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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
Near Eastern Studies (Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitic Languages), 1997
Thesis: “A Biblical Story-Collection: Daniel 1-6”
Supervisors: Delbert R. Hillers and P. Kyle McCarter
- B.A.** Oak Hills Bible College, Bemidji, Minnesota (Major: Biblical Studies; Minor:
Philosophy), 1988

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., Dept. of Classics and Ancient
Mediterranean Studies (CAMS)
CAMS Department Head, 2022-present
Associate Professor of CAMS & Jewish Studies Program, 2013-present
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa., Dept. of Religious Studies
Assistant Professor, 1999-2004; Associate Professor, 2004-2010; Professor, 2010-2013
- DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., Dept. of Religious Studies
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1998-1999
- St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md., Ecumenical Institute
Part-time Assistant Professor, 1997-1998
- Central College, Pella, Iowa, Dept. of Philosophy and Religious Studies
Visiting Instructor, 1995-1996
- The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., Dept. of Near Eastern Studies
Teaching Fellow, 1992-1993, 1994-1995

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2020- Editorial Board, *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*. Leiden: Brill.
- 2020- International Advisory Board, "From Texts to Literature: Demotic Egyptian Papyri and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible," directed by Bernd Schipper of the Humboldt University (supported by the European Research Council)
- 2019-2022 President, Colloquium for Biblical Research
- 2019- Steering Committee, Aramaic Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature
- 2018- Eisenbrauns Editorial Committee for Penn State University Press
- 2016- Epigrapher for The University of Vienna Middle Egypt Project at Sheikh Faḍl
- 2015-2019 Co-chair of the Aramaic Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature
- 2014- Grant proposal review panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities
- 2014 Area consultant, *SBL Handbook of Style*, 2nd ed. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014
- 1999-2000 Assistant Editor of *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*
- 1999-2000 Translator of articles from German to English for *Hugoye* journal
- 1996-1998 Research Assistant for "Tadmor: The Johns Hopkins Palmyra Project," directed by D. R. Hillers

Peer-review reader for academic journals and presses: *Aramaic Studies*; Cambridge University Press; *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia*; *Journal of Ancient Judaism*; *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*; *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*; *Journal of the American Oriental Society*; *Maarav: A Journal of Northwest Semitic*; Mohr Siebeck

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2015-2016
- Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Faculty Professional Development Council grant, 2005, 2007, 2009
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania Senate Fellowship, 2005, 2008, 2009
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania Senate Research Committee award, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008
- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion grant, 2006
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2004
- DePauw University Faculty Development Committee grant, 1999
- Near Eastern Studies Department Fellowship, The Johns Hopkins University, 1990-96
- Samuel Iwry Fellowship for Hebrew scholars, The Johns Hopkins University; awarded for academic years 1991-92 and 1993-94

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Aramaic Literary Texts*. Writings from the Ancient World. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature. In press.
- *Of Courtiers and Kings: The Biblical Daniel Narratives and Ancient Story-Collections*. Explorations in Ancient Near Eastern Cultures 1. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2013. Pp. xvi + 576. ISBN: 978-1-57506-260-0
 - Review: R.S. Briggs, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 38 (2014): 106-107.

- Review: Paul L. Redditt, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 529-31.
- Review: Jordan M. Scheetz, *Review of Biblical Literature* 01/2015 at: http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/9573_10589.pdf
- Review: Brad E. Kelle, *Religious Studies Review* 41 (2015): 20.
- Review: Alexander A. Di Lella, *Biblica* 96 (2015): 453-56.
- Review: Martin Rösel, *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 128 (2016): 163.
- Review: Arie van der Kooij, *Bibliotheca orientalis* 74 (2017): 168-70.

Books, Forthcoming and in Progress:

- *Introduction to Imperial and Late Imperial Aramaic*. Textbook under revision.
- *Aramaic Literature*. Berlin: De Gruyter, under contract.
- *Crossing Boundaries through Cultural Memory in Papyrus Amherst 63: Critical Edition with Commentary*. Berlin: De Gruyter; solicited by the publisher and in progress.

