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Education

Ph.D. (Hebrew Bible)	Emory University, 2008
M.A. (Egyptology)	University of California, Los Angeles, 2022
M.Div.	Princeton Theological Seminary, 2003
B.A., <i>magna cum laude</i>	Amherst College, 1996
Additional coursework	University of California at Davis, 2000-2001 (Classical Greek) Université de Grenoble / Swarthmore College in France, 1995

Professional experience

Fuller Theological Seminary

2020–present	D. Wilson Moore Professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
2016–2021	Chair, Old Testament Department
2012–2020	D. Wilson Moore Associate Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Full member of doctoral faculty 2015–)
2008–2012	D. Wilson Moore Assistant Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Associate member of doctoral faculty 2008–14)
Service:	Director of Hebrew instruction for all Fuller campuses, Coordinator of OT PhD concentration, Faculty Senate, Academic Affairs Committee, Master's Admissions Committee, Faculty Library Committee

W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem

2022–23	U. S. State Department Educational And Cultural Affairs Annual Professorship
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University of Pretoria, South Africa

2017–present	Research Associate, Department of Old Testament Studies
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The Megiddo Expedition

2016–present	Consortium member; Directors: Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University and Matthew Adams, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem
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Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Amsterdam

May 2019	Research Fellow
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University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem

Fall 2013	Visiting Professor
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Emory University / Candler School of Theology

2006–08	Candler Writing Center Coordinator
2006–07	Adjunct Instructor of Old Testament
2007	Staff, Lahav Research Project (Tell Halif, Israel)
2003–06	Teaching fellow

Publications

Books authored (including book-length works)

Isaiah: A Commentary. Old Testament Library. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, in preparation.

I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever: Remnants of Royal Funerary Liturgy in the Psalms. In preparation.

An Ugaritic Handbook: Paradigms, Vocalization Helps, and Select Bibliography (with Brent A. Strawn and Joel M. LeMon). University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press/Eisenbrauns, forthcoming 2023.

Isaiah: A Paradigmatic Prophet and His Interpreters (with C. L. Crouch). London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2022.

The New Oxford Bible Commentary on "Isaiah" and "Micah," Katharine Dell and David Lincicum, eds., Oxford University Press, forthcoming. (60,000 words)

The Origins of Isaiah 24-27: Josiah's Festival Scroll for the Fall of Assyria. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Reviews: Marvin Sweeney, *ThLZ* (2021); Brad Kelle, *RBL* (2020): https://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/13169_14687.pdf; Cian Power *JSOT* 44.5 (2020); Uwe Becker, *ZAW* 132 (2020): 346-347

A Covenant With Death: Death in the Iron Age II and its Rhetorical Uses in Proto-Isaiah. Eerdmans, 2015. (Corrected, paperback republication of *Death in the Iron Age II and in First Isaiah*.)

Reviews: Francis Landy, *RBL* 2016 (<https://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=10961>); Michael Lyons, *Near Eastern Archeological Society Bulletin* 61 (2016); Brad Kelle, *RSR* 2016; Raleigh Heth, *Reading Religion* (American Academy of Religion) (<http://readingreligion.org/books/covenant-death>)

Hidden Riches: A Sourcebook for the Comparative Study of the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2014.

Reviews: Ralph Klein, *CurTM* 42 (2015): 59-66; Samuel Hildebrandt, *ExpTim* 127 (2015): 42; Benjamin J. Noonan, *BBR* 25 (2015): 241-242; Shawn Flynn, *CBQ* 78 (2016): 349-51; Brad Kelle, *RBL*; Tyler Mayfield, *Int* 70 (2016): 348-49.

Korean translation: 고대 근동 문헌과 구약성경 (고대 근동 시리즈 19; CLC, 2018).

Spanish translation in preparation for SBL Monografías sobre el Antiguo Cercano Oriente.

Death in the Iron Age II and in First Isaiah. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 79. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011.

Awarded the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2013.

Reviews: Konrad Schmid, *JHS* 12 (2012) (http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review614.htm); Stefanie Ernst, *OLZ* 109 (2014): 207-210; Angelika Berlejung, *ZAW* 125, (2013): 257; *OTA* 35 (2012): 455; Michael Hermann Niemann, *Jahrbuch für Liturgik und Hymnologie* 51 (2012): 73; James McKeown, *JSOT* 36 (2012): 148; Gary V. Smith, *BBR* 22 (2012): 429-431; Stefan Beyerle, *BN* 157 (2013): 142-43.

