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Teaching Positions

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 2019–Present
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies
Alvin H. Rosenfeld Chair in Hebrew Bible

Bates College, Lewiston, ME 2018–2019
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion (Judaism and Christianity)

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT 2012–2018
Phd, Religious Studies, Hebrew Bible
Dissertation Title: “Ezra, Empire and the Archive: Archival Historiography in Second Temple Judah” Directed by Carolyn Sharp (Yale) and Hindy Najman (Oxford)

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT 2011–2012
Master of Sacred Theology
Thesis Title: “Voicing the Postexilic God: Malachi’s Rhetoric and Postexilic Theology”

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT 2008–2011
Master of Divinity

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Wabash Center Teaching Grant September 2022
“Using Trauma-Informed and Decolonial Pedagogies to Encounter Student Resistance”
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Crawfordsville, IN

Trustees Teaching Award April 2022
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise May 2021
University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany
For *Archival Historiography in Jewish Antiquity* (2020)

Lilly Graduate Fellowship 2012–2015
Lilly Fellows Program
Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

Publications

Books

Archival Historiography in Jewish Antiquity
Oxford University Press, February 2020.

*Articles and Book Chapters (*denotes peer-review)*

Truth and Writing in Daniel: Memories of Persian Media (with James Nati)*
Journal of Hebrew Scriptures, forthcoming.

A Bad End for “Good” Books? Scriptural Fantasies and Fears in “The Good Place” and “Good Omens”
Bibles in Popular Cultures. Edited by R. Welton, Z. Domoney-Lyttle. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, November 2024.

Radiant Genealogies: A Note on *Genealogy and History in the Biblical World*.
Essays on the Prophets, the Writings, and the Ancient World in Honor of Robert R. Wilson. Edited by Alison Gruseke and Carolyn Sharp. Zaphon: Ägypten und Altes Testament, 2023.

Poor Circulation: Embodied Economics in Haggai, Malachi, and Zechariah 1-8.*
Journal of Biblical Literature 141:3, 2022: 449-466.

Archives Remade: Building Virtual Collections in Ancient Jewish Historiography
‘As It Is Written’? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts. Edited by C. Meccariello, J. Singeltary. Mohr Siebeck, 2022.

Mobile Rituals and Fragmented Space: Theologies of Collection and Expulsion in Early Judaism*
Ritual Space and Ritual Text: New Perspectives on Monumentality and Monumental Texts in the Southern Levant. Edited by J. Smoak, A. Mandell, L. Cleath. HeBAI 10, Mohr Siebeck, 2021: 314-330.

Persia Is Everywhere Where Nothing Happens: Imperial Ubiquity and Its Limits in Ezra-Nehemiah.*
Bible & Critical Theory 16:1, 2020: 1-20.

Writing in Three Dimensions: Scribal Activity and Spaces in Jewish Antiquity*
Scribes and Scribalism in Social Context. Ed. M. Leuchter; London: T&T Clark, 2020.

The Cited Documents of Ezra-Nehemiah: Does Their Authenticity Matter?*
Biblical Interpretation 27, 2019: 372-89.

Zechariah, Zerubbabel and Zemarai: Ideological Development in Early Postexilic Judah
Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy. JSJ Supplements. Eds. J. Baden, H. Najman, E. Tigchelaar; Leiden: Brill, 2017.

Works in Progress

Themes and Issues in Ezra-Nehemiah (Co-Editor)

Equinox Press, Themes and Issues in Biblical Studies Series, D. Edelman and P. Guillaume, series editors.

What is Torah?

Judaism in Five Minutes. Sarah Imhoff, editor. Equinox Press, forthcoming.

The Torah of Moses as a Discursive Reliquary*

Catholic Biblical Quarterly, forthcoming (article accepted for publication).

Violence in the Minor Prophets

The Bible and Violence. Edited by J. Jodamus, J. Stiebert, M. Kebaneilwe, C. Greenough. Bloomsbury T&T Clark, forthcoming.

Introduction to Tobit

New Oxford Annotated Bible, 6th Edition. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Theaters of Empire and Exile in Daniel and Esther*

Cambridge Companion to Biblical Narrative. Edited by K. Bodner. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.

Reviews, Entries, and Responses

Voices in the Crowd: Helping Students Speak in Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology (July 2024)

Review: Michael R. Stead, *Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi: Return and Restoration*. T&T Clark Study Guides to the Old Testament (Bloomsbury 2022).

Review of Biblical Literature, February 2024.

On Media, Power, and Making Maps: A Response to David Lambert

Metatron Vol 1, Issue 2, 2022. <https://metatron.scholasticahq.com/article/30719-on-media-power-and-making-maps-a-response-to-david-lambert>

Review: Laura Quick, *Dress Adornment, and the Body in the Hebrew Bible* (Oxford, 2021). *Association for Jewish Studies Review*, 2021: 434-5.

Review: Donna Laird, *Negotiating Power in Ezra-Nehemiah* (SBL 2016)

Journal of Hebrew Scriptures, 2019.

Review: Sidnie White Crawford and Cecilia Wassen, *The Dead Sea Scrolls at Qumran and the Concept of a Library* (Brill 2015)

Revue de Qumran, 2019.

Review: Elie Assis' *Identity in Conflict: The Struggle between Esau and Jacob, Edom and Israel* (Eisenbrauns 2016)

Journal of Hebrew Scriptures, Spring 2017.

Labor (Work) in Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception. Eds. C. Helmer, S. McKenzie, T. Römer, J. Schröter, B. Walfish, E. Ziolkowski; Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2017.

