

# MATTHEW T. RUTZ

---

Department of Egyptology and Assyriology  
Brown University  
Box 1899, 2 Prospect Street  
Providence, RI 02912-1899 USA  
[matthew\\_rutz@brown.edu](mailto:matthew_rutz@brown.edu)  
Office: +1-401-863-6312 Fax: +1-401-863-1216

---

## EMPLOYMENT

---

### **Brown University**

2017– Associate Professor of Assyriology  
2015-2017 William A. Dyer, Jr. Assistant Professor of Humanities  
2009-2017 Assistant Professor of Assyriology  
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Religious Studies (Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean)  
Affiliated Faculty, Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World  
Affiliated Faculty, Middle East Studies

### **Drexel University**

2009 Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, Department of Culture & Communication

### **University of Pennsylvania**

2008-2009 Postdoctoral Research Specialist, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
Royal Inscriptions of the Neo-Assyrian Period (RINAP) Project, PI: Grant Frame  
<http://oracc.org/rinap/>  
2007-2008 Instructor in Akkadian, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

---

## EDUCATION

---

2008 **University of Pennsylvania**, Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
Cuneiform Studies (Assyriology), major area; Biblical Studies (Hebrew Bible), minor area  
Dissertation: *Scholars, Texts, and Contexts: An Archaeological and Textual Study of the Diviners' Archive from Late Bronze Age Emar, Syria*  
1998 **University of Oregon**, B.A. *summa cum laude*, Religious Studies

---

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

---

### **Books (\* = peer-reviewed publication)**

#### *Author*

\*2013 *Bodies of Knowledge in Ancient Mesopotamia: The Diviners of Late Bronze Age Emar and their Tablet Collection*. Ancient Magic and Divination 9. Leiden: Brill.

*Reviews*: P. M. Michel, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 71 (2014): 470-474; Y. Cohen, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 74 (2015): 135-142; D. Fleming, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136.3 (2016): 603-612; D. Charpin, *Revue d'assyriologie* 111 (2017): 185-187.

*Co-editor*

- \*2014 *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*. Joukowski Institute Publications 6. Oxford: Oxbow. [co-edited with M. M. Kersel]  
*Reviews*: L. Verderame, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2016.05.49.
- \*2011 *The Royal Inscriptions of Esarhaddon, King of Assyria (680–669 BCE)*. By Erle Leichty, with a contribution by Grant Frame. Royal Inscriptions of the Neo-Assyrian Period 4. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns. [co-editor with J. Novotny and A. E. Barron]  
*Reviews*: S. Svärd, *Studia Orientalia* 111 (2011): 470-473; P. Sanders, *Review of Biblical Literature* 11/2012; I. Hruša, *Orientalia* 82 (2013): 12-13; M. Stol, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 72 (2015): 699.
- \*2006 *If a Man Builds a Joyful House: Assyriological Studies in Honor of Erle Verdun Leichty*. Cuneiform Monographs 31. Leiden: Brill. [co-edited with A. K. Guinan, M. deJ. Ellis, A. J. Ferrara, S. Freedman, L. Sassmannshausen, S. Tinney, and M. W. Waters]  
*Reviews*: A. Livingstone, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 71 (2008): 113-115; M. Worthington, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 66 (2009): 144-150; D. Charpin, *Revue d'assyriologie* 104 (2010): 179-182; H. Hunger, *Archiv für Orientforschung* 52 (2011): 276-277.

**Journal Articles (\* = peer-reviewed publication)**

- \*2016 “Anti-witchcraft Prescriptions from Hattuša and Nippur.” *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und Vorderasiatische Archäologie* 106.1: 42-61.
- \*2016 “The Flooding of Ešnunna, the Fall of Mari: Hammurabi’s Deeds in Babylonian Literature and History.” *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 68: 15-43.  
[co-authored with P. Michalowski]
- 2014 “SpTU 1 72: *šumma immeru* and *šumma izbu* in Late Babylonian Uruk.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2014(3) No. 71, pp. 115-117.
- \*2012 “Mesopotamian Scholarship in Hattuša and the *Sammel Tafel* KUB 4.53.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132.2: 171-188.
- \*2011 “Threads for Esagil-kin-apli: The Medical Diagnostic-Prognostic Series in Middle Babylonian Nippur.” *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und Vorderasiatische Archäologie* 101.2: 294-308.
- 2008 “Emar Syllabary A.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2008(2) No. 38, pp. 48-49.
- 2007 “Two Lexical Fragments from Ugarit.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2007(4) No. 75, pp. 92-93.
- \*2006 “Archaizing Scripts in Emar and the Diviner Šaggar-abu.” *Ugarit-Forschungen* 38: 593-616.
- \*2006 “Textual Transmission between Babylonia and Susa: A New Solar Omen Compendium.” *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 58: 63-96.
- 2006 “More Diri from Emar.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2006(4) No. 85, pp. 85-88.