Edited Books:

- Tawny Holm (ed.) *The Literary Language of the Bible: The Collected Essays of Luis Alonso-Schökel*. BIBAL Collected Essays 3. North Richland Hills, Texas: BIBAL Press, 2000.
- Tawny Holm and Juan Pedro Monferrer Sala (eds.) *Syria, Mesopotamia, and the Comparative Study of Semitic Languages*. Languages of the Ancient Near East. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, accepted by series general editor and in process.
- Tawny Holm (ed.) *Handbook of Religions in the Ancient Near East*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Under contract and near completion.

Articles & Book Chapters:

- “Death, the Afterlife, and Other Last Things: Syria-Canaan.” Pp. 479-80 in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, ed. Sarah Iles Johnston. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap at Harvard University Press, 2004.
- “Daniel 1-6: A Biblical Story-Collection.” Pp. 149-66 in *Ancient Fiction: The Matrix of Early Christianity and Jewish Narrative*, ed. Jo-Ann A. Brant et al. Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series 32. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
- “Literature.” Pp. 253-65 in *A Companion to the Ancient Near East*, ed. Daniel Snell. Hardback ed. Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishing, 2005.
- “Ancient Near Eastern Literature: Genres and Forms.” Pp. 269-88 in *A Companion to the Ancient Near East*, ed. Daniel Snell. 2nd expanded ed. Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.
- “The Sheikh Fadl Inscription in Its Literary and Historical Context.” *Aramaic Studies* 5 (2007): 193-224.
- “The Fiery Furnace in the Book of Daniel and the Ancient Near East.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society (JAOS)* 128 (2008): 85-104.
- “Moses in the Prophets and the Writings of the Hebrew Bible.” Pp. 37-57 in *Illuminating Moses: A History of Reception from Exodus to the Renaissance*, ed. Jane Beal. Leiden: Brill, 2013.
- “Memories of Sennacherib in Aramaic Tradition.” Pp. 295-323 in *Sennacherib at the Gates of Jerusalem (701 B.C.E.): Story, History and Historiography*, ed. Isaac Kalimi and Seth Richardson. Culture and History of the Ancient Near East 71. Leiden: Brill, 2014.

- “Nanay and Her Lover: An Aramaic Sacred Marriage Text from Egypt.” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies (JNES)* 76 (2017): 1-37.
- “Preliminary Report on the Investigation of a Late Period Tomb with Aramaic Inscription at el-Sheikh Fadl/Egypt.” Authored by: E. Christiana Köhler, Delphine Driaux, Sylvie Marchand, Tawny Holm, and Arianne Capirci. *Ägypten und Levante/Egypt and the Levant* 28 (2018): 55-84.
- “Book of Daniel.” In *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.ORE_REL-00152.R1
- “Royal Women Sages in Aramaic Literature: The Unnamed Queen in Daniel 5 and Saritrah in the ‘Revolt of Babylon.’” Pp. 151-74 in *From Mari to Jerusalem and Back: Assyriological and Biblical Studies in Honor of Jack Murad Sasson*, ed. A. Azzoni et al. University Park: Eisenbrauns, 2020.
- “Nanay(a) among the Arameans: New Light from P. Amherst 63.” Pp. 92-116 in *New Perspectives on Aramaic Epigraphy in Mesopotamia, Qumran, Egypt and Idumea: Proceedings of the Joint RIAB Minerva Center and the Jeselsohn Epigraphic Center of Jewish History*. Ed. A. Maeir et al. Research on Israel and Aram in Biblical Times 2. ORA 40. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021.
- “In Praise of Gods & Goddesses in Aramean Egypt: Papyrus Amherst 63.” Pp. 301-24 in *Hymnen und Aretologien im antiken Mittelmeerraum: Von Inana bis Isis*, ed. L. Bricault and M.A. Stadler. Philippika 154. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2021.
- “Papyrus Amherst 63 and the Arameans of Egypt: A Landscape of Cultural Nostalgia.” Pp. 323-51 in *Elephantine in Context: Studies on the History, Religion and Literature of the Judeans in Persian Period Egypt*, ed. R. G. Kratz and B.U. Schipper. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 155. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022.
- “Sacrifice and Feasting in Papyrus Amherst 63.” Pp. 135-68 in *Ceremonies, Feasts and Festivities in Ancient Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean World: Performance and Participation. Proceedings of the 11th Melammu Workshop, Barcelona, 29-31 January 2019*, ed. R. Da Riva, A. Arroyo, and C. Debours. Melammu Workshops and Monographs 7. Münster: Zaphon Verlag, 2022.
- “The Wandering Arameans in Egypt: Papyrus Amherst 63.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 12 (2023): 157-79.
- “Bethel and Yahō: A Tale of Two Gods in Egypt,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 23 (2023): 25-55.
- “The Aramaic ‘Inaros’ Inscription at el-Sheikh Fadl,” *Interdisciplinary Egyptology (IntEg)*, forthcoming.
- “Samaritans in the Egyptian Diaspora.” In *Yahwism under the Achaemenid Empire (Professor Shaul Shaked in memoriam)*, eds. Gad Barnea and Reinhard Kratz. BZAW. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming.
- “Western Aramaic Elements in Papyrus Amherst 63, the Aramaic Text in Demotic Script.” In *Syria, Mesopotamia, and the Comparative Study of Semitic Languages*, ed. T.L. Holm and J.P. Monferrer-Sala. Languages of the Ancient Near East. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, forthcoming.
- “Ancient and Modern Translatabilities.” In *Handbook of Religions in the Ancient Near East*, ed. T.L. Holm. Oxford: Oxford University Press, under contract and in progress.

