

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Religious & Theological Studies with a concentration in Biblical Interpretation, Joint Doctoral Program, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology
- 2012 Certificate, Historical & Archaeological Conservation, International Conservation Center Città di Roma in Akko, Israel
- 2008 M.A., Bible & Ancient Semitic Languages, Jewish Theological Seminary
- 2005 B.A., Biblical Studies, Patten University

FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-present Lead Lecturer of the Humanities, Department of Liberal Arts, Regis University, School for Professional Advancement
- 2019-20 Lead Lecturer of Religious Studies, Department of Liberal Arts, Regis University, College of Contemporary Liberal Studies (now School for Professional Adv.)
- 2016-19 Program Manager, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2018 *Moses among the Idols: Mediators of the Divine in the Ancient Near East*, Fortress Academic Monographs, Fortress Academic Press / Lexington Books

Nominee, 2019 AAR Best First Book in the History of Religions Award
Nominee, 2020 AJS Jordan Schnitzer Book Awards

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 “Myth, Meaning, and the Work of Life: Enuma Elish and the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:4-

- 3:24) on the Value of Human Labor and Memory” *Religions* 13, Special Issue: Myth-Making in the Hebrew Bible (ed. Debra Ballentine; Open Access)
- 2022 “Mapping the Path to Ecological Reparation: An Ecopsychological Reading of the Epic of Gilgamesh & Its Implications for the Study of Religion” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 90(1)
- 202? “The Ancient Mesopotamian *Mīs Pī* Ritual: An Application of the Ecological Anthropology of Roy Rappaport” *Critical Research on Religion* 9(3): 300-16
- 2020 “The Mesopotamian Mis Pi Ceremony & Clifford Geertz’s ‘Thick Description’: Principles for Studying the Cultural Webs of the Deceased,” *Distant Worlds Journal* 4, Special Issue: Cultural Anthropology and the Study of the Ancient World (Open Access)
- 2019 “Negotiating Moses’ Divine-Human Identity in LXX Exodus” *Journal for Septuagint and Cognate Studies* 52
- 2018 “Teaching Outside of Your Tradition: 4 Suggestions Toward Transformational Pedagogy,” *Didaktikos: Journal of Theological Education* 2(1)

Editor-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 “Theophany on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19)” *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*, www.thevcs.org
- 2019 “Moses – Yahweh’s Idol?” *The Ancient Near East Today: Current News About the Ancient Past*, Vol.7, No.6

Invited Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 202? “The Metaphor of Root and Soil in the Hebrew Bible” (tentative title) in *A Planting of the Lord: Biblical Tree Imagery in Natural and Human Contexts*, edited by William Osborne and Mark Boda, Dictionary of Nature Imagery – Biblical Supplement Series, Bloomsbury T&T Clark
- 202? “Moses in the Ancient Near East” (tentative title) in *The Oxford Handbook on Moses*, edited by Brian Britt, Oxford University Press
- 202? “Famine in the Prophets: A Threat of Ecological and Social Chaos” in *Lexham Geographic Commentary on Poetry and the Prophets*, edited by Barry Beitzel, Lexham Press
- 202? “From Hiding Place to Shining Face: Unveiling Moses’s Career in Exodus” in *Cambridge Companion to Exodus*, edited by Brent Strawn and Keith Bodner, Cambridge University Press
- 202? “Living Agrarian Principles in the Urban Age: Jewish Principles of Animal Conservation in

the Torah and Today” in *Religion and the Wild Things: Preserving Biodiversity in the Anthropocene*, edited by Janet Rumfelt, Claremont Press

- 2021 “Leggere il rituale con Rappaport. La cerimonia mesopotamica del *mīs pî* da una prospettiva ecologica” (“Reading Ritual with Rappaport: The Mesopotamian *Mis Pi* Ceremony in Ecological Perspective”) translated from English by Gioele Zisa in *Miti, culti, saperi. Per un'antropologia religiosa della Mesopotamia antica*, edited by Claus Ambos and Gioele Zisa, Edizioni Museo Pasqualino
- 2020 “The Tree of Life in Ancient Near Eastern Iconography” in *The Tree of Life, Themes in Biblical Narrative 27*, edited by Douglas Estes, Brill Publishing
- 2016 “Introduction” co-authored with Douglas Mangum in Lexham Methods Series, Vol. 3: *Social & Historical Approaches*, edited by Amy Balogh and Douglas Mangum, Lexham Press

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2018 “Shabbat” in *Women in World Religions: Faith and Culture Across History*, Volume 2, edited by Susan de-Gaia, ABC-CLIO
- 2015 10 articles authored for *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John Barry, Lexham Press:
Baal Cycle; Critical Issues: Israel - History of; Critical Issues: Kings - 1st & 2nd Books of; Deir All Inscription; Elijah the Prophet; Elisha the Prophet; Ezra - Book of; Moses; Sefire Treaties; Shechem - City of; Tel Dan Stele