**Chapters in Books (\* = peer-reviewed publication)**

- \*in press “Ancient Libraries in Syria and the Levant,” in *Libraries before Alexandria: Library Tradition in the Ancient Near East from the Dawn of History until the Roman Era, c. 3200 BC – 200 AD*, K. Ryholt and G. Barjamovic (editors). Oxford: Oxford University Press. [accepted 2012]
- \*2018 “A Late Babylonian Compilation Concerning Ritual Timing and *Materia Medica*,” pages 97-112 in *“The Scaffolding of Our Thoughts”: Essays in Assyriology and the History of Science in Honor of Francesca Rochberg*, C. Jay Crisostomo, Eduardo A. Escobar, Terri Tanaka, and Niek Veldhuis (editors). Ancient Magic and Divination 13. Leiden: Brill.

- \*2016 “Astral Knowledge in an International Age: Transmission of the Cuneiform Tradition, ca. 1500-1000 BC,” pages 18-54 in J. M. Steele (editor), *The Circulation of Astronomical Knowledge in the Ancient World*. Time, Astronomy, and Calendars 6. Leiden: Brill.
- \*2015 “The Text after the Sacrifice: Divination Reports from Kassite Babylonia,” pages 214-250 in *Texts and Contexts: The Circulation and Transmission of Cuneiform Texts in Social Space*, P. Delnero and J. Lauinger (editors). Studies in Ancient Near Eastern Records 9. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- \*2014 “Introduction: No Discipline is an Island,” pages 1-13 in *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*, M. T. Rutz and M. M. Kersel (editors). Jolkowsky Institute Publications 6. Oxford: Oxbow. [co-authored with M. M. Kersel]
- \*2014 “The Archaeology of Mesopotamian Extispicy: Modeling Divination in the Old Babylonian Period,” pages 97-120 in *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*, M. T. Rutz and M. M. Kersel (editors). Jolkowsky Institute Publications 6. Oxford: Oxbow.

### Digital Text Corpus/Encyclopedia/Exhibition Catalogue Entries (\* = peer-reviewed publication)

- \*2017 “Commentary on *Iqqur ipuš*, série générale (CCP no. 3.8.1.E),” *Cuneiform Commentaries Project* (2017), at <http://ccp.yale.edu/P500448>, DOI: 10079/44j1028 [co-authored with E. Jiménez]
- \*2016 “Commentary on *Enuma Anu Enlil* 24(25) D (CCP no. 3.1.24.D),” *Cuneiform Commentaries Project* (2016), at <http://ccp.yale.edu/P397660>, DOI: 10079/h9w0w61
- \*2016 “Commentary on Astrological (CCP no. 3.1.u94.b),” *Cuneiform Commentaries Project* (2016), at <http://ccp.yale.edu/P497442>, DOI: 10079/51c5bbt
- \*2016 “Commentary on *Enuma Anu Enlil / Šin ina tamartišu* 11 (CCP no. 3.2.11),” *Cuneiform Commentaries Project* (2016), at <http://ccp.yale.edu/P423302>, DOI: 10079/9w0vth7
- \*2011 “The Alphabet” (3:189-191); “Cuneiform Scripts; The Origins of Cuneiform; Enmerkar and the Origins of Writing; The Birth of Royal Inscriptions and Sumerian Literature; Cuneiform in the Second Millennium; The Zenith and Nadir of Cuneiform” (3:195-201); “Kassite Babylonia; Dur-Kurigalzu; Kassite Origins; The Kassite Language; Kassite Appropriations of Babylonian Learning; *Enuma Elish*” (3:348-355); “Gilgamesh” (4:659-661); “Hepatoscopy; Liver Models; Mesopotamian Omen Science” (4:639-44); “Celestial Divination – Omens from the Sun, Moon, and Stars” (4:649-650); “Mesopotamian Medicine; Coping with Illness in Mesopotamia—Diagnosis, Prognosis, Incantation, Prescription” (4:734-737) in *Era 2: Early Civilizations, 4000–1000 B.C. ABC-CLIO Encyclopedia of World History*, Volumes 3 and 4. Edited by K. M. McGeough. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.
- 2007 “History of Cuneiform Writing,” pp. 55-59 [with J. L. Peterson]; 39: “Old Babylonian Legal Contract from Ur,” pp. 118-119; 44: “Hinke Kudurru,” pp. 126-127; 45: “Kassite Map of Watercourses,” pp. 128-129; 46: “Kassite Seal,” pp. 130-131 [with R. L. Zettler]; 48: “Foundation Inscription of Nabopolassar,” pp. 136-137 in *Land Between the Two Rivers: From Villages to Empires*, edited by R. L. Zettler. Exhibition catalogue for “The Great Civilizations,” Beijing World Art Museum, 28 September 2006 – 28 September 2008. [translated into Chinese; unpublished English originals available on request]

