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Employment

2010– Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.
2008–2010 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

Education

Degree Programs:

2009 Ph.D., Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame. Dissertation: “The Forms and Methods of Early Jewish Reworkings of the Pentateuch in Light of 4Q158.” Dissertation Committee: Prof. James VanderKam (director), Prof. Eugene Ulrich, Prof. Gary Anderson, and Prof. John Meier.
2003 M.Phil., Old Testament Theology, University of Oxford (with distinction).
2001 B.A., Religious Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (summa cum laude).

Languages:

Classical: Hebrew (advanced), Aramaic (advanced), Syriac (intermediate to advanced), Greek (intermediate to advanced), Akkadian (intermediate), Ugaritic (basic).
Modern: German (fluent), French (reading), Hebrew (reading), Swedish (fluent).

Competitive Grants and Awards

2013–2014 Kingdon Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, \$45,000.
2011 New Faculty General Research Fund Seed Grant, University of Kansas Center for Research, \$8,000.
2008 Graduate Student Professional Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, \$1000.
2005–2008 Catholic Biblical Association Memorial Stipend, \$4000/year.
2004–2008 Presidential Fellow, University of Notre Dame.

- 2001–2003 Rhodes Scholarship for study at University of Oxford, U.K.
 2002 Graduate Essay Competition, Midwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature,
 \$300: “חדש האביב in the Biblical Festival Calendars: A New Approach.”

Publications

Books

Under Contract *The Temple Scroll* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Fortress). Due June 2018.

In Preparation *Textual Transfigurations: The Genres of Scriptural Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism*.

2011a *Rethinking Rewritten Scripture: Composition and Exegesis in the 4QReworked Pentateuch Manuscripts* (Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 95; Leiden: Brill).

Edited Book

2012a With Eibert Tigchelaar, George J. Brooke, and Daniel K. Falk. *The Scrolls and Biblical Traditions: Proceedings of the 7th Meeting of the International Organization of Qumran Studies* (STDJ 103; Leiden: Brill).

Text Edition

Forthcoming With Moshe J. Bernstein. “4QReworked Pentateuch A (4Q158),” in new edition of the materials originally published in *Discoveries in the Judaean Desert V* (ed. Moshe J. Bernstein and George J. Brooke).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

- Forthcoming “What do We Really Know about Editing? The Evidence from Qumran.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*.
- Forthcoming “Prophecy Rewritten: Use of Scriptural Traditions in 4QPseudo-Ezekiel.” *Journal of Ancient Judaism*.
- 2013 “Torah for ‘The Age of Wickedness’: The Authority of the Damascus and Serekh Texts in Light of Biblical and Rewritten Traditions.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20: 410–32.
- 2012b “4QReworked Pentateuch C and the Literary Sources of the Temple Scroll: A New (Old) Proposal.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 19: 133–58.
- 2012c “Genre and Rewritten Scripture: A Reassessment.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 131: 271–88.
- 2008 “The Problem of Characterizing the 4QReworked Pentateuch Manuscripts: Bible, Rewritten Bible, or None of the Above?,” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 15: 315–39.

- 2002 With Bernard M. Levinson. "Revelation Regained: The Hermeneutics of כִּי and וְאֵשׁ in the Temple Scroll," *Dead Sea Discoveries* 9: 295–346.
- 2001 "Schneiderei oder Weberei: Zum Verständnis der Diachronie der Tempelrolle," *Revue de Qumran* 20: 255–86.

Articles in Edited Volumes and Handbooks:

