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## Education

- 2011 Ph.D., Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israelite History, University of Michigan
- 2006 A.M., Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan
- 2005 Archaeological Field School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2004 M.A., Old Testament Studies, Summa Cum Laude, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- 2004 M.Div., Biblical Studies, Magna Cum Laude, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- 1998 B.A., Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Grove City College

## Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience

Spring 2012–present, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, D'Youville College, Department of Liberal Arts.

- Introduction to the Bible; Belief and Unbelief; Life of Christ; Major Western Faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam); Challenges of Death; Religion and Social Responsibility

Fall 2011, Visiting Instructor of Religion, University of Mississippi, Department of Philosophy and Religion.

- Introduction to Religion; The Old Testament and Early Judaism

2005–2011, Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Departments of Near Eastern Studies, English Language and Literature, and Classical Studies.

- Introduction to the Old Testament, Summer 2008, Spring 2011 (full instructor)
- Great Books (Classic Greek Works), Fall 2010 (TA)
- The English Bible, Winter 2006, 2007 (TA)
- Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Fall 2005, 2006 (TA)

2001–2004, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (as full instructor)
- Introduction to Biblical Greek (as TA)

## Archaeological Field Experience

Tall al-‘Umayri, Jordan, 2012 (Square Supervisor). Director: Prof. Douglas Clark, LaSierra University, Riverside, CA.

Wadi ath-Thamad, Jordan, 2007. Director: Prof. P. M. M. Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.

Tel Rehov, Israel, 2005. Director: Prof. Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

## Books

- Empire and Agency: The Periphery in the Neo-Assyrian Empire*. Edited with Virginia Rimmer Herrmann. (in preparation).
- The Ammonites: Elites, Empires, and Sociopolitical Change (1000–500 BCE)*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 585. London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2014.

## Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “Peripheral Elite as Imperial Collaborators.” *Journal of Anthropological Research* 70 (2014): 481–509.
- “Empire and the Religious Iconography of Ancient Jordan: The Case of the Moongod.” *Conversations with the Biblical World* (forthcoming).
- “Josephus, *Antiquities* 10.180–182, Jeremiah, and Nebuchadnezzar.” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 13 (2013): Article 7. DOI: 10.5508/jhs.2013.v13.a7
- “Who’s In? Who’s Out? II Sam 5,8b and Narrative Reversal.” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 122 (2010): 546–557.

## Book Reviews

- Review of Pieter Gert van der Veen, *The Final Phase of Iron Age II in Judah, Ammon, and Edom: A Study of Provenanced Official Seals and Bullae as Chronological Markers*. *Near Eastern Archaeology* (in preparation).
- Review of JoAnn Scurlock and Richard H. Beal, *Creation and Chaos: A Reconsideration of Hermann Gunkel's Chaokampf Hypothesis*. *Review of Biblical Literature*. (3/20/2015).
- Review of L. Michael Morales, *The Tabernacle Pre-Figured: Cosmic Mountain Ideology in Genesis and Exodus*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 119–121.
- Review of David Frankel, *The Land of Canaan and the Destiny of Israel: Theologies of Territory in the Hebrew Bible*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75 (2013): 117.
- Review of David Crystal, *Begat: The King James Bible and the English Language*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (4/15/2012).

## Encyclopedia Articles

- “Empires in the Ancient Near East, Archaeology of.” Pages 2360–2364 In *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*. Claire Smith (ed.) Springer: New York, 2014.

## Conference Papers and Academic Presentations

- “World-Systems Analysis in the First Millennium BCE: What is it Good For?” Archaeology Session, Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting. Perrysville, OH. 12 March 2015.
- “How the Ammonite Elite Built their ‘House.’” Imperial Peripheries Session, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. 22 November 2013.
- “Reconstructing Religion in Ancient Jordan.” Central Michigan University, Department of Philosophy and Religion. 4 Feb 2013.
- “The End of Ammon: What Archaeology, the Bible, and Epigraphy Say.” Biblical Lands and Peoples in Archaeology and Text unit, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 18 November 2012.

- “The Ammonites: Overview and Sociopolitical Change in the Iron Age.” Tall al-‘Umayri Archaeological Project, Amman, Jordan. 24 July 2012.
- “The Moon God in Iron Age Transjordan.” Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting. Richfield, OH. 22 March 2012.
- “Proverbial Disability and the Structure of Reversal in 2 Sam 5:8b.” Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East unit, SBL Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 20 November 2010.
- “Did Nebuchadnezzar Destroy the Ammonites in 582 BCE? Or, What Does Josephus Know about Nebuchadnezzar?” Hebrew Bible, History and Archaeology unit, ASOR Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 19 November 2010.
- “Iron II Ammon: The Floruit of a Biblical People.” Invited lecture presented in the course, Archaeology of Israel and the Biblical World, University of Michigan, 6 April 2010.
- “Explaining Economic Intensification in Ancient Ammon During the Iron IIC Period.” ASOR Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 21 November 2009.
- “Aspects of Foreign Influence in Iron Age II Ammon.” Graduate Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Biblical World Conference. Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. 17 February 2008.
- “Aspects of Social Change in Iron Age Ammon.” Department of Near Eastern Studies Graduate Student Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI. October 2007.
- “The Function of Proverbs in Narrative Contexts.” Department of Near Eastern Studies Graduate Student Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI. March 2007.