- “Aramean Religion in Egypt.” In *Handbook of Religions in the Ancient Near East*, ed. T.L. Holm. Oxford: Oxford University Press, under contract and in progress.
- “Aramaic Prayers in Demotic Script in a Papyrus from Egypt (Papyrus Amherst 63).” In *Prayer in the Ancient World*, ed. Daniel K. Falk and Rodney A. Werline. Leiden: Brill, under contract and in progress.
- “The Lost Goddess in Hebrew Psalm 68.” In progress.
- “Women’s Cultic Agency in Aramaic Texts.” In progress.

Shorter Articles & Contributions:

- “Chaldea,” “Codex Ephraemi Syri,” and “Legend.” Pp. 229-30, 267, and 799 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. D.N. Freedman. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.
- “Astarte.” Pp. 561-63 in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, vol. 1, ed. Lindsay Jones. 2nd ed. New York: Macmillan, 2005.
- “David. Further considerations.” Pp. 2224-25 in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, vol. 4, ed. Lindsay Jones. 2nd ed. New York: Macmillan, 2005.
- “Moabite Religion.” Pp. 6093-95 in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, vol. 9, ed. Lindsay Jones. 2nd ed. New York: Macmillan, 2005.
- “Phoenician Religion. Further considerations.” Pp. 7134-35 in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, vol. 10, ed. Lindsay Jones. 2nd ed. New York: Macmillan, 2005.
- “Wisdom Literature: Biblical Books. Further considerations.” Pp. 9761-62 in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, vol. 14, ed. Lindsay Jones. 2nd ed. New York: Macmillan, 2005.

Book Reviews:

- Review of M. Rosenbaum, *Word-Order Variation in Isaiah 40-55: A Functional Perspective* (Studia Semitica Neerlandica, Assen: Van Gorcum, 1997), in *Language* 75 (1999): 388-89.
- Review of A. Wagner, *Sprechakte und Sprechaktanalyse im Alten Testament* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 1997), in *Language* 75 (1999): 844.
- Review of T. Goldfajn, *Word Order and Time in Biblical Hebrew Narrative* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998), in *Language* 76 (2000): 954.
- Review of V. A. Lehnert, *Die Provokation Israels* (Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 1999), in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2000).
<http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=323>
 Appeared also in the *Journal of Biblical Literature* 121 (2002): 369-370.
- Review of B. Rojtman, *Black Fire on White Fire: An Essay on Jewish Hermeneutics, from Midrash to Kabbalah*, translated by S. Rendall (Berkeley: U. of California Press, 1998), in *Language* 76 (2000): 477.
- Review of C. Dollerup, *Tales and Translation: The Grimm Tales from Pan-Germanic Narratives to Shared International Fairytales* (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 1999), in *Language* 77 (2001): 865.
- Review of P. Merlo, *La dea Ašera* (Mursia: Pontificia Università Lateranense, 1998), in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2002). <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=820>
- Review of M. Nänny and O. Fischer, eds., *Form Miming Meaning: Iconicity in Language and Literature* (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 1999), in *Language* 78 (2002): 381-82.

