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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 1996, awarded with Distinction
Yale Divinity School, M.A.R., Biblical Studies, 1988
Princeton University, A.B., Religion, 1983

ACADEMIC and ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Associate Chair of the Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2007-2009
Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and Early Judaism, Emmanuel College of Victoria University
and the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion, the University of Toronto, 2005-
Professor of Old Testament, 2004-2005, General Theological Seminary, New York City; Associate Professor,
2000-2004;
Assistant Professor, 1998-2000.
Director of the Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations, General Theological Seminary, 2002-2005
Visiting Associate Professor, Yale University Divinity School, Fall 2002
Lecturer:

Union Theological Seminary, New York, Intersession and Spring, 1998
General Theological Seminary, New York, Fall 1997.
State University of New York at Purchase, Spring 1996, Summer 1992.
Harvard Divinity School, Spring 1993.

Teaching Fellow: Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School, 1990-1991

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Post-exilic Jewish literature including the Dead Sea Scrolls
Hellenistic Judaism
Formation and reception of scripture in early Judaism and Christianity
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Ritual studies

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book manuscript: *The Liturgical Body and the Formation of Scripture at the Turn of the Common Era*
"Prophetic Discernment and History in Joel and Chronicles," article

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Monograph

Praying by the Book: the Scripturalization of Prayer in Second Temple Judaism (SBL Early Judaism and Its
Literature 14; Atlanta, GA: Scholars, 1999).

Commentary

Early Jewish Prayers in Greek, co-authored with Pieter van der Horst (Commentaries on Early Jewish Literature,
Berlin: Walter DeGruyter, 2008).

Early Jewish Liturgy: A Sourcebook for Use by Students of Early Christian Liturgy (translations with Alistair
Stewart-Sykes; Cambridge: GROW/Alcuin LS, 2001).

Edited

- Revisions with Bernhard W. Anderson and Steven Bishop for a fifth edition of *Understanding the Old Testament*. (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2006).
- Editor, with Hindy Najman, *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel*. (JSJSup 83; Leiden: Brill, 2004).
- Associate editor and contributor, *Prayer from Alexander to Constantine: A Critical Anthology*. (Mark Kiley, ed.; London: Routledge, 1997).

Articles and Book Chapters

- “Priestly Prophets at Qumran: Summoning Sinai through the Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice,” *The Significance of Sinai: Traditions about Sinai and Divine Revelation in Judaism and Christianity* (G. J. Brooke, H. Najman, and L. T. Stuckenbruck, eds.; TBN 13; Leiden: Brill, 2008) 29-72.
- “The Staff of Moses and the Mercy of God: Moses’ Final Intercession in Pseudo-Philo 19,” in *Israel in the Wilderness: Interpretations of the Biblical Traditions in Jewish and Christian Narratives* (Kenneth Pomykala, ed.; TBN 10; Leiden: Brill, 2008), 133-152.
- “The Composition of Prayers and Songs in Philo’s *De Vita Contemplativa*,” *Empsychoi Logoi Religious Innovations in Antiquity* Pieter van der Horst FS (A. Houtman, Leiden: Brill, 2008), 455-468.
- “Three Contexts of Manasseh’s Prayer in the *Didascalia*,” *Journal of the Canadian Society for Syriac Studies*, 7 (2007) 3-15.
- “Form and Formula in the Prayer of Manasseh” in *Seeking the Favor of God, vol. 2* (M. Boda, D. Falk, R. Werline, eds.; SBLEJL 21, Atlanta, Scholars Press, 2007), 105-125.
- “The Scripturalization of Prayer in Exilic and Second Temple Jewish Literature,” in *Prayers that Cite Scripture: Biblical Quotation in Jewish Prayers from Antiquity through the Middle Ages* (James L. Kugel, ed.; Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006) 7-24.
- “The Democratization of Kingship in the Wisdom of Solomon,” *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation*. James L. Kugel FS (JSJSup 83; Leiden: Brill, 2004), 309-328.
- “Holy, holy, holy: The Use of Isa 6:3 in *AposCon* 7:35.1-10 and *AposCon* 8.12.6-27,” *Of Scribes and Sages: Early Jewish Interpretation and Transmission of Scripture, vol. 2 Later Versions and Traditions* (C. Evans, ed.; SSEJC 9, LSTS 51; Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2004), 123-134.
- “From Monarch to Bishop: Covenant, Torah, and Community Formation in the Old Testament and the Anglican Communion,” *Anglican Theological Review* 85 (2003) 35-51.
- “Lot in Sodom: the Postmortem of a City and the Afterlife of a Biblical Text,” *The Function of Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Tradition*, (C.A. Evans and J.A. Sanders, eds.; JSNTSup 154/SSEJC 6; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998).
- “Nehemiah 9 and the Scripturalization of Prayer in the Second Temple Period,” *The Function of Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Tradition*, (C.A. Evans and J.A. Sanders, eds.; JSNTSup 154/SSEJC 6; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998).
- “Prayers in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha” with Randall Chesnutt, *Prayer from Alexander to Constantine*, (Mark Kiley, et al. eds.; London: Routledge, 1997) 38-42.
- “God condemns the arrogance of power: the prayer in 3 Maccabees 6:2-15,” *Prayer from Alexander to Constantine*, (Mark Kiley, et al. eds.; London: Routledge, 1997) 48-52.

