

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Religious & Theological Studies - concentration in Biblical Interpretation/Hebrew Bible, Joint Doctoral Program, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology
- 2012 Certificate, Historical & Archaeological Conservation, International Conservation Center Città di Roma in Akko, Israel
- 2008 M.A., Bible & Ancient Semitic Languages, Jewish Theological Seminary
- 2005 B.A., Biblical Studies, Patten University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-Present Program Manager & Lecturer, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver
- 2013-Present Visiting Lecturer, Department of Religion, Colorado College

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2018 *Moses among the Idols: Mediators of the Divine in the Ancient Near East*, Fortress Academic Monographs, Fortress Academic Press / Lexington Books

Edited Volumes

- 2019 "The Tree of Life in Ancient Near Eastern Iconography" in *The Tree of Life*, Themes in Biblical Narrative Series, edited by Douglas Estes, Brill Publishing

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2019 "The Mesopotamian *Mis-Pi* Ceremony & Clifford Geertz's "Thick Description": Principles

for Studying the Cultural Webs of the Deceased,” *Distant Worlds Journal*, Special Issue: Cultural Anthropology and the Study of the Ancient World

- 2018 “Teaching Outside of Your Tradition: 4 Suggestions Toward Transformational Pedagogy,” *Didaktikos: Journal of Theological Education* 2:1

Book Chapters

- 2016 “Introduction” co-authored with Douglas Mangum in *Lexham Methods Series, Vol. 3: Social & Historical Approaches*, Lexham Press

“Social Scientific Criticism” co-authored with Coleman Baker in *Lexham Methods Series, Vol. 3: Social & Historical Approaches*, Lexham Press

“Source Criticism” co-authored with Dan Cole and Wendy Widder in *Lexham Methods Series, Vol. 3: Social & Historical Approaches*, Lexham Press

Commentaries & Guides

- 2019 *Julius Wellhausen’s Prolegomena to the History of Israel*, The Macat Library: Great Works for Critical Thinking, Routledge

- 2019 *Ruth*, Lexham Research Commentaries, Lexham Press

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2018 “Shabbat” in *Women in World Religions: Faith and Culture Across History, Volume 2*, edited by Susan de-Gaia, ABC-CLIO

- 2015 10 articles authored for *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John Barry, Lexham Press:

Baal Cycle; Critical Issues: Israel - History of; Critical Issues: Kings - 1st & 2nd Books of; Deir All Inscription; Elijah the Prophet; Elisha the Prophet; Ezra - Book of; Moses; Sefire Treaties; Shechem - City of; Tel Dan Stele

Translation

- 2012 “Book of Proverbs,” *Lexham English Bible*, Lexham Press (available on all major Bible websites and apps)

Editorial Work

- 2016 Associate Editor, *Lexham Methods Series, Vol. 3: Social & Historical Approaches*, Lexham Press

- 2016 Contributing Editor (Exodus, Numbers, Kings), *Faithlife Study Bible*, Lexham Press

- 2015 6 articles edited for *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John Barry, Lexham Press:

Ahasuerus the King; Ezra - leader of the exiles; Jeshua - ancient name; Judges - Book of; Redeemer; Seir - Hill country of

2014 Contributing Editor (Pentateuch, Historical Books, Minor Prophets), *DIY Bible Study*, Lexham Press

Book Reviews

2018 Herbert R. Broderick, *Moses the Egyptian in the Illustrated Old English Hexateuch*, AAR Reading Religion

2017 Philip R. Davies, *The History of Ancient Israel: A Guide for the Perplexed*, AAR Reading Religion

2016 Theodore Ziolkowski, *Uses and Abuses of Moses: Literary Representations Since the Enlightenment*. AAR Reading Religion

2012 John F.A. Sawyer, *Sacred Texts and Sacred Meanings: Studies in Biblical Language and Literature*. *Theological Book Review* 24 (2012): 8-9.

2011 *Genesis: Texts @ Contexts*. Edited by Athalya Brenner, Archie Chi Chung Lee, and Gale A. Yee. *Theological Book Review* 23 (2011): 19-20.