- Review of M. L. Satlow, *Jewish Marriage in Antiquity* (Princeton/Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2001), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2002.07.37.
<http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2002/2002-07-37.html>
- Review of S. Vogelee, W. de Mulder, and I. Depraetere, *Tense and Aspect* (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 1999), in *Language* 78 (2002): 382-83.
- Review of O. Fischer and M. Nänny, *The Motivated Sign: Iconicity in Language and Literature 2* (Amsterdam: Benjamins, 2001), in *Language* 79 (2003): 437-438.
- Review of T. Kaizer, *The Religious Life of Palmyra* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2002), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2003.07.09. <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2003/2003-07-09.html>
- Review of M. S. Odell and J. T. Strong, eds., *The Book of Ezekiel. Theological and Anthropological Perspectives* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123 (2003): 884-885.
- Review of M. P. Weitzman, *The Syriac Version of the Old Testament* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1999), in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 62 (2003): 227-229.
- Review of C. L. Seow, *Daniel* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124 (2004): 834.
- Review of S. Isser, *The Sword of Goliath: David in Heroic Literature* (Atlanta: SBL, 2003), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125 (2005): 427-428.
- Review of J. C. Exum, *Song of Songs* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 126 (2006): 587-588.
- Review of O. Lipschits and J. Blenkinsopp, eds., *Judah and the Judeans in the Neo-Babylonian Period* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2003), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 126 (2006): 585-586.
- Review of J. J. Collins, *The Bible after Babel: Historical Criticism in a Postmodern Age* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2005), in the *Journal of American Oriental Society* 129 (2009): 545-546.
- Review of R. S. Hess, *Israelite Religions: An Archaeological and Biblical Survey* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2007), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137 (2017): 41-42.
- Review of M. B. Moore and B. E. Kelle, *Biblical History and Israel's Past: The Changing Study of the Bible and History* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2011), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137 (2017): 38-40.
- Review of G. Galil et al., *Homeland and Exile: Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies in Honour of Bustenay Oded* (Leiden: Brill, 2009), in the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137 (2017): 43-44.
- Review of G. Kiraz and J. Bali, eds., *Joshua according to the Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation* (translated by G. Greenberg and D. Walter; Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2015), in the *Review of Biblical Literature* 1/2/2019.
<https://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=10878>
- Review of E. Lipinski, *Studies in Aramaic Inscriptions and Onomastics IV* (OLA 250; Leuven: Peeters, 2016), in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 79 (2020): 131-133.
- Review of K. van der Toorn, *Becoming Diaspora Jews: Behind the Story of Elephantine* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019), in *AJS Review* 45 (2021): 179-182.
- Review of H. Gzella, *Aramaic: A History of the First World Language* (trans. B. D. Suchard; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021), in *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*, forthcoming.

Review of W.T. Wilson, *Ancient Wisdom. An Introduction to Sayings Collections* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2022), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, forthcoming.

INVITED TALKS

- Title TBA. The 11th Annual Hyvernat Lecture at The Catholic University of America, Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures, January 2024
- “The Wandering Arameans in Egypt: New Light on the Samaritan and Judean Diaspora.” Public lecture for the Biblical Archaeology Society and the Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia. December 2020
- “The Wandering Arameans in Egypt: Papyrus Amherst 63, an Anthology of Aramaic Literature in Demotic Script.” Cornell University, March 2017
- “Textualizing Identities in Egypt: Jews and Arameans in Papyrus Amherst 63.” Pennsylvania State University, January 2013
- “Aramaic Literature in the Dawn of Judaism.” Pennsylvania State University Comparative Literature Luncheon series, March 2006
- “Canaanite Goddesses and Israelite Religion.” Bryn Athyn College, History Colloquium, December 2000
- “Apocalypse Now and Then: The Jewish and Christian Roots of the Apocalyptic Mindset.” Indiana University of Pennsylvania, November 1999
- “Women and Goddesses: Female Figurines and Israelite Religion.” Lycoming College, February 1999
- “The Hellenistic Tapestry of Daniel.” Union Theological Seminary, March 1998
- “Divinity and the Feminine in the Ancient Near East and the Old Testament.” Central College, April, 1996

