

Cecilia Haendler

CURRICULUM VITÆ
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2. Personal

Date of birth: August 17 1988

Place of birth: Bagno a Ripoli (Florence), Italy

Civil status: married plus 1

Citizenship: Italian

3. Research interests

- Rabbinic Literature
- Gender Studies
- Jewish History

4. Education

2017 - 2021 PhD, Jewish Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

Project title: Women-related images as metaphorical source domain in tannaitic corpora

2014 - 2016 M.A., *Judaism in Historical Context: Judaism in Hellenistic-Roman and Islamic-Christian Contexts*, Freie Universität Berlin

Project title: A Feminist Commentary on Tractate Hallah in the Mishnah

2011 - 2014 B.A. in Jewish Studies (Judaistik), Freie Universität Berlin

Project title: The Symbolism of Orlah: The Female image that emerges from the metaphorical charge of a Jewish law

5. Occupational background

2016 Research associate in the research project *A Digital Synopsis of the Mishnah and Tosefta*

Supervisors: Prof. Tal Ilan (Freie Universität Berlin), Prof. Hayim Lapin (University of Maryland)

2013 - 2015 Collaboration in the Papyri-Project *A collection of texts on Jews and Judaism on perishable material from Egypt: 330 BCE to 700 CE*

Supervisors: Prof. Tal Ilan (Freie Universität Berlin), Dr. Noah Hacham (Hebrew University Jerusalem)

6. Professional services

- Reviewer for Journal of Ancient Judaism (Vandenhoeck-Ruprecht editor)

7. Teaching experience

2014 Seminar (full semester): Legal texts in the Hebrew Bible and rabbinic exegesis (co-teaching with Dr. Christiane Tzuberi)

Lecture course (full semester): Ritual writing of *Sifrei Qodesh* in rabbinic culture (tutor, supervised by Dr. Annett Martini)

8. Peer-reviewed publications and conference presentations

PUBLICATIONS

6. 2021 **Haendler, C.**, "Dad and kior (tYom 2:2, mYom 3:10): a tannaitic figurative image," *Journal of Ancient Judaism* (accepted pending minor revisions).
5. 2021 **Haendler, C.**, "Female Images of Torah Study," *Rabbinic Education in Context*, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (forthcoming).
4. 2021 **Haendler, C.**, "Biblical Women in Mishnah and Tosefta," SBL (forthcoming).
3. 2021 **Haendler, C.**, "The Wisest of Women: This is the King of Kings: Rabbinic "Theology" in Gendered Terms (Tosefta Sanhedrin)", in: *Tosefta Studies: Manuscripts, Traditions and Topics* (eds. Lutz Doering and Daniel Schumann; Münsteraner Judaistische Studien 27; Münster: LIT Verlag 2021), 177-193.
2. 2019 **Haendler, C.**, "Women and Priests in Tractate Hallah: Gender readings in rabbinic literature," *Melilah – Manchester Journal in Jewish Studies* vol. 13.
1. 2015 **Haendler, C.**, "Trees as Male and Female: A Biblical Metaphor and its Rabbinic Elaboration," *lectio difficilior - Europäische elektronische Zeitschrift für feministische Exegese*.

CONFERENCE TALKS

16. 2021 **Haendler, C.**, "*The Divine is like a woman...": tannaitic theology between body, gender and estrangement*, at: AJS – Association for Jewish Studies, 53rd Annual Conference, Chicago (December 19-21).