Manuscripts in Submission

Revise & Resubmit - "Negotiating Moses's Divine/Human Identity in LXX Exodus" *Journal for Septuagint and Cognate Studies*

Under Review - "Israel's Raging Bulls: A Natural History Approach to Bull Imagery, Righteous Anger & the Episode of the Golden Calf (Exod 32-34)" *Journal of Biblical Literature*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Book *Human Ecology & the Ancient Near East* (working title)

Articles "From Lebanon to the Amazon: Deforestation in the ancient Near East and Its Implications for Modern Eco-Crises" *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture*

"Sacrifice: Engaging the Wild Within and Without" *Journal of Religion*

"To Compare or Not to Compare — Is That (Still) a Question?" *Journal of Cultural & Religious Theory*

HONORS AND AWARDS

2008 Edith and Stuart Marks Prize in Semitics, Jewish Theological Seminary

2005 Senior Thesis Award, "Jesus & Ritual Impurity," Patten University

Baker Book Award, Patten University

2004 Biblical and Theological Studies Award, Patten University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015 Joint Doctoral Program Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology, Joint Doctoral Program

1st Bank Conference Travel Grant, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

2014 University Library Association - Collection Development Project Grant, University of Denver

The Center for the Study of Government and the Individual Scholarship, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Knapsack Institute, Social Justice Pedagogy Training and Course Development

2012 Conservation Training Fellowship, International Conservation Center Città di Roma

2011 Humanities Institute Student Travel and Research Grant, University of Denver, Division of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Irwin E. Vinnik Fellowship for Advanced Study in Israel, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

1st Bank Conference Travel Grant, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

2010 Dr. Irwin E. Vinnik Fellowship for Advanced Study in Israel, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

1st Bank Conference Travel Grant, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences & Symposia Organized

2018 “Inscribing the Sacred: Reading, Writing & the Origins of the Bible as a Book,” 2-day symposia in connection with the visiting exhibit *The Dead Sea Scrolls* at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Annual Week of Jewish Philosophy, a Project of DU & CU Boulder, 3-day symposia organized in connection with position as Program Manager at the University of Denver Center for Judaic Studies

Biennial Seminar in Hebrew Pedagogy, 3-day conference organized in connection with position as Program Manager at the University of Denver Center for Judaic Studies

Sessions & Panels Organized

In Progress Comparison in Biblical Studies (title to be confirmed), SBL Annual Meeting
The Bible & Pop-Culture, Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

Papers Presented

- 2018 “The Ambiguity of Idol Worlds” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting
“The Mesopotamian *Mis-Pi* Ceremony & Clifford Geertz's ‘Thick Description’: A Case Study in the Symbolic Webs of the Deceased” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
“Sacrifice & the Art of Domestication” Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2017 “The Paradox of Materiality in Ancient Mesopotamian Divine Images” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
“Agents of Order in a World of Mud: Flood, Architecture, and the New Year Festival in Ancient Babylon” College Art Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 “The Domestication of the Aurochs and the ‘Heat of His Nostrils’: Rereading the Wrath of Yahweh and Moses in Light of Natural History (Exod 32-34)” Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2015 “Circumcising the Mouth of Moses: A New Comparative Method for the Fields of Assyriology and Biblical Studies” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
“Idolizing Moses, the Embodiment of God” Duke University, Material Religion: Embodiment, Materiality, Technology Conference
- 2013 “Grouting for Caesar: The High Level Aqueduct and Vault Complex at Caesarea After 20 Years” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting
- 2011 “‘He is Our Brother’: Shechem's Covenant History and the Story of Abimelech (Judges 8:30-9:57)” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
“Forsaking the Original: Multiformity of Memory and the Cry of Dereliction in Textual History (Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34)” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
“Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Papyrus Amherst 63, Psalm 20, and the Future of Comparison” Society of Biblical Literature, International Meeting
“The Economics of Intellect: Trade and the Exchange of Ideas in the Ancient Near East” Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