PAPERS AT CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

- “The Sardanapalus Legend in Aramaic from Egypt.” Classical Association of the Atlantic States annual meeting. Philadelphia. October 2023
- “Women’s Cultic Agency in Aramaic Texts.” Colloquium for Biblical Research annual meeting. Princeton Theological Seminary. August 2023
- “Samaritans in the Egyptian Diaspora.” Invited paper for the Yahwism under the Achaemenid Empire Symposium, Prof. Shaul Shaked in Memoriam. University of Haifa, Hadarim Center. December 2022
- “The Aramaic Inaros Inscription at el-Sheikh Fadl.” Invited paper for the University of Vienna – Institute for Egyptology Workshop: “When Entering Uncharted Territory . . . An Archaeology of the Late Dynastic Period and Beyond,” Vienna, August-September 2022
- “Achaemenid Aramaic in Post-Persian Egypt: Data from the Sheikh Faḍl Tomb Inscription.” ASOR annual meeting (virtual), refereed session, December 2021
- “Textualizing Aramean Identities in Egypt: Papyrus Amherst 63.” Invited paper for Zoom workshop hosted by the Pourdavoud Center, University of California, Los Angeles, November 2020
- “Sacrifice and Feasting in Papyrus Amherst 63.” Invited paper for the Ninth Workshop of the Melammu Project, *Ceremonies, Feasts and Festivities in Ancient Mesopotamia and the*

Mediterranean World: Performance and Participation. University of Barcelona, January 2020

- “The Birth of a Traditional Author: Daniel and the Maškîlîm.” Invited paper for the conference, “Legendary Characters: Attribution and Personhood in Ancient Judaism.” Princeton University, April 2019
- “Western Aramaic Elements in Papyrus Amherst 63, the Aramaic Text in Demotic Script.” International Association of Comparative Semitics. Córdoba, Spain, June 2019
- “Taking Pride in Her Name: Women in Aramaic Literary Texts from Egypt.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, San Diego, November 2019
- “Papyrus Amherst 63 and the Arameans of Egypt: A Landscape of Cultural Nostalgia.” Invited paper for the “Elephantine in Context” symposium at the Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2018
- “In Praise of Gods & Goddesses in Aramean Egypt: Papyrus Amherst 63.” Invited paper for the conference, “Hymnen und Götteraretologien in den Gesellschaften des antiken Mittelmeerraumes: von Inana und Isis bis Jahve und Christus.” University of Würzburg, Germany, September 2018
- “The Sheikh Fadl Tomb Inscription Revisited.” American Schools of Oriental Research, refereed session, Denver, November 2018
- “Nanaya Among the Arameans: New Light from Papyrus Amherst 63.” Invited paper for Relations between Israel and Aram in Biblical Times conference, sponsored by the MINERVA Center and Jeselsohn Center for Epigraphy, Bar-Ilan University, March 2017
- “‘I come from Judah, my brother from Samaria, and my sister from Jerusalem’...: Text, Tradition & Identity in Papyrus Amherst 63.” Guest presentation for the Colloquium for Biblical Research, held at Dartmouth College, August 2017
- “Pantheon and Cult in Papyrus Amherst 63.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, Boston, November 2017
- “Egyptian Literary Influences on the Daniel Court Tales.” Invited paper in a panel session organized by The Book of Daniel Group, National Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2016
- “Papyrus Amherst 63: Demotic Script and Aramaic Phonology.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, San Antonio, November 2016
- “The Yahwistic Psalms in Papyrus Amherst 63.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, San Diego, November 2014
- “Aramaic Studies Today.” Invited panelist for the Aramaic Studies Section, National Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2014
- “The Afterlife of Nineveh in Aramaic.” Invited paper for the Assyriology and the Bible Section, National Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, November 2013
- “Nanaya and the Arameans.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, Chicago, November 2012
- “An Aramaic Sacred Marriage Text from Egypt.” American Oriental Society, refereed session, Chicago, March 2008
- “The Goddess and Her Lover in an Aramaic Sacred Marriage Text.” Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies, refereed session, April 2008

