



Charlotte Fonrobert

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Bio

BIO

Charlotte Elisheva Fonrobert specializes in Judaism: talmudic literature and culture. Her interests include gender in Jewish culture; the relationship between Judaism and Christianity in Late Antiquity; the discourses of orthodoxy versus heresy; the connection between religion and space; and rabbinic conceptions of Judaism with respect to GrecoRoman culture. She is the author of *Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstructions of Biblical Gender* (2000), which won the Salo Baron Prize for a best first book in Jewish Studies of that year and was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award in Jewish Scholarship. She also co-edited *The Cambridge Companion to the Talmud and Rabbinic Literature* (2007), together with Martin Jaffee (University of Washington). Currently, she is working on a manuscript entitled *Replacing the Nation: Judaism, Diaspora and the Neighborhood*.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Religious Studies
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), Classics
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), German Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Adjunct Faculty, Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, (1999-1999)
- Visiting Professor, University of Judaism, (2002-2002)
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- Visiting Professor, Hebrew Union College in New York, (2002-2002)
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- Visiting Professor, Graduate Theological Union/Center for Jewish Studies, (2006-2006)
- Visiting Professor, Graduate Theological Union/Center for Jewish Studies, (2007-2007)
- Visiting Professor, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Department of Catholic Theology, (2008-2008)
- Lecturer, University of Washington, (1994-1995)
- Acting Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religion, Syracuse University, (1995-1996)
- Assistant Professor of Talmud, University of Judaism, (1996-2000)
- Assistant Professor of Religious Studies (in Judaism), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, (2000- present)
- Associate Professor of Religious Studies (in Judaism), Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, (2006- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Herman F. and Elisabeth Graebe Memorial Fellowship, Herman F. and Elisabeth Graebe Memorial (1990)
- Newhall Teaching and Research Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union (1990-1992)
- Lady Davis Dissertation Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1992-1993)
- Newhall Research Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union (1993-1994)
- Hazel D. Cole Fellowship, University of Washington (1994-1995)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (1994-1995)
- Salo Baron Wittmayer Prize, American Academy for Jewish Research (2000)
- Finalist for the National Jewish Book Award in Jewish Scholarship, Jewish Book Council (2000)
- Humanities Center Fellow, Stanford university (2003-2004)
- Dean's Fellow for the Humanities, Stanford University (2004-2005)
- Fellowship, Hartman North American Scholars' Circle (2009-2010)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Series Co-editor, *Divinations: Rereading Religion in Late Antiquity*, Stanford University Press (2000 - 2002)
- Series Co-editor, *Divinations: Rereading Religion in Late Antiquity*, University of Pennsylvania Press (2002 - 2005)
- Book Review Editor, *Association for Jewish Studies Review* (2006 - present)
- Editorial Board, International Member, *Cahiers du Judaïsme* (2009 - 2009)
- Member, Association for Jewish Studies
- Member, World Congress of Jewish Studies
- Member, American Academy of Religion
- Member, Society of Biblical Literature
- Member, North American Patristics Society
- Chair, Committee of Academic Affairs, University of Judaism (1999 - 2000)
- Chair, Finkelstein (Post-) Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, University of Judaism (1998 - 2000)
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University (2006 - 2008)
- Co-Director of the Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford University (2007 - present)
- Member, Committee of Graduate Studies, Academic Senate, Stanford University (2009 - present)
- Faculty Representative, Judicial Affairs, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Steering Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University (2000 - present)
- Search Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University (2000 - 2004)
- Member, Graduate Student Admission Committee, Stanford University (2003 - 2003)
- Member, Graduate Student Admission Committee, Stanford University (2004 - 2004)
- Member, Graduate Student Admission Committee, Stanford University (2006 - 2006)
- Program Committee Member, Feminist Studies Program, Stanford University (2002 - present)
- Member, Kennedy Thesis and Essay Award Selection Committee, Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford University (2001 - 2001)
- Member, Kennedy Thesis and Essay Award Selection Committee, Center for Jewish Studies, Stanford University (2002 - 2002)
- Member, Lopes Thesis and Essay Prizes in Feminist Studies Selection Committee, Stanford University (2003 - 2003)
- Member, Lopes Thesis and Essay Prizes in Feminist Studies Selection Committee, Stanford University (2004 - 2004)

