

**Celia Mary Deutsch**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

Place of Employment: Department of Religion, Barnard  
College/Columbia University

**Education**

BA	1969	Trinity College (Washington, D.C.)
MA	1977	St. Michael's College (Univ. of Toronto)
PhD	1985	St. Michael's College (Univ. of Toronto)

**Teaching Experience**

Graduate:

1982-84	Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, N.Y.
Summers 1981-83	St. Mary's University San Antonio, Tx.
1984-85	Fordham University Bronx, N.Y.

Undergraduate:

1976-79	St Michael's College (teaching assistant)
1984-85	Fordham University
1985-	Barnard College/Columbia University

**Languages :**

Spoken: French, Italian, Spanish  
Reading: Latin, Greek, Aramaic, Syriac, Hebrew, German

## **Publications**

Articles in Dictionary of the Dialogue. Edited by G. Wigoder and L. Klenicki. New York: Paulist, 1984.

"The Sirach 51 Acrostic: Confession and Exhortation." ZAW, 94 (1982), 400-409.

Hidden Wisdom and the Easy Yoke: Wisdom, Torah and Discipleship in Matthew 11:25-30. JSNT Supp 18. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1987.

"Transformation of Symbols; the New Jerusalem in Rev. 21:1-22:5." ZNW, 78 (1987), 106-126.

Review of Anti-Judaism and Early Christianity; Vol. 1, Paul and the Gospels. Edited by P. Richardson with D. Granskou. Studies in Christianity and Judaism, 2. Waterloo, Ont.: Toronto Journal of Theology, 2 (1987).

Review of The New Testament in Its Literary Environment. By D.E. Aune. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1987. For Encounter, 49(1988), 166-167.

Contribution to Symposium "Anti-Semitism in Christianity." Edited by Joel Carmichael for Midstream 34:4(1988), 40.

Review of The Wrath of Jonah: The Crisis of Religious Nationalism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict by Rosemary Radford Ruether and Herman Ruether. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1989. For Catholic New Times, Fall Book Supplement (8 October, 1989), 7.

"Wisdom in Matthew: Transformation of a Symbol." NovT 32(1990), 13-47.

Review of The Wrath of Jonah. In Horizons, 17(1990), 169-70.

"Torah, Jesus and Discipleship in the Gospel of Matthew." SIDIC 24,2-3(1991), 43-52.

Review of Gender and Difference in Ancient Israel. Edited by Peggy L. Day. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 1989. For

Horizons (forthcoming).

Review of The Parables of Jesus in the Light of the Old Testament by Claus Westermann. Edited and translated by Friedemann W. Golka and Alastair H.B. Logan. Minneapolis MN: Fortress, 1990. For New Theology Review 5(1992), 94-96.

"Christians and Jews in the First Century: the Gospel of Matthew." Thought 267(1992): 399-408. Syllabus for "Women in Literature and Culture." In Women of Culture and the Multicultural Curriculum: Transforming the College Classroom. Edited by Licia Fiol-Matta and Mariam K. Chamberlain. New York: The Feminist Press, City University of New York, 1994.

"The Catechism, Jesus and the Law." PACE 24(1994-95), pp. 13-17.

Lady Wisdom, Jesus and the Sages: Metaphor and Social Context in the Matthean Community. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1996.

Booknote on Revelation; the Torah and the Bible, by Jacob Neusner and Bruce D. Chilton. Christianity and Judaism; the Formative Categories 1. Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 1995. For Religious Studies Review, (1997).

"The Transfiguration: Vision and Social Setting in Matthew's Gospel (Matt 17:1-9)." In Putting Body and Soul Together; Essays in Honor of Robin Scroggs. Edited by Graydon F. Snyder, Alexandra Brown, and Virginia Wiles. Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 1997.

Review of Shall We Look for Another? A Feminist Rereading of the Matthean Jesus by Elaine M. Wainwright. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1998. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 61(1999) 795-97.

"The Apostolic Decree in Acts: a Response to Professor Alan Segal." In Reinterpreting Tradition and Revelation: Jews and Christians in Conversation. Edited by Hayim G. Perelmuter and John Pawlikowski. Franklin, WI: Sheed

and Ward, 2000.

