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Positions held:

Adjunct Professor, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 2008-present

Member, Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies program, University of Saskatchewan, 2017-present

Professor of Hebrew Scriptures (without rank), St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 2002-2021; tenure granted July 1, 2007

Associate member, Department of Linguistics and Religious Studies, University of Saskatchewan, 2011-2018

Sessional Lecturer, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 1998-1999

Teaching Assistant, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 1993-1998, 1999-2000

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy, Comparative Literary Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 2001

Dissertation: *The Ideal Ruler as Intertext in 1-2 Chronicles and the Cyropaedia*.

Supervisor: Robert Polzin

External Examiner: Barbara Green, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

Master of Arts, Religion, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 1995

Thesis: *Remembering Jezebel: Reading and Rewriting a Biblical Narrative*.

Supervisor: Robert Polzin

Bachelor of Arts, Honours Archaeology (Near Eastern), *with high distinction*, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, 1993

Fellowships and Awards:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship, 1997-1999

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1993-1997

Gold Medal in Archaeology, Wilfrid Laurier University, 1993

Publications:

Articles (Peer-reviewed):

“David and darics: reconsidering an anachronism in 1 Chronicles 29”, *Vetus Testamentum* 69 (2019): 748-754

“Berlin Papyrus P. 13447 and the Library of the Yehudite Colony at Elephantine”, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 76 (2017): 139-147

“A *Paradeisos* at Ramat Rahel and the Setting of Zechariah”, *Transeuphratene* 48 (2016): 77-91

“Coming, Going, and Knowing: Reading Sex and Embodiment in Hebrew Narrative”, *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 5 (2016): 94-111

“A Note on the Creation Formula in Zechariah 12:1-8; Isaiah 42:5-6; and Old Persian Inscriptions”, *Journal of Biblical Literature* 133 (2014): 305-308

“Temperance, Temples, and Colonies: Reading the Book of Haggai in Saskatoon”, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 36 (2007): 261-277

“Power, *Eros*, and Biblical Genres”, *Bible and Critical Theory* 3/2 (2007) 18.1-11.
<<http://publications.epress.monash.edu/loi/bc>>; also in R.T. Boer (ed.), *Bakhtin and Genre Theory in Biblical Studies* (Semeia Studies; Atlanta: SBL, 2007), 31-42

“The Ironic Death of Josiah in 2 Chronicles”, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68 (2006): 421-35

“Transformations of Meaning: The Accession of Solomon in Chronicles”, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 4 (2002) article 3 <<http://www.jhsonline.org/>>

Essays:

“What to do with all these Canaanites? A settler-Canadian reading of biblical conquest stories”, in D. Schweitzer & P. Gareau (eds.), *Honouring the Declaration* (Regina, SK: University of Regina Press, forthcoming 2021)

“The Testament of Darius (DNa/DNb) and Constructions of Kings and Kingship in 1-2 Chronicles”, in J. Silverman & C. Waerzeggers (eds.), *Political Memory in and after the Persian Empire* (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015), 363-380

“Achaemenid Persian Concepts Pertaining to Covenant and Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi”, in R. Bautch & G.N. Knoppers (eds.), *Covenant in the Persian Period* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2015), 291-306

“Response: Reflections on the Book of Chronicles and Second Temple Historiography”, in P. Evans & T. Williams (eds.), *Chronicling the Chronicler: The Book of Chronicles and Early Second Temple Historiography* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2013), 271-79

“Why the Hebrew Bible Might Be All Greek to Me: On the Use of the Xenophontic Corpus in Discussions of Biblical Literature”, in L.L. Grabbe (ed.), *Enquire of the Former Age: Ancient Historiography and Writing the History of Israel* (LHBOTS 554; London: Continuum, 2011), 57-76

“Chronicles and Ben Sira: Questions of Genre”, in J. Corley & H. van Grol (eds.), *Rewriting Biblical History: Essays on Chronicles and Ben Sira in Honor of Pancratius C. Beentjes* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011), 1-25

