

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 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

- 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

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. "Hērem-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). [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 *Ḥaṣṣannu* 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' ^dNIN.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 *Hērem*-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

Conference Papers

1. “Challenging the Concept of the ‘City God’: ^dNIN.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

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

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

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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

DANIEL E. FLEMING

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