 1-2) Spring 2019

“Cynicism and Perennial Intolerance: Mendelssohn against the Decisionists”

 *Intolerance – Political Animals and their Prey* January 2017

 University Press of America: Lanham

“Maimon's Outside-Time: philosophical mysticism without experience” January 2015

 *Before and After: On Time and Eternity in Jewish Esotericism and Mysticism*

 Brill: Boston

“The Ends of Modern Jewish Thought and Philosophy” March 2012

 Co-written with Gregory Kaplan

 *Religious Studies Review* (Vol 38, Issue1)

**works in progress and works awaiting response**

“Emotional Dependence: Jonas and the philosophy of biology after the Holocaust”

 co-written with Ron Margolin

*Buber Talks: Jewish Dialogue and the Nonhuman World*, in discussion with “New Jewish Philosophy and Thought” series at Indiana University Press, ed. Zachary Braiterman

“Mendelssohn on imperfection and truth”

Proceedings fortheInternational Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, 2020

“Hasidic Stories and the Externality of Evil in Martin Buber’s Understanding of Evil” *Comparative Approaches to Gog and Magog*, Brill

**edited volume in progress**

*The Anthropocene, Technology, and Judaism: New Perspectives on Hans Jonas* Winter 2020

 Brill, JJTP supplements series

**book reviews (invited)**

“Martin Buber’s Theopolitics”

 *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* Spring 2020

 Oxford University Press

“The Obligated Self: Maternal Subjectivity and Jewish Thought”

*Reading Religion* Spring 2019

 American Academy of Religion

“Judaism and the West: From Hermann Cohen to Joseph Soloveitchik”

 *Reading Religion* Fall 2017

 American Academy of Religion

“Leibniz on God and Religion”

 *Reading Religion* Fall 2016

 American Academy of Religion

“Jewish Mysticism and Magic: An Anthropological Perspective—Maureen Bloom”

 Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft Summer 2014

 University of Pennsylvania Press: Philadelphia

“A Dream Interpreted Within a Dream—Elliot Wolfson” March 2013

 *Religious Studies Review*

 Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford

**professional website**

 “Judaism” March 2014

 *Comparing Religions: Coming to Terms*

 Wiley-Blackwell: Oxford

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“Buber’s Babies: the Unspoken in Modern Jewish Thought” December 2019

 **Association for Jewish Studies**

 Annual Meeting of the AJS, San Diego, California

“Eli Horesh and Kabbalistic Laziness” November 2019

 **Beth-Israel, Kingston**

“Twins Through Sleep: Gog and Magog, Zoroastrian Liturgy, and the Need for Myth in Martin Buber’s Understanding of Evil” September 2019

**Politics · History · Eschatology: Functional, Inter(con)textual, Structural and Comparative Approaches to Gog and Magog**

 FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

“Imperfection: An Erotics and Ethics of Modern Jewish Thought” November 2018

 **American Academy of Religion**

 Annual Meeting of the AAR, Boulder, Colorado

“Imperfect Jews: Moses Mendelssohn and the Jewish Enlightenment” November 2018

 **Colorado State University**

Invited Talk, Fort Collins, Colorado

“Against Information: Hans Jonas and the Return to Reading Nature” October 2018

 **Northwestern University**

 A German-Jewish Hermeneutics, Chicago, Illinois

“A Dream Interpreted within a Dream: Reading and Analysis” October 2018

 **Society for Phenomenological and Existential Philosophy**

Annual Meeting, College Station, Pennsylvania

“Mendelssohn on imperfection and truth” September 2018

 **Uppsala University**

 International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture

“The Relation to Mute Things: Affect at the Edge of Buber’s February 2018

 Philosophical Anthropology”