“Otherness and Historiography in Chronicles”, in L. Jonker (ed.), *Historiography and Identity (Re)formulation in Second Temple Historiographical Literature* (LHBOTS 534; London: Continuum, 2010), 93-109

“‘How Lonely Sits the City’: Identity and the Creation of History”, in J.L. Berquist (ed.), *Approaching Yehud: New Approaches to the Persian Period* (Semeia Studies; Atlanta: SBL, 2007), 77-89

“Heart and Mind in the Hebrew Scriptures”, *Touchstone* 23/1 (2005): 5-13

“Bakhtin and the Ideal Ruler in 1-2 Chronicles and the *Cyropaedia*”, in R.B. Branham (ed.), *The Bakhtin Circle and Ancient Narrative (Ancient Narrative Supplementa 3)*; Groningen: U of Groningen Library/Barkhuis, 2005), 297-319

“The Dialogism of Chronicles”, in M.P. Graham & S.L. McKenzie (eds.), *The Chronicler as Author: Studies in Text and Texture* (JSOTSup 238; Sheffield: Sheffield AP, 1999), 311-326

Dictionary, encyclopedia, etc. entries:

Collin Cornell, Tamara Cohn Eskenazi, Karel van der Toorn, Reinhard G. Kratz, Christine Mitchell, Seth Bledsoe, Bob Becking, Gard Granerød, Alejandro F. Botta & Bezalel Porten “Teaching Elephantine to Theological Students: A Round-Table”, *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 33 (2019), 277-297

“Queen of Sheba”, *Bible Odyssey* (www.bibleodyssey.org, 2018)

“Speech Genres”, in T. Thatcher, C. Keith, R. Person, E. Stern (eds.), *The Dictionary of the Bible in Ancient Media* (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark 2017), 382-384

1-2 Chronicles: Introduction, character sketches and comments for *The CEB Women’s Bible* (Nashville: Common English Bible, 2016)

“1-2 Chronicles”, in C. Newsom, S. Ringge and J. Lapsley (eds.), *The Women’s Bible Commentary*, 3rd ed. (Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2012), 184-91

Reviews and review essays:

About twenty reviews in *Review of Biblical Literature*, *Bible and Critical Theory*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, *Hebrew Studies*, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, *Religious Studies and Theology*, *Toronto Journal of Theology*

Works in progress:

1-2 *Chronicles*, commentary under contract with Oxford University Press, due 2025

The Invention of Religion in the Persian Period, monograph in preparation

Entry on 1-2 Chronicles (40,000 words) for *The New Oxford Bible Commentary*, under contract with Oxford University Press, submitted March 2019

Grants:

“Changing teaching landscapes at St. Andrew’s College”, Association of Theological Schools Educational Models and Practices Faculty Development Grant, co-director, 2017-2019

“Reflections on the UCC’s adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a way toward reconciliation”, United Church of Canada Justice and Reconciliation Fund, on behalf of a collective, 2017

Editorial activities:

Inaugural series editor of *Advancing Studies in Religion* (ASR), a book series sponsored by the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR), published by McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2014-2021

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2017-present

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, 2020-present

Managing Editor, *Metatron* (a start-up peer-reviewed online journal for biblical and ancient near eastern studies), 2020-present

Invited lectures:

Presidential Address, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, “Reading biblical conquest stories on Treaty 4 land, working towards reconciliation,” Regina, May 26, 2018

Augustana Distinguished Lecturer, Chester Ronning Centre for Religion and Public Life, University of Alberta Augustana Campus: “Does the Bible justify genocide? If so, do we have to listen?” and “What to do with all these Canaanites? A settler-Canadian reflection on biblical conquest stories”, February 27-28, 2018

Keynote speaker, “Who’s a Real Woman? Who’s a Real Man? Gender-bending in the Book of Judges,” student conference Research in Religious Studies, University of Lethbridge, May 1-2, 2010

Unpublished conference activities: Most of these items are currently being incorporated into the two larger works-in-progress noted above.

