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## EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Religion: Hebrew Bible  
Claremont Graduate University  
Advisor: Marvin Sweeney
- 2008 M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies: Hebrew Bible and Philosophy of Religion  
Claremont School of Theology
- 2004 B.A. Biblical Studies, Philosophy Minor  
Azusa Pacific University

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2017– Assistant Professor of Religious Studies  
North Central College
- 2015–2017 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies  
North Central College
- 2014–2015 Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies  
Azusa Pacific University—High Sierra Program
- 2013–2014 Lecturer in Hebrew Bible  
Claremont School of Theology
- 2010–2014 Research Associate  
Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center
- 2009–2014 Lecturer in Biblical Studies and English  
Azusa Pacific University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph

- 2017 *The Last King(s) of Judah: Zedekiah and Sedekias in the Hebrew and Old Greek Versions of Jeremiah 37(44):1–40(47):6*. FAT II/89. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.

### Edited Volumes

- 2020 *Judges, Gender, and Intertextuality*. Edited by Shelley L. Birdsong, J. Cornelis de Vos, and Paul Kim. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming.

- 2017 *Partners with God: Theological and Critical Readings of the Bible in Honor of Marvin A. Sweeney*. Edited by Shelley L. Birdsong and Serge Frolov. Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2017.

### Book Chapters

- 2020 “Seeing God While Female: Blessing or Curse?” *Topics of Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures*, vol. 2. Edited by Soo Kim and David Frankel. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming.
- 2020 “Re-reading Samson’s ‘Weepy Wife’ in Judges 14: An Intertextual Evaluation of Gender and Weeping.” *Judges, Gender, and Intertextuality*. Edited by Shelley L. Birdsong, J. Cornelis de Vos, and Paul Kim. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming.
- 2019 “Women, Gender, and Sexuality.” *The Bible in Antiquity*. Cultural History of the Bible. Edited by Tammi J. Schneider. London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming.
- 2019 “The Narratives about Isaiah in Isa 36–39.” *The Oxford Handbook of Isaiah*. Edited by Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer. Cambridge: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- 2017 “Pots, Pits, and Promises: Jeremiah as Allusion to Genesis.” Pages 297–309 in *Partners with God: Theological and Critical Readings of the Bible in Honor of Marvin A. Sweeney*. Edited by Shelley L. Birdsong and Serge Frolov. Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2017.
- 2013 “Who Determines Conversion? A Response to Gary Gilbert.” Pages 29–34 in *Conversion: Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion, Conference 2011*. Religion in Philosophy and Theology 70. Edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Michael Ch. Rodgers. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

### Essays

- 2015 “Transforming Minor Characters in Jeremiah.” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 32.1 (Spring 2015): 3, 5–6.
- 2014 “Au Revoir Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center!” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 31.1 (Spring 2014): 5.
- 2013 “Manuscripts 101: 1QIsa<sup>a</sup>.” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 30.2 (Fall 2013): 4.
- 2013 “Manuscripts 101: Codex Bezae.” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 30.1 (Spring 2013): 8.
- 2011 “Manuscripts 101: Habakkuk Peshet.” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 28.2 (Fall 2011): 5.
- 2010 “Manuscripts 101: E.J.G. 108.” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 27.2 (Fall 2010): 4.
- 2010 “Manuscripts 101: 1QDan<sup>b</sup>.” *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 27.1 (Spring 2010): 3.

- 2008 “Dr. De Troyer’s Farewell Lecture,” with Tyler Mayfield. *The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center* 25.1 (Spring 2008): 3, 8.

### Dictionary Entries

- 2019 “Luhith,” and “Lye.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018), forthcoming.
- 2018 “Lime, Limestone,” “Loin Cloth HB/OT,” “Lo-ruhamah,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018), 16:694–95; 1032–33; 1191–92.
- 2017 “Joel: Book and Person HB/OT.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017), 14:414–16.
- 2016 “Jehoshaphat, Valley of.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016), 13:856–57.
- 2015 “Geruth-Chimham.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015), 10:135–36.
- 2014 “Gareb,” “Gebim,” “Gedaliah Son of Pashhur,” “Gemariah Son of Hilkihah,” and “Gemariah Son of Shaphan.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014), 9:985, 1059, 1093.

