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CURRENT POSITION

Brigham Young University.
 Research Fellow, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship (2018-)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Brigham Young University.
 Associate Director, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship (2017)
 Director, Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts (2004-2016)
 Research Associate, Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts (2000-4).

Davis, Polk & Wardwell, Financial Institutions Group (London Office).
 Paralegal (1998-2000). Focused on cross-border collateralization and conflict of laws issues with Richard Potok and Randell Guynn.

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D. in Theology, University of Birmingham
 Thesis: "Tradition and Transformation: Genesis 37 & 39 in Early Syriac Sources."
 Advisor: David G.K. Taylor. Examiners: Alison G. Salvesen (University of Oxford), Charlotte Hempel (University of Birmingham).

1997 MSt in Syriac Studies, The University of Oxford
 Taught by Sebastian P. Brock, with emphasis on poetic, exegetical and hagiographical texts.

1996 B.A. in Jewish History, University College, London
 Classical Hebrew with Michael Weitzman and Mark Geller. Syriac with Michael Winter, Andrew Palmer (SOAS) and Nicholas Sims-Williams (SOAS).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Genesis 37 and 39 in the Early Syriac Tradition*. Monographs of the Peshitta Institute 20. Leiden: Brill, 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
2. (edited with Jason R. Combs, Mark D. Ellison, and Catherine Gines Taylor), *Ancient Christians: An Introduction for Latter-day Saints*. Provo UT: Neal A. Maxwell Institute, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)
3. *Jacob of Sarug's Homily on Aaron the Priest*. Texts from Christian Late Antiquity 71. Piscataway NJ: Gorgias Press, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)
4. (with Aaron M. Butts and Sebastian P. Brock) *Clavis to the Metrical Homilies of Narsai*. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 690. Leuven: Peeters, 2021. Pp. XXIV, 166. [\[Link\]](#)
Reviews: Adam H. Becker, *Review of Biblical Literature* 2022.10 [\[Link\]](#).
5. (edited with Aaron Butts and Robert Kitchen) *Narsai: Rethinking his Work and his World*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020. Pp. XV, 290. [\[Link\]](#)
Reviews: Nathan Witkamp, *Journal of Theological Studies* 73.1 (2022): 395–99; Kathleen McVey, *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 73.2 (2022): 389–92; Dietmar W. Winkler, *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum / Journal of Ancient Christianity* 26, no. 1 (2022): 181–184. [\[Link\]](#)
6. (edited with Jeffery T. Wickes), *Literature, Rhetoric, and Exegesis in Syriac Verse*. Studia Patristica Vol. LXXVIII - Papers presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015: Volume 4. Leuven: Peeters, 2017. Pp. XIV, 106. [\[Link\]](#)
7. (edited with Robert A. Kitchen) *Breaking the Mind: New Studies in the Syriac Book of Steps*. CUA Studies in Early Christianity. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of American Press, 2014. Pp. xiii, 350. [\[Link\]](#)
Reviews: N. Macabasag, *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 81 (2015): 516–20; J. Edward Walters, *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 21 (2018): 224–230; Marcus Plested, *Journal of Theological Studies* 72 (2021): 997–99.
8. (edited with Alison G. Salvesen) *Foundations for Syriac Lexicography IV: Colloquia of the International Syriac Language Project*. Perspectives on Syriac Linguistics 5. Piscataway: Gorgias Press, 2014. Pp. xxiii, 231. [\[Link\]](#)

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

1. (with Carl W. Griffin) “Early Christian Biblical Interpretation.” Pages 297–309 in *The Bible and the Latter-day Saint Tradition*, edited by Taylor G. Petrey, Cory Crawford, and Eric Eliason. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2023.
2. (with Zachery Stevenson) “How the Book of Mormon Reads Ancient Religious Texts.” *BYU Studies Quarterly* 61.3 (2022): 103–121.