“The politics of Judahite creation theologies in the Persian period”, invited paper read at “Political Theology” seminar, University of Divinity, Melbourne, July 10, 2020; in preparation for publication in the seminar volume

“The righteousness of the Levites in Chronicles and Ezekiel”, invited paper read at Chronicles and the Priestly Literature seminar, University of Lausanne, November 18-20, 2019; in preparation for publication in the seminar volume

“Gideon, *Breaking Bad*, and toxic masculinity”, read at European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, Warsaw, August 11-14, 2019

“Commonalities without equivalence”, invited paper read in Early Christianity, Early Judaism and the Study of Religion Seminar, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (CSBS) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, June 1-3, 2019; different version read at International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament Congress, Aberdeen, Scotland, August 5-9, 2019; in preparation for publication in a *festschrift* for Gary N. Knoppers

“Hybridity and religious expression in Achaemenid Anatolia”, paper read in Ancient Near East Section, Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) International Meeting, Berlin, August 2017

“Achaemenid Persian control of Judahite Yhwh-worshippers and Egyptian Khnum-worshippers in Elephantine”, paper read in Israelite Religions Section, SBL International Meeting, Berlin, August 2017

“David the Micromanager: Persian Administrative Tactics and Chronicles”, invited paper read in Literature and History of the Persian Period Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2016

“Retellings and Agency in Chronicles: The Case of Jehoshabeath (2 Chr 22:10-12)”, invited paper read in Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2016

“The Achaemenid Invention of ‘Biblical’ Religion”, read in the Persian Period Section, SBL International Meeting, Seoul, July 3-7, 2016

“Textual Evidence for Cultic Practices at the Yehudite Temple at Elephantine”, read in the Expressions of Religion in Israel section, SBL International Meeting, Seoul, July 3-7, 2016

“The Invention of Religion at Elephantine”, read in Early Christianity, Early Judaism and the Study of Religion Seminar, CSBS Annual Meeting, Calgary, May 28-30, 2016

Panel member, “Preparing for non-academic careers”, CSBS Annual Meeting, Calgary, May 28-30, 2016

“Chronicles as Oral Text”, invited paper read in Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 21-24, 2015

“Reflexes of Achaemenid Iconography, Ideology, and Theology as Criteria for Dating Biblical Texts”, invited paper read in the Judeans in the Persian Empire unit, European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, Cordoba, Spain, July 13-16, 2015

“Public Rhetoric and Lived Realities of Women in Religious Life during the Achaemenid Empire”, read in the CSBS Annual Meeting, Ottawa, May 30-June 1, 2015

Panel member, review panel of Annalisa Azzoni, *The Private Lives of Women in Persian Egypt*, Literature and History of the Persian Period Group, SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 15-18, 2014

“Divine Instrument and Oriental Despot: An Encounter with Achaemenid Ideology”, invited paper read in the Bible and Empire Section, SBL International Meeting, St. Andrew’s, Scotland, July 7-11, 2013

“Bruce Lincoln and/or the Myth of the Benevolent Persians”, read in the Ideological Criticism Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 17-20, 2012

“Levites that have more *tsedeq* than Tsadoq: Reading 2 Chr 29:34 in a web of righteousness”, invited paper read in the Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 17-20, 2012

“Earth-Empire in Haggai-Zechariah and Persian Imperial Inscriptions”, read at the Concepts of Ancient Jewish Discourse Session, CSBS Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario, May 24-26, 2009; and at the Book of the Twelve Prophets Section, SBL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 21-24, 2009

“The New World Order: Reading Earth in Zechariah 14 and Persian Imperial Inscriptions”, read at the Ecological Hermeneutics Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, November 22-25, 2008