### Book Reviews

- 2016 Review of Takayoshi Oshima, *Babylonian Prayers to Marduk*, *Orientalische Religionen in der Antike* 7, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136.3: 620-621.
- 2016 Review of Wayne Horowitz, Uri Gabbay, and Filip Vukosavovic (editors), *A Woman of Valor: Jerusalem Ancient Near Eastern Studies in Honor of Joan Goodnick Westenholz*, *Biblioteca del Próximo Oriente Antiguo* 8, Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 2010. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136.3: 622-623.

- 2006 Review of Daniel E. Fleming, *Democracy's Ancient Ancestors: Mari and Early Collective Governance*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 69/2: 100-101.
- 2004 Review of Magnus Widell, *The Administrative and Economic Ur III Texts from the City of Ur*, Picstaway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2003. *Religious Studies Review* 30/2,3: 180.

### Work in Progress

- \*in preparation *Meta-Divination in Ancient Babylonia and Assyria: Conditioning the Signs*. To be submitted to Journal of Cuneiform Studies Supplemental Series. Boston: American Schools of Oriental Research. [peer-reviewed monograph]
- in preparation Review of Uri Gabbay, *The Exegetical Terminology of Akkadian Commentaries*, Culture and History of the Ancient Near East 82, Leiden: Brill, 2016. *Bibliotheca Orientalis*.
- in progress Tracing Babylonian Scholarship: Text, Transmission, and Tradition in Nippur, ca. 1500–1000 BCE (funded project)

### Invited Lectures

- 2018 “Cuneiform Contexts: The Future of an Illusion,” invited lecture for the Louis J. Kolb Foundation Fellows’ Colloquium, “Archaeology of Writing,” University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, October 26
- 2016 “Primordial Signs and Inscribed Bodies: Reading Images of Script in Late Assyrian Scholarship,” *Making a Mark: Graphs Beyond Language*, Brown University, November 5
- 2015 “Signs around the Sacrifice: Conditioning Mesopotamian Divination,” Harvard History and Archaeology of Ancient Near Eastern Societies Workshop, Semitic Museum, Harvard University, January 28
- 2014 “Good Days for Divination: When and How (not) to Ask the Gods a Question in Ancient Babylonia and Assyria,” Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Yale University, April 1
- 2013 “The Text after the Sacrifice: Divination Reports from Kassite Babylonia,” invited paper for the Symposium: “Texts and Contexts: Approaches to Textual Transmission in the Cuneiform World,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, November 19
- 2011 “The Archaeology of Extispicy: Modeling Divination in Bronze Age Mesopotamia,” The Memory and Identity Working Group of the Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley, November 22
- 2011 “Making the Past Present for the Future: Models of Mesopotamian Extispicy,” invited lecture for the Louis J. Kolb Foundation Fellows’ Colloquium, “Recreating the Past in the Present,” University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, November 4
- 2009 “Libraries in Syria and the Levant,” invited lecture for the Symposium: “The Earliest Libraries: Library Tradition in the Ancient Near East from the Dawn of History until the Roman Era, c. 3200 BC – 200 AD,” Centre for Canon and Identity Formation, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, November 21
- 2009 “Reading the Signs, Reading the Archive: Diviners and their Contexts in the Ancient Near East,” Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, March 23
- 2009 “Deciphering Cuneiform (Con)texts: Perspectives on the Diviners’ Archive from Late Bronze Age Emar, Syria,” Department of Egyptology and Ancient Western Asian Studies,