Volumes edited

The Cambridge Companion to Isaiah. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023.

Egypt and Hebrew Prophecy. Co-editors Thomas Schneider and John Huddlestun. Forthcoming, 2022.

God and Guns: The Bible Against American Gun Culture. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2021.

Deathless Hopes: Reinventions of Afterlife and Eschatological Beliefs. Co-editor, with Alexander Massmann. Altes Testament und Moderne 31. Vienna and Zurich: LIT Verlag, 2018.

The Formation of the Book of Isaiah in its Ancient Near Eastern Contexts. Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel 6/1, 2017.

Translation

The Book of Isaiah (co-translator) in the *Common English Bible*. 2011.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

"A Hidden God: Isaiah 45's Amun Polemic and Message to Egypt," *Vetus Testamentum* 72 (2022): 1-17.

"Prayers for This Life and the Next: Polysemy in Psalms and Mortuary Art," *Advances in Ancient, Biblical and Near Eastern Research* 1/3 (2021): 45–80.

"Gradations of Degradation: Ezekiel's Underworld as a Temple of Doom," (with Sara Wells) *Old Testament Essays* 33 (2020): 490–514.

"Enlil, Isaiah, and the Origins of the 'ēlīlīm: A Reassessment." *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 132 (2020): 224–235.

"How Many Histories of Death Does the Hebrew Bible Contain?" (review article on Matthew Suriano's *A History of Death in the Hebrew Bible*), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (2019): 679–92.

"Those Weaned From Milk": The Divine Wet Nurse Motif in Isaiah 28's Ceremony of the Covenant with Mut," *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 19 (2019), 61–89.

"Make Peace With Me": The Josianic Origins of Isaiah 24–27," *Interpretation* 73 (2019): 143–57.

"Who Were the Assyrians?" *Biblical Archaeology Review* (May–June 2019): 51–56, 66.

"Swallowing Death at Tel 'Eton," *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* 44 (2018): 103–116.

"Introduction to "The Formation of Isaiah in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context," *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 6 (2017): 1–6.

"From Propaganda to Apocalypse: An Empirical Model for the Formation of Isaiah 24–27," *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 6 (2017): 120–44.

"There Is Hope for a Tree": Job's Hope for the Afterlife in the Light of Egyptian Tree Imagery," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015): 42–68.

"My Beloved Son, Come and Rest in Me": Job's Return to His Mother's Womb (Job 1:21a) in Light of Egyptian Mythology," *Vetus Testamentum* 62 (2012): 607–21.

"The Egyptian Goddess Mut in Iron-Age Palestine: Further Data From Amulets and Onomastics," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 71 (2012): 299–314.

"An Egyptian Loanword in the Book of Isaiah and the Deir 'Alla Inscription: Heb. *nṣr*, Aram. *nqr* and Eg. *ntr* as '[Divinized] Corpse,'" *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 4 (2012): 17–23.

"The Book of Isaiah in Contemporary Research," *Religion Compass* 5 (2011): 549–66.

"Re-Excavating Shebna's Tomb: A New Reading of Isa 22:15–19 in its Ancient Near Eastern Context," *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 122 (2010): 558–75.

"Bard Called the Tune: Whither Theological Exegesis in the Post-Childs Era?" *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4 (2010): 139–52.

"The Covenant with Mut: A New Interpretation of Isaiah 28:1–22," *Vetus Testamentum* 60 (2010): 212–40.

"What Sort of Friends?: A New Proposal Regarding רְפָאִים (rēpā'îm) and טְפָלִים (ṭep̄lîm) in Job 13:4," *Biblica* 90 (2009): 394–99.

"The Dead and Their Images: An Egyptian Etymology for Hebrew 'ôb" (first author, with Joel M. LeMon), *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 1 (2009): 1–4.

"Damning Egypt / Damning Egypt: The Paronomasia of *skr* and the Unity of Isa 19:1–15," *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 120 (2008): 612–16.

"The Silence of the Wives: Bakhtin's Monologism and Ezra 7–10," *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 33 (2008): 59–80.

"Chirps From the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 126 (2007): 303–23.

"Lest Ye Perish in the Way": Ritual and Kinship in Exodus 4:24–26," *Hebrew Studies* 48 (2007): 237–252.

