

Sharon L. Albert

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (ABD), The Divinity School, The University of Chicago.

Dissertation: "Translating Stories, Transforming Cultures: Translated Prose Narratives in the Jewish Communities of Medieval Provence & Spain."

M.Phil. in Medieval Studies, received with Distinction, University College Dublin, 1993.

Major Thesis: "Pearl: A Salvific Feast of the Senses."

Minor Thesis: "Kingdoms of Glory: A Comparative Study of Four Hebrew Geographical Texts of the Middle Ages."

B.A. in English Literature, McGill University, 1987.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Humanities Seminar, Digital Humanities Project Award, for project "New Uses for New Social Media in an Academic Setting," Muhlenberg College, Fall 2013.

Faculty Center for Teaching Small Group Grant to develop the MILA course, "Ethnic & Religious Diversity in Spain," Muhlenberg College, Fall 2012

Outstanding Advisor to First Year Students Award, Honors Convocation, Muhlenberg College, 2007-2008.

Bridge Builders Award, Academic Resource Center, Muhlenberg College, 2011, 2010, 2006,

Student Collaboration Grant for Summer Research, Muhlenberg College, Summer 2006.

Service Learning Course Development Grant, Muhlenberg College, Summer 2006.

First Year Seminar Course Development Grant, Muhlenberg College, Summer 2005.

Center for Ethics Course Development Grant, Muhlenberg College, Spring 2005.

The National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education Summer Seminar: Arab World, Islamic Culture, and the Middle East, June 2005.

Overseas Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2001-2002 (declined).

American Academy of Jewish Research Graduate Student Summer Seminar, June 2001.

Henry Luce Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2000-2001.

Divinity School Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1994-1997.

Mellon Summer Arabic Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1995.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Religion Studies Department, Muhlenberg College, 2004-present.

Courses have included a variety of courses in Islamic studies, comparative religions, women's and gender studies, Jewish studies, as well as First Year Seminars and service-learning.

Adjunct Instructor, Religion and English Departments, Muhlenberg College .

"Introduction to Islam." Spring & Fall 2003.

"Middle Eastern Literature in Translation." Spring 2003.

Instructor, Graham School of General Studies , The University of Chicago, Spring 2002.

"Where Cultures Meet: Medieval Spain through Multi-Ethnic Sources."

Instructor, The Divinity School , The University of Chicago, 1997-2001.

"Introductory Biblical Hebrew."

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew reading courses: "Ruth," "Linguistic Survey of Hebrew Texts," "Studies in Biblical Translation."

PUBLICATIONS

"Freidenreich/Goldstein, Eds., *Beyond Religious Borders* (review)," *The Medieval Review*, <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/handle/2022/15177>, November 2012 .

"The Hebrew *Barlaam and Joasaph*: An Experiment in Jewish Adab?" In *Le répertoire narratif arabe médiéval, transmission et ouverture: actes de Colloque international (Liège, 15-17 septembre 2005)*. Edited by Frédéric Bauden, Aboubakr Chraïbi, and Antonella Ghersetti. Genève: Droz, 2008.

"Why Wikis Are Wonderful for Writing." *Writing and the iGeneration: composition in the computer-mediated classroom*. Edited by Terry Carter, Maria A. Clayton, Allison D. Smith, and Trixie G. Smith. Southlake, Tex: Fountainhead Press, 2008. (With Clif Kussmaul)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Backchannel Bridges: Students Texting in Class," (upcoming), American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2013.

"Screening Islam: Teaching The Mosque in Morgantown," with Lora Taub-Pervizpour, The National Collegiate Honors Council Conference, Boston, November 2012.

"Reading and Writing with Wikis: Progress and Plans," with Clif Kussmaul, *Creativity & Cognition* 2007.

"A Jewish Buddha? The Hebrew *Barlaam and Joasaph* ," International Colloquium on Medieval Arabic Story-Telling: Transmission and Receptivity, Liège, Belgium, September 2005.

"The Hebraicization of Maimonides' Guide of the Perplexed ," 37th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2002.

"Folklore, Philosophy, or Simply Fiction? The Hebrew *Barlaam and Joasaph* ," The University of Chicago Medieval Studies Workshop, February 2002.

"Buddha Goes West: Abraham ibn Hasdai's Translation of *Barlaam and Joasaph* ," 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2001.

"But Where are the Women? The Abstraction of Female Imagery in the Medieval Hebrew Poetry of al-Andalus ," 35th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2000.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS & SELECTED SERVICE COMMITMENTS AT MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Faculty Personnel and Policies Committee, 2011-present

College Committee on Information Technology, 2009-2012

College Committee on Campus Life, 2006-2009

Faculty Advisor to the Muslim Students Association

Faculty Advisor to the Chaimonics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, Association for Jewish Studies, Medieval Academy, Middle East Studies Association