- Forthcoming "Qumran Rewritten Bible/Parabiblical Texts," in *The Textual History of the Bible, Vol. 1: The Hebrew Bible* (ed. Emanuel Tov et al.; Leiden: Brill).
- Forthcoming "Parascriptural Texts/Rewritten Scripture," in *T & T Clark Companion to the Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. George J. Brooke and Charlotte Hempel; London: T & T Clark).
- 2011b "Identifying Reuse of Scripture in the Temple Scroll: Some Methodological Reflections," in *A Teacher for All Generations: Essays in Honor of James C. VanderKam* (ed. Eric Mason et al.; JSJSup 153; 2 vols; Leiden: Brill), 1.341–58.
- 2011c "Building Textual Bridges: Towards an Understanding of 4Q158 (4QReworked Pentateuch A)," in *The Mermaid and the Partridge: Essays from the Copenhagen Conference on Revising Texts from Cave Four* (ed. George J. Brooke and Jesper Høgenhavn; STDJ 96; Leiden: Brill, 2011), 13–32.
- 2011d "Talking about Rewritten Texts: Some Reflections on Terminology," in *Changes in Scripture* (ed. Hanne von Weissenberg, Juha Pakkala, and Marko Marttila; BZAW 419; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2011), 93–119.
- 2010a "Rewritten Scripture," in *The Oxford Handbook of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. Timothy H. Lim and John J. Collins; Oxford: Oxford University Press), 323–36.
- 2005 "New Voices, Ancient Words: The Temple Scroll's Reuse of the Bible," in *Temple and Worship in Ancient Israel: Proceedings of the Oxford Old Testament Seminar* (ed. John Day; JSOTSup 422; London: T & T Clark), 435–58.
- 2004 "Reexamining Empirical Models: The Case of Exodus 13," in *Das Deuteronomium zwischen Pentateuch und deuteronomistischem Geschichtswerk* (ed. Eckart Otto and Reinhard Achenbach; FRLANT 206; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht), 36–55.

Reviews:

- Forthcoming Schiffman, Lawrence H., *Qumran and Jerusalem: Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of Judaism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010), in *Dead Sea Discoveries*.
- 2013 Hempel, Charlotte (ed.), *The Dead Sea Scrolls: Texts and Context* (STDJ 90; Leiden: Brill, 2010), in *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20.1: 156–58.
- 2012d Dávid, Nóra, and Armin Lange (eds.), *Qumran and the Bible: Studying the Jewish and Christian Scriptures in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (CBET 57; Leuven: Peeters, 2010), in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 43.3: 395.
- 2012e Otto, Eckart, *Altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte. Gesammelte Studien* (BZABR 8; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2008), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132.1: 128–29.

- 2011e Talmon, Shemaryahu, *Text and Canon of the Hebrew Bible: Collected Studies* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2010), in *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 136/12: 1311–12.
- 2010b Brooke, George J., Hindy Najman, and Loren T. Stuckenbruck (eds.), *The Significance of Sinai: Traditions about Sinai and Divine Revelation in Judaism and Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, 2008), in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 61: 144–45.
- 2010c Paganini, Simone, „Nicht darfst du zu diesen Wörtern etwas hinzufügen.“ *Die Rezeption des Deuteronomiums in der Tempelrolle: Sprache, Autoren, Hermeneutik* (BZABR 11; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2009), in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 10.
- 2009 Stahlberg, Leslie Cushing, *Sustaining Fictions: Intertextuality, Midrash, Translation, and the Literary Afterlife of the Bible* (New York: T&T Clark, 2008), in *Journal of Religion* 89: 579–80.
- 2009 Achenbach, Reinhard, Martin Arnoeth, and Eckart Otto, *Tora in der Hebräischen Bibel. Studien zur Redaktionsgeschichte und synchronen Logik diachroner Transformationen* (BZABR 7; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2007), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129: 329–30.
- 2005 Grossman, Maxine L., *Reading for History in the Damascus Document: A Methodological Study* (STDJ 45; Leiden: Brill, 2002), in *Vetus Testamentum* 55: 577–78.
- 2003 Rapp, Hans A., *Jakob in Bet-El: Gen 35, 1–15 und die jüdische Literatur des 3. und 2. Jahrhunderts* (Herders Biblische Studien 29; Freiburg: Herder, 2001), in *Society for Old Testament Study Booklist* (ed. George Brooke; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press), 183–84.

Encyclopedia Articles and Other Minor Publications:

- Forthcoming “Hagar. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (ed. Dale C. Allison Jr. et al.; Berlin: De Gruyter).
- 2014 “Exodus, Book of. Judaism. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism” and “Exodus, The. Judaism. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, Volume 8* (ed. Dale C. Allison Jr. et al.; Berlin: De Gruyter), 440–43, 472–75.
- 2012 “Get Fuzzy: The Elusive Rewriters of Scripture.” Invited blog post for Qumran Month (September 2012) on the ASOR blog. <http://asorblog.org/?p=3173>
- 2010 “Hebrew Text Types,” in *Dictionary of Early Judaism* (ed. Daniel Harlow and John Collins; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), 1298–1300.