"Kirtu and the 'Yoke of the Poor': A New Interpretation of an Old Crux (KTU 1.16 VI:48)," *Ugarit-Forschungen* 37 (2005): 361–370.

"How Shall We Sing?: Psalm 137 in Historical and Canonical Context," *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 27.2 (December 2005): 35–55.

“Blessed Be Egypt My People’: Karl Barth and the Election of the Outsider in the Old Testament,” *Princeton Theological Review* 10 (2003): 30-41.

Essays in edited volumes

“The Reception of the Exodus in the Prophets,” in Brent Strawn and Keith Bodner, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Exodus*. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“Introduction” to *The Cambridge Companion to Isaiah*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2022.

“The Book of Isaiah in the History of Israelite Religion,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Isaiah*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2022.

“Linguistic Dating of Hebrew Prophetic Texts: A Quantitative Approach with Special Attention to Isaiah 24-27” in Todd Hibbard and Jacob Stromberg, eds., *The History of Isaiah: The Making of the Book and its Presentation of the Past*. FAT. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021.

“The Neo-Assyrian Context of First Isaiah” (with C. L. Crouch), in Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, ed., *The Oxford Handbook to Isaiah*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.

“The Walls of Jerusalem and the Guns of America,” in *God and Guns: The Bible and American Gun Culture*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, forthcoming 2021.

“Can a Woman Forget Her Nursing Child?: Divine Breastfeeding and the God of Israel,” pages 201-18 in Collin Cornell, ed., *Divine Doppelgängers: YHWH’s Ancient Look-Alikes*. Eisenbrauns/Penn State University Press, 2020.

“Isa 24-27 and Zephaniah Amid the Terrors and Hopes of the Seventh Century: An Intertextual Analysis.” Pages 131-55 in Richard J. Bautch, Joachim Eck, and Burkard M. Zapff, eds., *Isaiah and the Twelve*. BZAW 527. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020.

“Your Dead Shall Live’: Reimagining the History of Judean Eschatology in Light of Isaiah 24-27.” Pages 33-63 in *Deathless Hopes: Reinventions of Afterlife and Eschatological Beliefs*. Co-editor, with Alexander Massmann. Altes Testament und Moderne. Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2018.

“Introduction” (with Alexander Massmann). Pages 1-32 in *Deathless Hopes: Reinventions of Afterlife and Eschatological Beliefs*. Co-editor, with Alexander Massmann. Altes Testament und Moderne. Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2018.

“Death and Burial in the Iron Age Levant,” in *Behind the Scenes of the Old Testament: Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts of Ancient Israel*. Edited by Jonathan S. Greer, John W. Hilber, and John H. Walton. Baker Academic, 2018.

“Assyria and the Assyrians” (with Peter Machinist), in *The World Around the Old Testament*, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016. (40,000 words)

“A Story Told Backwards: Daniel’s Apocalypse,” in *Apocalypses in Context: Apocalyptic Currents Throughout History*. Edited by Kelly J. Murphy and Justin P. Jeffcoat Schedtler. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

“Revelation, Interpretation, Combat, and Judgment: ‘Proto-Apocalyptic’ Constellations in the Bible and the Ancient Near East” in *Apocalypses in Context: Apocalyptic Currents Throughout History*. Edited by Kelly J. Murphy and Justin P. Jeffcoat Schedtler. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

“Held in Slavery by the Fear of Death’: Ancient Hero Cults and the Old Testament Gospel,” pages 49-62 in Robert D. Miller, II, ed., *Between Israelite Religion and Old Testament Theology: Essays on Archaeology, History, and Hermeneutics*. Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 80. Leuven: Peeters, 2016.

“Claims About Solomon’s Empire in Light of Egyptian Royal Ideology of Territory.” Pages 503-15 in *Israel’s Exodus in Transdisciplinary Perspective: Text, Archaeology, Culture, and Geoscience*. Edited by Thomas E. Levy, Thomas Schneider and William H.C. Propp. Quantitative Methods in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Springer: 2014.

“The Date and Message of Isaiah 24-27 in Light of Hebrew Diachrony,” Pages 7-24 in *Intertextuality and Formation of Isaiah 24-27*. Ancient Israel and Its Literature. Edited by J. Todd Hibbard and Paul Kim. Atlanta: SBL, 2013.

