Alyssa Gray, J.D., Ph.D., has been granted tenure as Associate Professor of Codes and Responsa Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), as of July 1, 2009.

In announcing Dr. Gray’s tenure, Rabbi David Ellenson, HUC-JIR President, said, “Alyssa Gray’s distinguished scholarship, gifted teaching, and dedicated mentorship of our students reflects the ethos of our institution as a center for intellectual, spiritual, academic development and leadership training. Her research and publications in Talmud and Rabbinics have added significant contributions to the field.”

Dr. Gray first joined HUC-JIR as Instructor of Codes and Responsa Literature in July, 2000, was promoted to Assistant Professor in January, 2001, and to Associate Professor of Codes and Responsa Literature in July, 2007. She received her Ph.D. in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and also holds an LL.M. in Mishpat Ivri (Jewish Law) from the Hebrew University Faculty of Law. Prior to pursuing her advanced studies in rabbinic literature and Jewish law, she was associated with Davis Polk & Wardwell, where she practiced law as a commercial litigator. She also graduated from Barnard College (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa), the Jewish Theological Seminary (Seminary College, now List College), and the Columbia University School of Law.

Dr. Gray’s interests include the history and development of Talmudic literature, the
history of the halakhah, and Jewish law and contemporary legal theory. She has written on a number of topics, notably martyrdom in the Palestinian Talmud, the redactions of the Babylonian and Palestinian Talmuds, the relationship of halakhah and law, treatments of sexuality in the Babylonian Talmud and medieval halakhic works, liturgy, and the medieval halakhic texts concerning women as givers of *tsedaqah*.


Dr. Gray has been invited to speak in a variety of academic and non-academic settings in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Latin America, including Yale University, the University of Chicago Divinity School, Williams College, New York University, Florida Atlantic University, Society of Biblical Literature, Freehof Institute for Progressive Halakha, Jewish Law Association, Association for Jewish Studies, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Freehof Institute for Progressive Halakha, Limmud UK, the Union for Reform Judaism, Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, and the World Union for Progressive Judaism, as well as numerous synagogue settings.

Dr. Gray is active in the profession, as a member of the editorial board of the *Hebrew Union College Annual*, and having served as a sub-editor for Early Judaism at *Religious Studies Review*, and as a board member of the Women's Caucus of the Association for Jewish Studies.