 **University of Dayton**

 Once More, With Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers

“Critical Love: Religious Studies and Love-Discourse” February 2018

 **University of Dayton**

 Visions of Love

“Buber and the Ethics of Singular Perfection” January 2018

 **Society of Jewish Ethics**

 Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon

“Feeling Nothing, Knowing Nothing: Martin Buber and Affect” December 2016

 **Association for Jewish Studies**

 Annual Meeting of the AJS, San Diego, California

“The Spinoza Filter: legitimating medieval Jewish thought for modernity” November 2016

 **American Academy of Religion**

 Annual Meeting of the AAR, San Antonio, Texas

“The Boundary of the Incomprehensible: Mendelssohn and Jacobi's irreconcilable methods”

 **Martin Buber Society, Hebrew University** November 2016

 Spinoza Stories, Jerusalem, Israel

“Does Mendelssohn’s Secularism Need a Future?” August 2016

 **Collapse of the Secular Future (DAAD Seminar)**

 Cornell, Ithaca, NY, USA

“Benjamin’s Destructive Character” December 2015

 **Benjamin in Palestine**

 Ramallah, Palestine

“Buber's Appropriation of Feuerbach's Anthropology of Religion” November 2015

 **American Academy of Religion**

 Atlanta, Georgia, USA

“The Domestic Cat and all the Pious Pagan Souls: animals in Martin Buber’s work” May 2015 **Contemporary Religion and Spirituality**

 Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

“Images and Anthropology” May 2015

 **Multiple Dialogues: Buber in Palestine and Israel**

 Leo Baeck Institute, Jerusalem, Israel

“Between Cynicism and Naiveté: Moses Mendelssohn’s (in)tolerance” April 2015 **Intolerance – Political Animals and their Prey**

 Bard College and Westpoint Academy, New York, USA

“Aniconic Idols: The Dialectical Employment of Aniconic November 2013

Thought in Martin Buber and Moses Mendelssohn”

 **American Academy of Religion**

 Annual Meeting of the AAR, Baltimore, Maryland

“Maimon's Outside-Time: philosophy, mysticism, and figurative language” Nov 2013

 **Eternity, Epoch, and Soul: Jewish Mystical Notions of Time**

 Rice University, Houston, Texas

“From the Between to Singularity Studies” July 2013

 **Leo Baeck Symposium**

 Rastatt, Germany

“The Jewish German Roots of the In-Between: Martin Buber on Religion, Violence, and Otherness” **Leo Baeck Symposium** November 2012

 Brighton, England

“Craft and Creation: Human and Infinite Production in Martin Buber” March 2012

 **Crafting Knowledge: Ritual, Art, Thought; Rockwell Symposium**

 Rice University, Houston, Texas

“Buber's Eclipse: Two Types of Hiddenness” April 2010 **Hidden God, Hidden Histories; Rockwell Symposium**

 Rice University, Houston, Texas

“How to Get to the Train Station: Heidegger and Movement” February 2010

 **Louisiana State University Philosophy Conference**

 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

“Religion Within the Bounds of Categories Alone: On the Intimate Relation Between Peirce and

 Husserl’s Phenomenologies as Regards the Philosophical Interrogation of Religion”

 **American Academy of Religion** November 2009

 Annual Meeting of the AAR, Montreal, Quebec

“The Categorial Connection: Preliminary Thoughts on the Possibility of Employing Peircean Categories to Think Through Husserl's Phenomenology” March 2009

 **North Texas Philosophical Association**

 University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

“Omitting Ontology: Movement Over Being in the Philosophy of Maimonides” March 2009

 **Southwest Commission on Religious Studies**

 American Academy of Religion, Irvine, Texas

“Kierkegaard’s Grotesque Theatre: Thinking in Voices.” April 2007

 **Trans, Pan, Intra: Cultures in Contact Conference**

 American Comparative Literature Association, Puebla, Mexico

**CONFERENCES AND EVENTS ORGANIZED**

“Dr. Hasia Diner: How the Irish Taught the Jews to be American” March 17, 2019

 **University of Dayton, Hevruta Speaker Series**

“Marshall Weiss: The Gem City in the Holy Land” Nov 8, 2018

 **University of Dayton**

“Once More, With Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers” February 24-25, 2018

