

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### EDUCATION

Ph.D. (1985), Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Concentration: Biblical History and Northwest Semitic Philology. General examinations passed with distinction, May 1984. Doctoral thesis: "Problems in the History of the Cult and Priesthood in Ancient Israel." Adviser: F.M. Cross. Passed with distinction, June 1985.

A.M. (1984), Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

A.M. (1995), Brown University, *ad eundem*.

B.A. (1981), York University, *summa cum laude*. Concentration in Religious Studies and History.

#### PREVIOUS TEACHING POSITIONS

1985-87      Department of Religious Studies, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba

1987-92      Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

#### PUBLICATIONS

### **Authored Books:**

10. *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024. (collected essays, volume 2.)
9. *Animal Rights and the Hebrew Bible*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.
8. *Violent Rituals of the Hebrew Bible*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.
7. *Friendship in the Hebrew Bible*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017.
6. *Social Inequality in the World of the Text: The Significance of Ritual and Social Distinctions in the Hebrew Bible*. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 4. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011. (collected essays, volume 1.)
5. *Disability in the Hebrew Bible: Interpreting Mental and Physical Differences*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
4. *Biblical Mourning: Ritual and Social Dimensions*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
3. *Rites and Rank: Hierarchy in Biblical Representations of Cult*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.
2. *A Thousand Thousands Served Him: Exegesis and the Naming of Angels in Ancient Judaism*. Texte und Studien zum Antiken Judentum 36. Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 1993.
1. *Asherah and the Cult of Yahweh in Israel*. Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series 34. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988.

### **Edited and Co-Edited Books:**

13. *Animals and the Law in Antiquity*. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2021. (Co-edited with Jordan R. Rosenblum.)
12. *Pain in Biblical Texts and Other Materials of the Ancient Mediterranean*. FAT II. Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2021. (Co-edited with Michaela Bauks.)
11. *Supplementation and the Study of the Hebrew Bible*. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018. (Co-edited with Jacob L. Wright.)
10. *Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible: New Perspectives*. New York: Oxford

University Press, 2015.

9. *Worship, Women and War: Essays in Honor of Susan Niditch*. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2015. (Co-edited with John J. Collins and T. Lemos.)
8. *Family and Household Religion: Toward a Synthesis of Old Testament Studies, Archaeology, Epigraphy, and Cultural Studies*. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2014. (Co-edited with Rainer Albertz, Rüdiger Schmitt and Beth Alpert Nakhai.)
7. “*The One Who Sows Bountifully*”: *Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers*. BJS 356. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2013. (Co-edited with Caroline Johnson Hodge, Daniel Ullucci and Emma Wasserman.)
6. *Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Essays in Retrospect and Prospect*. Resources for Biblical Study 71. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012.
5. *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity: Contextual and Comparative Perspectives*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2008. (Co-edited with John Bodel.)
4. “*A Wise and Discerning Mind*”: *Essays in Honor of Burke O. Long*. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2000. (Co-edited with Robert Culley.)
3. *Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. (Co-edited with Martha C. Nussbaum.)
2. *Qumran Cave 4.VIII. Parabiblical Texts, Part I*. Discoveries in the Judaean Desert XIII. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994. (Co-edited with H. Attridge, T. Elgvin, J. Milik, J. Strugnell, E. Tov, J. Vanderkam, S. White.)
1. *Priesthood and Cult in Ancient Israel*. Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplements 125. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1991. (Co-edited with Gary A. Anderson.)

#### **Articles and Essays:**

89. “The Ancestors of Genesis and the Cult,” completed for a volume in preparation.
88. Introduction and three section introductions in Saul M. Olyan, *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, xiii-xiv, 3-6, 53-55, 107-109. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024.
87. “Holiness, Gender, Status, Power,” in Saul M. Olyan, *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, 7-13. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024.