“Reported and Reporting Speech in Zechariah, and the End of Prophecy”, read at the CSBS Annual Meeting, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 27-29, 2007

“Reconstructing Solomon: Questions of Characterization, Power, and Wisdom”, read in the Literature and Religion Division, Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 27-30, 2006

“Writing / Elijah / Cursing”, read in the Curses and Curse Stories in Antiquity session, CSBS Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, May 28-30, 2006

Panel member, “Introducing students to the Bible and the Bible to students”, CSBS Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, May 28-30, 2006

“Erasing Women in Chronicles”, read in the Feminisms, Culture and the Bible Seminar, CSBS Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Quebec, May 24-26, 2001

“Jezebel in the Nursery”, read in the Feminisms, Culture and the Bible Seminar, CSBS Annual Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, May 25-27, 2000

“Alienated King Saul”, read in the Post-Structuralist Research on the Hebrew Bible Group, SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 22-25, 1997

Teaching experience:

Courses taught, St. Andrew’s College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

- BA 101-102 Introductory Hebrew Grammar (periodically)
- BA 301-302 Continuing Reading in the Hebrew Bible I & II (regularly as a directed reading course)
- BA 110 Introduction to the Jewish Bible (annually; also periodically online after 2011)
- BA 221 Pentateuch: Creation Texts (periodically)
- BA 226 The Prophetic Books of the Hebrew Scriptures: Colonialism and Critique in Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi (periodically)
- BA 229 Feminist Exegesis of the Hebrew Scriptures: Judges (periodically)
- BA 329 Inner-biblical Interpretation: Making and Re-making Texts and Worlds in Chronicles and/or Isaiah (periodically)
- PA 352 English Language and Culture for Canadian Pastoral Contexts II (Summer 2017)
- PA 384 Learning Circle 4: Skills for administration and local mission (coordinator: regularly after 2014)
- PA 385 Learning Circle 5: Who am I in pastoral ministry? (regularly)
- BU 400 Graduate Seminar: Method in Biblical Studies (Winter 2005)
- IU 601 Doctor of Ministry Entry Colloquium (every two years 2012-2020)
- IU 602 Doctor of Ministry 2nd Colloquium (Fall 2017)
- IU 603 Doctor of Ministry Final Colloquium (Winter 2014, Winter 2018)
- IU 777 Doctor of Ministry Capstone (Winter 2017, Winter 2021)

Courses taught, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario:

- 34.226 Introduction to the Literature of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) (Winter 1999)
- 34.227 The History and Literature of Early Christianity (Winter 1999)

Teaching Assistant, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, 1993-2000

Courses in the areas of Hebrew Bible, Judaism, History of the Middle East, Western religions, Classical mythology

Supervision:

Matteo Carboni, ThM thesis, in progress

Bob Butler, DMin project, in progress

Shirl Christian, "Connections: Church in Community", DMin project, 2019

Jeff Martens-Koop, "Evaluating the Kings: How does the Chronicler use Source Citations Paired with Evaluative Comments?" Master of Theological Studies honours thesis, 2008

Professional service:

Member, Board of Commissioners, Association of Theological Schools Commission on Accrediting, class of 2024; service as member of Committee on Reference and Counsel, ATS Biennial, June 2020

Member, Global Awareness and Engagement Working Group, Association of Theological Schools, 2019-present

Member (as Series Editor), Board, Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion, 2015-2021; member-at-large 2013-2015

President, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, 2017-2018; Vice-President 2016-2017

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Persian Period Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, 2016-2018; member, 2012-2016

Evaluation committee member, Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, comprehensive visits: 2011, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2018 (chair), 2018 (chair), 2020, 2021 (chair); focused visits: 2016 (chair)

Member, Steering Committee, Covenant in the Persian Period Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature, 2010-2012

Chair, Steering Committee, Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2006-2010; member, 2003-2010

Programme Co-ordinator and Executive Member, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, 2004-2007

