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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

- 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

- 2016    *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 Series. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck. Forthcoming.

### Conference Proceeding

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

## Book Reviews

- 2016 Walter Brueggemann, *Truth Speaks to Power: The Countercultural Nature of Scripture* in *Religious Studies Review*. Forthcoming.
- 2015 James Crenshaw, *Qohelet: The Ironic Wink* in *Religious Studies Review* 41.4 (December 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): 102-103.
- 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.

## Dictionary Entries

- 2016 “Jehoshaphat, Valley of” and “Joel.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016). Forthcoming.
- 2015 “Geruth-Chimham.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (eds. Dale C. Allison, et. al. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015), 10:135-136.
- 2014 “Gareb,” “Gebim,” “Gedaliah Son of Pashhur,” “Gemariah Son of Hilkiah,” 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.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Panelist. “Hijab, Higher Education, and Religious Harmony: An Interfaith Dialogue on Larycia Hawkins and Wheaton College.” North Central College, February 2, 2016.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Presentations

- 2015 Invited Panelist. “Human Trafficking, Forced Migration, and the Bible.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 23, 2015.
- 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.

### **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**

- 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, Residence Life Program Instructor English and American Culture
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, hermeneutics, intertextuality, biblical theology, textual criticism, history of the ancient Near East, Septuagint studies, Bakhtinian hermeneutics, post-Shoah studies, Pentateuch, 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**

2015-2018	Claremont School of Theology Press, Studies in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Monograph Series, Editorial Board
2008-2016	Society of Biblical Literature
2010-2014	Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center, Managing Editor of <i>The Folio: Bulletin of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center</i>
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