

Curriculum Vitae – Dr. Tracy Ames

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Academic & Professional Appointments:

2018 –

Research Associate Vancouver School of Theology

2015 – 2017

Consultant / Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (Toronto)

2010 – 2015

Biblical Hebrew Sessional Instructor, Adjunct Faculty, Vancouver School of Theology

2012 – 2015

Scholar in Residence – Congregation Schara Tzedek

2008 – 2011

Teaching Assistant, Department of Classical, Near East and Religious Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

2008 – 2009

History Instructor Florence Melton Adult Mini School

1979 – 1993

Video and Television Producer, Writer, Reporter

Education:

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, 2006 – 2013.

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies.

(Principal Supervisor: Robert Daum, Co-Supervisors: Richard Menkis, Daphna Arbel.)

Dissertation: “Compositional Complexity in the Palestinian Talmud, Aggadah, Tractate Berakhot. *This was the first Ph.D. in “Religious Studies” in UBC’s history.*

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, 2004 – 2006.

M. A. in Religious Studies / Rabbinic Literature, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Thesis: “Divorce and Exile in Aggadic Literature.” (Principal Supervisor: Robert Daum, Co-Supervisors: Paul Mosca, Daphna Arbel.)

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, 1974 – 1978.

B.A. Political Science/International Relations.

Publications:

2019: "Rabbinic Prayer in Dialogue with Priestly Ritual: Palestinian Talmudic Aggada."
"Studies in Judaism, Humanities and the Social Sciences." Volume 2.2

2019: Book Review - Ben-Eliyahu, Eyal. *Identity & Territory Jewish Perceptions of Space in Antiquity*. (Oakland: University of California Press,) 2019. H Net Humanities and Social Sciences On Line.

2005: "Fellowship, Pharisees and the common people in early Rabbinic tradition."
"Studies in Religion" Volume 34 Number 3-4.

Academic Presentations:

"The Influence of Yerushalmi Berakhot on Bavli Berakhot," American Association of Jewish Studies Conference, San Diego December 15-17, 2019.

"Who Were the Historical Pharisees and What Role Did They Play in the Construction of Early Rabbinic Identity?" Vancouver School of Theology Research Colloquium, September 25, 2019.

"The Influence of Yerushalmi Berakhot on Bavli Berakhot," Canadian Society for Jewish Studies Conference, UBC June 3-4, 2019.

"Rabbinic Authority – Babylonian Talmud, Bava Metsia, 59a" - Guest Lecture Religious Studies 308: Talmud Midrash and the Rabbinic Imagination, Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, UBC (Prof. Gregg Gardner) November 2018.

"Historical Reception of the Talmud Yerushalmi" - Congregation Schara Tzedek, July 2017.

"Historical Development of Passover" - Jewish - Christian Dialogue, April, 2017.

"Rabbinic Authority and the Destruction of Jerusalem, Talmud Bavli Gittin 55b-56b" - Congregation Schara Tzedek, July, 2015.

"The Words of the Sages are more precious than the Words of the Torah." Western Association of Jewish Studies Conference, UBC, May 13 -14, 2015.

"Story Telling in the Talmud Yerushalmi." Limmud - Vancouver Festival of Jewish Learning, January 31, 2015.

"Water: The Mirror of Heaven." Limmud - Vancouver Festival of Jewish Learning, February 1, 2015.

"Social Justice in Judaism," Vancouver School of Theology, February 2015.

"Creation from a Jewish Perspective." Jewish-Christian Dialogue, February, 2015.

“Appropriation of Greco-Roman Literary Patterns and Cultural Motifs in the Stories in the Palestinian Talmud.” Vancouver School of Theology Faculty Colloquium, November 13, 2013.

“Myrtle A Contested Site. A Literary and Historical Analysis of a Narrative Story in the Palestinian Talmud.” Western Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 8, 2013.

Lecture series “Historical Context of the Book of Esther.” Congregation Schara Tzedek, January - April 2013.

“Introduction to Rabbinic Judaism in the Tannaitic and Amoraic Period” History 500: Christianity and Judaism in Greco-Roman Antiquity (Prof. Harry Maier). Vancouver School of Theology, November 27, 2013 & November 16, 2011.

“The Redemptive Power of the Shema.” Congregation Schara Tzedek, May 2012.

“Fellowship, Pharisees and the common people in early Rabbinic tradition.”
The Pacific Northwest Region Conference: AAR, SBL, and ASOR, Vancouver, BC, May 7-9, 2004.

Language Proficiencies:

Modern Hebrew

Biblical Hebrew

Biblical and Rabbinic Aramaic

Service (Partial List):

2016 – 2017 Laurier Institution

2013 – 2019 Co-Chair, Jewish-Christian Dialogue

2009 – 2015 Curriculum Development for King David High School

Academic Memberships:

American Association of Jewish Studies

Canadian Society for Jewish Studies