 **University of Dayton (conference)**

“Dr. Amy-Jill Levine: Jesus the Jewish Storyteller” February 15, 2018

 **University of Dayton, Hevruta Speaker Series**

“Dr. Susannah Heschel: Prophetic Politics in Modern Jewish Thought” September 26, 2017

 **University of Dayton, Hevruta Speaker Series**

“Spinoza Stories: Pantheists, Spinozists, Jews, and the Formation of German Idealism”

 **Martin Buber Society, Hebrew University** **(conference)** November 6-8, 2016

**SELECTED ACADEMIC AWARDS**

University of Dayton

 Seed Research Grant Summer 2017 & Summer 2018

 Catholic Intellectual Tradition Grant Summer 2019

Cornell University

 Visiting Scholar, Institute for German Cultural Studies Summer 2016

Tel Aviv University

 Humanities Research Funding Fall 2014

Leo Baeck Institute

 Leo Baeck Fellowship Fall 2012 – Summer 2013

Rice University

 Vaughn Fellowship Fall 2012

 Sarofim Teaching Fellowship Declined

 Rice Presidential Fellowship Fall 2007 – Fall 2012

 Canadian Graduate Scholarship Fall 2007 – Fall 2010

University of Western Ontario

 Graduate Research Scholarship Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

 Ontario Graduate Scholarship Fall 2004 – Spring 2005

 Special University Scholarship Fall 2004 – Spring 2005

 Canadian Graduate Scholarship Fall 2004

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Queen’s University**

RELS 398/897 Judaism In The Modern Age

RELS 302 Traditions in Religious Studies: Judaism and Ecological Crisis

**University of Dayton**, Dayton, Ohio 2016-Present

Assistant Professor

* ASI 110/120: The Roots and Development of Western Culture in a Global Context
* REL 227: Introduction to Judaism
* REL 672, PhD Seminar: Christianity and Judaism in Conversation

**Al Quds Bard**, Abu Dis, Palestine 2014-2016

Visiting Professor, Division Head

* Modernism and Postmodernism
* First Year Seminar: Foundational Texts
* Second Year Seminar: Nature, Culture, and Authority
* Second Year Seminar: Freedom, Existence, and Meaning

**Tel Aviv University**, Tel Aviv, Israel 2014-2015

Visiting Professor

* Thinking the Unthinkable: Using Philosophy to Understand Judaism and Other Religions

**Rice University**, Houston, Texas 2008-2011

Instructor

* RELI 164: Who is (not) a Jew
* RELI 429: Department Seminar in Research Methods

Teaching Assistant

* RELI 287: Anti Semitism, Past and Present, taught by Professor Lander.
* RELI 209: Introduction to Judaism, taught by Professor Lander.
* RELI 203: Judaism of Jesus and Hillel, taught by Professor Lander.
* RELI 329: Secular Judaism, taught by Professor Kaplan.
* RELI 210: Ethics in Judaism, taught by Professor Kaplan.

**Muse School of English**, Osaka, Japan 2006

Head Teacher, English Language School

**University of Western Ontario,** London, Ontario 2003-2005

Teaching Assistant

* 1023: Sex and Culture
* 2205F/G: Introduction to Literary Theory
* 2204F/G: Introduction to Research Methods

**REVIEWER FOR (Articles and Books)**

Brill

Modern Theology

Journal of Jewish Ethics

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Houston Tutorial Association**, Houston, Texas 2011-2013

**Rice University**, Houston, Texas

Graduate Student Representative 2010-2013

Chief Assistant for Faculty Hiring Committee 2008

**University of Western Ontario**, London, Ontario 2004

*Editor of Literary Research/Recherche Littéraire*

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Program Coordinator for the Society for Contemporary Jewish Philosophy

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

American Academy of Religion

Association for Jewish Studies