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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 & Jewish Studies Program
Associate Professor, 2013-present
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pa., Dept. of Religious Studies
Professor, 2010-2013
Associate Professor, 2004-2010
Assistant Professor, 1999-2004
- DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., Dept. of Religious Studies
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1998-1999
- 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

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant for “Tadmor: The Johns Hopkins Palmyra Project,” directed by D. R. Hillers. This project involved the translation, edition, and transfer to an electronic database of Palmyrene Aramaic, Greek, and Latin inscriptions from Tadmor (Palmyra), Syria, 1996-1998

COURSES TAUGHT:

- **Languages:** Biblical Hebrew (all levels); Aramaic (all levels); Syriac; Biblical Greek; Northwest Semitic Inscriptions; Ugaritic
- **Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism:** Hebrew Bible; Apocalypse and Beyond; Women in the Bible; Hebrew Prophets; Canaan and Israel in Antiquity; History of God: Origins of Monotheism; Archaeology and the Bible; Early Judaism; Dead Sea Scrolls
- **Ancient Mediterranean and Near East:** Myth & Religion of the Ancient Near East; Sacrifice in the Ancient World; Mesopotamian Civilization; Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations
- **Other courses:** New Testament; Early & Medieval Christianity; Intro to Religion; World Religions; Islam; Women in Islam

PROFESSIONAL and ACADEMIC SERVICE / EXPERIENCE

- Epigrapher of The University of Vienna Middle Egypt Project at Sheikh Fadl, 2016-
- Co-chair of the Aramaic Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2015-
- Chair of various sessions at national meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2015-
- Grant proposal review panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2014-
- Area consultant, *SBL Handbook of Style*, 2nd ed. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014

EDITORIAL WORK and TRANSLATION

- Assistant Editor of *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*, 1999-2000
- Translator of articles from German to English for *Hugoye*, 1999-2000
- Peer-review reader for academic journals: *Aramaic Studies*; *Maarav: A Journal of Northwest Semitic*; *Journal of the American Oriental Society*
- Board member, Eisenbrauns Editorial Committee for Penn State University Press, 2018-

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 Fadl, 2016 season.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Oriental Society
American Schools of Oriental Research
Catholic Biblical Association
Colloquium for Biblical Research
International Association for Comparative Semitics
Society of Biblical Literature

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

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: Paul L. Redditt, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 529-31.
- Review: R.S. Briggs, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 38 (2014): 106-107.
- 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.

Aramaic Literary Texts. Writings from the Ancient World. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, forthcoming (expected out 2018).

Aramaic Literature. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming (under contract).

Critical Edition of Papyrus Amherst 63: Aramaic Text in Demotic Script. Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming. Awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2015-2016).

Edited Books:

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 (ed.) *Handbook of Religions in the Ancient Near East*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Articles in Journals and Chapters in Books:

“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 Faḍl 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* 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* 76 (2017): 1-37.

“Aramaic.” In *Handbook of Ancient Mesopotamia*, ed. Gonzalo Rubio. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, in press.

“The Book of Daniel.” 8000-10,000 words in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Brent Strawn. Invited. Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press.

- “Preliminary Report on the New 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. *Egypt and the Levant*, in press.
- “Aramean Religion in Egypt.” In *Handbook of Religions in the Ancient Near East*, ed. Tawny L. Holm. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Introduction: Ancient and Modern Translatabilities.” In *Handbook of Religions in the Ancient Near East*, ed. Tawny L. Holm. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Nanaya among the Arameans: New Light from P. Amherst 63.” In *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference Research on Israel and Aram in Biblical Times*. Ed. A. Berlejung and A. Maier. Oriental Religions in Antiquity series. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming.
- “Papyrus Amherst 63 and the Arameans of Egypt: A Landscape of Cultural Nostalgia.” In *Elephantine in Context*, ed. Reinhard G. Kratz and Bernd U. Schipper. Forschungen zum Alten Testament, 1. Reihe. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming.
- “Royal Wisewomen in Aramaic Literature: Belshazzar’s Queen in Daniel 5 and Saritrah in the ‘Tale of Two Brothers’.” Invited paper for Fs., forthcoming.
- “Sacrifice and Feasting in Papyrus Amherst 63.” *ARAM*, forthcoming.

