

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## EDUCATION

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2018      **Ph.D., New York University**; New York, NY  
*Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East*, Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
  
DISSERTATION: *God of the People, People of God: The “God of Israel” in History and Tradition*  
(Supplements to *Vetus Testamentum* 187; Leiden: Brill, 2021)  
COMMITTEE: Daniel E. Fleming (advisor), Mark S. Smith, David M. Carr, Lauren A. S.  
Monroe (outside reader), Alex P. Jassen (outside reader)  
  
MAJOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAM: Religion in Bronze and Iron Age Syria-Palestine  
MINOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAM: Scribalism in Ancient Israel and the Near East

2015      **M.A., New York University**; New York, NY  
*Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East*, Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies

2012      **M.T.S., University of Notre Dame**; South Bend, IN  
*Biblical Studies*, Department of Theology

2010      **B.A., The Pennsylvania State University**; University Park, PA  
*Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Ancient Languages Emphasis* (with distinction),  
Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2020–2021    **College of the Holy Cross**; Worcester, MA  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*, Department of Religious Studies  
Undergraduate Courses:  
Introduction to Religion (RELS 199)  
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (RELS 126; x4)  
Race and Ethnicity in the Hebrew Bible (RELS 299)

2019–2020    **University of Florida**; Gainesville, FL  
*Visiting Lecturer*, Department of Religion  
Undergraduate Courses:  
Hebrew Scriptures (REL 2210/JST 3930)  
Introduction to Judaism (REL/JST 2930)  
New Testament (REL 2240/REL 3938)  
Gender and the Hebrew Bible (REL 3291/JST 3930)  
Early Judaism and Christianity (REL 3321/JST 3930)

Graduate Courses:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (REL 5906, independent study)  
New Testament (REL 5297, independent study)

2018–2019    **Converse College**; Spartanburg, SC  
*Adjunct Professor*, Department of Religion and Philosophy  
Undergraduate Courses:  
Introduction to Religion (Theory and Method) (REL 100; x2)  
Origins of Monotheism (REL 313)  
The Bible, Gender, and Sexuality (REL/WST 355)

2018–2019    **Wofford College**; Spartanburg, SC  
*Adjunct Professor*, Department of Religion  
Undergraduate Courses:  
Origins of Monotheism (HUM 101; x2)  
The Hebrew Bible (REL 201; x2)

2015–2017    **St. Francis College**; Brooklyn, NY  
*Adjunct Professor*, Department of Religious Studies  
Undergraduate Courses:  
Judaism (REL 1202)  
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (REL 2301; x2)

2014; 2016    **New York University**; New York, NY  
*Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
Undergraduate Courses:  
Ancient Israel (CORE-UA 514; x2)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

1. *The “God of Israel” in History and Tradition*. Supplements to *Vetus Testamentum* 187. Leiden: Brill, 2021 (<https://brill.com/view/title/57242>).

2. *God and Empire: Mesopotamian Imperial Theology and the Origins of Biblical Monotheism* (in preparation, supported by a research grant from the Catholic Biblical Association).

### Edited Volumes

1. With Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Lauren A. S. Monroe, and Dylan R. Johnson. “*A Community of Peoples*”: *Studies on Society and Politics in the Bible and the Ancient Near East*. Harvard Semitic Studies. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming, 2022).

### Refereed Journal Articles

1. “*H̄erem*-Warfare at Ugarit? Reevaluating *KTU* 1.13 and *KTU* 1.3 II.” *Ugarit-Forschungen* 47 (2016): 265–299 (<https://ugarit-verlag.com/en/collections/serien/products/0a9b5ac47e7a439c971cc59e210660d9>). [9,000 words]
2. “The ‘God of Israel’ in Judah’s Bible: Problems and Prospects.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 139/4 (2020): 721–745 (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.15699/jbl.1394.2020.6>). [12,750 words]
3. “The Historical Origins of the Biblical God Yahweh.” *Religion Compass* 14/11 (2020): e12378 (pp. 1–14) (<https://doi.org/10.1111/rec3.12378>). [10,000 words]
4. “Between City, King, and Empire: Will the Real ‘Lady of Byblos’ Please Stand Up?” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 20/2 (2020): 225–263 ([https://brill.com/view/journals/jane/20/2/article-p225\\_4.xml](https://brill.com/view/journals/jane/20/2/article-p225_4.xml)). [20,000 words]
5. “God’s Best ‘Frenemy’: A New Perspective on YHWH and Baal in Ancient Israel and Judah.” *Semitica* 63 (2021): forthcoming. [18,500 words]
6. “Under the Shadow of Elijah: The Politics of Empire and the Origins of the Elijah Cycle’s Baal Polemics.” *Vetus Testamentum* (under review). [10,000 words]
7. “The *Hazannu* at Late Bronze Age Emar: Outside Imperial Representative or Local City Leader?” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (in advanced preparation). [10,000 words]
8. “Signed, Sealed, Delivered: The Seal of the ‘City God’ <sup>4</sup>NIN.URTA and Collective Identity at Ancient Emar.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (in advanced preparation). [12,000 words]

### Book Chapters

1. “Pregnant with Meaning: The Politics of Gender Violence in the Mesha Stele’s *H̄erem*-Warfare List (*KAI* 181:16–17).” In “*A Community of Peoples*”: *Studies on Society and Politics in the Bible and the Ancient Near East*. Edited by Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Lauren A. S. Monroe, Michael J. Stahl, and Dylan R. Johnson. Harvard Semitic Studies. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming, 2022). [8,000 words]

