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- Employment Yale College. [Lecturer in English, Divinity, and Political Science, 2008—](#).
[Yale Journalism Initiative](#). Director. August 2006—.
- Boston College, [Corcoran Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations](#), 2014-2015
- The New York Times*, religion columnist ([under heading “Beliefs”](#)), Feb. 2010–.
- Wellesley College, Robert Garis Visting Professor of Non-fiction, Fall 2008, 2010.
- Editor, *New Haven Review*, 2007–2012.
- Adjunct Prof., New York University journalism school, Fall '07–Spring '08.
- In Character: A Journal of Everyday Virtues*. Editor. June 2006–June 2007.
- Hartford Seminary, Adjunct Professor, Spring 2006, “Religion and Protest.”
- New Haven Advocate*. Editor. September 2004 –June 2006.
- Stanford University, Visiting Lecturer, Fall 2003, “The Question of
Jewish Fiction.”
- Wesleyan University, Instructor in Religion, Spring 2002, “The
End of the World: Apocalyptic Thought in American Culture.”
- The Christian Century*, Staff Writer, 2001-2003.
- Hartford Courant*, Religion Writer, 2000-2001.
- Phillips Academy, English Instructor, summer session, 1997-2002.
- The New Yorker*, Assistant to political reporter Joe Klein, 1996-1997.
- Education Yale University. Ph.D., Religious Studies, 2003. John Addison
Porter Prize for [best dissertation in the humanities](#).
- Yale University. B.A., 1996, *Magna Cum Laude*. Phi Beta Kappa.
- Books [The Zen Predator of the Upper East Side](#) (*Atlantic* magazine e-book series), 2013.
- [Wisnheimer: A Childhood Subject to Debate](#). Free Press, 2010.
- [Thirteen and a Day: The Bar and Bat Mitzvah Across America](#). Farrar, Straus and

Giroux, 2005.

[Knocking on Heaven's Door: American Religion in the Age of
Counterculture](#). Yale University Press, 2003.

- Selected Essays and Articles
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- "Sentimentality or Honesty?" *The Nation*, Aug. 10, 2011.
- "Married, with Infidelities," about Dan Savage's views on monogamy, *New York Times Magazine*, July 3, 2011.
- "The Race That Is Not About Winning," *The Believer*, March 2011.
- "Doing Unto Others, on the Tennis Court," *New York Times*, Sept. 3, 2011.
- "Behold the Beard," *The New York Times*, Aug. 6, 2011.
- "The Church that Oprah Winfrey Built," *The New York Times*, May 28, 2011.
- "Defender of Waterboarding Hears from Critics," Feb. 26, 2010, *New York Times*.
- "Dispute on Using Koran as Path to Jesus," March 12, 2010, *New York Times*.
- Introduction to 50th-anniversary edition of the novel *Mrs. Bridge*, by Evan
Connell, Arion Press, November 2010.
- "The Denial Twist," four-part investigative series on America's leading
Holocaust deniers, in which I expose the Jewish sister of one and the
Jewish ex-lover of the other, *Tablet*, June 2009.
- "For God's Sake: Why It's Worth Bringing Your Kid Along to Pray," *Slate*, April
10, 2009.
- "What Is George Scialabba Good For?," *AGNI*, May 2009.
- "It's a Wonderful Block," *New York Times Magazine*, Oct. 5, 2008.
- "Judgment Day," *New York Times Magazine*, Sept. 19, 2008.
- "The Turning of an Athetist," *New York Times Magazine*, Nov. 4, 2007.
- "For the Love of Xenu," *Slate*, July 31, 2007.
- "The Actualizer," *The New York Times Magazine*, July 15, 2007.
- "Knowing Not," review of Stephen Prothero's *Religious Illiteracy* in *The New York
Times Book Review*, June 10, 2007.
- "Susan Sontag, Juggler of the Moral and Aesthetic," *The Forward*, May 18, 2007.
- "Jewish Noir," review of Michael Chabon's *The Yiddish Policemen's Union* in *The
Forward*, April 20, 2007.
- "The First Dance," *The New York Times Magazine*, January 28, 2007
- "Improving on Yom Kippur," *Slate*, Sep. 29, 2006.
- "Where Have All the Intellectuals Gone?," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