3. "Preaching Christ: Scripture, Sermons, and Practical Exegesis." Pages 25–61 in *Ancient Christians: An Introduction for Latter-day Saints*, edited by Jason R. Combs, Mark D. Ellison, Catherine Gines Taylor, and Kristian S. Heal. Provo, UT: Neal A. Maxwell Institute, 2022.
4. "Syriac Studies in the Contemporary Academy: Some Reflections." Pages 279-286 in *Syriac Christian Culture: Beginnings to Renaissance*, edited by Aaron Butts and Robin Darling Young. Washington D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2020.
5. "Narsai and the Scriptural Self." Pages 133-143 in *Narsai: Rethinking his Work and his World*, edited by Aaron M. Butts, Kristian S. Heal and Robert A. Kitchen. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020.
6. (with John R. Manis) "New Sources for the Armenian Commentary on Genesis Attributed to Ephrem." Pages 522-532 in *The Embroidered Bible: Studies in Biblical Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha in Honour of Michael E. Stone (Studia in Veteris Testamenti Pseudepigrapha)* edited by Lorenzo DiTommaso, Matthias Henze, and William Adler. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2018.
7. (with Aaron Butts, Geoffrey Moseley, and Joseph Witztum), "Notes on the *History of Joseph* (CAVT 113, 114) and the *Death of Joseph* (CAVT 116, 117)." *Apocrypha* 28 (2017): 233-237.
8. "Catalogues and the Poetics of Syriac Manuscript Cultures." *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 20 (2017): 375-417.
9. "Construal and Construction of Genesis in early Syriac Sermons." Pages 25-32 in *Studia Patristica. Vol. LXXVIII - Papers presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015: Volume 4: Literature, Rhetoric, and Exegesis in Syriac Verse* edited by Markus Vincent, Jeffery T. Wickes and Kristian S. Heal. Leuven: Peeters, 2017.
10. "Five Kinds of Rewriting: Appropriation, Influence and the Manuscript History of early Syriac Literature." *Journal of the Canadian Society of Syriac Studies* 15 (2015): 51-65.
11. "Digital Humanities and the Study of Christian Apocrypha: Resources, Prospects and Problems." Pages 270-81 in *Forbidden Texts on the Western Frontier: The Christian Apocrypha in North American Perspectives*. Edited by Tony Burke. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2015.
12. "Notes on the Acquisition History of the Mingana Syriac Manuscripts." Pages 11-38 in *Manuscripta Syriaca. Des sources de première main* (Cahiers d'études syriaques 4) edited by Françoise Briquel-Chatonnet and Muriel Debié. Paris: Geuthner, Société d'études syriaques, 2015.
13. "The Syriac History of Joseph: A New Translation and Introduction." Pages 85-120 in *Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*. Volume 1, edited by Richard Bauckham, James Davila and Alex Panayotov. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013.
14. "Corpora, eLibraries and Databases: Locating Syriac Studies in the 21st Century." *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 15.1 (2012): 65-78.
15. "A Note on Jacob of Sarug's Memre on Joseph." *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 14.2 (2011): 215-223.
16. "Identifying the Syriac Vorlage of the Ethiopic *History of Joseph*." Pages 205-10 in *Malphono w-Rabo d-Malphone: Studies in Honor of Sebastian P. Brock*, edited by George Kiraz. Piscataway: Gorgias Press, 2008.

17. "Reworking the Biblical Text in the Dramatic Dialogue Poems on the Old Testament Patriarch Joseph." Pages 87-98 in *The Peshitta: Its use in Literature and Liturgy*, edited by Bas Ter Haar Romeny. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007.
18. "Joseph as a Type of Christ in the Syriac Tradition," *BYU Studies* 41.1 (2002): 29-49.

Encyclopedia Articles

- 1-12 Articles for *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, edited by Oliver Nicholson. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018: "Addai" 14; "Aphrahat" 92; "Balai" 196; "Bible, Interpretation and Commentary, Christian. Syriac" 239; "Bible, Versions of, Syriac" 244-45; "Diatessaron" 480; "Hexapla and Syro-Hexapla" 717; "Isaac of Antioch" 787; "Odes of Solomon" 1095; "Papa" 1136; "Peshitta" 1177; "Thomas, Acts of." 1496-97.
- 13-14 Entries in Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, Eric Orlin and Michael Satlow eds., *The Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. New York & London: Routledge, 2015: "Cave of Treasures" 172; "Jacob of Serugh" 466.
- 15-16 Entries in Roger S. Bagnall, Craige B. Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine R. Huebner eds., *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013: (with Philip Wood) "Edessa" 2305-7; "Nisibis" 4800-1.