Select Editorial & Freelance Work

- 202? Assistant Editor, *Lexham Geographic Commentary on Poetry and Prophecy*, Lexham Press
- 202? Assistant Editor, *Lexham Geographic Commentary on the Historical Books (2 Vols.)*, Lexham Press
- 202? Author, *Lexham Context Commentary: Old Testament – 1-2 Chronicles*, Lexham Press
- 202? Author, *Lexham Research Commentary: Ruth*, Lexham Press
- 2016 Associate Editor, Lexham Methods Series, Vol. 3: *Social & Historical Approaches*, Lexham Press
- 2016 Contributing Editor (Exodus, Numbers, Kings), *Faithlife Study Bible*, Lexham Press
- 2015 6 articles edited for *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John Barry, Lexham Press:

Ahasuerus the King; Ezra - leader of the exiles; Jeshua - ancient name; Judges - Book of; Redeemer; Seir - Hill country of

2014 Contributing Editor (Pentateuch, Historical Books, Minor Prophets), *DIY Bible Study*, Lexham Press

2012 Translator, “Book of Proverbs,” *Lexham English Bible*, Lexham Press

Book Reviews

2022 Andrew Tobolowsky, *The Myth of the Twelve Tribes of Israel: New Identities Across Time and Space*, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*

2019 Paul K.-K.-Cho, *Myth, History and Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible*, *Review of Biblical Literature*

2018 Herbert R. Broderick, *Moses the Egyptian in the Illustrated Old English Hexateuch*, *AAR Reading Religion*

2017 Philip R. Davies, *The History of Ancient Israel: A Guide for the Perplexed*, *AAR Reading Religion*

2016 Theodore Ziolkowski, *Uses and Abuses of Moses: Literary Representations Since the Enlightenment*, *AAR Reading Religion*

2012 John F.A. Sawyer, *Sacred Texts and Sacred Meanings: Studies in Biblical Language and Literature*, *Theological Book Review* 24 (2012): 8-9.

2011 *Genesis: Texts @ Contexts*, Edited by Athalya Brenner, Archie Chi Chung Lee, and Gale A. Yee. *Theological Book Review* 23 (2011): 19-20.

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Speaking with Names: Reading the Geographical and Cultural Landscape of Judges 8:30-9:57”

“To Compare or Not to Compare — Is That (Still) a Question?” co-author Tammi Schneider

Book Manuscript: Title TBD

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Regis University, School for Professional Advancement (formerly College of Contemporary Liberal Studies), 2018-Present

Christianity: An Evolving Movement (7-weeks, Online)

Graduate Capstone (15-weeks, Online)
Graduate Transformation (7-weeks, Online)
Happiness & the Meaning of Life (8-weeks, Online)
Introduction to Religious Studies (7-weeks, Online)
Judaism: Faith, History, Culture (7-weeks, Online)
Myth, Symbols, and Cultures (5-weeks, Online)
Religion & Culture: Key Approaches (7-weeks, Online)
Religion & Culture: Key Topics (7-weeks, Online)
Understanding Religion (7-weeks, Online)
World Religious Traditions I: Eastern (7-weeks, Online)
World Religious Traditions II: Western (7-weeks, Online)

University of Denver, Dept. of Religious Studies & Center for Judaic Studies, 2017-2021

Comparative Method in the Study of Religion (Graduate IS; Spring Quarter 2018)
Creation & Humanity (Spring Quarter 2017, 2018)
Emergence of Monotheism (Writing Intensive; Winter Quarter 2018; Spring Quarter 2019)
Judaism (Community Engagement Course; Spring Quarter 2021)
Justice: Biblical Perspectives (Community Engagement Course; Fall Quarter 2019)
The Moses Traditions (Winter Quarter 2019)
+ advisor on BA & MA thesis projects

Morgan Community College, 2020

World Religions – Western Traditions (Fall Semester, 2020; in-person moved online)

Colorado College, Department of Religious Studies, 2013-17

Creation & Humanity (Block-6 2016)
Creation & Humanity in Antiquity (Block-5 2014)
Judaism (Block-4 2014, 2017, 2018; Block 7 2014, 2016)
Hebrew Bible (Block-3, 2013)

Iiff School of Theology, 2012-13, 2017

Biblical Hebrew I (Fall Quarter 2012)
Biblical Hebrew II (Winter Quarter 2013)
Hebrew Bible (Winter Quarter 2017; Hybrid format)
Hebrew Bible Exegesis (Spring Quarter 2013)
Volunteer Tutoring at Biblical Languages Help Desk (Fall Quarter 2010-Spring Quarter 2011)

