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### Education

Georgetown University, Washington, DC 1986-92  
Ph.D., Philosophy, 1992  
Dissertation Title: "Cases and Judgments in Ethical Reasoning: An Appraisal of Contemporary Casuistry and Holistic Model for the Mutual Support of Norms and Case Judgments"  
Dissertation Committee: Tom L. Beauchamp (mentor), Henry Richardson, LeRoy Walters

Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY 1980-85  
M.A., Rabbinic ordination, 1985

Yale University, New Haven, CT 1976-80  
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Religious Studies and Biochemistry, 1980

### Experience

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA 1994-present  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR 2000-present, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR 1994-2000: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses, including "Health Care Ethics," "Human Morality," "Judaism," "Interpersonal Ethics," "Bioethics," "Justice and the Ethics of Health Care Delivery," and "Jewish Health Care Ethics, "; serve as director and reader for doctoral dissertations and examiner for comprehensive examinations; served as Director of the Health Care Ethics Center, 2006-08.

Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY 1992-94  
VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: Taught "Jewish Philosophical Texts," "Jewish Approaches to Biomedical Ethics," and "Readings in Philosophical Ethics," to undergraduate and graduate students.

New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, New York, NY 1990-94  
STAFF ETHICIST: Examined and researched issues in biomedical ethics; participated in writing reports that analyze ethical and social issues and present legislative proposals on such issues as health care decision making (*When Others Must Choose*), assisted suicide (*When Death is Sought*), and reproductive and genetic technologies; spoke to public and professional groups on bioethical concerns.

### Publications: books

Mackler, Aaron L. *Introduction to Jewish and Catholic Bioethics: A Comparative Analysis*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2003. 265 pp. (authored volume)

*Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler. New York: The Louis Finkelstein Institute, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2000. 532 pp.

**Publications: articles and chapters (selected)**

“Jewish Perspectives on Abortion.” In *Defining the Beginning and End of Life: Readings on Personal Identity and Bioethics*, edited by John P. Lizza. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009 (forthcoming).

“Spiritual and Religious Concepts of Nature,” by Aaron L. Mackler, Ebrahim Moosa, Allen Verhey, Anne Klein, and Kurt Peters. In *Altering Nature, Volume I: Concepts of ‘Nature’ and ‘the Natural’ in Biotechnology Debates*, edited by B. Andrew Lustig, Gerald P. McKenny, and Baruch A. Brody. New York: Springer, 2008, 13-62.

“Homosexuality: A Case Study in Jewish Ethics,” by Elliot N. Dorff, David Novak, and Aaron L. Mackler, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 28, 1 (2008), 225-35.

“A Jewish View on Miracles of Healing,” *Southern Medical Journal* 100, 12 (December 2007), 1252-54.

“Jewish Perspectives on Embryo and Stem Cell Research.” In *Religious Perspectives in Bioethics*, edited by John F. Peppin, Mark J. Cherry, and Ana Iltis, 147-52. Lisse, Netherlands: Swets & Zeitlinger, 2004.

“Jewish and Roman Catholic Approaches to Access to Health Care and Rationing.” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 11 (2001): 317-36.

“Respecting Bodies and Saving Lives: Jewish Perspectives on Organ Donation and Transplantation.” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 10 (2001): 420-29.

“Is There a Unique Jewish Bioethics of Human Reproduction?” *Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics* 21 (2001): 319-23.

“Natural Law in Judaism.” *Religious Studies Review* 27 (2001): 121-26.

“Introduction.” In *Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler, 1-14. New York: The Louis Finkelstein Institute, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2000.

“In Vitro Fertilization.” In *Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler, 97-122.

“Surrogate Parenting.” In *Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler, 162-73.

“Maternal Identity and the Religious Status of Children Born to a Surrogate Mother.” In *Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler, 174-87.

“Responsibilities for the Provision of Health Care,” by Elliot N. Dorff and Aaron L. Mackler. In *Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler, 479-505.

“Jewish and Roman Catholic Approaches to Bioethics: Convergence and Divergence in Method and Substance.” *Louvain Studies* 25 (2000): 3-22.

“How Do I Decide? Practical Reason, Particular Judgments, and Holistic Concerns in Jewish Ethics.” *Shofar* 18 (2000): 110-24.

“Universal Being and Ethical Particularity in the Hebrew Bible: A Jewish Response to Voegelin’s *Israel and Revelation*.” *Journal of Religion* 79 (1999): 19-53. Reprinted with some revisions as “Voegelin’s *Israel and Revelation* after Forty Years: A Jewish Perspective,” in *Voegelin’s Israel and Revelation: An Interdisciplinary Debate and Anthology*,” edited by William M. Thompson and David L. Morse, 105-39. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2000.

“Comment on ‘Through Her I Too Shall Bear A Child: Birth Surrogates in Jewish Law.’” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 27 (1999): 361-66.

“An Expanded Partnership with God? In Vitro Fertilization in Jewish Ethics.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 25 (1997): 277-304.

“Cases and Principles in Jewish Bioethics: Toward a Holistic Model.” In *Contemporary Jewish Ethics and Morality*, ed. Elliot N. Dorff and Louis E. Newman, 177-93. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995. Reprinted in *The Blackwell Reader in Judaism*, ed. Jacob Neusner and Alan J. Avery-Peck, 288-306. Oxford, UK and Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2001.

*Jewish Medical Directives for Health Care*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler. New York: The Rabbinical Assembly, 1994. 13 pp. Reprinted in *Life and Death Responsibilities in Jewish Biomedical Ethics*, edited by Aaron L. Mackler, 366-85. New York: The Louis Finkelstein Institute, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2000.

“Judaism, Justice, and Access to Health Care.” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 1 (1991): 143-61.