Book Reviews

1. Review of Nicholas J. Frederick. *The Bible, Mormon Scripture, and the Rhetoric of Allusivity*. Madison: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2016. *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* 32 (2022): 210-18.
2. Review of Philip M. Forness, *Preaching Christology in the Roman Near East: A Study of Jacob of Serugh*, Oxford Early Christian Studies (Oxford: University Press, 2018). Pp. xvi + 322; \$100. *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 23 (2020): 417-21.
3. Review of Claudio Balzaretti, *The Syriac Versions of Ezra-Nehemiah: Manuscripts and Editions, Translation Technique and Its Use in Textual Criticism*. trans. Michael Tait; *Biblica et Orientalia* 51; Rome: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2013 (*Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 [2015]: 128-29).
4. Review of Arietta Papaconstantinou with Muriel Debié and Hugh Kennedy eds., *Writing 'True Stories': Historians and Hagiographers in the Late Antique and Medieval Near East*. Cultural Encounters in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, vol. 9. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2010. (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 18.1 [2015]: 283-86).
5. Review of Sebastian P. Brock, *Treasure-house of Mysteries: Explorations of the Sacred Text through Poetry in the Syriac Tradition*. Popular Patristics Series, No. 45. Yonkers, N.Y.: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012. (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 17.2 [2014]: 369-71).
6. Review of Sebastian P. Brock, Aaron M. Butts, George A. Kiraz and Lucas Van Rompay, eds., *The Gorgias Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syriac Heritage* (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press & Beth Mardutho, The Syriac Institute, 2011) (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 16.2 [2013]: 343-45).

7. Brent Landau, *Revelation of the Magi: The Lost Tale of the Wise Men's Journey to Bethlehem*. New York: HarperOne, 2010. (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 14.2 (2011): 294-98).
8. Review of Daniel M. Gurtner, *Introduction to Syriac: Key to Exercises*. Bethesda: Ibex Publishers, 2006. (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 14.2 (2011): 284)
9. Review of Pauline Allen, Majella Franzmann, Rick Strelan, "I Sowed Fruits into Hearts" (*Odes Sol. 17:13*): *Festschrift for Professor Michael Lattke*. Early Christian Studies 12. Strathfields, NSW: St. Pauls Publications, 2007 (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 12.1 (2009): 173-74).
10. Review of Jerome Alan Lund, *The Book of the Laws of the Countries, A Dialogue on Free Will Versus Fate: A Key-Word-in-Context Concordance*. Gorgias Press: Piscataway, NJ, 2007 (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 11.1 (2008): 111-12).
11. Review of Martin Zammit, 'Enbe men Karmo Suryoyo (Bunches of Grapes from the Syriac Vineyard): A Syriac Chrestomathy. Gorgias Press: Piscataway, NJ, 2006; Anonymous, *The Book of Crumbs: An Anthology of Syriac Texts*. Gorgias Press: Piscataway, NJ, 2006 (*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 11.1 (2008): 113-14).

