### MAREN R. NIEHOFF

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# **EDUCATION**

1989-91	Post-Doc., Society of Fellows, Harvard University
1987-9	D. Phil. University of Oxford
1985-7	M.A. University of Oxford
1984-5	Dept. of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1983-4	Zwischenprüfung, Freie Universität Berlin
1982-3	Rothberg School, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, One-Year-Program
1980-82	International Baccalaureate at the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales,
	UK, with a stipend from the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

# **CURRENT POSITION**

**2014-** Full Professor and Max Cooper Chair, Department of Jewish Thought, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

# **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2011-14	Associate Professor, Dept. of Jewish Thought, HUJI
2003-11	Senior Lecturer with tenure, Dept. of Jewish Thought, HUJI
1991-2003	External, Immigrant and Kamea Lecturer, Dept. of Jewish Thought, HUJI

# **ELECTED MEMBERSHIPS IN SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES (Selection)**

2022	Founding Member of the National Forum for the Study of Late Antiquity, at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
2022	Elected member of the Society for New Testament Studies
2022	Elected member of L'Associazione Italiana per lo Studio del Giudaismo
2021	Elected Member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

#### INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

2022-4	M.A. Advisor in the Department of Jewish Thought
2021-2	Member of the Faculty Committee for the Evaluation of Academic Publications and Promotions
2018-20	Head of the Department of Jewish Thought

2017-	Member of the Governing Body of the Buber Society of Fellows
2015-	Member of the Senate, the Executive Committee, the Academic Committee of the Authority of Research Students, the academic committee of the <i>Kamea</i> program, committees for new appointments and promotions
2014-7	Head of Amirim the Interdisciplinary Honors Program in the Humanities
2012-4	Head of the Excellence Program for Doctoral Students in the Humanities

# RESPONSIBILITIES AT OTHER ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

2023	Member of the Academic Committee of the Polonsky Foundation, selecting post-doctoral fellows
2022	Head of the subcommittee of the <i>Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities</i> , selecting post-doctoral fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences
2021-	Affiliation with the Kolleg-Forschergruppe (DFG) "Migration and Mobility in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages", Tübingen University, headed initially by Mischa Meier and in its second phase by Steffen Patzold
2019-23	Affiliation with the DFG Research Group "Threatened Orders" at Tübingen University (sub-project headed by Volker Drecoll and Irmgard Männlein-Robert)

<sup>-</sup> Member of Doctoral Juries at the *Ecole des Hautes Etudes* and the *Sorbonne*, Paris, and the *Università degli Studi di Firenze*, Italy, and the University of Galway, Ireland

# RESEARCH GRANTS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS AND ENDOWED LECTURES

2024-9	ERC Advanced Grant. ROMANA – The Roman Turn among Jews, Greek Pagans and Christians.
2025	Marko Feingold Distinguished Fellow at the Paris Lodron University of Salzburg
	(summer semester)
2025	Beaufort Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University (lent term, St. John's College)
2024	Inaugural Lecture in a Series of Lectures in Memory of Gershom Scholem, LMU Munich
2024	Carl Friedrich von Siemens Fellow, Munich (summer semester)
2024	Harvard University, Ancient Studies Spring Semester Visiting Lecturer
2023	Beaufort Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University (lent term, St. John's College and Classics Dept.)
2022	Leopold Lucas Prize, Tübingen University
2022-25	Initiator of a Research Group at <i>Scholion</i> , Interdisciplinary Research Center of the Hebrew University, "Remapping Ancient Elites: Between West and East"

	and the Calculation of Time in Late Antiquity: Between Alexandria and the Land of Israel", with 1 post-doc and 2 graduate students in Jerusalem
2021	Endowed Lecture at the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Munich
2020	University of California St. Diego, Center for Hellenic Studies, Annual Vassiliadis Lecture
2020	Indiana University, Endowed Lecture in the Ancient Studies Distinguished Lecturer Series
2019-20	Inaugural Martin Hengel Fellow, Tübingen University (winter semester)
2019	Polonsky Prize for Creativity and Originality in the Humanistic Disciplines. 1 <sup>st</sup> prize for the book <i>Philo of Alexandria</i> . <i>An Intellectual Biography</i> (Yale University Press, 2018).
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	Head of an Exploration at <i>Chronoi</i> , Einstein Center, Berlin. Topic: "Time and Religious Identity in Late Antiquity", with 2 post-docs and 2 MA students in Jerusalem.
2019	Finalist of the Jordan Schnitzer Prize of the Association for Jewish Studies for the book <i>Philo of Alexandria</i> . <i>An Intellectual Biography</i> (Yale University Press, 2018).
2017-18	Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Co-Head of the Research Group "The Self in Antiquity".
2014-18	Niedersachsen-Israeli Research Cooperation, "Journeys in the Roman East", together
	with Reinhard Feldmeier (Göttingen).
2014-17	Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, research grant "Genesis Rabbah in view of Patristic Exegesis", together with Peter Schäfer and Christoph Markschies (Berlin).
2013	Miphal Ha-Pais, grant in support of the sixth volume of Philo's works in Hebrew translation.
2011	Polonsky Prize for Creativity and Originality in the Humanistic Disciplines, 1 <sup>st</sup> prize for the book <i>Jewish Exegesis and Homeric Scholarship in Alexandria</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2011).
2010	List of Outstanding Scientists, Ministry of Immigration, Israel
2003-5	German Israeli Foundation, Research Grant for Junior Scholars, hosted by Christoph Markschies at the Humboldt University, Berlin.
2001-2	Humboldt Stiftung, Research Grant, hosted by Peter Schäfer at the Freie University, Berlin.

