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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES Los Angeles, California
PhD in Hebrew Bible & Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 2004-2010

- Dissertation: *Remembering Eden: Genesis 3:22-24 in Early Jewish Interpretation*
- Comprehensive PhD Exams
 - Hebrew Bible
 - Second Temple Judaism
 - Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Languages (Ugaritic, Phoenician, Paleo-Hebrew, Mishnaic Hebrew, DSS Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Ethiopic)
 - Aramaic (Biblical, Targumic, Dead Sea Scrolls, and Jewish Palestinian and Babylonian Aramaic)

YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL New Haven, Connecticut
MAR with concentration in Second Temple Jewish Studies 2002-2004

- Magna Cum Laude

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE Hanover, New Hampshire
B.A. Religious Studies 1994-1998

- High honors in Religious Studies with a concentration in Judaism and Early Christianity

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE Los Angeles, California
Lecturer in Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies 2017-Present

- Jerusalem: the Making of a Sacred City, Spring 2017
- “Jewish Communities in Antiquity”, Fall 2017
- “the History of the End of the World” examining the social and literary phenomenon of eschatological expectations, Spring 2018
- Mythology of Otherworldly Journey, Fall 2018
- Ancient Israel & the Hebrew Bible, Spring 2019
- Jerusalem: Holy City, Fall 2019
- Judaism: from Exile to Diaspora, Spring 2020

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE Hanover, New Hampshire
Visiting Lecturer in Hebrew Bible, Dead Sea Scrolls, and early Christianity 2010-2016

- Designed an upper level undergraduate seminar on messianism and apocalyptic movements.
- Created upper level seminar on the Dead Sea Scrolls and early Christianity.
- Taught an introduction to the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near East.
- Created an upper level seminar on Jesus in His Jewish Context
- Taught a course on the significance of Jerusalem in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions.

- Designed an upper level undergraduate and graduate seminar entitled “the History of the End of the World

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, California

Lecturer in Hebrew Bible and religions of the Ancient Near East

2010-2016

- Regularly teach a comparative monotheism course called “the Origins of Abrahamic religions” exploring the texts, traditions, and beliefs of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- Regularly teach a course entitled “Jerusalem: the holy city” examining the history of Jerusalem in the sacred literature of Jews, Christians, and Muslims.
- Designed and taught courses on the Jewish Jesus, Hebrew Bible, the History of the End of the World, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a comparative religion course on Messianic movements.

PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Reading Sacredness into the Badly Behaving Bible. *Forthcoming manuscript.*
- “Review: R. E. Stokes, The Satan: How God’s Executioner Became the Enemy” in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, April 2021.
- “The Tree of Life in Jewish-Christian Legendary Texts,” in *The Tree of Life* (Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2020), 122-133.
- Invited public lecture: “Finding Faithfulness in all the Wrong Places: Making Sacred Sense of Drunkenness, Deceit, and Debauchery in the Hebrew Bible.” Presented for the De Leve Center and the Center for the Study of Religion at University of California, Los Angeles. January 2019.
- “Review: Aramaic Magic Bowls in the Vorderasiatisches Museum in Berlin,” in *Review of Biblical Literature*, August 2019.
- “Bathsheba: From Trauma Victim to Un-named Wife” SBL paper for Christian Theology and the Bible session of 2018 SBL annual meeting in Denver, CO.
- “Review: The Myth of Rebellious Angels: Studies in Second Temple Judaism and New Testament Texts,” in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, Spring 2018.
- “Reading John from the Margins: Finding Jesus in the Judean Voice of John’s Gospel,” presented at the SBL national convention in San Diego CA. Nov 2014. *Forthcoming article. Expected publication in 2021.*
- “Review: How Repentance Became Biblical,” in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, October 2017.
- “Solomon in the Garden of Eden: autonomous wisdom and the danger of discernment.” in *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy*, vol 1 (Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2016), 714-25.
- “Pairing Merlot with Morality,” presented at the SBL/AAR national convention in November 2016 in San Antonio, TX.
- “Tricksters, Underdogs & the Redaction of Genesis,” presented at the SBL/AAR national convention in November 2016 in San Antonio, TX.
- “Why biblical scholars should study Aramaic bowl spells,” *Aramaic Studies* 13 (2015), 9-23.
- “Review: E. A. Robbins, The Storyteller and the Garden of Eden,” *Biblica* 95/4 (2014), 602-5.
- “Moving Day: the Translation of Paradise in the Jewish Pseudepigrapha,” presented at the SBL national convention in Baltimore, MD. Nov 2013.
- “Enigma and Loss: the Mystery and Disappearance of the Rephaim in Jewish Literature” presented at the SBL national convention in Baltimore, MD. Nov 2013.
- Remembering Eden: The Reception History of Genesis 3:22-24 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- Invited lecture “Reading texts to the end: the altar of Gideon in Judges 7-8” for the Waterman Institute at Dartmouth College April 26, 2011.

- Invited lecture for Dartmouth College Faculty Colloquium “Wielding Words: Using the Bible for love, health, and hate.” May 2011.
- “Paradise in the Bible and the Pseudepigrapha,” in *Early Christian Literature and Intertextuality*, in T & T Clark’s Library of Second Temple Studies and Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity (SSEJC), 2009.
- Three articles in *the New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Katherine Doob Sakenfeld (ed), Volume 5: S-Z (Abingdon Press), 2009.
- “Antilanguage,” in the *Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Literature* (Leiden: Brill), 2010
- The Temple of Yahu at Elephantine Reconsidered, SBL Pacific Coast Conference 2006 Claremont, CA.
- The Use of the Hebrew Bible in Aramaic Magical Texts, SBL National Conference 2006 Washington, DC.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, California

- Dissertation Year Fellowship 2009-2010.
 - University fellowship awarded with unanimous nomination of departmental faculty including full tuition and stipend.
- Del Amo Dean’s Fellowship 2004-2010
 - First NELC department recipient of six-year university fellowship including full tuition remission and stipend.
- Teaching Fellowship 2007-2009
- Graduate Research Mentorship 2006-07
 - Year-long research grant to study biblical interpretation in the Second Temple period including full tuition and stipend.
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, Summer 2005
 - Research grant to study the Temple of Yahu in Elephantine including summer tuition and stipend.

YALE UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

New Haven, Connecticut

- Gaylord Noyce Merit Scholarship.
- Dwight-Hooker Fellowship for demonstrating promise of future academic success.
- Mary Cady Tew Prize for scholastic excellence.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Hanover, New Hampshire

- Charles Howard Dudley prize for academic excellence in comparative religion awarded with unanimous recommendation of the religion department faculty.
- High honors for senior thesis on biblical interpretation in apocalyptic Judaism and early Christianity.
- Foreign study program 1996, Edinburgh University Divinity School.
- Class of 1998 Executive committee (2015-present).
- Co-founder and co-chair of the Granite Coalition.
 - non-profit initiative to coordinate care among alumni of Dartmouth college who have suffered loss or otherwise require compassionate interventions.
 - Presently oversee a volunteer base of 60 classmates around the world representing various professional disciplines and life experience. Coordinate volunteer initiatives and mobilize volunteers to serve classmates in transition and crisis.