- Review*, Sep. 22, 2006.
- "Climbing the Family Tree," review of Daniel Mendelsohn's *The Lost*, in *The Forward*, Sep. 8, 2006.
- "Boys Gone Not So Wild: Today's Bachelor Parties Are Tame, Except Maybe for the Salmon," *The Wall Street Journal*, May 12, 2006.
- "Six Degrees of Treyf: An Interview with Gary Shteyngart," *The Forward*, April 28, 2006.
- "For God, For Country: Remembering the Radical Chaplain William Sloan Coffin Jr.," *Slate*, April 14, 2006.
- "The Great Debate: At the world championships of high school debate, teenage Demosthenes spouted off about sex, politics and house parties," *Salon*, April 10, 2006.
- "Pizza My Heart: Can the Founder of Domino's Create a Catholic Utopia?," *Slate*, March 14, 2006.
- Interview in *Haaretz*, the Israelie newspaper, Feb. 20-23, 2006.
- "Higher Learning," *Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 17, 2006.
- "A Daughter's-eye View of a Man Who Was a Hero to Many," review of Janna Malamud Smith's *My Father Is a Book*, from *The Forward*, Feb. 10, 2006.
- "The Church's Way on Gay Seminarians," *Details*, Jan./Feb. 2006.
- "Supersede Me: Evangelicals and Conversion of the Jews," *Slate*, Jan. 19, 2006.
- "An Era of Awkward Repression," *The Believer*, February 2005.
- "Fiction in Review: Bernard Malamud," *Yale Review*, Winter 2004.
- Pope John XXIII*, by Thomas Cahill. *The New York Times*, Feb. 24, 2002.
- "Bright Union Years," *The American Scholar*, Spring 2003.
- "The Sixties' Surprising Legacy: Changing Our Notions of the Possible," *Chronicle of Higher Education Review*, Oct. 8, 2003.
- "Who Lives? Who Dies? A Profile of Peter Singer," *Christian Century*, July 3-10, 2002.
- "Love in the Time of E-Mail," *Northeast Magazine*, Feb. 10, 2002.
- "For God, Not Country: The Un-American Theology of Stanley Hauerwas," *Lingua Franca*, September 2001.
- "Cloning and the Cult," *Wall Street Journal*, August 24, 2001.
- "Folk Music in the Catholic Mass," in *Religions of the United States in Practice*, Princeton University Press, 2001.
- "My Word: Today's Christianity Offers Different Bible for

- Everyone," *Harper's*, May 2001.
- "The Black Preacher," *The Hartford Courant*, March 10, 2001.
- "The Oppression of the Godless Minority," *The Hartford Courant*,
November 4, 2000.
- "Salvation for Dummies," *The Hartford Courant*, Oct. 20, 2000.
- "A Shul in Auschwitz," *The Hartford Courant*, Sep. 12, 2000.
- "At August's End: Serving Time in Leftist Summer Camps,"
Yale Review 88:3, July 2000.
- "Memories of a Lesbian Girlhood," *Southwest Review*, Spring
2001.
- "In the Biblical Sense: A Guide to the Booming Christian Sex
Advice Industry," *Slate*, November 29, 1999.
- "Sex and Man at Yale," *Playboy*, November 1998.
- "Why Judy Blume Endures," *The New York Times Book Review*,
November 16, 1997.
- "The President's Analyst," *The New Yorker*, March 10, 1997.
- "My War of the Sexes," *The New York Times*, January 3, 1997.
- Radio
- Guest host, *Colin McEnroe Show*, 2012-.
- Host, *Paper Trails*, Connecticut NPR, 2010-2011.
- Occasional guest, *Talk of the Nation*, *All Things Considered*, *Here and Now*, 2006-.
- "My Summer at a Quaker Nudist Camp," commentary, *Day to Day*, 8/12/05.
- "Where Have All the Hippies Gone?," commentary, *Day to Day*, 9/6/05.
- Judging
- 2010 Goldberg Prize for Jewish Fiction by Emerging Writers.
- Committees
- 2008 National Jewish Book Award.
- Speeches
- (selection)
- Westminster College (Pa.), 2010.
- Kenyon College, April 2008.
- Southern Methodist University, The Gilbert Lecture, Feb. 11, 2008
- Luther College, November 13, 2008
- Jewish Community Center, Springfield, Mass., June 9, 2007
- Washington Hebrew Congregation, Nov. 11, 2005.
- SUNY-Binghamton, Sep. 29, 2005.

Temple Rodef Shalom, Pittsburgh, PA, Feb. 4, 2005.
California State University at Chico , Nov. 18, 2003.
The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, CT, Dec 5, 2000.
The Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, CT, Nov. 3, 2000.

Awards and

Hiatt Prize in the Humanities (\$50,000 prize for young public intellectuals), Dallas Institute for Humanities, 2010.
Koret Young Writer on Jewish Themes Award, Spring 2003.
Center for Study of Religion and American Life, 2002.
Pew Trusts, Institute for Advanced Study of Religion, 2001.
The Gralla Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2000.
Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University, Graduate Fellow.
The Jacob Javits Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, 1998.
The Francke Interdisciplinary Fellowship, Yale University, 1998.
The Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, 1997.
The A. Bartlett Giamatti Fellowship, Yale University, 1997.
The Mellon Undergraduate Research Fellowship, 1996.