

Jeremy Cohen

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

2021 – PhD Religious Studies / McMaster University

2016 – MA Religious Studies / Concordia University

2013 – BA Jewish Studies / Concordia University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

July 2021 – Assistant Professor (CLA), McMaster University

SCAR 2M03: Death and Dying, Comparative Views

SCAR 2N03: Death and Dying, Western Views

SCAR 2SG3: Spirits, Ghosts, and Demons

SCAR 2WW3: Health, Healing, and Religion

SCAR 2QQ3: Cults, Conspiracies, and Close Encounters

SCAR 2RN3: Frenemies: Science and Religion

SCAR/ANTHROP 3AR3: Culture and Religion (cross-listed with Anthropology)

PUBLICATIONS

2021 – The Globe & Mail

Cohen, Jeremy. 2021. "Online learning is worsening the already-uneven educational experience for neurodiverse students."

- <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-online-learning-is-worsening-the-already-uneven-educational-experience/>

2021 – Edited Volume: Berghahn Books

Cohen, Jeremy, 2021. "Immortality and Existential Terror: Learning the Language of Living Forever." In, *Beyond the Veil: Reflexive Studies of Death and Dying*. Edited by Aubrey Thamann and Kalliopi M Christodoulaki. Berghahn Books.

2020 – Religions

Cohen, Jeremy. 2020. "Frozen Bodies and Future Imaginaries: Assisted Dying, Cryonics, and a Good Death." *Religions*. 11: 584.

2020 – TheConversation.com

“Cell tower vandals and re-open protestors — why some people believe in coronavirus conspiracies.” - <https://theconversation.com/cell-tower-vandals-and-re-open-protestors-why-some-people-believe-in-coronavirus-conspiracies-138192>

2020 – TheConversation.com

“Coronavirus ‘cures’ for \$170 and other hoaxes: Why some people believe them.” - <https://theconversation.com/coronavirus-cures-for-170-and-other-hoaxes-why-some-people-believe-them-133756>

2019 – Journal of Anthropology and Aging

Cohen, Jeremy, 2019. Review of Stafford, Philip B. *The Global Age-Friendly Community Movement: A Critical Appraisal*. 2019: New York: Berghahn Books. pp. 272.

2017 – JRC Journal of Religion & Culture

Cohen, Jeremy, 2017. “Privileging the Lens: Framing Islamic Violence and the Creation of Authoritative Discourses” in, *Journal of Religion and Culture*, vol. 27, no.1 pp. 35-50

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

2021 - Digital Anti-Racism Education Certificate

2-part virtual training and workshop offered by the Canadian Council of Muslim Women.

2020 - The Mary Margaret Scammell Travel Scholarship

Travel scholarship via department nomination.

2019 – Visiting Graduate Scholar, UCLA

Visiting Graduate Scholar, Department of Anthropology, UCLA.

2019 – SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Travel Supplement

Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

2019 – SGS Grant in Aid of Travel Research

Grant from the School of Graduate Studies, in aid of research and travel.

2018 – SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship

Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

2018 – American Anthropological Association Certificate

“Teaching Anthropology: Theory and Method for the 21st Century” pedagogy workshop.

2017 – OGS Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Fellowship grant from the Ontario government.

INVITED TALKS

2021 – University of Bergen

“Technoscientific Immortality: A Study of Human Futures” Research Project online seminar.

2019 – Queen’s University

RELS 221: New Religious Movements. “Meeting the immortalists”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

November 2022 – American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Paper: Fear of a Transhuman Future: Metaverse, Neuralink, and the New World Order.

Paper: The Fountain of Perpetual Youth is Within: The Metaphysical Origins of Contemporary Immortality Narratives.

Roundtable: Working and Teaching Outside the Academy: A Roundtable on Death, Dying, and Beyond Landscapes

June 2022 – RAI2022: Anthropology, AI and the Future of Human Society

Paper: The Fountain of Perpetual Youth is Within: The Metaphysical Origins of Contemporary Immortality Narratives.

November 2021 – American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Paper: The Afflicted and the Actively Well: The Redefinition of Death Among Radical Life Extension Activists.

November 2021 – American Academy of Religion (AAR) (Canceled)

Roundtable: Death / La Muerte / La Mort: An Experiment in North American Communication

November 2020 – American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Paper: Creating Future Bodies: The Biosocial Imaginaries of Cryonics and Medical Aid in Dying.

November 2019 – American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Paper: Live Long Enough to Live Forever: Performance, Power, and the Creation of Immortal Bodies.

May 2019 – Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR)

Paper: How to Live Forever: Competing Discourses and Practices Within Radical Life-Extension Communities.

November 2018 – American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Paper: Hope, Healing and Technological Progress at a Conference on Radical-Longevity.

May 2018 – Restorying Canada

Paper: Virtually Dead: The Life and Death of Digital Representations.