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. Rojzman, *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. Voegeler, 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*, in press.
- Review of E. Lipinski, *Studies in Aramaic Inscriptions and Onomastics IV* (OLA 250; Leuven: Peeters, 2016), in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, forthcoming.

Unpublished Teaching Grammar:

Introduction to Imperial Aramaic. This is an Aramaic teaching grammar of approximately 200 pages, written for an Aramaic course at Penn State.

PAPERS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES and PUBLIC LECTURES

- 1996 "A Biblical Story-Collection: Daniel 1-6." Midwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, February.
- 1996 "Divinity and the Feminine in the Ancient Near East and the Old Testament." Invited presentation, Central College, April.
- 1996 "Daniel, Chief of the Magicians: The Book of Daniel and Egyptian Magician Stories Compared." National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 1997 "Daniel 1-6: A Biblical Story-Collection." National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 1998 "The Hellenistic Tapestry of Daniel." Invited presentation, Union Theological Seminary, March.
- 1999 "Women and Goddesses: Female Figurines and Israelite Religion." Invited presentation, Lycoming College, February.
- 1999 "Apocalypse Now and Then: The Jewish and Christian Roots of the Apocalyptic Mindset." Invited presentation, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Committee for the Study of Culture and Religion, November.
- 2000 "Canaanite Goddesses and Israelite Religion." Invited presentation, Bryn Athyn College, History colloquium, December.
- 2001 "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, March.
- 2003 "Giving Birth to Monsters: The Ancient Near Eastern Background to Early Jewish Gynecology." Great Lakes Regional Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, April.
- 2003 "Names, Letters, and Boxes: The Bones of History." Invited presentation, Ohio State University, Center for Epigraphical and Palaeographical Studies, conference on "The James Ossuary and Its Inscription, A Preliminary Assessment," April.
- 2004 "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.

- 2005 “The Fiery Furnace in Ancient Near Eastern Court Tales: Daniel 3 and Egyptian Parallels.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 2006 “Aramaic Literature in the Dawn of Judaism.” Invited presentation, The Pennsylvania State University Comparative Literature Luncheon series, March.
- 2006 “The Sheikh Faḍl Inscription and Its Literary Context.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 2008 “An Aramaic Sacred Marriage Text from Egypt.” American Oriental Society, refereed session, 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.
- 2012 “Nanaya and the Arameans.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 2013 “Textualizing Identities in Egypt: Jews and Arameans in Papyrus Amherst 63.” Pennsylvania State University, January.
- 2013 “The Afterlife of Nineveh in Aramaic.” National Society of Biblical Literature, invited presentation, November.
- 2014 “The Yahwistic Psalms in Papyrus Amherst 63.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 2014 “Aramaic Studies Today.” Invited panelist for the Aramaic Studies Section. National Society of Biblical Literature, November.
- 2016 “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, November.
- 2016 “Papyrus Amherst 63: Demotic Script and Aramaic Phonology.” National Society of Biblical Literature, refereed session, November.
- 2017 “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 “Daniel in Its Persian and Hellenistic Context.” Invited seminar, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University, March.
- 2017 “The Wandering Arameans in Egypt: Papyrus Amherst 63, an Anthology of Aramaic Literature in Demotic Script.” Invited lecture at Cornell University, March.
- 2017 “‘I come from Judah, my brother from Samaria, and my sister from Jerusalem’...: Text, Tradition & Identity in Papyrus Amherst 63.” Invited 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, November.
- 2018 “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 Götteraretalogien 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, November.

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)