"Jesus As Wisdom; a Feminist Reading of Matthew's Wisdom Christology." In The Feminist Companion to the New Testament; Matthew and Mark. Edited by A.J. Levine and Vicki Phillips. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001.

"Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism: What Are We Talking About?" in SBL Seminar Papers, 2001.

Review of Light in a Spotless Mirror; Reflections on Wisdom Traditions in Judaism and Early Christianity. Edited by James H. Charlesworth and Michael A. Daise. Harrisburg, London, New York: Trinity Press International, 2003. Catholic Biblical Quarterly 66(2004)344-345.

"Ancient Rivalries and New Testament Interpretation: an Example from the Acts of the Apostles." In Seeing Judaism Anew: Christianity's Sacred Obligation. Edited by Mary Boys. Franklin, WI: Sheed and Ward, 2005.

Review of Ancient Judaism and Christian Origins: Diversity, Continuity and Transformation by George W.E. Nickelsburg. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2003. Journal of the American Academy of Religion 74(2006) 212-215.

"The Therapeutae, Text Work, Ritual, and Mystical Experience," in Paradise Now: Essays on Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism, pp. 287-311. Edited by April DeConick. Boston, Leiden and Atlanta: Brill and The Society of Biblical Literature, 2006.

### **In Progress**

Scholars and Seers; Text Work and Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity (200 b.c.e.-325 c.e.). This work examines ways in which authors used text work (reading, writing, interpreting texts, teaching) as a site of religious experience, and ways in which claims to such experience bolstered their claims to authority. The analysis draws on the insights of literacy, ritual and performance theory.

"Text Work and Religious Experience: Philo and Clement," to be included in a volume of essays in a series on "Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity." Edited by Ron Werline and Frances Dailey. Forthcoming in 2007.

### **Invited Papers**

"Transformation of Symbol in Rev 21:1-22:5." Christian Study Group on Judaism and the Jewish People, March 29, 1985.

"Recent Trends in New Testament Studies." Directors of Religious Education, Diocese of Rockville Center, Huntington, L.I., June 6, 1985.

"The Presentation of Judaism in the New Testament: Questions for the Catholic Religious Educator." "Religious Education and the Presentation of Jews and Judaism in the New Testament: Towards Guidelines for Teachers," a conference sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Secretariat of Catholic-Jewish Relations/National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Jan. 7-8, 1986.

"The Historical Jesus and Matthew's Gospel: a Christian Sectarian Perspective." "Parting of the Ways: Judaism and Christianity in the First Century," a conference sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and Auburn Theological Seminary, March 14-16, 1988.

"Judaism in Early Christian Literature: Selected Texts." "At the Crossroads: the Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of Judaism and Christianity," a seminar sponsored by the Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies. New York University, May 13, 1988.

"Wisdom in Matthew: Transformation of a Symbol." For the Paul Study Group, Union Theological Seminary, May 19, 1988.

"From Proverbs to Matthew: Transformation of Lady Wisdom." For the Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, Nov. 16, 1988.

"The Parting of the Ways? Jews and Jewish-Christians in Matthew's Gospel." For a conference on Jewish-Christian relations sponsored by Fordham University and the American Jewish Committee, Sept. 12, 1990.

"Torah, Jesus and Discipleship in the Gospel of Matthew." For a conference on "Torah and Covenant in Judaism and Christianity" held at the Ammerdown Centre, Bath, England, Jan. 6-13, 1991.

"Jesus as Wisdom: Metaphor and Social Structure in Matthew's Gospel." For the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 23-26, 1991.

"Women in the Hebrew Bible." Faculty Lecture, Barnard College Club of New York, April 6, 1992.

"Jews and Christians in the First Century: Conflict and Self-Definition." Faculty Lecture, CORRE, Barnard College, April 15, 1992.

"Lady Wisdom and the Sages; Metaphor and Social Structure in Early Jewish and Early Christian Texts." For the Women's Interreligious Study Group, New York, N.Y., Sept. 16, 1992.

"Jesus as Wisdom: a Feminist Reading of Matthew's Wisdom Christology." Christian Scholars' Group on Judaism and the Jewish People, Baltimore, April 16-17, 1994.

