OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

a. Name: Dr. Michael J. Pytlik

b. Department: Anthropology and Religious Studies

c. Rank: Adjunct Assistant Professor

2. EDUCATION

Degree Institution Date Subject

Ph.D. Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies January 2015 Jewish Studies

M. A. Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies December 2009 Jewish Education/Studies

B. A. Saginaw Valley State University June 1992 History/Philosophy

3. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

a. Teaching Experience Not as a Graduate Student: n/a

Institution Rank Date Full or Part Time

b. Teaching Experience as a Graduate Student:

Institution Rank Dates

Oakland University Special Lecturer 2009-2012

c. Other Relevant Professional Experience:

Institution Rank/Title Dates

Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit Instructor, numerous courses 2008-2017

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES; indicate how

each item was selected (referees; editor; invitation, etc.) for publication or presentation

a. Doctoral dissertation: *Imagining David, The Man and King: Looking Through the Lenses of Archaeology, History and the Jewish Tradition* (2015, Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies). Committee: Dr. Byron Sherwin, Dr. Dean Bell, Dr. Leonard Greenspoon

Research in progress:

Pending – co-authored an article, conducted research with Oakland students in Israel, summer 2017, focused on the ancient Assyrian siege ramp at the site of Lachish. Co-authored with Dr. Jon Carroll and Yosef Garfinkel.

Pending - co-authored article on the excavations using GIS technology in Israel (with Dr. Jon Carroll).

In Progress - co-author chapter in forthcoming excavation report from the Fourth Expedition to Lachish (Israel - with Dr. Jon Carroll).

Courses:

AN 3563, Archaeology Sacred Sites/Jerusalem

AN 3562, Archaeology of Israel

REL1200, Introduction to Judaism

REL3710, Written Traditions of Judaism

REL3720, God/Man in Judaism

AN3900/REL 3900, Monotheistic Mysticism

REL1850, World Religious Traditions

AN4996, 3900, Archaeological Field School in Israel/Study Abroad

**Awards and Honors:**

Nov. 2018 – nominated by Kelly Conway for University Advancement Core Value Award for Dedication to Excellence for large gift project (Cis Maisel Judaic Studies Program).

Recipient of the "Order of the Plume" Award, Oakland University, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Recipient of the "Inspiration Award" from the Honor's College student, Louise Haven, November 2012

Professional memberships:

Board Member and reviewer for the journal, Michigan Jewish Historical Society (invited), April, 2018.

American Schools of Oriental Research

Midwest Jewish Studies Association

Board Member, Fall 2012 - present, Midwest Jewish Studies Association.

Member and 2011 Annual Conference Chair of the Midwest Jewish Studies Assn. annual meeting at Oakland University - brought the conference to OU and hosted/facilitated event.

Co-Chair: Muslim/Jewish Interfaith dialogue project, *Children of Abraham (*2008-2009).