- Member, Lopes Thesis and Essay Prizes in Feminist Studies Selection Committee, Stanford University (2006 - 2006)
- Member, Lopes Thesis and Essay Prizes in Feminist Studies Selection Committee, Stanford University (2007 - 2007)
- Member, Dissertation Fellowship Selection Committee, Stanford Humanities Center (2006 - 2006)
- Member, Interdept. Search Committee, Representative of Dept. of Religious Studies, Position in Islam, Stanford University (2006 - 2006)
- Member, Interdept. Search Committee, Representative of Dept. of Religious Studies, Position in Islam, Stanford University (2007 - 2007)
- Member, Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion, Section: Judaism (1999 - 2001)
- Chair of Judaism Section, Western Regional American Academy of Religion (2001 - 2003)
- Board Member of the Women's Caucus, Association of Jewish Studies (2001 - 2004)
- Member, Steering Committee, Society of Biblical Literature, Section: History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism (2002 - present)
- Member, Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion, Group: Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity (2003 - present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Association for Jewish Studies (2004 - present)
- Chair, Section: History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism, Society of Biblical Literature (2006 - 2007)
- Advisory Board Member for the Global Ethics and Religion, Chapman University (1999 - present)
- Manuscript Reviewer, Oxford University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Stanford University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, University of California Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Association for Jewish Studies Journal
- Manuscript Reviewer, Jewish Social Studies
- Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Jewish Quarterly Review
- Manuscript Reviewer, Journal for Early Christian Studies
- Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Jewish Studies
- Manuscript Reviewer, Indiana University Press
- Manuscript Reviewer, Routledge
- Consultant for the institution of a position on Gender Studies in Jewish Culture, Jewish Theological Seminary (2003 - 2003)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union (1995)
- M.A., Graduate Theological Union/Center for Jewish Studies (1989)
- B.A., Kirchliche Hochschule (Protestant Seminary Berlin) and Free University of Berlin (1986)

Teaching

COURSES

2020-21

- Colloquium on Jews, Judaism, and Jewish Culture: JEWISHST 301 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Readings in Talmudic Literature: JEWISHST 227D (Spr)
- Texts that Changed the World from the Ancient Middle East: COMPLIT 31, HUMCORE 111, JEWISHST 150, RELIGST 150 (Aut)

- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304A (Win)

2019-20

- Colloquium on Jews, Judaism, and Jewish Culture: JEWISHST 301 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Feminist Theory and the Study of Religion: RELIGST 344 (Win)
- Humanities Core: Texts that Changed the World -- The Ancient Middle East: COMPLIT 31, DLCL 31, HUMCORE 31, RELIGST 150 (Aut)
- Readings in Talmudic Literature: JEWISHST 127D, JEWISHST 227D, RELIGST 170D (Win, Spr)
- The Talmud: Research Methods and Tools: RELIGST 221, RELIGST 321 (Aut)
- Women and Gender in Early Judaism and Christianity: RELIGST 128 (Spr)

2018-19

- Colloquium on Jews, Judaism, and Jewish Culture: JEWISHST 301 (Win, Spr)
- Introduction to Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies: AMSTUD 107, CSRE 108, FEMGEN 101, TAPS 108 (Spr)
- Milk and Honey, Wine and Blood: Food, Justice, and Ethnic Identity in Jewish Culture: JEWISHST 129A, RELIGST 129 (Spr)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304A (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Esiteli Hafoka

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Philip Abbott

Orals Chair

Jacob Daniels, Daniella Farah, Joshua Tapper

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Chen Bar Itzhak, Orit Malka

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **From Cult to Culture**
Taubes, J.
edited by Fonrobert, C. E., Engel, A.
Stanford University Press.2010
- **Androgynos** *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*
Fonrobert, C. E.
Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.2009
- **Jewish Topographies: Visions of Space, Traditions or Place** *Association for Jewish Studies Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2009; 33 (1)
- **Va-yikra** *Torah Queeries Commentary*
Fonrobert, C. E.
New York University Press.2009
- **Abomination** *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*
Fonrobert, C. E.
Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.2009