In Press/Under Review

1. "Review of Eastern Christianity: A Reader. Edited by J. Edward Walters. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2021. xvi + 423 pp. \$55.00 cloth." *Church History* (forthcoming).
2. "Review of Jeffrey Wickes, *Bible and Poetry in Late Antique Mesopotamia: Ephrem's Hymns on Faith* (Christianity in Late Antiquity, 5; Oakland: University of California Press, 2019). Pp. xiv + 209; \$95." *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* (forthcoming).
3. "Review of Manolis Papoutsakis, *Vicarious Kingship: A Theme in Syriac Political Theology in Late Antiquity* (Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 100; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017). Pp. X + 227; €69." *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* (forthcoming).
4. "Retelling and Interpreting the Old Testament in Syriac Metrical Homilies." In Philip M. Forness and J. Edward Walters (eds.), *Preaching in the Syriac Tradition: Reassessing the Homiletical Genre in Syriac Literature*. Brill's New History of the Sermon (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).
5. "A Brief Introduction to Reading Narsai." In Aaron M. Butts, Kristian S. Heal, and Robert A. Kitchen (eds.), *Narsai: The Homilies. Volume 1* (Leuven: Peeters, forthcoming).
6. (edited with Aaron M. Butts and Robert A. Kitchen), *Narsai: The Homilies. Volume 1*. Leuven: Peeters.

ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE

Academic Appointments, Editorships, & Boards

Manuscript Reviewer for *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*, University of California Press, Princeton University Press. Proposal Reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities, University of Strasbourg Institute for Advanced Study (USIAS), Austrian Science Fund.

2020-2025 Steering Committee for SBL Syriac Studies Unit.

2017- Digital Syriac Library Editorial Board member.

2015-2022 Syriaca.org Manuscripts, Texts, and Authors Editorial Committee.

2014-2017 Steering Committee member for SBL Syriac Literature and Interpretation of Sacred Texts Sessions.

2010-2022 Syriaca.org General Editorial Committee.

2002-2018 Editor, *Eastern Christian Texts Series* (BYU Press).
1 – Sidney Griffith, *Yahya ibn Adi: The Reformation of Morals* (2002); 2 – Sebastian Brock and George Kiraz, *Ephrem the Syrian: Select Poems* (2006); 3 – Edward G. Mathews Jr., *On this Day: The Armenian Synaxarion, Volume 1: January* (2014); 4 – Edward G. Mathews Jr., *On this Day: The Armenian Synaxarion, Volume 2: February* (2015); 5 – John Lamoreaux, *Hunayn Ibn Ishaq: On His Galen Translations* (2016); 6 – Stephen J. Shoemaker, *Three Christian Martyrdoms from Early Islamic Palestine* (2016); 7 – Samir Khalil Samir & Wafik Nasry, *The Patriarch and the Caliph: An Eighth-Century Dialogue between Timothy I and al-Mahdi* (2017); 8 – Edward G. Mathews Jr., *On this Day: The Armenian Synaxarion, Volume 3: March* (2016); 9 – Edward G. Mathews Jr., *On this Day: The Armenian Synaxarion, Volume 4: April* (2017); 10 – Stephen J. Shoemaker, *First Christian Hymnal: Songs of the Ancient Jerusalem Church* (2018).

2001-2011 Book Review Editor for *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*.

Conference, Session and Lecture Series Organization

2017 Convener (with Aaron Butts and Robert Kitchen) of a specialist workshop entitled, “Narsai: Rethinking His Work and His World.” Brigham Young University, June 22-23.

2015 Co-organizer (with Jeff Wickes) of a workshop entitled, “Exegesis in Syriac Verse” at the XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 10-14.

 Co-organizer (with Ute Possekel and Aaron Butts) of a special session on Syriac Pedagogy at the North American Syriac Symposium, Catholic University of America, June 22-26.

2014 Co-organizer (with Profs. Joseph Witztum and Aaron Butts) of *A Fruitful Bough: Joseph traditions in and outside the Bible*, January 14th 2014, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

2010 Co-organizer (with Dr. Robert Kitchen) of two sessions on Syriac Exegesis at the 2010 North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting.

2007 Co-organizer (with Dr. Robert Kitchen) of a Seminar on the Syriac *Book of Steps* at the 2007 Oxford Patristics Conference.

2004 Organizer of a three-part lecture series on Syriac Christianity (BYU, Winter)

Conference Presentations & Invited Lectures

Symposium Syriacum (Quadrennial international meeting)

2022 “Memre in Multiple Metres.” Paris, July 4-9.