Brown University, February 25

- 2007 “Cuneiform Archives in Context and the Diviners of Late Bronze Age Emar,” invited lecture/invited organizer, Louis J. Kolb Foundation Spring 2007 Colloquium: *Reading Social Structures: House, Palace, Shrine, Temple* (R. Holod, History of Art, discussant), University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, May 8
- 2006 “Art and Culture of Ancient Iraq,” invited lecture, Whose Art is it Anyway?, Cook-Wissahickon School, Philadelphia, January 27

### Conference Papers

- 2018 “Making Medical Texts and Professions in Middle Babylonian Nippur,” *Scholarship at Nippur*, Brown University, October 6 [co-authored with Irene Sibbing Plantholt]
- 2016 “Imagined Mountains of Babylonia: Education and Commemoration,” American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 19
- 2016 “Quotation, Interpretation, and Intertext in the Reports of Assyrian and Babylonian Scholars,” 62<sup>e</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Philadelphia, July 15 [co-authored with Z. Wainer]
- 2016 “Hammurabi’s Deeds,” 226<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, March 19
- 2016 “When Did Hammurabi Flood Ešnunna?,” *Ancient History: Assyriological Perspectives*, Brown University, February 27
- 2015 “Mental Topographies of Ancient Mesopotamia: Textual Perspectives on Learned and Lived Highland-Lowland Interactions,” Connecting Highlands and Lowlands – Towards a Holistic Approach to Upland and Lowland Symbiosis in the Past, Present and for the Future, Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 16
- 2015 “Mesopotamian Hemerologies for Divination,” 225<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, New Orleans, March 15
- 2014 “Astral Knowledge in an International Age: Transmission of the Cuneiform Tradition, ca. 1500-1000 BC,” *The Circulation of Astronomical Knowledge in the Ancient World*, Brown University, April 12
- 2013 “Extispicy and its Contexts in Kassite Babylonia,” Contextualizing Cuneiform Texts I, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 23
- 2012 “Tracing Babylonian Scholarship in Nippur, ca. 1500-1000 BCE,” Ancient Inscriptions: Recent Discoveries, New Editions II, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 16
- 2011 “Tradition, Contact, Innovation: Communities of Language, Text, and Script in Late Bronze Age Syria,” *Philology*, 57<sup>e</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale: “Tradition and Innovation in the Ancient Near East,” Sapienza – Università di Roma, Rome, Italy, July 6
- 2011 “By the Numbers: Tablets, Tallies, and Babylonian-Assyrian Scholastic Texts,” Ancient Near East VI: Literature, 221<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, March 13
- 2010 “Using the Best Models: Situating Mesopotamian Divination in the Archaeological Record,” Text and Archaeology 2: Interpreting Text, *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*, a symposium co-organized with M. M. Kersel (DePaul University), hosted at Brown University, December 4
- 2010 “A Thread for Esagil-kin-apli: On the Early History of the Medical Diagnostic Handbook,” Session I, 56<sup>e</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale: “Time and History in the Ancient

- Near East,” Institut d’Estudis del Pròxim Orient Antic / Instituto de Estudios del Próximo Oriente Antiguo, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, July 28
- 2010 “On Medical Training in Kassite Nippur,” Ancient Near East IV: Mesopotamian Literature, 220<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, St. Louis, March 13
- 2009 “A Little More than Kin: Emar’s Diviners and their Tablet Collection,” Session II: Familles de scribes, 55<sup>e</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale: “La famille dans le Proche-Orient ancien: réalités, symbolismes et images,” Collège de France, Paris, July 6
- 2008 “Kassite Cartography in the Context of Mesopotamian Mapmaking,” Archaeology of Mesopotamia Section, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Boston, November 20
- 2007 “Paleography, Gods, and Diviners in Emar,” Ancient Near East VI: History, Culture & Religion, 217<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Antonio, March 18
- 2006 “Babylonian Solar Omens from Susa,” Ancient Near Eastern History, Literature, and Religion Section, *in memoriam* Erica Reiner, 216<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Seattle, March 20
- 2004 “The Stele as a Social Object in Late Bronze Age Syria,” Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 21
- 2004 “Mesopotamian Cultic Specialists: Archaeology of Elite Domestic Archives,” Archaeology of Mesopotamia Section, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 18
- 2004 “The *sikkamu*-Stele in Late Bronze Age Syria,” Akkadian Language, Literature, and History Section, 214<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Diego, March 14
- 2003 “The Stele in and out of Cultic Contexts in Bronze Age Syria: Signs of Authority at Emar and Ekalte,” Archaeology of Syria Section, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 22