15. 2021 **Haendler, C.**, *Mothers and daughters: an unusual imagery for Divine-human relationship in the tannaitic midrashim*, at: The Third Graduate Students Conference in Halachic and Talmudic Studies, Bar Ilan University (March 14).
14. 2020 **Haendler, C.**, *Time is a woman's body: Tannaitic conceptions of temporality and gender*, at: AJS – Association for Jewish Studies, 52nd Annual Conference, virtual venue (December 13-17).
13. 2019 **Haendler, C.**, *The laver's breasts – imagining the Temple with gender*, at: AJS – Association for Jewish Studies, 51st Annual Conference, San Diego California (December 15-17).
12. 2019 **Haendler, C.**, *„Do not despise your mother" – rabbinic leadership and defensive strategies in gendered terms*, at: SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego California (November 23-26).
11. 2019 **Haendler, C.**, *Borrowing, authority and subject formation in hallah jargon – A reflection on writing a Rabbinic Feminist Commentary*, at: the British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, University of Oxford (July 21-24).
10. 2019 **Haendler, C.**, *Challenging prophetic gendered images of Divine violence and abandonment (tBQ 7:3-4)*, at: Tosefta Workshop, Bar Ilan University, Israel (May 27-28) [invited].
9. 2018 **Haendler, C.**, *A rabbinic matryoshka – a midrash within a parable (tSan 8:9): The Divine as feminine and the world as house*, at: SBL International Meeting, Helsinki (July 30-August 3).
8. 2018 **Haendler, C.**, *The roots of rabbinic hallah: Female labor between Jewish ritual inscription and Roman ideals*, at: the XIth Congress of the European Association for Jewish Studies, Kraków (July 15-19).
7. 2018 **Haendler, C.**, *Women-Related Metaphors in Tannaitic Literature - Doctoral research presentation*, at: the British Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Durham University, Durham (July 9-11).
6. 2017 **Haendler, C.**, *Biblical Women in Mishnah and Tosefta*, at: The Reception of Biblical Women and Gender in Rabbinic Literature, Freie Universität Berlin (December 4-6) [invited].
5. 2017 **Haendler, C.**, *„A priest ... making his dough, likewise a woman ... [making] her dough" (tHallah 1:7): The Priest as a Woman in Tractate Hallah*, at: Seventeenth World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem (August 6-8).
4. 2017 **Haendler, C.**, *The Hallah Commandment as a Women's Task*, at: Fifth Conference for Young Researchers in Jewish Studies: Methods and Disciplines between Germany and Israel, University of Potsdam (July 3-5).
3. 2016 **Haendler, C.**, *Presentation of the project 'A Digital Synopsis of the Mishnah and Tosefta'*, at: Workshop on the Tosefta, University of Münster (November 6-7).

2. 2015 **Haendler, C.**, *A Feminist Commentary on Tractate Hallah in the Mishnah: Nakedness and the Sacred in mHal 2:3*, at: SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta (GA) (November 21-24).
1. 2014 **Haendler, C.**, *Massekhet Orlah*, at: A Folk Unto Themselves – A Workshop on Writing a Feminist Commentary on the Babylonian Talmud, Freie Universität Berlin (February 4-6).

9. Further research activities

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| Work in progress | A Feminist Commentary on the Babylonian Talmud – Massekhet Hallah, Orlah and Bikkurim |
| 2017 | Participation at Advanced Summer School in Judaic Studies, in cooperation with „Katz Center – University of Pennsylvania,“ Hebrew University, Jerusalem (July 30-August 4 2017) |
| 2013 | Internship at the Research Project <i>A Feminist Commentary on the Babylonian Talmud</i> (Index of Gendered Terms in the book: Dal Bo, <i>Massekhet Keritot</i> , FCBT V/7) |

10. Grants and scholarships

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| 2017 - 2020 | A full scholarship for the completion of a PhD project, <i>Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk</i> |
| 2019 | <i>Association of Jewish Studies</i> Travel Grant |
| 2019 | Travel award, <i>Association of Jewish Studies Women's Caucus</i> |
| 2018-2019 | 5 travel grants for presentations on international conferences, <i>Ernst-Reuter-Gesellschaft</i> |
| 2016 - 2017 | 3 travel grants for presentations on national conferences, University of Münster, University of Potsdam and Freie Universität Berlin |
| 2015 - 2019 | 8 travel grants for presentations on international conferences, <i>Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk</i> |
| 2012 - 2016 | A full scholarship for the completion of B.A. and M.A. studies, <i>Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk</i> |

11. Languages

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| Native: | Italian |
| Fluent: | English, Modern Hebrew, German |
| High proficiency: | Biblical Hebrew (Hebraicum), Rabbinic Hebrew
Jewish Babylonian Aramaic
Latin, Ancient Greek |