“Isaiah as ‘Colonized Poet’: The Rhetoric of Death in Resistance Literature.” Pages 51-70 in *Isaiah and Imperial Context: The Book of Isaiah in Times of Empire*. Edited by Mark G. Brett, Andrew Abernethy, Tim Bulkeley, and Tim Meadowcroft. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013.

“You Destroy a Person’s Hope’: Job as a Conversation About Death.” Pages 219-233 in *Reading Job Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 574. London: T&T Clark, 2012.

“Religio-Historical Approaches: Monotheism, Method, and Mortality.” Pages 169-93 in *Method Matters: Essays on the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Honor of David L. Petersen*. Edited by Joel M. LeMon and Kent H. Richards. Atlanta: SBL, 2009.

“Echoes of the Ancient Near East?: Intertextuality and the Comparative Study of the Old Testament.” Pages 20-43 in *The Word Leaps the Gap: Essays on Scripture and Theology in Honor of Richard B. Hays*. Edited by J. Ross Wagner, C. Kavin Rowe, and A. Katherine Grieb. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009.

Articles in reference works

“Akkadian Loanwords and Wordplays in Isaiah,” in Gordon Hugenberger and Nancy Erickson, *Basics of Akkadian* (Zondervan Academic, forthcoming).

“Sheol as a Monster,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Biblical Monsters* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Death and the Afterlife,” in George Pierce and Kyle Keimer, eds. *The Ancient Israelite World* (Routledge Press, forthcoming).

“Egypt in the Old Testament,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2018.
oxfordre.com/religion/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.001.0001/acrefore-9780199340378-e-219.

“*kispum* ritual” in the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Funerary Inscriptions. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 9. Edited by C. L. Seow and H. Spieckermann. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2014.

“Death and Burial,” *Oxford Bibliographies* (www.oxfordbibliographies.com), 2014.

“Death” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2012.

“Isaiah.” Pages 384-409 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible*. Edited by Michael D. Coogan. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

“בָּעַר, ‘brennen’” in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten*, Band 1. Edited by Heinz-Josef Fabry, Ulrich Dahmen, George J. Brooke et al. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2011.

Essays on Lev. 19:1-18, Micah 3:5-12 and Rev 7:9-17 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year B*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

Essays on Exod 12:1-14, Isa 52:13-53:12, and Lam 3:1-24 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year C*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

Essays on Isa 60:1-6, 61:10-62:3 and Jer 31:7-14 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year B*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

“Amariah,” “Amasai,” “Amashsai,” “Amasiah,” and “Ashhur” in vol. A of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, edited by C.-L. Seow and H. Spieckermann. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2007.

Book Reviews

(list available upon request)

Popular publications

(list available upon request)

Grants and awards

W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (Jerusalem) U.S. State Department Educational And Cultural Affairs Annual Professorship, 2022–23

Fuller Seminary International Research Grant, 2022–23

Fuller Seminary Presidential Grant for Megiddo Consortium membership, 2016–2022

American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting Grant, 2020

Fuller Seminary Dean's Grant for translation of *Hidden Riches* into Spanish, 2020

Fuller Seminary Instructional Improvement Technology Grant, 2019

Logos in Oxford Travel Grant, 2017

Manfred Lautenschläger Symposium Grant, 2016

University of Southern California, West Semitic Research Project, RTI Training Grant, 2016

Logos in Oxford Travel Grant, 2015

Emory University Research Grant, 2013–14

Manfred Lautenschläger Award for Theological Promise, 2013

Logos in Oxford Travel Grant, 2013

ECF Endowment, Global Studies and Research, 2012

Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, 2010–11

Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar, Pacific Coast Region nominee, 2010

Fuller Theological Seminary Education/Culture Fellowship Grant, Summer 2010

Solomon Fellowship Travel Grant, Board of Rabbis of Southern California, Summer 2010

Catholic Biblical Association Memorial Stipend, 2006–2008

American Schools of Oriental Research Platt Fellowship, 2007

Biblical Archaeology Review Dig Scholarship, 2007

American Schools of Oriental Research Callaway Prize for Biblical Archaeology, 2005

Emory University

Woodruff Honors Fellowship, 2003–2008

Graduate Summer Research Grants, 2007, 2004

Teaching and the Environment Honors Stipend, 2004

Princeton Theological Seminary

McLaren Essay Prize for Biblical Theology, 2002 and 2003

Gehman Award for Old Testament, 2002

Roberts Scholarship in Preaching, 2002

Hodge Prize for Systematic Theology, 2002

Merit Fellowship, 2000–2003

Amherst College

Corbin English Prize (top senior thesis), 1996

Collin Armstrong Poetry Prize, 1996

Conferences organized

Prophets and Prophecy in Ancient Egypt, the Levant, and the Hebrew Bible. Joint sessions of the SBL Prophetic Texts in their Ancient Contexts and Egyptology and Ancient Israel sections, 2019–20.