2012 “Notes on the Acquisition History of the Mingana Syriac Series,” at the 11th quadrennial Symposium Syriacum, Malta, 2012. (Published 2015)

“Report on Syriac Projects at BYU,” at the 11th quadrennial Symposium Syriacum, Malta, 2012.

2008 “Another Syriac Joseph Memra,” at the 10th Symposium Syriacum, Granada, Spain, 2008.

2004 “Narsai’s Memre 70, On Joseph,” at the 9th Symposium Syriacum, Beirut, 2004.

North American Syriac Symposium (Quadrennial meeting)

2015 “Syriac Studies: A Lamentable Misnomer?” The Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. June 21-24, 2015. [Submitted to proceedings]

“Using the BYU-Oxford Syriac Corpus for Research.” For special Instrumenta session. The Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. June 21-24, 2015.

“Teaching Syriac in One Semester.” For a Workshop on Syriac Pedagogy. The Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. June 21-24, 2015.

2011 “Five Kinds of Rewriting: A Study of Appropriation, Influence and the History of early Syriac Literature,” at the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University, 2011.

2003 “The Ethiopic *History of Joseph* and its Syriac Vorlage,” in the Fourth North American Syriac Symposium, Princeton, 2003. [Published 2008]

Oxford Patristics Conference (Quadrennial meeting)

2015 “Construal and Construction of Genesis in early Syriac Sermons.” For a workshop on Exegesis in Syriac Verse. XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford. August 10-14, 2015. [Submitted to edited volume]

2011 “The Magi and the Church in Persia: New Evidence from an Unpublished Syriac Sermon,” at the 16th Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford, 2011.

2007 “Narsai and the Scriptural Self,” at the 15th Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford, 2007.

2003 “Patterns of Omission in Ephrem’s Commentary on Genesis and Exodus,” in the 14th Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford, 2003.

Other Presentations

2021 “Jacob of Sarug’s Homily on Aaron the Priest.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. November 20-23, 2021.

2021 “Preaching and Exegesis.” Goethe-Universität Frankfurt. Invited paper for conference, *Preaching in the Syriac Tradition: Reassessing the Homiletical Genre in Syriac Literature*. Sept. 24-25th, 2021.

2017 “Unediting Syriac Literature: Catalogues and the Disruptive Poetics of Manuscript Cultures.” Duke University, Center for Late Ancient Studies. Invited paper for workshop, *Traces and Echoes: Scribal Culture, Texts, and Orality in Late Antiquity*. March 31st, 2017.

“Narsai and the Scriptural Self.” *Narsai: Rethinking His Work and His World*. Brigham Young University, June 22-23, 2017.

2016 Dumbarton Oaks/Hill Museum and Manuscript Library Syriac Summer School: “The Bible in the Syriac Tradition;” “Syriac Projects at BYU;” “Building a Syriac Corpus.” July 13-14th, 2016. [Invited Seminar]

2015 “Five Kinds of Rewriting: Appropriation, Influence and the Manuscript History of Syriac Literature.” The David J. Lane Memorial Lecture. The Canadian Society of Syriac Studies and the University of Toronto, April 22, 2015. [Published in the *Journal of the Canadian Society of Syriac Studies*]

“Vatican Syriac Manuscripts from Iraq.” Invited lecture in connection with the exhibit, *Mésopotamie, carrefour des cultures: Grandes Heures des manuscrits irakiens*, Archives Nationales, Fontainebleau, Paris. June 17th, 2015.

“The Syriac Corpus.” Hugoye Symposium IV: Syriac and the Digital Humanities. Beth Mardutho Research Library, Piscataway, N.J. & Rutgers University Libraries. March 6, 2015.

“As it is Written: The Text of the Bible in the Syriac Dialogue Poems on Joseph.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 20-24, 2015. [Related to article project]

“Making a Digital *Compendious Syriac Dictionary*.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 20-24, 2015. [Preliminary to article length report]

2014 “Joseph in the Syriac Tradition: The Nature of the Sources.” For the *Bible and Syriac Studies in Context* program unit of the International SBL Meeting, Vienna, Austria, July 6-10, 2014. [Related to Book Project]

“The BYU-Oxford Syriac Corpus and Syriac Studies.” For the Digital Humanities in Biblical Studies & Early Jewish, and Christian Studies (EABS) program unit, International SBL Meeting, Vienna, Austria, July 6-10, 2014.

