

Hava Tirosh-Samuelson: A Short Bio

Professor Hava Tirosh-Samuelson is Irving and Miriam Lowe Professor of Modern Judaism, the Director of Jewish Studies, and Professor of History at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. She holds a Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1978), and a BA in Religious Studies from SUNY-Stony Brook, New York (1974). Prior to joining the faculty of Arizona State University in 1999, she taught at Indiana University (1991-1999), Emory University in Atlanta (1988-1991), Columbia University in New York (1982-1988), and Hebrew Union College in New York (1980-1982).

Tirosh-Samuelson is a Jewish intellectual historian who focuses on the interplay of philosophy and mysticism, Judaism and science, and Judaism and ecology. In addition to over 50 essays and book chapters, she is the **author** of *Between Worlds: The Life and Work of Rabbi David ben Judah Messer Leon* (1991) which received the award of the Hebrew University for the best work in Jewish history for 1991, and the author of *Happiness in Premodern Judaism: Virtue, Knowledge and Well-Being in Premodern Judaism* (2003). She is also the **editor** of *Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed World* (2002); *Women and Gender in Jewish Philosophy* (2004); *Judaism and the Phenomenon of Life: The Legacy of Hans Jonas* (2008); *Building Better Humans? Refocusing the Debate on Transhumanism* (2011); *Hollywood's Chosen People: The Jewish Experience in American Cinema* (2012); *Jewish Philosophy for the Twenty-First Century: Personal Reflections* (2014); and *Perfecting Human Futures: Transhuman Visions and Technological Imaginations* (2016) and *The Enduring Legacy of Salo W. Baron* (2017). Professor Tirosh-Samuelson is the **editor-in-chief** of the LIBRARY OF CONTEMPORARY JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS (2013-2017), a series of 20 books featuring outstanding Jewish thinkers today.

Within the field of science and religion, she explores the interplay of religion, science and technology with a focus on transhumanism. She is the PI or Co-PI of several Templeton funded projects: 1) "Facing the Challenges of Transhumanism: Religion, Science, and Technology" (2006-2010); 2) "The Transhumanist Imagination: Innovation, Secularization and Eschatology" (2012-14); and "Beyond Secularization: Piloting New Approaches for the Study of Religion, Science, and Technology in Public Life" (2016-2018). These grants have funded symposia, public lectures, faculty seminars, and international conferences. Tirosh-Samuelson is a member of International Society of Science and Religion (ISSR) and serves on the academic board of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. As Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at ASU, Tirosh-Samuelson manages the international society, Judaism, Science and Medicine Group (JSMG) and organizes its annual conferences.