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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, in progress.

- 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 “Women, Gender, and Sexuality.” *The Bible in Antiquity*. The Bible in History and Culture. Edited by Tammi Schneider. London: Bloomsbury, in progress.
- 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, submitted.
- 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, submitted.
- 2019 “The Narratives about Isaiah in Isa 36–39.” *The Oxford Handbook of Isaiah*. Edited by Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer. Cambridge: Oxford University Press, submitted.
- 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.

### 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>.

### 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), in press.
- 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 Hilkiyah,” 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* 45.1 (March 2019): 63–64.
- 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.

## 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 "Slavery and the Sword: An Intertextual Reading of 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
  - Evolution of God
  - 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
  - Evolution of God
  
- 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, history of the ancient Near East, post-Shoah studies, and women in the Bible

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2007–2009 Research Assistant to Marvin Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology  
2006–2008 Research Assistant to Kristin De Troyer, Claremont School of Theology

### **RESEARCH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Full proficiency	Biblical Hebrew and Greek
Intermediate	Aramaic and French
Basic	German, Spanish, and Akkadian

### **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.