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EDUCATION

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Atlanta, GA

S.J.D. in Law and Religion, May 2016

Dissertation: Law as Engagement: A Judeo-Islamic Conception of the Rule of Law for
Twenty-First Century America

Advisor: Michael J. Broyde

Committee: Abdullahi A. an-Naim & John Witte, Jr.

Honors: Graduated with Highest Honors; David R. Blumenthal Award for Best
Graduate Essay in Jewish Studies; Merit Scholarship; TAM Institute for
Jewish Studies Graduate Research Grant (Spring 2015, Summer 2014).

L.L.M. in Law and Religion, May 2013

Concentration: Comparative Jewish, Islamic, and American Law and Jurisprudence

Honors: Graduated with High Honors
Merit Scholarship

Activities: Member, Center for the Study of Law and Religion
Research Assistant to Professor Michael J. Broyde

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2012

Honors: Graduated Cum Laude with Honors
Dean's List 2010-2012

Ruth Whitehead Whaley Scholar 2009-2012

Staff-Editor, Fordham Urban Law Journal (2010-2012)

Activities: President, Fordham Law Chapter of the Federalist Society
Jewish Law Students Association

LANDER COLLEGE FOR MEN, TOURO COLLEGE, Queens, NY

B.A. in Political Science and History, *summa cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: Graduated Summa Cum Laude with High Honors
Merit Scholarship 2006-2009
Dean's List 2006-2009

Activities: Research Assistant to Professor John Wirenius
Editor-in-Chief, The State of Things

Contributing Editor, The Lander Chronicle
Founding President, Lander College Republicans
President, Political Science Club
Vice President, History Club

EXPERIENCE

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF LAW AND RELIGION AT EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA
Senior Fellow and Post-Doctoral Fellow in Law and Religion, July 2016 – Present

EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA
Instructor, *Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies*, Fall 2015 – Present
Courses Taught: Introduction to Islamic Law

Instructor, *The TAM Institute for Jewish Studies*, Spring 2017
Courses Taught: Jewish Law Answers to American Law Problems

THE INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH MUSLIM ACTION, ATLANTA, GA
Founding Director and Senior Scholar

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Law and Religion; Comparative Religious Law; Islamic Law; Jewish Law; Legislation and Regulation; Administrative Law; Professional Responsibility; Jurisprudence; Comparative Law; Legal Indeterminacy; The Rule of Law; Judges and Judging; Constitutional Law; The First Amendment; Federal Courts; Sec. 1983 Law; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Conflict of Laws

SCHOLARSHIP

DISSERTATION

“Law as Engagement: A Judeo-Islamic Conception of Indeterminacy, Disagreement, and the Rule of Law for Twenty-First Century America”

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Shlomo C. Pill, *What Islamic Jurisprudence Can Teach Us About Halakhic Methodology*, 26 *Conversations* _ (2017) (forthcoming).

Shlomo C. Pill, *The Rule of Law in Jewish Legal Philosophy*, 61 *The J. Jurisprudence* _ (2017) (forthcoming).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Leveraging Legal Indeterminacy: A Judeo-Islamic Conception of the Rule of Law*, 6 *J. Law, Rel. & State* _ (2017) (forthcoming).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Money and Judges: Judicial Bribery in Medieval Jewish and Canon Law*, 6 Creighton International and Comparative Law Journal _ (2017) (forthcoming).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Jewish Law Antecedents to American Constitutionalism*, 86 Mississippi Law Journal _ (2016) (forthcoming).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Can Rabbinic Jurisprudence Help Elevate America's Divisive Political and Legal Discourse?*, En Route: The Official Journal of the Aspen Center for Social Values (July 2016).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Valuing our Discordant Constitutional Discourse: Philosophical Hermeneutics, Autonomous Texts, and the Jewish Legal Tradition*, 64 Buffalo Law Review 349 (2016).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Law as Faith, Faith as Law: The Legalization of Theology in Islam and Judaism in the Thought of al-Ghazali and Maimonides* 6 Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law 1 (2014).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Transcending Theodicy: Approaching the Holocaust through the Lens of Halakha*, 8 Culture: The Graduate Journal of Harvard Divinity School (2014).

Shlomo C. Pill, *The Pillars of Successful Religious Arbitration: Models for Islamic Courts in the United States based on the Beth Din of American and Muslim Arbitration Tribunal Experiences*, 30 Harvard Journal of Racial and Ethnic Justice 33 (2014) (with Michael J. Broyde and Ira Bedzow).

Shlomo C. Pill, *Recovering Judicial Integrity: Towards a Duty-Focused Disqualification Jurisprudence Based on Jewish Law*, 39 Fordham Urban Law Journal 511 (2011).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Religion as a Check on Political Extremism: Relations Between Religion and State in Traditional Islam”

“Religious Freedom in the Jewish Tradition: Rabbinic Legal Practice as a Model”

“A Judeo-Islamic American Experience?: Axes of Jewish-Muslim Cooperation in 21st Century America”

“Is there a Jewish Law?: Metaphysical Indeterminacy in Traditional Rabbinic Jurisprudence”

“These and Those: Epistemic Indeterminacy and Disagreement in the Jewish Legal Tradition”

“Is there a Shari’a?: Metaphysical Legal Indeterminacy in Islamic Jurisprudence”

“Knowing Shari’a Law: Epistemological Indeterminacy in Islamic Jurisprudence”

“Law as Engagement: Does the Judeo-Islamic Tradition have something to Say about the Rule of Law?”