### Book Reviews

- 2019 Mark J. Boda, *The Heartbeat of Old Testament Theology* in *Religious Studies Review*. Forthcoming.
- 2019 Nevada Levi DeLapp, *Theophanic “Type-Scenes: in the Pentateuch: Visions of YHWH* in *Religious Studies Review*. Forthcoming.
- 2018 Walter Brueggemann, *Money and Possessions* in *Religious Studies Review* 44.2 (June 2018): 216–17.
- 2018 Nyasha Junior, *An Introduction to Womanist Biblical Interpretation* in *Religious Studies Review* 44.2 (June 2018): 217–18.
- 2018 Terry Lindvall, *God Mocks* in *Religious Studies Review*. *Religious Studies Review* 44.2 (June 2018): 218.
- 2018 Joy Schroeder, trans. and ed., *The Book of Jeremiah* in *Review of Biblical Literature* (May 2018). <http://www.bookreviews.org>.
- 2015 James Crenshaw, *Qohelet: The Ironic Wink* in *Religious Studies Review* 41.4 (Dec. 2015): 189.

- 2013 Hanna Liss and Manfred Oeming, eds., *Literary Construction of Identity in the Ancient World* in *Religious Studies Review* 39.2 (June 2013): 102–03.
- 2013 Randall Heskett and Brian Irwin, eds., *The Bible as a Human Witness to Divine Revelation: Hearing the Word of God Through Historically Dissimilar Traditions* in *Religious Studies Review* 39.2 (June 2013): 102.
- 2010 James T. Sparks, *The Chronicler's Genealogies: Towards an Understanding of 1 Chronicles 1–9* in *Religious Studies Review* 36.2 (June 2010): 145.
- 2009 Michael D. Coogan, *A Brief Introduction to the Old Testament: The Hebrew Bible in Its Context* in *Religious Studies Review* 35.4 (Dec. 2009): 259.
- 2009 Susan Gillingham, *Psalms Through the Centuries: Volume One* in *Religious Studies Review* 35.4 (Dec. 2009): 260.

### Online Publications

- 2018 “Jeremiah,” with Marvin A. Sweeney. Oxford Bibliographies. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0060.xml?rskey=U8Eq9K&result=1&q=jeremiah#firstMatch>.
- 2017 “Engaging Biblical Plurality: The Zedekiahs in the Books of Jeremiah.” *The Bible and Interpretation*. June 2017. <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2017/06/bir418009.shtml>.

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- 2018 Response to Florian Klug’s “The Iconic Being of the Scripture: The Surplus of the Bible.” North Central College, February 21, 2018.
- 2017 “Reconceptualizing the Cracks.” North Central College Breakfast. Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 6, 2017.
- 2016 “Hijab, Higher Education, and Religious Harmony: An Interfaith Dialogue on Larycia Hawkins and Wheaton College.” North Central College, February 2, 2016.
- 2015 “Human Trafficking, Forced Migrations, and the Bible.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 23, 2015.

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

#### Presentations

- 2019 “Tragic Liberty (dərôr) in Jeremiah 34.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2019.
- 2018 “Re-reading Samson’s ‘Weepy Wife’ in Judges 14: An Intertextual Evaluation of Gender and Weeping.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 17, 2018.