#### **Invited Lectures, Presentations, and Articles for General Audiences**

- “Archaeology and Ancient Israelite Religion.” Presentation at Congregation Shir Shalom, Amherst, NY. 11 October 2014.
- “Recent Trends and Finds in Biblical Archaeology.” Presentation at Congregation Shir Shalom, Amherst, NY. 31 May 2014.
- “After Sodom: The Sons of Ammon in the Iron Age.”  
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/05/tys388006.shtml> (May 2014).
- “Unity and Diversity in Christianity.” Invited lecture presented in the course, Introduction to Religion, Buffalo State, 13 November 2013.
- “God in Christianity.” Invited lecture presented in the course, Introduction to Religion, Buffalo State, 18 November 2013.
- “Religious Violence: Coming to Grips with ‘Ours’ and ‘Theirs.’” Conversations in the Liberal Arts, D’Youville College. 28 January 2013.
- “The Pentateuch: Its Composition and Themes.” Invited lecture presented in Great Books 191, University of Michigan. 24 September 2009.
- “The Religion of the Ammonites.” Presentation to undergraduate religion majors at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio as part of my CRLT mentorship program. 31 August 2009.
- “Violence Divine: Does the Bible Justify Violence in the Name of God?” Honors Program, University of Michigan. 18 January 2009.

#### **Conference Sessions Organized**

- Session Chair. Miscellany. Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, March 12–13, 2105, Perrysville, OH.

Session Co-chair with Virginia Rimmer Herrmann. Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of the Neo-Assyrian Empire. ASOR Annual Meeting, November 14–17, 2012, Chicago, IL and November 20–23, 2013, Baltimore, MD.

Session Co-chair with Virginia Rimmer Herrmann. Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of Empires from the Late Bronze Age to the Ottoman Period. ASOR Annual Meeting, November 16–19, 2011, San Francisco, CA.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Faculty Research Grant (for excavations in Jordan), D'Youville College, July 2012 (\$2500).  
Donald LeRoy Waterman Fellowship in Biblical Studies, University of Michigan, Winter Term 2011 (\$8067/semester, tuition, and benefits).

Sweetland Writing Center Dissertation Writing Institute, University of Michigan, May–June 2010 (\$3,000).

Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2007–2010 (\$24,000/year, tuition, and benefits).

Honors Program Fellow, University of Michigan, 2008–2010 (\$1,000).

Margaret Kraus Ramsdell Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2008–2009 (\$10,000 outright)

Horace H. Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Fund (for archaeological excavation), University of Michigan, Summer 2005, 2007 (\$1,500 each time).

Department of Near Eastern Studies Summer Fellowship (for archaeological excavation), University of Michigan, 2005, 2007 (\$1,500 each time).

Frankel Center for Judaic Studies Research Grant (for archaeological excavation), University of Michigan, 2005 (\$1,000).

Department of Near Eastern Studies Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2004–2005 (\$12,000/year, tuition, and benefits).

Division of Biblical Studies Award for Excellence in Old Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, May 2004 (\$100).

John A. Courtney Philosophy-Religion Award for Highest Departmental GPA, Grove City College, May 1998 (\$100).

### **Intramural Service**

Religious Studies major development. D'Youville College, 2014–present.

Apostolic Mission Committee, *ex officio*. D'Youville College, 2013–present.

Middle States Self Study Committee: Mission and Goals. D'Youville College, Fall 2012–present.

Religious studies search committee member for tenure-track position in Religious Studies. D'Youville College. Spring 2013.

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Secretary. D'Youville College. 2013–present.

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee. D'Youville College. Fall 2012–present

Religious studies search committee member for tenure-track position in Chinese and Japanese Religions. University of Mississippi. Fall 2011.

Honors Program Undergraduate Advisor, University of Michigan, June 2010–April 2011.

**Extramural Service**

Associate Editor, *Conversations with the Biblical World: Proceedings of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society & Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature* (2013–).

Deacon, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Williamsville, NY.

Undergraduate Research Supervisor in Archaeology, Oberlin College, June–August 2009.

**Ancient Language Competencies**

Primary: Biblical Hebrew, Epigraphic Hebrew and related dialects (Ammonite, Moabite, Edomite), Aramaic (Old and Official Aramaic), Phoenician.

Secondary: Ugaritic, Syriac, Akkadian (Middle and Neo-Assyrian, Neo-Babylonian), Biblical Greek.

**Modern Research Languages**

French and German

**Professional Development**

Student Empowerment: 2011 Advising Conference. University of Michigan, 11 May 2011.

CRLT Mentorship at Oberlin College. Completed with Cynthia R. Chapman, Associate Professor of Jewish and Christian Scriptures, April–August 2009.

**Professional Society and Honorary Memberships**

American Association of University Professors

American Schools of Oriental Research

Society of Biblical Literature

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

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