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Articles

- “Psalms” (1500 words) and “Worship” (3000 words) for the *Dictionary of Early Judaism* (John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow, eds.; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2010).
- “The World of Ancient Judaism,” (5000 words) *The Blackwell Companion to the New Testament*. (David Aune, ed.; Cambridge: Blackwell, 2010).
- “Women in the Apocrypha (3000 words) *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible* (Katherine Doob Sakenfeld, ed.; Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2009)
- “Judith,” (3000 words) “Judith, Book of,” (3000 words), “Prayer” (10,000 words) in the *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible* (Katherine Doob Sakenfeld, ed.; Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2008).
- Entries on David, Joseph, Noah, Rebecca, and Rachel for *Dictionary of Jewish-Christian Relations* (E. Kessler and

N. Wenborn, eds.; Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Book Reviews

- Clemens Leonhard, *The Jewish Pesach and the Origins of the Christian Easter* In *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period*, 40 (2009)
- Joseph P. Blenkinsopp, *Opening the Sealed Book: Interpretations of the Book of Isaiah in Late Antiquity* in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 8 (2008) online: <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review332.htm>
- R. Langer and S. Fine, eds., *Liturgy in the Life of the Synagogue*. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Period* 39 (2008).
- Joan Cook, *Hannah's Desire*. In *Studia Philonica Annual* 2003.
- Donald Binder, *Into the Temple Courts: the Place of the Synagogues in the Second Temple Period*. In *Journal of Semitic Studies*, 2003.
- Christine Schams, *Jewish Scribes in the Second Temple Period*.. In *Review of Biblical Literature*, electronic edition, 11/9/00 and archives.
- James Crenshaw, *Education in Ancient Israel: Across the Deadening Silence*. In *Sewanee Theological Review*, 43 (2000) 223-225.

Popular

- Isaiah* (Cincinnati: Forward Movement Publications, 2000); *The Psalms* (Cincinnati: Forward Movement Publications, 2001).
- “Hosea,” “Ezra,” “Nehemiah,” “Psalms,” “Proverbs,” “Isaiah,” “Ezekiel,” “Wisdom of Solomon,” “Ben Sira,” *The Complete Guide to the Bible*. (Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest, 1998).