“Symbols, Reality, and God: Heschel’s Rejection of a Tillichian Understanding of Religious Symbols.” *Judaism* 40 (Summer 1991): 290-300.

“The Health Care Proxy: Ethical and Policy Choices in New York State.” *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Medicine* 90 (Winter 1991): 16-20.

“Neonatal Intensive Care.” *Scope Note 11*. National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature, Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, May 1989. 12 pp.

“Bridge or Barrier: Martin Buber on Halakhah, Man, and God.” *Conservative Judaism* 33 (Spring 1980): 38-43.

## **Publications: scholarly book reviews**

Review of *Heal Thyself: Spirituality, Medicine, and the Distortion of Christianity*, by Joel James Shuman and Keith G. Meador. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 26 (2006): 198-99.

Review of *Past Imperatives: Studies in the History and Theory of Jewish Ethics*, by Louis E. Newman. *Shofar* 18 (2000): 149-51.

Review of *Jewish Law and the New Reproductive Technologies*, ed. Emanuel Feldman and Joel B. Wolowelsky. *AJS Review* 24 (1999): 436-39.

Review of *Exploring Jewish Ethics*, by Eugene B. Borowitz. *CCAR Journal* 40 (Spring 1993): 89-91.

## **Presentations (selected)**

“Theology and Jewish Bioethics: In the Image of God.” Presented at a meeting of the Academic Coalition for Jewish Bioethics, Baltimore, MD, April 26, 2009.

“Medicine, Society and God: Monotheistic Perspectives in Bioethics.” Presented at a conference on “Monotheism and Ethics,” Bar Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel, December 17, 2008

“Who Should Receive What Care? A Dialogue of Catholic and Jewish Theological Ethics.” Presented at a conference on Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, Padua, Italy, July 10, 2006.

“Care at the End of Life: Who Should Get What and Why?” with Lisa Sowle Cahill. Fordham University, Archbishop Hughes Institute on Religion and Culture, Nostra Aetate Dialogue, November 3, 2005.

“Legal and Religious Perspectives on End-of-Life Issues: Comparing the Different Religious Aspects of End-of Life Care in the 21st Century.” Presented at Society of Critical Care Medicine Annual Congress, Phoenix, AZ, January 17, 2005.

“Response to Michael Walzer, ‘Morality and Universality in Jewish Thought.’” Presented at the Society of Jewish Ethics Annual Meeting, Miami, FL, January 8, 2005

“Jewish Perspectives on Human Cloning.” Presented at the Frontiers in Human Embryonic Stem Cells Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA, May 21, 2004.

“What Can Jewish and Christian Ethics Learn from One Another?” Presented at the Society of Christian Ethics and Society of Jewish Ethics Annual Meetings, Vancouver, Canada, January 13, 2002.

“Jewish Perspectives on Embryo and Stem Cell Research.” Presented at the Society of Jewish Ethics Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, January 11, 2002.

“Is There a Unique Jewish Bioethics of Human Reproduction?” Presented at the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 6, 2001.

“Jewish and Roman Catholic Approaches to Access to Health Care and Rationing.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 20, 2000.

“The Ethics of Dying and Death: A Jewish Perspective.” Presented at the Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning, University of St. Thomas and Saint John’s University, St. Joseph, MN, April 10, 2000, and St. Paul, MN, April 11, 2000.

“Jewish and Roman Catholic Approaches to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.” Presented at the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 8, 2000.

“Natural Law in Judaism.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 22, 1998.

“Organ Transplantation.” Presented at “Jewish Bioethics at the Crossroad,” Philadelphia, PA, May 3, 1998.

“Practical Reason, Particular Judgments, and Holistic Concerns in Jewish Ethics.” Presented at the Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, December 15, 1996.

“Voegelin’s *Israel and Revelation* after Forty Years: A Jewish Perspective.” Presented at the Eric Voegelin Society Program, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 31, 1996.

“Jewish and Roman Catholic Approaches to Bioethics: Convergence and Divergence in Method and Substance.” Presented at the College Theology Society Annual Convention, Dayton, OH, May 31, 1996.

“Jewish Values and Health Care Reform.” Presented at a Health Care Reform Seminar, sponsored by Columbia University School of Public Health, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, February 14, 1995.

“Toward a Holistic Model for Jewish Ethics.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 22, 1993.

“Patient Self-Determination, Resuscitation and Philosophy.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Washington, DC, December 29, 1992.

“Noncoital Conceptions and Surrogate Motherhood: Ethical Aspects.” Presented at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, May 9, 1988.

“Surrogate Motherhood and Other Noncoital Methods of Conception: Jewish Ethical Perspectives.” Presented at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, October 23, 1987.

## **Service and scholarly activities**

<i>Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal</i> Member, Editorial Board	2009-present
Society of Jewish Ethics Vice President Board member, 2004-2008	2009-present
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA Member, Ethics Committee	2007-present
Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Pittsburgh, PA Member, Ethics Committee	2002-present
Rabbinical Assembly, Committee on Jewish Law and Standards Committee Member; Chair, Subcommittee on Bioethics	1991-present
National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC Summer Stipends Review Panelist	2001-02, 2006
<i>Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics</i> Member, Editorial Board	2001-05
St. Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA Member, Hospital Ethics Committee	1994-2002
Ohio Valley General Hospital, McKees Rocks, PA Consulting Ethicist	1997-2000

## **Honors and awards (selected)**

Duquesne University, Presidential Scholarship, 2001, 1996

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, April 3, 2000, for research conducted in the summer of 2000 (FT-45174-00)

## **Professional affiliations**

American Academy of Religion  
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities  
Catholic Theological Society of America  
Rabbinical Assembly  
Society of Christian Ethics  
Society of Jewish Ethics