The Payton Lectures 2019: The Self and Spirituality in Second Temple Judaism, featuring Carol A. Newsom.

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, April 3–4, 2019.

God and Guns: The Bible and American Gun Culture

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, March 15–16, 2019.

(<https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/god-and-guns-the-bible-and-american-gun-culture/>)

Deathless Hopes: Reinventions of Afterlife and Eschatological Beliefs (Manfred Lautenschlaeger Symposium)

Qiryat Tiv'on, Israel, July 10-11, 2016.

The Formation of the Book of Isaiah in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context

Universität Zürich, Switzerland, September 11-12, 2015.

(with Prof. Dr. Konrad Schmid and La Société suisse pour l'étude du Proche-Orient ancien).

Annual Meetings of the North American Society of Early Career Theologians

Oceanside, CA, November 20-21, 2014 / Baltimore, MD, November 21-22, 2013.

Academic presentations

“Afterlife in the Psalms,” Yale Divinity School, Spring 2022 (dates TBD).

Featured panelist, Conference: “Death Imagined,” University of Oxford, Oxford, England, April 15–17 2021.

“You Do Not Abandon My Soul to Sheol’ (Ps 16:10): The Conflicted History of a Mortuary Prayer.” University of Texas at Austin, April 9, 2022.

“Psalms for Dead Kings: A Bridge from Biblical Prohibitions to Present Practices,” University of Texas at Austin, April 8, 2022.

“1 Kings 16,” Fuller ConTexts Hebrew Reading Group, May 26, 2021.

“Isaïe 24-27 et l’histoire et archéologie de Ramat Rahel,” Université de Louvain-la-Neuve (France), April 19, 2021.

“Q&A Discussion Forum” (Featured Speaker), The Newell Lectures, Anderson University (Anderson, IN), March 30, 2021.

“Divine Femininity: Practical Questions at the Intersection of Theological Disciplines,” The Newell Lectures, Anderson University (Anderson, IN), March 30, 2021.

“The Origins of Isaiah 24–27: The Desertion of Ramat Rahel and Josiah’s Festival Scroll,” The Newell Lectures, Anderson University (Anderson, IN), March 29, 2021.

“Korean Tacos and Biblical Texts: Comparative Study of the Old Testament for a Multicultural World,” The Newell Lectures, Anderson University (Anderson, IN), March 29, 2021.

“Ritual Texts in the Hebrew Bible,” University of Southern California, January 28, 2021.

“Revisiting the ‘Jerusalem School’ Theory of Isaiah and Zephaniah,” 2020 Annual SBL Meeting, Boston, MA, November, 2020. [Postponed to 2021 due to COVID pandemic.]

Panelist, “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Death and the Underworld,” Social Sciences and Hebrew Scriptures, 2020 Annual SBL Meeting, Boston, MA, November, 2020. [Postponed to 2021 due to COVID pandemic.]

“Excavating the Liturgy of the Davidic Monarchy’s Royal Mortuary Cult” (Featured speaker), 2020 Annual ASOR Meeting, Boston, MA, November, 2020.

“The Royal Ancestor Cult in Early Monarchic Jerusalem,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 7, 2020 [Postponed to 2021 due to COVID pandemic.]

Panelist, “Where Does the Study of the Bible and the Ancient Near East Fit in Today’s Academy and Seminary?” Society of Biblical Literature-Pacific Coast Region, March 15, 2020. [Postponed to 2021 due to COVID pandemic.]

“‘Fully Human and Fully Divine’: How Comparative Religious Studies Informs Theology,” California State University-San Bernardino, Wednesday November 6, 2019.

“Those Weaned From Milk: Debates over the Divine Breastfeeding in the Old Testament,” Theologische Universiteit Kampen, May 23, 2019.

“Restoring Isaiah 24-27 to its Ideological and Archaeological Contexts,” Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam, May 15, 2019.

“Divine Femininity: Practical Questions at the Intersection of Theological Disciplines,” Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam, May 8, 2019.