INVITED LECTURES

- “Praying with the Angels at Qumran” Toronto School of Theology Liturgical Studies Seminar, January 13, 2010
- The Dean Starr Lecture: "Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls: Major Implications for Understanding Earliest Christianity" Trinity College, University of Toronto/Toronto School of Theology, Oct. 21, 2009
- “Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls” Emmanuel College Continuing Education lecture, Oct. 17, 2009
- “Who Knows?": Theodicy, Repentance, and Ambiguity in the Book of Joel," Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, New York City, May 7, 2008.
- “The Enduring Legacy of Utopias and Armageddons,” Jackman Humanities Institute Inaugural Conference, “After Utopia” University of Toronto, December 6-7, 2007
- “The Glorious Presence at Qumran: Summoning Sinai through the Shirot,” at conference, Giving the Torah at Sinai, Durham University“ July 4-7, 2007
- “Pseudepigraphy in Early Jewish Prayers in Greek,” University of Manchester, March 22, 2007
- “The Narrative Setting of Manasseh’s Prayer in the Didascalia,” for Canadian Society for Syriac Studies Symposium, “Tradition, Interpretation, and Appropriation in Syriac Prayer,” May 2006
- “Universal Messianism in the Wisdom of Solomon,” University of Toronto Seminar on Ancient Judaisms and Christianities, September 2005
- Scholar-in-Residence, Interfaith weekend, Brooklyn Heights Synagogue and Grace Episcopal Church, April 8-10, 2005
- “Must the Son of God Suffer? Universal Messianism in the Wisdom of Solomon” Conference on “Jewish Messianism in the Time of Jesus: Historical Echoes, Present Impact,” UCLA, March 2005
- “Form and Formula in the Prayer of Manasseh” SBL Penitential Prayer Group, November 2004
- “Three Readings of Psalm 99,” Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, April 2002
- “From Monarch to Bishop: Covenant, Torah, and Community Formation in the Old Testament,” for the Episcopal Church Foundation Fellows Conference, “Covenant, Contract, and Commonwealth: The Ordering of Community in a Litigious Age” January 2002
- “Three Readings of Psalm 99,” Notre Dame University, March 2000.
- Paddock lecture at General Theological Seminary, “Canons and Communities: Anglicans and the Interpretation of the Bible,” October 1999.

- “Salvation by Typology: The Use of Scripture in Judith 9” Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, NYC, May 1999.
- “Gracious and Merciful: the Character of God in Second Temple Literature,” Rice University, Center for the Study of Cultures, March 1998.
- “The Scripturalization of Prayer in Exilic and Second Temple Judaism,” Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies Conference, “Scripture and Prayer,” October 1997.
- “The Imprint of Scripture on the Book of Judith,” Claremont Graduate School, February 1997
- “The Past as Blueprint for the Present: Genesis 34 and Salvation by Analogy in Judith 9,” SUNY-Purchase Jewish Studies Symposium on the book of Genesis, October 1996

RESEARCH AWARDS

- SSHRC Standard Research Grant (2009-2012) (Can \$59,055)
- Victoria University Senate Research Grant, 9/2006-7/2008 (Can \$3,200)
- Victoria University SSHRC grant adjudication 2007-08 (Can \$1,000)
- Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study Research Fellowship, 2006-2007 (27,000 Euros plus rent subsidy and RT airfare)
- Lilly Theological Scholars Grant, 2006-2007 (\$11,930 US)
- Victoria University SSHRC grant adjudication 2006-07 (Can \$1,000)
- Conant Fund Grant for Sabbatical Research, Spring 2002 (\$4,310 US)
- Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow, 1992-1995. (\$10,000 US per academic year)
- Bok Center Graduate Writing Fellow, Harvard University, Spring 1991 (\$3,000 US).
- Harvard University Fellowship, tuition scholarship and (\$6,000 US) stipend, 1988-1991.
- The Two Brothers Fellowship, awarded by Yale Divinity School to pursue biblical studies, 1988-89.
- Roothbert Foundation Fellow, 1987-88.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- Steering Committee Member, Society of Biblical Literature, Wisdom and Apocalypticism Group, 2009-
- Associate Editor, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, 2009-
- Project Review Board member, Online Critical Pseudepigrapha, <http://ocp.acadiiau.ca/> 2009-
- Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, co-chair of Pseudepigrapha group, with J. Levison and H. Najman, 2007-
- Series Editor, Society of Biblical Literature Early Judaism and Its Literature, SBL Press/Brill 2006-
- Peer Review Board, Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations, an internet journal 2005-
- Academic Advisory group, Church Publishing, Inc. for Seabury imprint, 2005-
- Review Committee, Episcopal Church Foundation Doctoral Fellowships, 2007
- Steering Committee Member, Society of Biblical Literature, Penitential Prayer Group, 2002-2005
- Planning Group Member, Episcopal Church Foundation Fellows Forum, 2002-2006.
- Steering Committee Member, Society of Biblical Literature Prayer in Greco-Roman World Group, 1996-2002.
- Editorial consultant, American Bible Society, CEV Learning Bible, 2000
- Research and editorial assistant, the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.1984-86.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Biblical Literature, Catholic Biblical Association, Association for Jewish Studies, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, University of Toronto Seminar on Culture and Religion in Antiquity, Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, Association of Anglican Biblical Scholars