“Authorship, Authority, and Text: Negotiating Legal Meaning of Orally-Transmitted Revealed Traditions in Jewish and Islamic Jurisprudence”

“Text, Precedent, and Custom Part I: What Jewish Law can teach us about Legal Interpretation and Decision Making”

“Text, Precedent, and Custom Part II: What Islamic Law can teach us about Legal Interpretation and Decision Making”

“Arguing Tradition: Contours of Legal and Meta-Legal Argumentation in the Debate over Female Ritual Leadership in Contemporary Jewish and Islamic Law”

“Jewish and Islamic Law Perspectives on the Goals and Methods of Non-Adjudicatory Dispute Resolution”

“Pressure Valve: Opting Out of Secular State Law through the Construction and Maintenance of Arbitration-Based Religious Communities”

“Money and Judges: Medieval Jewish and Canon Judicial Bribery Law in Theory and Practice”

“Imperium in Imperio: Can America’s Unique Brand of Federalism Help Guide the Competing Sovereignty Claims of God and State?”

“Beth Din Jurisdiction in History and Halakha”

“Normative Halakha and Takanot Ha-Kahal: Federalism and Judicial Discretion in Constitutional and Statutory Interpretation in Jewish Law”

SELECTED SCHOLARLY AND POPULAR PRESENTATIONS

“A Delicate Balance: Dialectics between Religion and Society in the Islamic Legal Tradition,” The Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, California, March 9-11, 2017 (invited presenter).

“Deis Impact: Human Rights and Social Justice in Jewish and Islamic Law,” Brandeis University (January 26, 2017).

“Jewish Muslim Relations in Twenty-Frist Century America,” Young Israel of Houston (December 31, 2016).

“The Rule of Law in Traditional Jewish and Islamic Jurisprudence,” International Conference of the Journal of Law, Religion, and State, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel (November 20-22, 2016).

“Democracy in Jewish Law and Thought: Majoritarianism, Individual Rights, and the Separation of Powers,” Congregation Anshe Chesed, Linden, New Jersey (November 5, 2016).

The Muslim Jewish Conference, Berlin, Germany (August 7-14, 2016) (invited participant).

“Understanding Shari’a: A Rabbinic Primer,” The Young Israel of Sharon, Sharon, MA (May 14, 2016).

“What Can American Legal Philosophy Teach Us About Jewish Law?,” The Young Israel of Sharon, Sharon, MA (May 14, 2016).

"What Can Orthodox Judaism Teach us About ISIS?," The New Toco Shul, Atlanta, Georgia (January 16, 2016).

"The Jewish View of Other Religions," Panelist, Project Makom, Brooklyn, New York (November 30, 2015).

"Framing Halakhic Discourse: Some Reflections from General Jurisprudence," The Branfman Center for Jewish Student Life at New York University, New York, New York (November 22, 2015).

"Between the Ivory Tower and the Street: What Can Jewish and Islamic Jurisprudence Teach Us About How American Judges Decide Cases?," University of Mississippi Law School, Oxford, Mississippi (November 9, 2015).

"Truth, Authority, and Decision Making: Two Approaches to the Art and Science of Jewish Jurisprudence," Brooklyn, New York, August 12, 2015.

"Jewish Law Antecedents to American Constitutionalism," Mississippi Law Journal Author Colloquium Seminar, Oxford, Mississippi, July 31, 2015.

"Competing Theories of Rabbinic Jurisprudence: Truth, Disagreement, and Interpretation in the Ashkenazic and Sephardic Traditions," Atlanta, GA, May 25, 2015.

"Theoretical and Practical Wisdom in Legal Decision-Making: Jurists and Judges in the Jewish and Islamic Legal Traditions," The Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, California, February 27, 2015.

"Sex, Gender, and Law: Halakhic Approaches to Gender Reassignment," Atlanta, GA, February 7, 2015.
"Religious Freedom in America," The Tikvah Fund Advanced Institutes, New York, NY, November 3-7, 2014.

"Authorship, Authority, and Text: Negotiating Legal Meaning of Orally-Transmitted Revealed Traditions in Jewish and Islamic Jurisprudence," The Jewish Law Association Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, July 14-17, 2014.

"The Libertas Project Workshop on Religious and Economic Freedom," Villanova University Law School, Philadelphia, PA, July 7-9, 2014.

"Storytelling through Law and Legal Observance through Storytelling: Nomos and Narrative in Jewish Law and Life," Congregation Sharrey Tefilla, Lawrence, New York, April 12, 2014.

"Arguing Tradition: Contours of Legal and Meta-Legal Argumentation in the Debate over Female Ritual Leadership in Contemporary Jewish and Islamic Law," The University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 20-21, 2014.

"The Authority and Processes of the Contemporary American Beth Din," Pacific Jewish Center, Santa Monica, California, February 8, 2014.

"Love and Justice, Law and Mercy: Love as the Foundation of Natural, Human, and Jewish Law in the Religio-Legal Philosophy of Samson Raphael Hirsch," The Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics Annual Conference, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, California, February 7, 2014.

"Debates over the Nature of Legal Truth in the Jewish Jurisprudential Tradition," Lawrence, New York, November 29, 2013.

"Beth Din Jurisdiction in History and Halakha," Atlanta Dayanut Institute Public Lecture Series, Atlanta, Georgia, November 17, 2013.

"Sharia and Halakha in America," Chicago-Kent Law School, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-16, 2013 (invited participant).

"Traditional Jewish Law in Changing Social and Technological Contexts: The Case of Shaving During the Intermediary Days of Passover," Congregation Sharrey Tefilla, Lawrence, New York, April 1, 2013.

"Philosophical Hermeneutics, Autonomous Texts, and the Jewish Legal Tradition," Jewish Law Association Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, August 2-4, 2012.

BAR ADMISSION

New York, 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Jewish Law Association, Member
The American Academy of Religion, Member
Middle Eastern Studies Association, Member
Association for Jewish Studies, Member
New York State Bar Association, Member
The Journal of Law and Religion, Peer Reviewer

REFERENCES

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