“The Walls of Jerusalem and the Guns of America: A Theological Reading of Isaiah 22:8-11,” “God and Guns: The Bible and American Gun Culture,” Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, March 16, 2019.

“Your Dead Shall Live’: Complicating the History of the Judean Afterlife,” ARAM: Afterlife in Ancient Near Eastern Religions, Oxford, July 17, 2018.

“Intertextual Connections Between Isaiah 24-27 and the Book of the Twelve Reconsidered,” Conference on “Isaiah And The Book Of The Twelve,” Katholische Universität Eichstätt June 2, 2018.

“Cartoon Villains, Korean BBQ Tacos, and Semitic Dialects: Isaiah 24-27 as a Case Study for Code-Switching in the Hebrew Bible,” Keynote: University of Nottingham, May 30, 2018.

“Complicating the Afterlife: Judahite Beliefs in Texts and Archaeology,” Keynote: Imagining Life After Death: Past, Present, and Future, 4th Annual UCLA Graduate Conference on Religion, Los Angeles, CA, May 10, 2018.

“The Roots of Apocalyptic and the Dating of Biblical Texts,” Presidential Keynote: Society of Biblical Literature-Pacific Coast Region, March 11, 2018.

“Your Dead Shall Live’: Complicating the History of the Judean Afterlife,” Hebrew Union College-Los Angeles, March 8, 2018.

“Judah in the Late Seventh Century and the Controversy Over Josiah’s Expansion,” University of Sheffield, Feb. 1, 2018.

“Those Weaned From Milk’: Isaiah 28’s Rituals for the Covenant with Mut In Light of Rituals at Thebes, Mari, and Tayinat,” 2017 Annual SBL Meeting, Boston, MA, November 21, 2017.

“Hebrew Diachrony and Linguistic Dating in the Book of Isaiah,” 2017 Annual SBL Meeting, Boston, MA, November 18, 2017.

Panelist, review panel on Izaak J. de Hulster, Brent A. Strawn, Ryan P. Bonfiglio, *Iconographic Exegesis of the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament: An Introduction to Its Method and Practice* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015), 2017 International SBL Meeting, Berlin, August 9, 2017.

“Make Peace With Me’: The Josianic Origins of Isaiah 24-27,” University of Sheffield, March 21, 2017.

“Those Weaned From Milk’: The Divine Wet Nurse Motif in Isaiah 28’s Ceremony for the Covenant with Mut,” University of Nottingham, March 26, 2017.

Respondent, “Voices of Israel: Isaiah and Micah, Judean Prophets of the Eighth Century,” St. Edward’s University/Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Austin, TX, Nov. 18, 2016.

“Make Peace With Me’: The Josianic Origins of Isaiah 24-27,” University of Texas at Austin, Nov. 17, 2016.

“Weaned From the Breast’: Isaiah’s Critique of an Egyptian Goddess,” University of Texas at Austin, Nov. 17, 2016.

“Your Dead Shall Live’: Complicating the History of the Judean Afterlife,” Manfred Lautenschlaeger Symposium, Qiryat Tiv’on, Israel, July 10, 2016.

“Introduction to the Conference,” Manfred Lautenschlaeger Symposium, Qiryat Tiv’on, Israel, July 10, 2016.

“Imagery of Divine Suckling in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East,” Paris, France, Collège de France, April 15, 2016.

“J’aperçus le Seigneur assis sur un trône’: La vision d’Esaïe du temple dans son contexte,” Institut Protestant de Théologie, Paris, France, April 14, 2016.

“Hope and History in Isaiah 24-27: Reassessing a ‘Proto-Apocalyptic’ Text,” 2015 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

“Gradations of Unholiness: The ‘Circles’ of Ezekiel’s Underworld,” 2015 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

“The Preservation of the Body and the Life Everlasting in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible,” University of Nottingham Centre for the Bible, Ethics and Theology, Seminar on “Dignity and the Human Body: The Post-Mortem Treatment of the Body as an Ethical, Theological and Biblical Task.” Nottingham, England, Oct. 25, 2014.

“The Flood of Noah and the Streams of Tradition: Deluge Stories in the Ancient Near East,” Emory University Flood Symposium, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 18, 2014.

“Pyramids, Heroes, and Slaves: Cults of the Dead and the Gospel of Life,” Fuller School of Psychology 50th Anniversary Celebration, Pasadena, CA, February 20, 2014.