- “The Sheikh Faḍl Inscription and Its Literary Context.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, Washington, D.C., November 2006
- “The Fiery Furnace in Ancient Near Eastern Court Tales: Daniel 3 and Egyptian Parallels.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, Philadelphia, November 2005
- “Giving Birth to Monsters: The Ancient Near Eastern Background to Early Jewish Gynecology.” Indiana University of Pennsylvania, conference on “Atrocities, Anomalies, and Other Religious Phenomena,” November 2004
- “Giving Birth to Monsters: The Ancient Near Eastern Background to Early Jewish Gynecology.” Great Lakes Regional Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, Erie, PA, April 2003
- “Names, Letters, and Boxes: The Bones of History.” Invited paper for the conference on “The James Ossuary and Its Inscription, A Preliminary Assessment,” at Ohio State University, Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies, April 2003
- “Mimicking Reality: Iconicity and Verbal Geminatio in the Semitic Languages.” American Oriental Society, joint session of the American Oriental Society and the North American Conference on Afroasiatic Linguistics, refereed session, Toronto, March 2001
- “Daniel 1-6: A Biblical Story-Collection.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, San Francisco, November 1997
- “A Biblical Story-Collection: Daniel 1-6.” Midwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, February 1996
- “Daniel, Chief of the Magicians: The Book of Daniel and Egyptian Magician Stories Compared.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, New Orleans, November 1996

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE and EPIGRAPHIC WORK

Member and square supervisor for The Johns Hopkins University and the Free University of Amsterdam joint expedition to Umm el-Marra, Syria, 1994 season.

Team member and on-site epigrapher of The University of Vienna Middle Egypt Project at el-Sheikh Faḍl, 2016 season.

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Hebrew; Aramaic (Old; Official; Middle; Syriac); Northwest Semitic inscriptions (Phoenician, Moabite, etc.); Greek; Latin; Ugaritic; Egyptian (Middle Egyptian, Demotic, Coptic); Akkadian

Modern: German; Spanish; French (reading); Hebrew (reading); Italian (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Oriental Society (AOS)

American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)

Catholic Biblical Association (CBA)

International Association for Comparative Semitics (IACS) – membership by invitation

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Committee member for Uzi Sasson, Sociology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Ph.D. thesis: “Political Tolerance in Israel and the U.S.,” June 2009.

Committee member for Kirsten Smith, Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University. Ph.D. thesis topic: Book of Esther and narratology. 2017-present.

External evaluator for Jonathan Thambyrajah, University of Sydney. Ph.D. thesis: “Loanwords in Biblical Literature: Rhetorical Studies in Esther, Daniel, Ezra, and Exodus,” Dec. 2018.

External evaluator for Gad Barnea, University of Haifa. Ph.D. thesis: “Khnum is against us since Hananiah has been in Egypt: Yahwistic Reform and Identity in the Prism of Elephantine: 419-399 BCE,” Dec. 2021.

External examiner for Andrew Knight Messenger, McMaster University. Ph.D. thesis: “The Place of the Court Tales in Early Jewish Literature,” Sept. 2022.

COURSES TAUGHT:

• Languages:

Biblical Hebrew (all levels)
Aramaic (Old to Middle dialects, including Syriac)
Biblical Greek
Northwest Semitic Inscriptions
Ugaritic

• Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism:

Hebrew Bible
Apocalyptic Literature
Women in the Bible
Gender and Sexuality in the Bible
Hebrew Prophets
Job and Jonah
Canaan and Israel in Antiquity
History of God: Origins of Monotheism
Archaeology and the Bible
Early Judaism
Dead Sea Scrolls

• Ancient Near East and Mediterranean:

Myth & Religion of the Ancient Near East
Sacrifice in Ancient Religions
Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations (Mesopotamia to Rome)
Mesopotamian Civilization

• Other courses in Religious Studies:

Early & Medieval Christianity
New Testament
Intro to Religion
World Religions
Islam
Women in Islam