2. With Mahri Leonard-Fleckman and Lauren A. S. Monroe. “‘A Community of Peoples?’” In *“A Community of Peoples”: Studies on Society and Politics in the Bible and the Ancient Near East*. Edited by Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, Lauren A. S. Monroe, Michael J. Stahl, and Dylan R. Johnson. Harvard Semitic Studies. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming, 2022). [8,000 words]

## Book Reviews

1. Review of Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, *The House of David: Between Political Formation and Literary Revision* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2016), in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 82/1 (2020): 121–123 (<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/742940>). [1,000 words]
2. Review of Shawn W. Flynn, *A Story of YHWH: Cultural Translation and Subversive Reception in Israelite History*, Studies in the History of the Ancient Near East (New York, NY: Routledge, 2020), in *Review of Biblical Literature* 5/21 (2020) (<https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/13731>). [1,800 words]

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Conference Papers

1. “Challenging the Concept of the ‘City God’: <sup>d</sup>NIN.URTA’s Social and Political Agency at Emar.” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting, 2017.
2. “The Song of Deborah as Royal Composition? Reading Judges 5 in the Light of Iron IIB West Semitic Royal Inscriptions.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2017.
3. “A Divine Ambiguity: Will the Real ‘Lady of Byblos’ Please Stand Up?” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting, 2018.
4. “Finding the ‘God of Israel’ in the Kingdom of Judah: 1 Kings 8:14–21.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2018.
5. “The ‘God of Israel’ and the Politics of Divinity in Ancient Israel.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2018.
6. “Under the Shadow of Elijah: Biblical Historiography and the Reconstruction of Ancient Israelite Religion.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2019.
7. “God’s Best ‘Frenemy’: A New Perspective on YHWH and Baal in Ancient Israel and Judah.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2021.
8. “Neo-Babylonian Imperial Theology and the Origins of the Elijah Cycle’s Baal Polemics.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2021.
9. “God’s Best ‘Frenemy’: Yhwh and Baal in Ancient Israel.” Catholic Biblical Association, Annual Meeting, 2021.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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2019–2020     Grant for the Promotion of Biblical Scholarship and Biblical Literacy, Catholic Biblical Association  
                 ► Research grant awarded for second book project, *God and Empire*

2018–2019     Nominated for 2019 ALD Favorite Professor Award, Converse College

2017–2018     Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, New York University

2012–2017     Henry M. MacCracken Fellow, New York University

2010–2012     Full Tuition Scholarship, University of Notre Dame

2010–2012     The Beinecke Scholarship, University of Notre Dame

2008–2010     The Reverend Thomas Bermingham, S.J. Scholarship in the Classics, The Pennsylvania State University

2008–2010     Joni Danna Marra and James P. Marra Jr. Undergraduate Scholarship in the College of the Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University

2007–2010     Dean's List, The Pennsylvania State University

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2015–2016     **New York University**; New York, NY  
*Graduate Assistant*, Dr. Mark S. Smith  
  
Copy edited and created the “Ancient Sources” index for Mark S. Smith, *Where the Gods Are: Spatial Dimensions of Anthropomorphism in the Biblical World*. Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2016.

2011–2012     **University of Notre Dame**; Notre Dame, IN  
*Graduate Assistant*, Dr. Abraham Winitzer  
  
Provided editorial assistance for Abraham Winitzer, *Early Mesopotamian Divination Literature: Its Organizational Framework and Generative and Paradigmatic Characteristics*. Ancient Magic and Divination 12. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

2011            **University of Notre Dame**; Notre Dame, IN  
*Graduate Assistant*, Dr. Abraham Winitzer  
  
Copy edited the Assyriological articles in David S. Vanderhooft and Abraham Winitzer, eds., *Literature as Politics, Politics as Literature: Essays on the Ancient Near East in Honor of Peter Machinist*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- Postcolonial theory and the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
- Empire and imperialism in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean
- Ancient Israelite religion, including early Judaism
- Politics, society, and religion in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean
- Biblical prophetic literature (Former and Latter Prophets)
- Critical theory and biblical reception history
- Scribal culture and the literary formation of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
- Scribalism and education in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean
- Critical spatiality, the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, and ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean literatures

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

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### **Ancient**

Hebrew (Biblical, Inscriptional, Qumranic, Mishnaic; Historical Hebrew Grammar)

Aramaic (Old Aramaic Inscriptions, Imperial/Official, Biblical, Targumic)

Greek (Attic, Koine)

Akkadian (Old, Middle, Standard, and Neo-Babylonian; Neo-Assyrian)

Northwest Semitic Inscriptions (Phoenician, Aramaic, Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, etc.)

Ugaritic

Latin (basic skills)

Sumerian (basic skills)

Hittite (basic skills)

Middle Egyptian (basic skills)

Coptic (basic skills)

### **Modern** (scholarly reading)

German

Hebrew

French

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Society of Biblical Literature  
Catholic Biblical Association (full member)  
American Oriental Society  
American Schools of Oriental Research  
Association for Jewish Studies

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Service to the Profession

2020                   Peer reviewer for Oxford University Press

### Service to the Institution

2020–2021       HCF1RST Mentor, First-Generation Mentor Network, College of the Holy Cross  
2019–2020       First-year Student Mentor, University Multicultural Mentor Program, University of Florida

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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### DANIEL E. FLEMING

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