---

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

---

- 2018– National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Implementation Grant [\$166k]  
PI: *Digital Preservation of Archival Tablets from the Syrian Kingdom of Ugarit*  
Co-PI: Jacob Lauinger, Johns Hopkins University
- 2012-2014 Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University [\$15k]
- 2009– Humanities Research Fund, Brown University
- 2004-2006 Louis J. Kolb Foundation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- 2004 Dorot Foundation Travel Grant, to attend the American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 17-20
- 2002-2004 Abraham M. Ellis Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 1998-2002 William Penn Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

---

## SERVICE

---

**Brown University**

- 2018-2020 Program in Early Cultures Steering Committee
- 2018-2019 Promotion/tenure committee, Egyptology and Assyriology
- 2018 *Scholarship at Nippur*. A workshop co-organized with J. Steele, hosted at Brown University, Department of Egyptology and Assyriology, October 6-7
- 2018 Reviewer for Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award
- 2018 Global Mobility Research Fellowships Committee
- 2017-2018 Director of Graduate Studies, Egyptology and Assyriology
- 2016 *Ancient History: Assyriological Perspectives*. A symposium co-organized with J. Steele, hosted at Brown University, Department of Egyptology and Assyriology, February 27
- 2015 Search committee, Department Manager, Egyptology and Assyriology
- 2013-2015 Director of Graduate Studies, Egyptology and Assyriology
- 2012– Search committee, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Egyptology and Assyriology
- 2012 Search committee, Lectureship in Sanskrit, Classics
- 2011-2013 Team Enhanced Advising and Mentoring (TEAM)
- 2010– Undergraduate Concentration Track Advisor, Assyriology (Ancient Western Asian Studies)
- 2010 *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*. A symposium co-organized with M. M. Kersel (DePaul University), hosted at Brown University. Sponsored by The Colver Lectureship Fund, Department of Egyptology and Assyriology, Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, and Program in Early Cultures, December 3-5  
<http://proteus.brown.edu/archaeologiesoftext/>
- 2009– Graduate Admissions committee, Egyptology and Assyriology

**Professional***Reviewer*

Cambridge University Press (Cambridge)  
 University of Chicago Press (Chicago)  
*Ancient Near Eastern Studies* (Leuven)  
*Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (Chicago)  
*Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History* (Berlin)

*Research application reviewer*

Swiss National Science Foundation  
 The Academic Research Institute in Iraq  
 American Schools of Oriental Research  
 National Research Foundation, South Africa [declined]

*The Open Richly Annotated Cuneiform Corpus (oracc.org)*

2018-2020 Member of the Oracc Advisory Committee

*The Academic Research Institute in Iraq*

2012– Institutional Representative to the Board

*American Schools of Oriental Research*

- 2016 Locating Mesopotamian Civilizations in Highland-Lowland Encounters, New Member-Organized Session, co-chair, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting
- 2014 Experiencing Mesopotamian Landscapes: Unifying Archaeological and Textual Perspectives, New Member-Organized Session, co-chair, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 20
- 2011 Mesopotamian Civilizations: Examining Social Life through Texts and Material Culture, New Member-Organized Session, co-chair, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 17
- 2010-2017 Committee on Mesopotamian Civilization (Baghdad Committee) two consecutive terms (committee limit); secretary (2013)

*International Association for Assyriology*

- 2016 Intertextuality in Cuneiform Scholarship, Workshop, co-organized with Z. Wainer, 62<sup>nd</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Philadelphia