“Solomon’s Borders and Egyptian Royal Ideology of Territory,” 2013 Annual SBL Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 24, 2013.

“Challenges of Adaptation in the Early Career,” North American Society of Early-Career Theologians, Baltimore, MD, November 22, 2013.

“Getting Out of the Whole Genocide Thing”: Canaan and Nanking, Theology and ANE Comparative Study,” Logos Seminary, Pasadena, CA, November 6, 2013.

“God and Social Justice: From the Ancient Near East to Today,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 28, 2013.

“The Truth About Indiana Jones: How Archaeology Really Works,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 26, 2013.

“Digging Into the Bible: The Top Ten Archaeological Discoveries,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 26, 2013.

“Testing Biblical History: Sennacherib’s Campaign to Judah,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 13, 2013.

“Testing Biblical History: Sennacherib’s Campaign to Judah,” *Passages* exhibition, Colorado Springs, Colo., August 6, 2013.

“The Date and Message of Isa 24-27 in Light of Hebrew Diachrony,” Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award Symposium, Heidelberg, Germany, June 1, 2013.

“Religion in Iron Age Israel, Judah, Egypt, and Mesopotamia,” Panelist in Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible Section, SBL Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Fullerton, CA, March 24, 2013.

“The Extent of Solomon’s Empire in Light of Egyptian Royal Ideology of Territory,” University of California at Los Angeles, Feb. 26, 2013.

“Nubia in the Bible,” University of California at Los Angeles, Feb. 19, 2013.

“There Is Hope for a Tree”: Job’s Hope for the Afterlife in the Light of Egyptian Tree Imagery,” 2012 Annual SBL Meeting, Chicago, Ill.

“Isaiah as ‘Colonized Poet’: The Rhetoric of Death in Resistance Literature,” Isaiah and Empire Colloquium, Auckland, NZ, February 14-15, 2011 (*in absentia*).

“The Egyptian Goddess Mut in Iron-Age Palestine: Further Data From Amulets and Onomastics,” 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“Ancient Near Eastern History and the History of Ancient Israel,” 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“Finding Your Niche in Biblical Studies,” Panelist, 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“It’s the Tomb, Shebna’: A New Reading of Isaiah 22:15-19 in its Ancient Near Eastern Context,” WECSOR, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2010.

“Online Resources for Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Promise and Problems,” WECSOR, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2010.

“*Bibel und Aššur*: Questioning ‘Babylonian Bias’ to Reclaim the Neo-Assyrian Period for Biblical Studies,” 2009 WECSOR Meeting, Santa Clara, Ca.

“The Covenant with Mut,” Harvard Divinity School, March 15, 2008.

“Prophecy, Intertextuality and the Comparative Method,” 2007 Annual SBL Meeting, San Diego, Ca.

“Fully Divine, Fully Human’: A Chalcedonian Approach to Teaching and Studying the Bible,” 2006 SECSOR Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“Lest Ye Perish in the Way”: Magic and Kinship in Exodus 4:24-26,” 2005 International SBL Meeting, Singapore.

“The Silence of the Wives: Bakhtin’s Monologism and Ezra 7-10,” 2005 National SBL Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa.

“Chirps From the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in Its ANE Context,” 2005 SECSOR Meeting, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Other public speaking
(list available upon request)

Editorial

SBL Ancient Near East Monographs Series (Board member 2015-2021; Reviewer 2013-14)

Religions, Editorial Board member (2020-present)

Horizons in Biblical Theology, board member (2015-19)

Religious Studies Review, area editor for Semitic philology and Israelite Religion

Other reviewing work

Advances in Ancient, Biblical and Near Eastern Research

Avar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Life and Society in the Ancient Near East

Blackwell Religion Compass

Brill Publishers

Hackett Publishing Co.

Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions

Journal of Biblical Literature

Journal of Near Eastern Studies

Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections

Metatron (Bible and Religions of the Ancient Near East Collective)

Oxford University Press

Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series

Vetus Testamentum

Courses taught

Introduction to the Old Testament

Introduction of Biblical Interpretation

Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 1-39

Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 40-66

History, Cultures and Literature of the Ancient Near East

Experiencing the Land of the Bible (travel course in Israel/Palestine)

Israelite Religion in its Ancient Near Eastern Environment

History and Historiography of Ancient Israel

Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible

Advanced Hebrew (Historical Hebrew Grammar)

Intermediate Hebrew

Ugaritic I&II

Akkadian I&II

Introduction to Syriac

The Relationship Between Samuel-Kings and Chronicles

Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law Collections

The Use of Numerals in the Old Testament Histories

Textual Criticism of the Book of Isaiah

Formation of the Primeval History (Genesis 1-11)

Anthropological and Sociological Approaches to the Hebrew Bible

Literary Approaches to Pentateuchal Law
Redaction of the Psalms in ANE Context
Genres of Polemic and Satire: Modern Methods and Near Eastern and Biblical Models
Children and Warfare: Methodology, Terms, and Social Realities
Childbirth and Creation Imagery in Isaiah 40-66
Wilderness Imagery in Sumero-Akkadian Literature

Doctoral students and dissertations

Primary mentor to:

Andrew D. Giorgetti, PhD with distinction, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2017.
Dissertation accepted for publication in Supplements to Vetus Testamentum (Brill): *Building a Parody: Genesis 11:1-9, Ancient Near Eastern Building Accounts, and Production-Oriented Intertextuality*
Jason Anthony Riley, PhD with distinction, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2018.
Dissertation accepted for publication in Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis (Fribourg/V&R): *Children and Warfare in the Hebrew Bible and the Iron Age II: Rhetoric and Reality in Textual, Iconographic, and Archaeological Sources*
Denise Flanders, PhD with distinction, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2019.
Dissertation accepted for publication in Supplements to Vetus Testamentum (Brill): *'Saul Has Killed His Thousands, David His Tens of Thousands': The Rhetorical Use of Numbers in the Deuteronomistic History*
Anna Lo, PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2021.
Dissertation: "The Laws of the Imperialized: Understanding Exodus 19-24 as a Response to Imperial Legal Traditions"
Zachary Schoening, PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2022.
Dissertation: "I Writhe and Travel in Labor": Birth Imagery as Expression of Divine Power in Isaiah 40-66 and the Ancient Near East"
SBL Pacific Coast Regional Scholar Award, 2021.
Timothy Graham, PhD candidate (Dissertation topic: Wilderness Imagery in Jeremiah)
Ashley (A.J.) Fletcher, PhD candidate.

Secondary mentor to:

Joel T. Hamme, PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2014 (Title: "Hear, Lord, a Righteous Cause": Psalms 15-18, 20-21 as a Ritual for the Protection and Blessing of the King)
Robin ten Hoopen, PhD candidate, Protestant Theological University, Amsterdam (Title: "You Will Surely Die? Concepts of Immortality in Genesis 2-3 and the Biblical World. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. K. Spronk, Dr. M.C.A. Korpel)

Doctoral comprehensive exams assessed

Old Testament Criticism: Methods and Approaches
Exegesis of the Old Testament
History and Context of the Old Testament
Hebrew Language Competency

Languages

Ancient: Hebrew (epigraphic, biblical, and rabbinic), Akkadian, Ugaritic, Aramaic, West Semitic dialects, Middle Egyptian, Demotic, Greek (classical and *koine*), Latin, Syriac

Modern: French, German, Dutch

Professional affiliations and service

Society of Biblical Literature-Pacific Coast Region

Chair of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible section 2019-present

President Emeritus, 2018-19

President, 2017-18

Vice President, 2016-17

Society of Biblical Literature (National)

Steering committee, Prophetic Texts and Their Ancient Contexts, 2016-present

Co-chair 2018-present

Steering committee, Formation of the Book of Isaiah, 2016-present

Steering committee, Current Historiography of Ancient Israel and Judah, 2013-16

Presided at Current Historiography of Ancient Israel and Judah session, 2011, 2013, 2014

Society of Biblical Literature (International)

Steering committee, Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible, 2012-present

Co-Chair, 2014-present

Presided at Ancient Near East session of Singapore International Meeting, 2005

The Association of Theological Schools

ATS Roundtable Seminar for Midcareer Faculty

Newport Beach, CA, April 5-8, 2019

ATS Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty

Pittsburgh, PA, October 16-18, 2009

Memberships

American Schools of Oriental Research

American Oriental Society

Association for Jewish Studies

Catholic Biblical Association

International Association for Assyriology

International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

Faculty sponsor for Fuller's Eta Beta Rho honor society chapter

North American Society of Early-Career Theologians (N-SECT), Founding member

The Society for Old Testament Study