2010 “Obligation or *Hesed*? Rereading the Legal Situation in the Book of Ruth” Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

Panels Moderated

2018 Philosophers & Theory, Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

2017 Hebrew Bible, Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

CAMPUS & DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

2015 “Citations of the Hebrew Bible in the Gospel of Matthew” Panel Discussion, Iliff School of Theology

2013 “Tools for Advanced Study of Hebrew: How to Use *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar*” Workshop, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology

“Who is a Samaritan?” Lecture and Panel Discussion with Dr. Menahem Mor and Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum, Center for Judaic Studies - University of Denver

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Regis University, College of Professional Studies, 2018-Present

Judaism: Faith, History, Culture (8-week 1, 2018; Online format)

University of Denver, Dept. of Religious Studies & Center for Judaic Studies, 2017-Present

Comparative Method in the Study of Religion (Graduate Independent Study; Spring Quarter 2018)

Creation & Humanity (Spring Quarter 2017, 2018)

Emergence of Monotheism (Winter Quarter 2018; Spring Quarter 2019)

The Moses Traditions (Winter Quarter 2019)

+ advisor on BA & MA thesis projects

Colorado College, Department of Religious Studies, 2013-Present

Creation & Humanity (Block-6 2016)

Creation & Humanity in Antiquity (Block-5 2014)

Judaism (Block-4 2014, 2017, 2018; Block 7 2014, 2016)

Hebrew Bible (Block-3, 2013)

Iliff School of Theology

Biblical Hebrew I (Fall Quarter 2012)

Biblical Hebrew II (Winter Quarter 2013)

Hebrew Bible (Winter Quarter 2017; Hybrid format)

Hebrew Bible Exegesis (Spring Quarter 2013)

Volunteer Tutoring at Biblical Languages Help Desk (Fall Quarter 2010-Spring Quarter 2011)

University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, Department of Philosophy

Hebrew Bible & Its Context (Fall Semester 2013)

Women & Religion (Spring Semester 2014)

Private Instructor & Tutor

Aramaic & Biblical Hebrew (Fall 2011-Spring 14)

University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology, Teaching Assistant

Hebrew Bible, University of Denver, Dr. Alison Schofield (Winter Quarter 2011)

Hebrew Bible, Iliff School of Theology, Dr. Amy Erickson (Fall Quarter 2010, Winter 2011)

Jewish Philosophy, University of Denver, Dr. Sarah Pessin (Winter Quarter 2011)

ADDITIONAL COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Religious Studies

Early Judaism

Introduction to the Study of Religion

World Religions

Biblical Studies

New Testament & Early Christianity

Origins & Transmission of the Bible

The Bible & the Pickaxe

Ancient Near East

Ancient Near Eastern Religions

Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

Mesopotamia: Fact & Fiction

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient

Akkadian, Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, Ugaritic

Modern

French (Intermediate Reading; some conversational)

German (Can read with dictionary; no conversational)

Hebrew (Can read with dictionary; some conversational)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK

- 2011 Khirbet Qeiyafa Archaeological Project, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2010 Megiddo Expedition, Tel Aviv University & George Washington University
- 2009 Tel Dor Excavation, Hebrew University of Jerusalem & University of Haifa

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2018 “The Bible & Money” Lecture, Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church
- “The Dead Sea Scrolls, Then and Now” Lecture, various locations, In connection with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science exhibit *The Dead Sea Scrolls*
- 2017 “Moses: Yahweh’s Mediator” Study Group, Temple Sinai - Denver
- 2015 “Humanity in the World: Genesis 1” 2-Day Class, Father Dyer United Methodist Church
- “Reading the Old Testament Today” 5-Week Series, Hope United Methodist Church
- “Moses and God, Face to Face” 2-Day Class, Father Dyer United Methodist Church
- “Connecting the Testaments” 5-Week Series, Hope United Methodist Church

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2007-Present Society of Biblical Literature
- 2008-Present American Academy of Religion
- 2012-Present American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2016-Present College Art Association
- 2016-Present International Association of Word and Image Studies

REFERENCES

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