Papers Presented

- Nov. 2013 “The Samaritan Tenth Commandment and the Scribal Background of Major ‘Harmonistic’ Additions in the Samaritan Pentateuch.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, Md. (Invited.)
- Oct. 2013 “Approaching Scriptural Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism.” Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison. (Invited.)

- Sept. 2013 “Genres of Scriptural Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism.” Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University. (Invited.)
- August 2013 “What Do We Really Know About Editing? The Evidence from Qumran.” 21st Meeting of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Munich, Germany. (Invited.)
- July 2013 “Hermeneutics, Authority, and Scribal Practice: The Case of the Temple Scroll.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Andrews, Scotland. (Invited.)
- May 2013 “Inner-Biblical Exegesis: The View from Beyond the Bible.” Convergence and Divergence in Pentateuchal Theory: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Israel, North America, and Europe. Jerusalem, Israel. (Invited.)
- Nov. 2012 “Qumran Evidence for the Development of the Book of Numbers.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Ill. (Invited.)
- Nov. 2011 “Reuse of Scripture in the ‘Apocryphon of Moses’ and Related Texts.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, Calif.
- July 2011 “Rewriting Prophecy? Reuse of Scripture in Pseudo-Ezekiel and the Apocryphon of Jeremiah C.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, London, England.
- April 2011 Panelist: Text, Authority, and Interpretation in the Worlds of Hellenism and Early Judaism, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota. (Invited.)
- Nov. 2010 “The Literary History of the Temple Scroll in Light of the Cave 4 Reworked Pentateuch MSS.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, Georgia. (Invited.)
- Aug. 2010 “The Question of Genre in Rewritten Scripture: A Reassessment.” 7th Meeting of the International Organization for Qumran Studies, Helsinki, Finland.
- May 2010 “The 4QReworked Pentateuch Texts: New Perspectives on the Rewriting of Scripture in Second Temple Judaism.” Oxford Old Testament Seminar, University of Oxford.
- Nov. 2009 “Textual Reworking in the 4QRP Manuscripts: Similar Techniques, Different Results.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Lou.
- July 2009 “The Samaritan Pentateuch and its Qumranic Forebears in Light of the 4QReworked Pentateuch Texts.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, Italy.
- June 2009 “Towards an Understanding of 4Q158 (4QReworked Pentateuch A).” Qumran Cave 4 Texts Reconsidered: International Symposium on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Copenhagen, Denmark. (Invited.)
- Nov. 2008 “When the New Edition Still Needs Editing: Narrative and Exegetical ‘Improvements’ to Pre-Samaritan Exod 20:19–22 in 4Q158.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Mass.
- Nov. 2006 “The Status of 4QReworked Pentateuch: Methods and Limitations.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C.
- July 2003 “New Law for the Old Ceremony: Exod 13:1–16 as Redactional Response to the Pentateuchal Mazzot and Firstlings Traditions.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, England. (Invited.)

- June 2003 “New Voices, Ancient Words: The Temple Scroll’s Reuse of the Bible.” University of Oxford Old Testament Seminar, Oxford, England. (Invited.)
- March 2003 “Understanding Late Second Temple Jewish Pseudepigraphy.” With Dr. Jeremy Duff. Joint Meeting of the University of Oxford Old Testament and New Testament Seminars, Oxford, England. (Invited.)
- Nov. 2002 “New Voices, Ancient Words: Characterizing Biblical Reuse in the Temple Scroll.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, Canada.
- July 2002 “חדש האביב in the Biblical Festival Calendars: A New Approach.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Berlin, Germany.
- Feb. 2002 “חדש האביב in the Biblical Festival Calendars: A New Approach.” Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Mundelein, IL. (Invited.)
- July 2001 “The Hermeneutics of כִּי and אִם in the Temple Scroll.” With Prof. Bernard M. Levinson. International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, Italy.
- April 2000 “Putting Words in God’s Mouth: Exegesis and the Trope of Revelation in the Passover Laws of Jubilees and the Temple Scroll.” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minn.

Seminar/Colloquium Presentations

- Nov. 2013 “‘Editing’ and the Composition of Scripture: The Significance of the Qumran Evidence.” Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Invited Responses

- April 2011 Respondent: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Narrative Readings of the Bible, Conference on Narratives of Jewish Life and Jewish Studies, University of Kansas.