September 2017 – Crossing Over: Interdisciplinary Conference on Death

Paper: Digital Artifacts & Death: Understanding Post-Mortem Communication

CAMPUS TALKS

2022 –

SCAR 1SC3: The Big Questions – “Transhumanism and Cryonics”

2021 –

SCAR 1B03: What on Earth is Religion? – “Anthropology of Religion”

2020 –

SCAR 1B03: What on Earth is Religion? – “Transhumanism and Ethnography”

2019 –

ANTHROP 3P03: “Doing Ethnography: Theory and Research Methods”

RELIGST 2N03: Death & Dying: Western Experience – “Ethics of Immortality”

RELIGST 1B03: What on Earth is Religion? – “Transhumanism and Ethnography”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sessional Instructor, McMaster University

SCAR 2M03: Death and Dying, Comparative Views (Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021)

Teacher’s Assistant, McMaster University

RELIGST 2N03: Death and Dying, The Western Experience (2019)

RELIGST 2WW3: Health, Healing and Religion (2018)

RELIGST 2NT3: From Jesus to Apocalypse (2018)

RELIGST 2QQ3: Cults & New Religious Movements (2017)

ANTHROP 3AR3: Culture & Religion (2016)

Teacher’s Assistant, Concordia University

RELI 378: Death and Dying (2016)

RELI 331: Literature and the Holocaust (2015)

PROJECTS

Co-Founder, HARN (Human Augmentation Research Network)

Interdisciplinary working group for graduate students and early-career scholars studying human augmentation, science, religion & transhumanism. HARN is hosted by the *Center for Religion and the Human* at Indiana University, within the Religion, Science and Technology division.

- <https://crh.indiana.edu/projects/religion-science-technology/human-augmentation-research-network.html>

Co-Founder & Editor, TalkDeath.com

TalkDeath.com is an online resource, blog and multimedia website dedicated to fostering healthy conversations around death and dying.

2017 – ReStoryingCanada.com

ReStorying Canada: Religion and Public Memory was a three-day interdisciplinary conference and art event. This site is an archive of abstracts, video, and audio from that event, built by me in collaboration with Hillary Kaell, Pamela Klassen and Emma Anderson.

- <http://www.restoryingcanada.com>

2013 – Public Ethnographic Exhibit

Ethnography and public exhibit of the Sisters of Charity including recorded interviews, photographs and material documents in Montreal.

- <http://www.hillarykaell.com/grey-nuns.html>

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2022 – Undergraduate supervising

Supervising two independent study projects about transhumanism.

2021 – Undergraduate Affairs Committee

Committee member for Departmental Undergraduate Affairs Committee.

2017-2021 – Digital Communications Director

Digital marketing, and poster, [video](#), and website creation.

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2022 - President's Advisory Committee for Building an Inclusive Community (PACBIC)

Member of McMaster's Disability Inclusion, Madness, Accessibility, and NeuroDiversity (DIMAND) working group.

2019-2021 – President / Executive Committee Member

McMaster Graduate Student Association for Religious Studies (GSARS)

2019-2021 – Board Member

Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR)

2017-2019 – Vice-President

McMaster Graduate Student Association for Religious Studies (GSARS)

2016 – Invited Talk Organizer

Organized a lecture and Q&A event with former Westboro Baptist Church sisters, Megan and Grace Phelps-Roper on behalf of Concordia University Religious Studies Student Association.

2015 – President

Concordia University Religious Studies Student Association

2015 – Conference Organizing Committee

Concordia's Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference organizer

MEDIA

2022 – Coast to Coast AM (December 9th)

"Death Rituals Around the World" 2-hour live radio interview. -

<https://www.coasttocoastam.com/show/2022-12-09-show/>

2022 –Inverse Magazine

Ward, Peter. "The Cults That Survive Even When the Prophecy Fails." -

<https://www.inverse.com/culture/cult-survival-tactic>

2022 –The Price of Immortality

Interviewed and featured in journalist Peter Ward's 2022 book, *The Price of Immortality*.

2022 – The Ernest Becker Foundation

"Let's Talk About Death: An Interview with Mandy Benoualid and Jeremy Cohen" -

<https://ernestbecker.org/this-mortal-life/death-acceptance/mandy-benoualid-and-jeremy-cohen/>

2020 – 900CHML Global News Radio

Interview on Scott Ridley Show about Coronavirus conspiracies.

2020 – Hamilton Spectator, Postmedia

Clarke, Katrina. "Conspiracy theories abound during the COVID-19 pandemic. Why?"

- <https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/2020/04/27/conspiracy-theories-abound-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-why.html>

2020 – 900CHML Global News Radio

Interview about conspiracy theories and the novel coronavirus.

2018 – When You Die Podcast

“Death Salon with Mandy Benoualid and Jeremy Cohen from TalkDeath.com”