University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, Department of Philosophy, 2013-14

Hebrew Bible & Its Context (Fall Semester 2013)
Women & Religion (Spring Semester 2014)

Private Instructor & Tutor, 2011-14

Aramaic & Biblical Hebrew (Fall 2011-Spring 14)

University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology, Teaching Assistant

Hebrew Bible, University of Denver, Dr. Alison Schofield (Winter Quarter 2011)

Hebrew Bible, Iliff School of Theology, Dr. Amy Erickson (Fall Quarter 2010, Winter 2011)

Jewish Philosophy, University of Denver, Dr. Sarah Pessin (Winter Quarter 2011)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient

Akkadian, Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, Ugaritic

Modern

French (Intermediate Reading; some conversational)

German (Can read with dictionary; no conversational)

Hebrew (Can read with dictionary; some conversational)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK

2012 5-month internship in historical & archaeological conservation, International Conservation Center in Akko, Israel

2011 Khirbet Qeiyafa Archaeological Project, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2010 Megiddo Expedition, Tel Aviv University & George Washington University

2009 Tel Dor Excavation, Hebrew University of Jerusalem & University of Haifa

HONORS AND AWARDS

2021 Dean's Award for Research Excellence, Regis University School for Professional Advancement

2020 Nominee, AJS Jordan Schnitzer Book Award

2020 Nominee, Ruth Murray Underhill Teaching Award, University of Denver

2019 Nominee, AAR Best First Book in the History of Religions Award

2008 Edith and Stuart Marks Prize in Semitics, Jewish Theological Seminary

2005 Senior Thesis Award, “Jesus & Ritual Impurity,” Patten University
Baker Book Award, Patten University

2004 Biblical and Theological Studies Award, Patten University

GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019 “Race, Religion & Public Health Equity,” an interdisciplinary University of Denver public engagement project funded by the Council of Independent Colleges & the Mellon Foundation project *Humanities Research for the Public Good: Connecting Independent Colleges with Their Communities through Undergraduate Research*

2018-19 “Religious Inclusivity Initiative,” a multi-faceted project in connection with University of Denver IMPACT 2025, Interfaith Youth Core, and the American Association of Colleges & Universities

2014 University Library Association - Collection Development Project Grant, on behalf of the Center for Judaic Studies, University of Denver

FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

2015 Joint Doctoral Program Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology, Joint Doctoral Program

1st Bank Conference Travel Grant, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

2014 The Center for the Study of Government and the Individual Scholarship, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Knapsack Institute, Social Justice Pedagogy Training and Course Development

2012 Conservation Training Fellowship, International Conservation Center Città di Roma

2011 Humanities Institute Student Travel and Research Grant, University of Denver, Division of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Dr. Irwin E. Vinnik Fellowship for Advanced Study in Israel, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

1st Bank Conference Travel Grant, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

2010 Dr. Irwin E. Vinnik Fellowship for Advanced Study in Israel, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

1st Bank Conference Travel Grant, University of Denver, Center for Judaic Studies

ASSOCIATION & CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Positions

- 2021-22 SBL Regional Coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Great Plains Region (elected for 3-yr term; ended when SBL discontinued regions)
- 2020-? Founder & Co-Chair, SBL Program Unit *Comparative Method in Biblical Studies*
- Co-chair: Tammi J. Schneider (Claremont Graduate University); Steering Committee: Kristin De Troyer (University of Salzburg), Christopher B. Hays (Fuller Theological Seminary), David Frankfurter (Boston University), Benjamin Snyder (Asbury Theological Seminary)

Conferences & Symposia Organized

- 2023 Rocky Mountain – Great Plains Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 2-day conference hosted at Regis University
- Annual “Week of Jewish Philosophy” a Project of DU & CU Boulder, 3-day symposium organized in connection with position as Program Manager at the University of Denver Center for Judaic Studies
- Biennial “Seminar in Hebrew Pedagogy” 3-day conference organized in connection with position as Program Manager at the University of Denver Center for Judaic Studies, co-organized with the Middlebury College Language Schools
- 2018 “Inscribing the Sacred: Reading, Writing & the Origins of the Bible as a Book” 2-day symposium of 10 scholars in connection with the visiting exhibit The Dead Sea Scrolls at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Individual Sessions & Panels Organized

- 2020-? Sessions for SBL Annual Meeting Program Unit *Comparative Method in Biblical Studies*
- 2019 “Bible & Pop-Culture Workshop” Co-Presented with Elizabeth Coody and Dan Clanton, Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- “Method & Hebrew Bible” Panel Discussion with Amy Erickson, Mark George, Tammi J. Schneider, and myself at the University of Denver