---

**ACADEMIC HONORS**

---

- 2015-2017 William A. Dyer, Jr. Assistant Professor of Humanities, Brown University
- 2008– Fellow, Louis J. Kolb Society, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2004-2008 Junior Fellow, Louis J. Kolb Society, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania
- 1998 B.A. *summa cum laude*, University of Oregon
- 1998 Elected to *Phi Beta Kappa* Society, University of Oregon

---

**TEACHING**

---

**Courses Taught**

**Brown University** (\* = new course)

- 2018 Spring ASYR 1100 Imagining the Gods: Myths and Myth-making in Ancient Mesopotamia
- 2018 Spring ASYR 2310A Ancient Scientific Texts: Lexical Texts
- 2017 Fall ASYR 1000 Introduction to Akkadian
- 2017 Fall ASYR 2400 Akkadian Literary and Religious Texts: Assyrian Diviner's Rituals
- 2017 Spring ASYR 1500 Ancient Babylonian Magic and Medicine
- 2017 Spring \*ASYR 2420 Akkadian Divinatory Texts
- 2016 Fall ASYR 0800 The Cradle of Civilization? An Introduction to the Ancient Near East
- 2016 Fall \*ASYR 2410 Akkadian Letters
- 2016 Spring \*EGYT 0300 In the Beginning: Cosmos and Creation in the Ancient World
- 2016 Spring \*ASYR 1850 Collecting Knowledge in the Ancient World: Assurbanipal's Library in Context
- 2015 Fall \*ASYR 2450 Akkadian Texts of the Late Bronze Age
- 2015 Fall ASYR 2800 Archaeologies of Text
- 2015 Spring AWAS 0210 Intermediate Akkadian
- 2015 Spring AWAS 1100 Imagining the Gods: Myths and Myth-making in Ancient Mesopotamia

2014 Fall	AWAS 0200 Introduction to Akkadian
2014 Fall	*AWAS 2400 Akkadian Literary and Religious Texts
2014 Spring	*AWAS 1400 Introduction to Sumerian
2014 Spring	AWAS 1500 Ancient Babylonian Magic and Medicine
2013 Fall	<i>New-parent teaching relief</i>
2013 Spring	<i>On leave (sabbatical)</i>
2012 Fall	AWAS 0800 Introduction to the Ancient Near East
2012 Fall	AWAS 2310C Assyriology II
2012 Fall	AWAS 2980 Reading and Research
2012 Spring	AWAS 1100 Imagining the Gods: Myths and Myth-making in Ancient Mesopotamia
2012 Spring	*AWAS 2800 Archaeologies of Text
2011 Fall	AWAS 1750 Divination in Ancient Mesopotamia
2011 Fall	AWAS 2310B Assyriology I
2011 Spring	AWAS 0210 Intermediate Akkadian
2011 Spring	*AWAS 1500 Ancient Babylonian Magic and Medicine
2010 Fall	AWAS 0200 Introduction to Akkadian
2010 Fall	*AWAS 2600 Topics in Cuneiform Studies
2010 Spring	AWAS 0210 Intermediate Akkadian
2010 Spring	*AWAS 1100 Imagining the Gods: Myths and Myth-making in Ancient Mesopotamia
2009 Fall	AWAS 0200 Introduction to Akkadian
2009 Fall	AWAS 2310B Assyriology I

### **Drexel University**

2009 Spring ANTH 120 Near Eastern Archaeology

### **University of Pennsylvania**

2008 Spring ANEL 740 Akkadian Religious and Scientific Texts  
 2008 Spring ANEL 640 First Year Akkadian (I)  
 2007 Fall ANEL 641 First Year Akkadian (II)

### **Graduate Advising, Brown University**

#### *Ph.D. dissertation committees*

##### *current*

##### *advisor*

Federico Zangani (Egyptology and Assyriology), “The Origin of the Amarna International System: Egyptian Imperialism in the Northern Levant and Geo-Political Dynamics in the Late Bronze Age,” co-advisor (with J. Allen) and chair  
 Zachary Rubin (Assyriology), “Innovation and Adaptation in the Neo-Assyrian Cult of Nabû,” advisor and chair