Contributing Voices: Power in the Book of Ruth

Ruth: The Wisdom Bible Commentary. Eds. A. Laffey and M. Leonard-Fleckman; Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2017.

Response to Christl Maier's 'The Nature of Deutero-Jeremianic Prose'

Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, and Transformation. Eds. H. Nahman and K. Schmid; Leiden: Brill, 2017. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

Conferences and Presentations

Is Ezra 4-6 a Satire? Writing, Time, and Affordance in Ezra's Persian Correspondence

The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy: Authorship and Imagination in Ancient Epistolary Fictions.
Loyola University Chicago March 2025

Thinking Against the Nations: The Nations as "Others" in Haggai, Malachi, and Zechariah.

Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies March 2024
South Bend, Indiana

Torah of Moses as Discursive Reliquary

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting November 2023
San Antonio, Texas

Truth and Writing in Daniel: Memories of Persian Media

European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Conference [virtual w/ James Nati] July 2023
Syracuse, Italy

Queering the Text [invited panelist]

University of Mary Washington [virtual] April 2023
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Is Postexilic Literature Valuable? A Source Study in the Book of Haggai

Borns Jewish Studies Program Faculty-Graduate Workshop September 2022
Bloomington, Indiana

Writing Resilience in Jewish Antiquity

Society of Textual Scholarship Annual Meeting May 2022
Chicago, Illinois

Subjectivity, Scribal Practice, and the Role of the Textual Scholar [seminar leader]

Society of Textual Scholarship Annual Meeting May 2022
Chicago, Illinois

Review Panel: *Archival Historiography in Jewish Antiquity* [respondent]

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting [virtual] November 2021
San Antonio, Texas

Lilly Fellows Seminar: Martin Buber's *I and Thou* [seminar leader]

Valparaiso University October 2021
Valparaiso, Indiana

Poor Circulation: The Embodied Economics of Nation-Making in the Postexilic Prophets

European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting [virtual] August 2021

Globalizing Biblical Studies [invited panelist]

International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting [virtual] July 2021

Varieties of Writing, Truth, and Power in the Book of Daniel (with James Nati)

Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference [virtual] December 2020

Archival Historiography in Jewish Antiquity

Oxford and Cambridge Bible Seminar [virtual] November 2020
Oxford University, Oxford, UK

Good Books? Protestant Television without the Bible

Popular Visual Media Culture and the Bible [virtual] April 2020
University of Exeter, Exeter, UK

Persia Is Everywhere Where Nothing Happens: Imperial Ubiquity and Its Limits in Ezra-Nehemiah

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting November 2019
San Diego, California

Response to Oded Lipschits, "Jerusalem Between the Bible and Archaeology"

Indiana University November 2019
Bloomington, Indiana

Archives Remade: Building Virtual Collections in Ancient Jewish Historiography

'As It Is Written'? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts October 2018
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Citation, Collection, and the Protection of Memory in Second Maccabees 11

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference: Philology in Hebrew Studies November 2017
Boston, Massachusetts

"And these were their number": The Citation of Decrees, Letters, and Lists in Ezra-Nehemiah and their Archival Implications

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference: Ezra-Nehemiah Section November 2016
San Antonio, Texas

Archive, Imitation, and the Search for Identity in the Book of Ezra

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference: Ezra-Nehemiah Section November 2015
Atlanta, Georgia

Response to Prof. Christl Maier, "The Nature of Deutero-Jeremianic Prose"

Jeremiah's Scriptures Conference June 2014
Ascona, Switzerland

An Unholy War: The Ethics of Retribution in Judges 8:1-21

New England Society of Biblical Literature, Regional Conference April 2010

Newton, Massachusetts

Courses Taught

*indicates graduate-level course

Time and Scripture in Ancient Jewish Literature* Indiana University, Bloomington IN	Spring 2023
Prophets, Messiahs, Apocalypses Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Fall 2022, Fall 2024 (x2)
The Bible and Empire Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Spring 2022
Intermediate Biblical Hebrew* Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Spring 2022, Fall 2022
Text and Trauma* Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Spring 2021
Introduction to Jewish History: The Bible to the Spanish Expulsion Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Fall 2020
The Bible and Ethics: Love, Poverty, and War Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Fall 2020, Spring 2023
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Fall 2019—Spring 2025 (x5)
Gender and Power in the Hebrew Bible Indiana University, Bloomington, IN	Fall 2019-Fall 2024 (x3)
The Bible, Trauma, and American Identity Bates College, Lewiston, ME	Spring 2019
Religion and Grief Bates College, Lewiston, ME	Fall 2018
Gender and Power in Christianity Bates College, Lewiston, ME	Fall 2018
Jews and Judaism in Antiquity Bates College, Lewiston, ME	Fall 2018
Confrontations with Empire in the Hebrew Bible: English Exegesis of Esther, Daniel, and Ezra-Nehemiah* Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT	Spring 2018
Religion and Grief Yale College, New Haven, CT	Fall 2017

Elementary Biblical Hebrew [intensive course]*
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT

Summer 2016

Service

Steering Committee Member, Chronicles Ezra-Nehemiah Program Unit (SBL)
Steering Committee Member, Space, Place and Lived Experience in Antiquity (SBL)

Editorial Board Member, Catholic Biblical Quarterly (since 2024)
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Hebrew Scriptures (since 2023)
Editorial Board Member, Bible & Critical Theory (since 2022)
Editorial Board Member, Horizons in Biblical Theology (since 2019)