Presentations

- 2022 Screening and Panel Discussion of the Film “The Last Prairie” with Filmmaker Prof. John O’Keefe IV, RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2021 “Comparative Method: The Ghost of Biblical Studies Past, Present & Future” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- Panel on Ronald Simkin’s Book, *Creation & Ecology: The Political Economy of Ancient Israel and the Environmental Crisis*, Respondent, RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2020 “Can a Tree Help Where It Is Planted? The Metaphor of Roots and Soil in the Hebrew Bible” Invited paper, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- “Reading Genesis 1: How Religious Studies Can Help People See Themselves as a Nature-Based Solution” as part of the panel *Preserving Biodiversity in the Anthropocene: What do the Humanities and Social Sciences Have to Say?* 4th Annual Africa Animal Welfare Conference
- “From Lebanon to the Amazon: Religious Responses to Deforestation in Eco-Psychological & Comparative Perspective” RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 The Bible & Pop-Culture Workshop, Co-Presenter, RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2018 “The Ambiguity of Idol Worlds” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting
- “The Mesopotamian *Mis Pi* Ceremony & Clifford Geertz’s ‘Thick Description’: A Case Study in the Symbolic Webs of the Deceased” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- “Sacrifice & the Art of Domestication” RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2017 “The Paradox of Materiality in Ancient Mesopotamian Divine Images” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- “Agents of Order in a World of Mud: Flood, Architecture, and the New Year Festival in Ancient Babylon” College Art Association, Annual Meeting
- 2016 “The Domestication of the Aurochs and the ‘Heat of His Nostrils’: Rereading the Wrath of Yahweh and Moses in Light of Natural History (Exod 32-34)” RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2015 “Circumcising the Mouth of Moses: A New Comparative Method for the Fields of Assyriology and Biblical Studies” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting

- “Idolizing Moses, the Embodiment of God” Duke University, Material Religion: Embodiment, Materiality, Technology Conference
- 2013 “Grouting for Caesar: The High-Level Aqueduct and Vault Complex at Caesarea After 20 Years” American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting
- 2011 “‘He is Our Brother’: Shechem's Covenant History and the Story of Abimelech (Judges 8:30-9:57)” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- “Forsaking the Original: Multiformality of Memory and the Cry of Dereliction in Textual History (Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34)” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- “Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Papyrus Amherst 63, Psalm 20, and the Future of Comparison” Society of Biblical Literature, International Meeting
- “The Economics of Intellect: Trade and the Exchange of Ideas in the Ancient Near East” RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2010 “Obligation or Hesed? Rereading the Legal Situation in the Book of Ruth” RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

Panels Moderated

- 2020 Hebrew Bible, RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 Philosophers & Theory, RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting
- 2017 Hebrew Bible, RMGP Regional AAR/SBL Meeting

CAMPUS & DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2020 *On Moses among the Idols*, Book Talk, Regis University (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2015 “Citations of the Hebrew Bible in the Gospel of Matthew” Panel Discussion, Iliff School of Theology
- 2014 “Conservation at Caesarea,” Class Lecture + Q&A, Colorado State University
- 2013 “Tools for Advanced Study of Hebrew: How to Use Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar” Workshop, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology
- “Who is a Samaritan?” Lecture and Panel Discussion with Dr. Menahem Mor and Dr. Pamela Eisenbaum, Center for Judaic Studies - University of Denver

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2021 “Are We the Third Wheel? The Relationship Between God, Nature, and Humankind in the Old Testament” Lecture, Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church (Virtual)
- 2019 On *Parashat Tazria* (Lev 12:1-13:28) + Book Talk, Library Shabbat at B’nai Havurah, Denver
- Podcast “Abundance & Scarcity: A Framework for Understanding the Biblical Perspective on Material Wealth,” Iliff School of Theology *ReSource* (www.resource.iliff.edu)
- 2018 “The Bible & Money” Lecture, Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church
- “The Dead Sea Scrolls, Then and Now” Lecture, various locations, In connection with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science exhibit *The Dead Sea Scrolls*
- 2017 “Moses: Yahweh’s Mediator” Study Group, Temple Sinai - Denver
- 2015 “Humanity in the World: Genesis 1” 2-Day Class, Father Dyer United Methodist Church
- “Reading the Old Testament Today” 5-Week Series, Hope United Methodist Church
- “Moses and God, Face to Face” 2-Day Class, Father Dyer United Methodist Church
- “Connecting the Testaments” 5-Week Series, Hope United Methodist Church

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2007-Present Society of Biblical Literature
- 2008-Present American Academy of Religion
- 2012-Present American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2016-Present College Art Association
- 2016-Present International Association of Word and Image Studies
- 2019-Present International Association for Assyriology
- 2020-Present Association for Jewish Studies