- 2017 “The Women Who Saw God.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 19, 2017.
- 2014 “Sub-creation and Procreation as the Imago Dei: Tolkien and Genesis in Dialogue.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 24, 2014.
- 2014 “Getting to Know You in the Biblical Sense.” Society of Biblical Literature West Coast Region Conference, March 30, 2014.
- 2013 “Castrating Cushites and (Con)texts.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 25, 2013.
- 2013 “Who Wrote Isaiah 6 and Why? A Redaction Critical Survey and Interpretation.” Society of Biblical Literature West Coast Region Conference, March 25, 2013.
- 2013 “Castrating Cushites and (Con)texts.” Sixth Annual Religions in Conversation Conference, Claremont Graduate University, February 22, 2013.
- 2012 Response to Beau Harris, “May I Approach the Whirlwind, Your Honor? Contexts for Translating and Hearing Job’s Final Words.” The Inaugural Hebrew Bible Research Colloquium, Claremont School of Theology, April 27, 2012.
- 2011 “Psalm 151 as Sacred Scripture at Qumran.” Society of Biblical Literature West Coast Region Conference, March 26, 2011.
- 2010 “MT, 4QSam<sup>a</sup>, and the Greek Texts of 1 Samuel 1.24-25 as Distinct Textual Traditions.” Society of Biblical Literature West Coast Region Conference, March 15, 2010.
- 2009 “Evil Kings and Their Divinely Murdered Children: A Didactic and Symbolic Paradigm Shift in Exodus 12:29–42, 2 Samuel 12:15b–23, and 1 Kings 14:1–18.” Society of Biblical Literature West Coast Region Conference, March 23, 2009.

### **Panels Organized**

- 2011 “Balancing Family and Scholarship.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 21, 2011.
- 2010 “Navigating the Job Market.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 22, 2010.

### **POPULAR WRITING**

2019. Contributor. *The Feminism Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained*. DK Publishing: London and New York: 2019.
- 2018 Contributor. *The Bible Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained*. DK Publishing: London and New York: 2018.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008 President's Award for Academic Excellence, Claremont School of Theology
- 2008 Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies, Claremont School of Theology
- 2008 The Responsible Social Engagement Award, Claremont School of Theology
- 2004 Outstanding Senior Award in Biblical Studies, Azusa Pacific University
- 2004 Laudamas Award for Distinguished Library Service, Azusa Pacific University

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008–2010 Hebrew Bible Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University
- 2000–2004 President's Scholarship, Azusa Pacific University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017– North Central College, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
  - World Religions
  - Judaism
  - Introduction to the Bible
  - Old Testament
  - New Testament
  - Violence, War, and Peace in the Bible
  - History of Ideas
  - Sex, Gender, and Sexuality
  - Theories of Gender and Sexuality
- 2015–2017 North Central College, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
  - World Religions
  - History of Ideas
  - Sex, Gender, and Sexuality
  - Introduction to the Bible
  - Old Testament
  - New Testament
  - Violence, War, and Peace in the Bible
- 2014–2015 Azusa Pacific University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies
  - Hebrew Poetical and Wisdom Literature (traditional and online)
  - Luke-Acts (traditional and online)
  - Women in Biblical Tradition
  - Christian Classics
  - Hebrew
- 2013–2014 Claremont School of Theology, Lecturer
  - Biblical Hebrew (hybrid)
- 2009–2014 Azusa Pacific University, Lecturer
  - Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus-Deuteronomy
  - Freshman Writing

- 2009–2010 Claremont School of Theology, Teaching Assistant  
Teaching the Bible in Context  
Basic Aspects of the Study of the Hebrew Bible
- 2008–2010 ELS Educational Services, Instructor  
English as a Second Language
- 2003–2004 Azusa Pacific University, Tutor and Teaching Assistant  
Introduction to Philosophy  
History of Early Modern Philosophy  
Philosophy of Religion

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Jeremiah, intertextuality, biblical theology, textual criticism, feminist criticism and gender theory, history of the ancient Near East, post-Shoah studies, and women in the Bible

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS WITH OFFICES HELD**

- 2017–2020 Society of Biblical Literature, Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Co-Chair
- 2015–2018 Claremont Press, Studies in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Monograph Series,  
Editorial Board
- 2008–2019 Society of Biblical Literature
- 2010–2012 Society of Biblical Literature, Student Representative Liaison
- 2008–2010 Society of Biblical Literature, CGU Student Representative
- 2006–2008 Seminarians for Social Justice
- 2003–2004 Alpha Chi Honor Society
- 2003–2004 Pew Honor Society

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.