Peer-reviewer for *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, *Bible and Critical Theory*, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, Oxford University Press

Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, European Association of Biblical Studies, North American Association for the Study of Religion, Modern Language Association, British Institute of Persian Studies

St. Andrew's College and University of Saskatchewan service:

Member, Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies program executive, University of Saskatchewan, 2020-present

Curriculum Planning, Assessment and Oversight Coordinator, St. Andrew's College, 2011-2021

Master of Theology Program Committee, Graduate Studies Council, Saskatoon Theological Union, member 2013-2015, director 2016-2021

Doctor of Ministry Program Committee, Graduate Studies Council, Saskatoon Theological Union, member 2020-2021

Member-at-large, Graduate Council of the College of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Saskatchewan, 2017-2020, 2011-2015

Director, Institutional Self-Study for reaccreditation, St. Andrew's College, 2012-2014

Chair, Saskatoon Theological Union Library Committee and chair of search for STU Library Director, 2014

Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Religion and Culture, University of Saskatchewan, 2011-2013

Chair, Graduate Studies Council, Saskatoon Theological Union, 2010-2011

Registrar, St. Andrew's College, 2006-2008

Member, Search Committee for Principal, St. Andrew's College, 2006-2007

Community presentations and service:

"Reading the Bible after the TRC", community presentation, multiple times since 2019

"The Wonder of Creation – Reading Genesis 1-2 Ecologically", lay education event, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, October 21, 2017; Coaldale, Alberta, April 28, 2019

"Modern Takes on Genesis 1-3", presentation to Hanshin Graduate School of Theology, Seoul, June 27, 2016; presentation to River Bend Presbytery, United Church of Canada, Saskatoon, February 21, 2015

"Recent Biblical Scholarship on Covenant, Election, Land", workshop at "Doing Theology on Occupied Land", a symposium of The United Church of Canada, Saskatoon, May 12-13, 2014

Workshop on hospitality in the Bible, Marengo Pastoral Charge, Alsask, Saskatchewan, May 11, 2008

"Evangelizing Beyond Borders: Welcoming the Stranger", keynote speaker at "Scripturefest," a one-day event sponsored by the Queen's House of Retreats, Saskatoon, January 26, 2008

Speaker for the Friends of Sophia, an on-campus group interested in feminist Christian spirituality, November 24, 2005

Panel speaker for the McClure UC – Holy Spirit RCC study group, on the authority of Scripture in The United Church of Canada, November 7, 2005

Panel speaker at "Scripturefest", a one-day event sponsored by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Saskatoon, January 15, 2005

Numerous sermons at United Churches, 2002-2021

Professional development and workshops:

Women in Leadership development event, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, October 23-25, 2019 (by application)

School for Peer Reviewers, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, January 18-19, 2018 (by nomination)

Participated in St. Andrew's College--Hanshin Graduate School of Theology Faculty Exchange, Seoul, June 23-July 1, 2016

Completed *Tri-Council Policy Statement* tutorial course on research ethics, April 2013 <www.pre.gc.ca>

Online course for Theological Faculty Teaching Online, Wabash Center For Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2011 (nine-week course with competitive application process, course offered by University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Teaching workshops, University of Saskatchewan, 2003-2014 (most recent first): "Designing Rubrics to Evaluate Student Assignments", "Indigenous Voices", "Copyright/Copywrong", "Course Redesign", "Introduction to BlackBoard Learn 9", "Asking the Right Questions", "Introduction to WebCT", "Conflict and Emotion in the Classroom"

Seminar in University Teaching (one semester credit course), Carleton University, 1998

Teaching Assistant workshops, Carleton University, 1995-1997: "Small Group Work in Larger Classes", "Getting Students to Read Before Class", "Making Discussion Work", "Three Components of a Good Lecture"

Languages

French, Classical Hebrew, Classical and rabbinic Aramaic, Classical and koine Greek, Old Persian