“Redeeming Potiphar’s Wife: The Development of a Unique Syriac Tradition.” International Symposium on Christian Apocryphal Literature, Thessaloniki, Greece, June 26-29, 2014. (Related to Book Project)

“Sheaves Upon the Ground: Fulfilling Joseph’s Dreams in the Syriac Tradition.,” at *A Fruitful Bough: Joseph traditions in and outside the Bible*, January 14th, 2014, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. [Related to Book Project]

2013 “Digital Humanities and the Study of Christian Apocrypha,” at the Second Annual York conference on Christian Apocrypha, September 26-28, 2013, York University, Toronto. [Published 2015]

2012 “Narsai and the Making of Moses,” at The Christian Moses from Philo to the Quran, The Catholic University of America, 2012. [For edited volume]

2011 “The Syriac History of Joseph: An Introduction,” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Christian Apocrypha, Dole, France, 2011. [Published 2013]

“The Growth of Syriac Manuscript Collections in Europe and North America,” at the Annual Meeting of the Society of the Biblical Literature, San Francisco, 2011.

2010 “The Irresistible Joseph: Continuity and Discontinuity between Syriac Sources and the Quran,” at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2010.

“Syriac Homilies on Biblical Themes: Taking Stock,” at the North American Patristics Society annual meeting, Chicago, 2010.

“Corpora, eLibraries and databases: Locating Syriac Studies in the 21st Century,” at Beth Mardutho/Syriac Institute Symposium on Syriac Libraries, May 2010. [Published 2012]

2009 “The BYU-Oxford Corpus of Syriac Literature,” at the Launching Conference of the RNP Comparative Oriental Manuscript Studies, Hamburg, 2009.

2008 “The Redemption of Potiphar’s Wife,” to the Faculty of Religion, Leiden University, November 2008.

2007 “Towards an Electronic Corpus of Syriac Texts,” at the quadrennial meeting of IOSOT, Ljubljana, 2007.

2004 “The Redemption of Potiphar’s Wife in Syriac Tradition,” at The North American Patristic Society annual meeting in Chicago, May 2004.

2002 Joseph as a type of Christ in the Syriac tradition: An example of the influence of Aphrahat?” at the Fourth International Syriac Conference, at SEERI, Kerala, India, 2002.

2001 “Reworking the Biblical Text in the Dramatic Dialogue Poems on the Old Testament Patriarch Joseph,” at the Third Leiden Peshitta Conference in Leiden, August 2001. [Published 2007]

“The Problem of Favoritism: Genesis 37:3-4 in the early Syriac exegetical tradition,” at The North American Patristic Society annual meeting in Chicago, May 2001.

University and Maxwell Institute Service

2021 Member of Search Committee for Maxwell Institute Post-doctoral fellowships.

2018 Chair of search committee for Maxwell Institute Nibley Post-doctoral fellowship.

2015 Member of Search Committee for Maxwell Institute Executive Director.

2014-15 Book Review Editor, *Studies in the Bible and Antiquity*

2013 Worked with The Leonardo (SLC) to provide content and guidance for a BYU and Dead Sea Scrolls display for their Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit (Nov. 2013 – April 2014).

2013-16 Chair, Nibley Fellowship Committee.

2010-12 Member, Nibley Fellowship Committee.

2010- Chair, Maxwell Institute Library Committee.

2010 Representing the Institute at breakfast for forum speaker Francis Cardinal George.

2008-10 Institute Building Committee Chair, for refurbishment of B49.

2005-15 Education Week presentations on the work of the Maxwell Institute.

2005-07 Project coordinator for Popol Vuh Electronic Library.

2005 Member of Search Committee for Maxwell Institute Executive Director.

2004-05 Project coordinator for Herculaneum and Petra Scrolls projects digitization projects.