"Matthew's Transfiguration Narrative in the Context of Early Jewish Visionary Texts." For a colloquium for Jewish and Roman Catholic religious educators sponsored by the Lilly Foundation, Baltimore, May 1-3, 1994.

"The Matthean Transfiguration Narrative in the Context of Early Jewish Mystical Literature," at a conference on Teaching Rabbinic Texts in Christian Settings, sponsored by the International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization and the Christian Ecumenical Institute (Tantur), Jerusalem, Israel, July 3-12, 1994.

"The Transfiguration: Vision and Social Setting in Matthew's Gospel (Matt 17:1-9)," for the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Nov. 18-21, 1995.

"Jesus as Wisdom: a Feminist Reading of Matthew's Wisdom Christology," the Howerton Lecture, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, Feb. 1, 1996.

"The Figure of Woman Wisdom in Early Judaism and Early

Christianity," Washington and Lee University, Feb. 1, 1996.

"Biblical Images of Wisdom," Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, Feb. 2, 1996.

"Inter-religious Dialogue at the End of the Twentieth Century," the Hillel Foundation, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, Feb. 2, 1996.

"Images of the Church in the New Testament," with Joseph Tyson (Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX), for "Being Church at the End of the Second Millenium: Christians from Israel and America in Conversation," a conference sponsored by the Christian Scholars Group, (U.S.), the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, and the Ratisbonne Institute (Israel), Jerusalem, Israel, May 19-22, 1996.

Response to "One Covenant or Two: Christian and Jewish Perspectives," a paper given by Prof. Alan Segal for "Reinterpreting Tradition and Revelation: Jews and Christians in Conversation about Origins," a conference and scholars' dialogue sponsored by The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, May 4-5, 1998.

"Lady Wisdom, Jesus and the Sages -- Subsequent Reflections," National Council of Churches, Jan. 22, 1999.

"The Seer and His Books: Metaphor, Literary Activity and Social Location in the Book of Revelation," for the Union Theological Seminary New Testament/Early Christianity Seminar, New York City, March 9, 1999.

"The Seer and His Books; Literacy and Visionary Experience in the Book of Revelation," for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Nov. 1999, Boston, Mass.

"Scholars as Mystics: Learning and Mystical Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity," for the Center for Jewish Life," Columbia University, April 19, 2001.

"Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism: What Are We Talking About?" A Roundtable Discussion for the American Academy of

Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Nov.17-20, Denver, Colorado.

"Study, Ritual, and Mystical Experience: Philo of Alexandria," for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, Canada, Nov. 24, 2002.

Response to Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, "A New Take on the Jewish Future," for the Interfaith Community, Oct.14, 2003.

"Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ' and Interreligious Relations," Our Lady of Refuge church, Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 4, 2004

"'The Passion of the Christ': Assessing the Impact of the Religious Blockbuster," a forum sponsored by the American Jewish Committee and Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y., March 17, 2004.

"A Forum: Being Dispassionate About 'The Passion'; Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ'; Thoughts before Passover and Easter," Barnard College, April 1, 2004.

"The Passion of the Christ; a Hallmark Special," for the Hallmark Channel, April 4, 2004.

"'The Passion of the Christ': History, Myth, and the Educator," for Facing History and Ourselves, New York, N.Y., April 22, 2004.

"Text Work and Religious Experience: Philo and Clement," for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Nov. 19, 2005.

Response to John Yieh, One Teacher; Jesus' Teaching Role in Matthew's Gospel Report, for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 2005.

"Matthew 11:25-30," for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., Nov. 17, 2006.

"Aseneth, Religious Experience and Transformation: How An Egyptian

Priest's Daughter Became a Jewish Seer," for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18, 2006.

Participant in the Tenth Anniversary Celebration and Panel Discussion for the Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism Group, for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., Nov. 19, 2006.

"Jews and Christians in the Early Roman Empire," Institute for Retirees in Pursuit of Education," Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N.Y., March 22, 2007.

"Jews and Christians in the Early Roman Empire," East Midwood Jewish Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., May 12, 2007.

### **Service**

NEH panelist, Research Division, Research Grants Program, 1988-89.