Referee

- 2013 *Critical Studies in Religion*
 2011 *Journal of Biblical Literature*
 2009 With Prof. Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota. Austrian Science Fund, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Service

National:

- 2012–2013 Member, Travel Grant Committee, Society of Biblical Literature.

- 2010–2013 Member, Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession, Society of Biblical Literature.
- 2007–2010 Student Representative to the Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession, Society of Biblical Literature.

College and University:

- 2012 Search Committee, National Fellowships and Scholarships Coordinator, University Honors Program.
- 2011–2013 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Sabbatical Leave
- 2010–2013 Internal Interview Committee, Rhodes/Marshall/Mitchell Scholarship Applicants.
- 2010 Evaluation Committee, Humanities Research Fellowship, Hall Center for the Humanities

Departmental:

- 2012–2013 Search Committee, Judaism position, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.
- 2012 Minor Advisor, Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas.
- 2011–2012 Search Committee, South Asia position, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.
- 2010–2013 Undergraduate Director, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

Community:

- Aug. 2013 “Respecting Religious Diversity,” KU Athletics Department Diversity Education Session.
- Oct. 2012 “The Rise of Christianity,” Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City.
- Sept. 2012 “Thinking About Religious Identity,” KU Identities Symposium, Office of Multicultural Affairs.
- Dec. 2011 “The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Hebrew Bible,” Temple Beth Shalom, Topeka, KS.
- April 2011 Guest on “The Bat of Minerva,” Public-Access Television philosophy interview show, Minneapolis, MN. (<http://www.ias.umn.edu/media/BatofMinerva.php>)
- April 2011 Panelist, Conference on “Science and Religion”: A Judaic, Christian, Islamic and Social Sciences Perspective: “Peace or Conflict?” Sponsored by the Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue Student Association, Center for Global and International Studies, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Institute of Interfaith Dialogue. University of Kansas.

Courses Taught (Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas):

- REL 107, Living Religions of the West (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Fall 2012).
- REL 125, Understanding the Bible (Honors) (Fall 2008, Spring 2011, Fall 2012).

REL 311, Hebrew Scriptures (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2012).
 REL 405, Directed Study in Religion: The History of Interpretation of the Prophets (Spring 2010).
 REL 405, Directed Study in Religion: Jews, Christians, and the Origins of Christian Anti-Judaism (Spring 2011).
 REL 405, Directed Study in Religion: Reading Biblical Hebrew (Fall 2011, Spring 2012).
 JWSH 490, Independent Study (Fall 2012).
 REL 499, Honors Thesis Research (Fall 2011).
 REL 525, Jews and Christians (Spring 2012).
 REL 732, Seminar in Western Religious Texts: Scripture and Interpretation (Fall 2011).

Graduate Thesis and Exam Committees (University of Kansas)

Fall 2013 Clint Shriner, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2013 Rachel Myslivy, M.A. portfolio exam and thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2013 Andy Blakemore, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2013 Torang Asadi, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2013 Tashia Dare, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2013 Jaimie Gunderson, M.A. thesis and exams, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2012 Timothy Brown, M.A. exams, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2012 Clint Shriner, M.A. exams, Dept. of Religious Studies.
 Spring 2012 Cara Polsley, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Classics.
 Summer 2010 Shane Thompson, M.A. thesis and exams, Dept. of Religious Studies.

Assistantships

Teaching Assistant:

Spring 2007 THEO 40244, Jewish-Christian Debate in Germany before and after the Holocaust, Prof. Michael A. Signer, University of Notre Dame.
 Fall 2006 THEO 40217, Jews and Christians Throughout History, Prof. Michael A. Signer, University of Notre Dame.
 Fall 2006 THEO 83213, Medieval Biblical Interpretation in the Church and Synagogue: The Search for the Literal Sense, Prof. Michael A. Signer, University of Notre Dame.
 Spring 2006 THEO 13183, Foundations of Theology, Prof. James C. VanderKam, University of Notre Dame.

Research Assistant:

Summer 2007 To Prof. James C. VanderKam, University of Notre Dame.
 Summer 2006 To Prof. Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame.
 2005–2006 To Prof. James C. VanderKam, University of Notre Dame.
 1999–2002 To Prof. Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota.

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Religion
American Schools of Oriental Research
Catholic Biblical Association
Society of Biblical Literature