- **Blood** *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*
Fonrobert, C. E.
Berline: Walter de Gruyter.2009
- **Une Cartographie Symbolique: le eruv en Diaspora** *Cahiers du Judaïsme*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2009; 25: 26-27
- **Blasphemy** *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*
Fonrobert, C. E.
Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.2009
- **Blood and Law: Uterine Fluids and Rabbinic Maps of Identity** *Henoch*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2008; 30 (2)
- **Neighborhood as Ritual Space: The Case of the Rabbinic Eruv** *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2008; 10: 239-258
- **Cambridge Companion to the Talmud and Rabbinic Literature**
edited by Fonrobert, C. E., Jaffee, M.
Cambridge University Press.2007
- **Regulating the Human Body: Rabbinic Legal Discourse and the Making of Jewish Gender** *Cambridge Companion to Rabbinic Literature*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Fonrobert, C., Jaffee, M.
Cambridge University Press.2007
- **Introduction to the Talmud**
Fonrobert, C. E.
Cambridge University Press.2007
- **Bechukotai** *Women's Torah Commentary*
Fonrobert, C. E.
New York: URJ Press.2007
- **Metzora** *Women's Torah Commentary*
Fonrobert, C. E.
New York: URJ Press.2007
- **Plato in Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai's Cave (bShabbat 33b-34a): The Talmudic Inversion of Plato's Politics** *Association for Jewish Studies Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2007; 31 (2): 277-296
- **Tazria** *Women's Torah Commentary*
Fonrobert, C. E.
New York: URJ Press.2007
- **Orthodoxy** *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*
Fonrobert, C. E.
Macmillan USA.2007
- **Re'eh** *Women's Torah Commentary*
Fonrobert, C. E.
New York: URJ Press.2007
- **Niddah: Lorsque les juifs conceptualisent la menstruation** *Association for Jewish Studies*
Fonrobert, C. E.

2007

- **Households, Sects, and the Origins of Rabbinic Judaism, Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 102** *Journal for the Study of Judaism*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2007
- **Gender Politics in the Rabbinic Neighborhood: Tractate Eruvin** *Introduction to the Feminist Talmud Commentary – Seder Moed*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Ilan, T., Or, T., Salzer, D. M., Steuer, C., Wanderey, I.
Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.2007
- **The Semiotics of the Sexed Body in Early Halakhic Discourse** *Closed and Open: Readings of Rabbinic Texts*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Kraus, M. A.
Gorgias Press.2006: 69–96
- **The Handmaid, the Trickster and the Birth of the Messiah: A Critical Appraisal of the Feminist Valorization of Midrash Aggadah** *Current Trends in the Study of Midrash*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Bakhos, C.
Leiden: Brill.2006: 245–277
- **The Political Symbolism of the Eruv** *Jewish Social Studies*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2005; 11 (3): 9-35
- **Jewish Marriage in Antiquity** *Shofar*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2005; 23 (2)
- **Jewish Christians, Judaizers, and Christian Anti-Judaism** *Late Ancient Christianity*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Burrus, V., Lyman, R.
Minneapolis: Fortress Press.2005: 234–255
- **On Carnal Israel and the Consequences: Talmudic Studies Since Foucault** *Jewish Quarterly Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2005; 95 (3): 462-469
- **Gegenwart der Tradition: Studien zur jüdischen Literature und Kulturgeschichte** *Studia Philonica Annual*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2004
- **Studies in Ancient Midrash** *Shofar*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2004; 22 (4)
- **From Separatism to Urbanism: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Origins of the Rabbinic Eruv** *Dead Sea Discoveries*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2004; 11 (1): 43-71
- **Purification in Judaism** *Encyclopedia of Religion*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2004; 2nd Edition
- **Roots of Rabbinic Judaism: An Intellectual History: From Ezekiel to Daniel** *Shofar*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2004; 22 (4)
- **Jewish Marriage in Antiquity** *Review of Biblical Literature*