2002-04 Project coordinator for manuscript scanning projects at l'Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth and l'Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik, Lebanon.

TEACHING & MENTORING

Classes

Introduction to Classical Syriac I (2002W, 2006W, 2008W, 2019Su).

Introduction to Classical Syriac II, Exegetical Texts (2014F).

Introduction to Late Aramaic (2014W).

Holy Men and Martyrs in Fifth Century Mesopotamia (2008F).

Guest Lectures

ANES 332: Introduction to Syriac Christianity (Winter 2008, 2012); Guest Lecturer for ANES 201: Tools for the study of the Dead Sea Scrolls (Winter 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012); Early Syriac Christianity (Fall 2013, 2014, 2020); Eastern Christianity (Fall 2015). ENGL 495: Translation Studies and the Bible in English (Winter 2016, 2018).

Student Mentored Research

2022 Fall: Aaron Gorner, Carolyn Lowman, Derek Baker, David Eastley, Truman Callens, Robert Nielson (History of Biblical Studies at BYU, 1875–2025). Abigail Ellis (editorial assistant).

Winter, Spring, Summer: Aaron Gorner, Carolyn Lowman, Derek Baker, Dorie Cameron, Joanna Olsen, Julia Evans, McKay Bowman, Rachel Madsen, Truman Callens, Abigail Ellis (Maxwell Institute's Abide Old Testament Podcast). Abigail Ellis (also worked as Abide Podcast Administrative assistant; editorial assistant).

2021 Kyle Belanger and Leah Gaush (The Odes of Solomon: A Biography); Abigail Ellis and Emma Franklin (Alphonse Mingana: Life and Letters); Angel Zhong (Religion on the Silk Road).

2020 Kira van Dyk, Digitizing manuscript from the S. Kent Brown Eastern Christian Microfilm Collection; Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition.

2019 Zachary Stevenson, Ancient Texts in the Book of Mormon.

Spencer Moffat, History of CPART.

Kira van Dyk, Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition.

Zakarias Gram, Bardaisan's *Book of the Laws of Countries*.

2016-17 Joelle Leibermann, Literary aspects of Syriac Biblical Poetry.

2016-17 Aryanna Hyde & Katherine Hansen, Victorian Companion Travel in the Holy Land (Swensen Mentorship).

2016 Daniel Becerra (Duke PhD student), Luke Drake (UNC PhD student), cataloguing Vatican Syriac manuscripts.

2015 Spencer Farris, Encoding of Syriac Texts.

2015 Jessica Steele, Electronic edition of the Compendious Syriac Dictionary (Swensen Mentorship).

2014 Daniel Becerra (Duke PhD student), Luke Drake (UNC PhD student), cataloguing Vatican Syriac manuscripts.

2014 Tyler Orr, Book of Mormon Paratexts.

2014 Bert Fuller, Genesis in the Latin West (CORE Funding).

2013 Bert Fuller, Genesis in Old English (Swensen Mentorship, CORE Funding).

2012 Jared Rader, Syriac Corpus, Old Church Slavonic Manuscripts

2012 Emily Bateman, Mingana Archive (Swensen Mentorship, Fall)

2012-13 Harrison Richards, Brown Collection of Eastern Christian Manuscripts.

2012-13 Aubrey Brower Young, Genesis in the Armenian Tradition (Swensen Mentorship)

2011-12 Emily Bates, *A History of Syriac Literature*. Translation of Anton Baumstark's *Geschichte der syrischen Literatur*.

2010 Morwenna Kleijweg, “The BYU Dead Sea Scrolls Database: A History of the Project (1991-2010)” (DSSEL Funded Mentorship).

2009 Daniel Becerra, Syriac Colophons; Syriac Clavis.

2009 John Manis, “Identifying Syriac Sources for Ephrem’s Armenian Commentary on Genesis” (ORCA Grant); Index of Scripture Citations in the Poetic Works of Ephrem the Syrian.

2008-09 Seth Kohrman, Index to the Works of Ephrem the Syrian.

2008 David Neilson, “Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles” (ORCA Grant)