Co-head of an Exploration at Chronoi, Einstein Center, Berlin, Topic: "Creationism

# **Grants awarded by the Israel Science Foundation**

- 2021-4 "Hellenistic Judaism in Late Antique *Palaestina*. Beyond Rabbinic Sources".
- "Genesis Rabbah in Greco-Roman and Christian Context".

2015	Grant for an international conference on "Journeys in the Roman East – Imagined and Real".
2011-14	"Philo. An Intellectual Biography".
2008-11	"Homeric Scholarship and Bible Exegesis".
2010	Grant for an international conference on "Homer and the Bible in the Eyes of Ancient Interpreters".
2003-7	"The Book of Genesis as Interpreted by Philo and the Rabbis".
1999-2001	"Philo on Jewish Identity and Culture".

### **EDITORIAL AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES**

2023-	Member of the Editorial Committee of the Philo of Alexandria Commentary Series
	at Brill.
2022-27	Three Volumes of Greek and Latin Texts from Late Antique <i>Palaestina</i> Translated into Hebrew (in preparation is one volume on Pagan Greek texts, one on Christian Greek texts, and one on the Latin Christian texts of Jerome). The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.
2020-	Member of the Editorial Board of Novum Testamentum
2020-	Editor of Jerusalem Studies in Jewish Thought [in Hebrew]
2017-27	Co-editor of the Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum
2016-	Founding Editor of a new series of monographs <i>Culture</i> , <i>Politics and Religion in the Greco-Roman World (CPRGRW</i> , Mohr Siebeck/Tübingen)
2016-	Co-editor of the monograph series <i>Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism</i> ( <i>TSAJ</i> , Mohr Siebeck/Tübingen)
2015-	Member of the Advisory Board of the monograph series <i>Ancient Philosophy and Religion</i> (Leiden: Brill)
2014-23	Member of the Advisory Board of <i>Religion in the Roman Empire</i> (Mohr Siebeck/Tübingen)
2006-	Member of the Advisory Board of the Studia Philonica Annual

### ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

<sup>&</sup>quot;Aggadic Midrash from an Interdisciplinary Perspective", together with Arnon Atzmon *et al.*, 17-19 June 2024, Bar Ilan University.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Creationism and the Calculation of Time in Late Antiquity", workshop in July 2023 at CHRONOI, the Einstein Center in Berlin.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Late Antique Palaestina on the Map of Mobility and Migration", at the Israel Academy of

Sciences and Humanities, March 12-4, 2023.

- "The Early RAC and National Socialism", Initiating Organizer of a conference at Bonn University, June 21-22, 2022.
- "Genesis 1-3 in Early Christian and Jewish Interpretation", Head of a SBL Seminar, 2021-3.
- "Philo in the Context of the Roman Empire", Tübingen University, May 2022.
- Yohanan Levy Memorial Lectures in Late Antiquity, *Israel Institute for Advanced Studies* (spring 2018).
- "Constructions of the Self in Ancient Mediterranean Cultures", *Israel Institute for Advanced Studies* (May 2018).
- "Philo's *Migratio Abrahami*,", Göttingen University (February 2016), together with Reinhard Feldmeier.
- "Journeys in the Roman East: Imagined and Real", Jerusalem (June 2015), funded by the Niedersachsen Ministry of Culture and Science, the Israel Science Foundation, and the Centre for the Study of Christianity, HUJI.
- "Homer in the Eyes of Ancient Interpreters", Jerusalem (June 2010), funded by the Israel Science Foundation, the Center for Literary Studies, and the Research Authority, HUJI.

#### **CURRENT SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

#### **Doctoral Students:**

- 1) Matthew van Zile,
  - Topic: Verbal Agreements and Contract Law: Deciphering Jewish Perspectives on Roman *Stipulatio*
- 2) Oz Tamir (supervision together with Prof. Yitzhak Hen)
  Topic: Jerome between the Rabbis, Jewish Hellenists and Jewish Messianists
- 3) David Heo

Topic: Repentance in Philo and Paul

- 4) Roi Ziv
  - Topic: 1 Corinthians 1-4 in the Context of Greco-Roman Culture
- 5) Sergio Marin

Topic: The Conscience on Trial. Philo and Roman Philosophy

#### **MA Students**

6) Machol Shosh

Topic: Extasy and Mania in Philo's Allegorical Commentary

#### Postdoctoral students in 2022-3

1) Dr. Ludovica de Luca from l'Aquila University, Italy Topic: Notions of Time embedded in Creation Narratives

2) Dr. Francesca Pezza from Florence and Tübingen universities, Italy and Germany Topic: "Emotions in Philo's *De Josepho*"

#### Postdoctoral students in 2023-4

1) Dr. Magdalena Wdowiak from Warsaw University, Poland Topic: Hellenistic Judaism

2) Dr. Zacharias Shoukry from Mainz University, Germany Topic: Traces of antisemitism in the modern study of Hellenistic Judaism