- Fonrobert, C. E.
2003
- **The Pluralistic Halakhah** *Review of Biblical Literature*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2003
 - **Judaism and Violence** *Religion and Violence*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Buc, P.
Morocco.2002
 - **When women walk in the way of their fathers: On gendering the rabbinic claim for authority** *JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2001; 10 (3-4): 398-415
 - **The 'Didascalia Apostolorum': A mishnah for the disciples of Jesus (Reexamining the cultural phenomenon of "Jewish Christianity" in the later Roman Empire)** *JOURNAL OF EARLY CHRISTIAN STUDIES*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2001; 9 (4): 483-509
 - **Frauen im Judentum** *Handbuch zur Geschichte der Juden in Europa*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Kotowski, E. V., Schoeps, J. H., Wallenborn, H.
Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft.2001
 - **The Beginnings of Rabbinic Textuality: Women's Bodies and Paternal Knowledge** *Beginning/Again: Toward a Hermeneutic of Jewish Texts*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Cohen, A., Magid, S.
New York: Seven Bridges Press.2001: 49-68
 - **Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstructions of Biblical Gender**
Fonrobert, C. E.
Stanford University Press.2001
 - **When the Rabbi Weeps: On Reading Gender in Talmudic Aggadah** *Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women's Studies & Gender Issues*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2001; 4: 56-84
 - **Some Jewish Women in Antiquity** *Association for Jewish Studies Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
2001; 25 (1): 101-104
 - **Taming the Powers of Desire: Love and Sex in Jewish Culture** *Love, Sex and Gender in the World Religions*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Runzo, J., Martin, N. M.
Oxford: Oneworld Publications.2000: 113-129
 - **Menstrual Purity: Rabbinic and Christian Reconstructions of Biblical Gender**
Fonrobert, C. E.
Stanford University Press.2000
 - **Von Deutschland zum Judentum** *Zwischen-Räume: Deutsche feministische Theologinnen im Ausland*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by von Kellenbach, K., Scholz, S.
Munster - Hamburg/London: LitVerlag.2000: 41-54
 - **Spinning fantasies: Rabbis, gender, and history (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION*
Book Review Authored by: Fonrobert, C.
1999; 67 (1): 245-248

- **Yalta's Ruse: Resistance Against Rabbinic Menstrual Authority in Talmudic Literature** *Women and Water: Female Rituals of Purification in Jewish History and Culture*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Wasserfall, R.
University Press of New England.1999: 60–82
- **To Increase Torah is to Increase Life: Poetics of the Mind and Poetics of the Everyday in Jewish Culture** *The Meaning of Life in the World Religions*
Fonrobert, C. E.
Oxford: Oneworld Publications.1999: 71–93
- **The Geonim of Babylonia and the Shaping of Medieval Jewish Culture** *Hebrew Literature*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1998
- **Rereading the Rabbis: A Women's Voice** *Religious Studies Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1998
- **The Women with a Blood-Flow (Mark 5:24-34) Revisited: Menstrual Polemics in Christian Feminist Hermeneutics** *Early Interpretation of the Scriptures of Israel: Investigation and Proposals*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Evans, C. A., Sanders, J. A.
JTNTSup.1997: 121–141
- **Tasting the Dish: Rabbinic Rhetorics of Sexuality** *Religious Studies Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1995
- **Customs and Controversies: Intertestamental Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament** *Critical Review of Books in Religion*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1995
- **Rabbinic Literature and the New Testament** *Journal of Biblical Literature*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1994
- **Die Heiden: Juden, Christen und das Problem des Fremden** *IOUDAIOS Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1994
- **Gynecological Exams in Rabbinic Literature – Women's Bodies Between Female Autonomy and Male Control** *Journal of Associated Graduates in Near Eastern Studies*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1993; 4 (2): 65-72
- **Form, Function, and Historical Significance of the Rabbinic Story in Yerushalmi Neziqin** *Religious Studies Review*
Fonrobert, C. E.
1993
- **Paul, How Can We Understand Him? How Do We Understand Our Understanding** *Paul the Jew: Jewish/Christian Dialogue*
Fonrobert, C. E.
edited by Wuellner, W., Perelmuter, H.
Center for Hermeneutical Studies.1990: 48–53