##### *reader*

Sarah Berns (Religious Studies), “Making Space: Spatial Practices in Ancient Israel and the Iron Age Levant,” 2nd reader  
 Silvia Štubňová (Egyptology), “The Lexical Semantics of Derived Verbs: A New Look at Ancient Egyptian Morphology,” 3rd reader

##### *completed*

*advisor*

- Zackary Wainer (Assyriology), “The Series *If the Moon at Its Appearance* and Mesopotamian Scholarship of the First Millennium BCE,” advisor and chair, defended 4/4/16  
 M. Willis Monroe (Assyriology), “Advice from the Stars: The Micro-zodiac in Seleucid Babylonia,” co-advisor with J. Steele, defended 12/10/15

*reader*

- Kerry Sonia (Religious Studies), “The Enduring Dead: The Cult of Dead Kin in Ancient Israel,” 2nd reader, defended 12/14/16  
 Müge Durusu Tanrıöver (Archaeology and the Ancient World), “Experiencing the Hittite Empire in its Borderlands,” reader, defended 11/30/15  
 Guan Yuzhen 关瑜桢 (History of the Exact Sciences in Antiquity), “The Treatment of Eclipses in Early Chinese Astral Sciences,” 2nd reader, defended 5/8/15  
 Jennifer Singletary (Religious Studies), “Non-Anthropomorphic Gods? Manufactured Entities and Divine Qualities and Attributes Characterized As Gods in the Textual Evidence from Ancient Mesopotamia, Syria, North Arabia, Palestine, and Elephantine,” 2nd reader, defended 4/2/14  
 Andrea Allgood (Religious Studies), “Foreign Lands – Multiple Perspectives: Foreign Land Impurity in the Hebrew Bible, its Context, and its Ideological Underpinnings,” 2nd reader, defended 1/21/14  
 Brian Rainey (Religious Studies), “Non-Peoples and Foolish Nations: Religion, Xenophobia and Ethnic Foreigners in the Hebrew Bible and Mesopotamia,” 2nd reader, defended 6/18/13  
 Debra Scoggins Ballentine (Religious Studies), “‘You Divided Sea by Your Might’: The ‘Conflict Myth’ and the Biblical Tradition,” 2nd reader, defended 6/13/11

*Ph.D. examination committees*Egyptology and Assyriology

Guan Yuzhen, Sara Mohr, M. Willis Monroe, Tyler Roeder, Zachary Rubin, Zackary Wainer, Federico Zangani

Religious Studies

Andrea Allgood, Sarah Berns, Robert Kashow, Brian Rainey, Jennifer Singletary, Kerry Sonia, Shane Thompson, Tanner Walker (pending)

Archaeology and the Ancient World

Müge Durusu Tanrıöver, Katherine Harrington, Timothy Sandiford

Anthropology

Nicholas Carter

**Undergraduate Advising, Brown University**

2012–	Concentration track advisor, Assyriology (formerly Ancient Western Asian Studies)
2017-2018	Six sophomore advisees
2016-2017	Six first-year advisees
2012-2013	Five first-year advisees; four sophomore advisees
2011-2012	Five first-year advisees; five sophomore advisees
2010-2011	Five first-year advisees

*Undergraduate honors theses*

2015-2016	M. Roth, Archaeology (reader)
2014-2015	C. F. Kim, Assyriology (advisor)

---

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

---

*Ancient:* Akkadian, Sumerian, Ugaritic, Hebrew, Northwest Semitic, Aramaic, Greek (elementary)

*Modern:* German, French

---

## COLLABORATION

---

- 2016–      *Digital Preservation of Archival Tablets from the Syrian Kingdom of Ugarit*  
PI; co-PI: Jacob Lauinger, Johns Hopkins University  
National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources  
Implementation Grant, 2018-2021 [\$166k]
- 2014      *Oracc Glossary of Conventional Akkadian*  
Co-editor with Kathryn Stevens, University of Durham  
The Open Richly Annotated Cuneiform Corpus (Oracc), <http://oracc.org>
- 2000      Khirbet al-Mudayna al-Aliya, Jordan, University of Pennsylvania Excavations,  
Excavation Unit Supervisor  
Director: Bruce Routledge, University of Liverpool

---

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

---

American Schools of Oriental Research

American Oriental Society

British Institute for the Study of Iraq (Gertrude Bell Memorial) [British School of Archaeology in Iraq]

International Association for Assyriology