Primary Supervisor, NEH Young Scholars Program, 1989.

Coordinated with Francesca Cuevas (Assoc. Director, HEOP) a seminar on graduate programs in the humanities for students of color. March 28, 1990. The seminar was funded by Ford Foundation incentive money.

Search committee, Hendrix replacement; fall, 1990.

Participated in the Ford Foundation "Curriculum Transformation" project sponsored by the Barnard College Center for Research on Women. Spring, 1991.

Committee on Ph.D. field examination review, Barnard/Columbia religion department. Fall 1991.

Second reader, M.A. thesis, Union Theological Seminary, 1991-1992.

Responded to Prof. Alan Segal's presentation, "The Dead Sea Scrolls" for the Centennial Scholars' Program, Nov. 14, 1991.

Doctoral examination board, Columbia University Teachers' College/Union Theological Seminary, April 1, 1992.

Advisory Committee, Earl Hall, Columbia University, 1992-97.

Member of Ph.D. dissertation committee, Barnard/Columbia religion department, May 1993.

Member of Ph.D. dissertation committee, Joint Program - Columbia University/Union Theological Seminary, Jan. 20, 1995.

"Barnard Success" Faculty Panel, sponsored by HEOP and the Dean of Studies offices, March 24, 1995.

Consultant to the People for the American Way in the Lisa Herdahl case, June/July, 1995.

Committee for revision of the "Women in Literature and Culture" cluster of the First-Year Seminar Program, fall, 1995.

Co-director, Ph.D. dissertation, Union Theological Seminary, fall, 1997

Interview for "Ideas," documentary on Apocalyptic, CBC Radio July 7, 1998.

Seminar on New Testament and Early Christianity for doctoral students of Union Theological Seminary and the Joint Program of UTS and Columbia University Religion Department. (Participation is ongoing.)

Member of Ph.D. dissertation committee, Joint Program -- Union Theological Seminary/Columbia University, ongoing.

Consultant on doctoral dissertation, Union Theological Seminary, 1998-1999.

Faculty Moderator for a group of students exploring ways of fostering spiritual life and inter-religious understanding on the Barnard campus. Meetings took place March 23, April 5 and April 26, and continued through 1999-2000.

Faculty Moderator for Unity Day panel on fostering spiritual

life on a secular campus, April 20, 1999.

Faculty Adviser for REAL, a special interest housing unit with a particular focus on religion and inter-religious relations, 1999-2000.

Member of sub-committee on religion and spirituality for CORRIE, '99-2000.

Co-facilitated a discussion on "Race and Human Relations: the the Spiritual Bridge," for "Many Paths, One Journey: Building One America," the Week of Dialogue on Race Relations sponsored by CORRIE, Oct. 12, 2000.

Faculty input, "Matthew and Paul," for the Core Curriculum of Columbia College, Sept. 17, 2003.

Academic Reader, "Toward Reconciliation," 2002-2003, 2003-2004.

Second Reader for doctoral dissertation for History Department, Columbia University, Dec. 2005.

"Religious Convictions and the Teaching of Religion in a Secular Context," for the graduate students of the Religion Department, Columbia University, Feb. 5, 2007

Member of two Ph.D. dissertation committees, Religion Department, Columbia University, 2006-07

Member of doctoral examination committee, Religion Department, Columbia University, 2007.

## **Memberships**

### Professional:

Catholic Biblical Society of America  
Society of Biblical Literature  
American Academy of Religion

### Ecumenical/Interreligious:

Advisory Board/Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations  
(National Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Queens  
Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee of Brooklyn and  
Christian Scholars' Group on Jewish-Christian Relations  
Ecumenical Commission, Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn  
and Queens

Other

Consultation and leadership in programming in inter-religious and inter-racial relations for Our Lady of Refuge Roman Catholic Church and East Midwood Jewish Center. This program, which has continued since its inception in 1996, was granted the eleventh annual Brooklyn Unity Award by the Borough President of Brooklyn on June 1, 1999.

Consultant to the Interfaith Center of New York, 2002-.

Member of Neighbor to Neighbor (Jews, Christians, Muslims collaborating in the Flatbush/Midwood neighborhood of Brooklyn)