86. "The Concept of Monotheism: A Methodological Critique," in Saul M. Olyan, *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, 68-74. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024.
85. "The Rhetorical and Ideological Subtlety of Psalm 137," in Saul M. Olyan, *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, 95-103. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024.
84. "The Roles and Obligations of Maternal Kin in Biblical Representations of Familial Relations," in Saul M. Olyan, *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, 42-50. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024.
83. "Absalom's Death: A Narrative with Supplementation," in Saul M. Olyan, *Human, Divine, and Textual Relationships: Essays on the Hebrew Bible*, 121-28. Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements 37. Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2024.
82. "Making Sense of *bekor* in the Laws of the Firstborn," essay under development.
81. "'Upon the Head of Joab': The Dependency of 1 Kgs 2:33 on 2 Sam 3:29," forthcoming in Smith/Bloch-Smith festschrift, 2026.
80. "Constructing Situational Sacrificial Equivalences in Biblical Texts," in *Measuring Value and Accommodating the Gods*, ed. Jan Dietrich et al., volume in preparation.
79. "Introduction," in *Animals and the Law in Antiquity*, eds. J. D. Rosenblum and S. M. Olyan, 1-12. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2021. (Co-written with J. D. Rosenblum)
78. "Symmetry and Asymmetry According to the Law? The Case of Domesticated Animals and Human Beings," in *Animals and the Law in Antiquity*, eds. J. D. Rosenblum and S. M. Olyan, 69-81. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2021.
77. "Introduction to the Volume," in *Pain in Biblical Texts and Other Materials of the Ancient Mediterranean*, 8-9. FAT II. Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2021. (Co-written with Michaela Bauks)
76. "Pain Imposed: The Psychological Torture of Enemies through Ritual Acts in Biblical and Cuneiform Sources," in *Pain in Biblical Texts and Other Materials of the Ancient Mediterranean*, 51-60. FAT II. Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2021.
75. "Approaches to the Study of Pain in Ancient Texts," in *Pain in Biblical Texts and Other Materials of the Ancient Mediterranean*, 4-8. FAT II. Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2021.

74. “‘She and Her Friends’: On Women’s Friendship in Biblical Narrative,” in *Friendship in Jewish History, Religion and Culture*, ed. Lawrence Fine, 79-88. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2021.
73. “The Literary Dynamic of Loyalty and Betrayal in the Aramaic Ahiqar Narrative,” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 79 (2020): 261-69.
72. “Mental Disorder ANE/HB/DSS,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, Volume 18. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2020.
71. “Are there Legal Texts in the Hebrew Bible that Evince a Concern for Animal Rights?” *Biblical Interpretation* 27 (2019): 321-39.
70. “Gender-Specific Pollution in the Hebrew Bible,” in *Gender and Social Norms in Ancient Israel, Judaism and Early Christianity*, ed. Michaela Bauks et al. *Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements*, 159-67. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2019.
69. “Quelques associations culturelles positives de la vieillesse dans la Bible hébraïque,” in *Vieillir et être vieux dans le Proche-Orient ancien*, ed. T. Römer, L. Marti and H. Gonzalez. *Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis/Institut des civilisations*. Fribourg-Göttingen-Paris : Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht-Collège de France, forthcoming 2025.
68. “The Territoriality of Yhwh in Biblical Texts,” in *Strength to Strength: Essays in Appreciation of Shaye J. D. Cohen*, ed. M. Satlow, 45-52. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018.
67. “Introduction,” in *Supplementation and the Study of the Hebrew Bible*, ed. S. M. Olyan and Jacob L. Wright, xi-xvii. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018 (co-written with Jacob L. Wright).
66. “Fire and Worms: Isa 66:24 in the Context of Isaiah 66 and the Book of Isaiah,” in *Supplementation and the Study of the Hebrew Bible*, ed. S. M. Olyan and Jacob L. Wright, 147-57. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018.
65. “Defects, Holiness and Pollution in Biblical Cultic Texts,” in *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy*, ed. Joel Baden et al., 1018-28. Leiden: Brill, 2017.
64. “Two Types of Ritual Innovation for Profit,” in *Ritual Innovation in the Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism*, ed. Nathan MacDonald, 11-19. BZAW 468. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016.
63. “Add, Subtract or Do Neither: The Role of Somatic Manipulations in Biblical Rites

- of Reclassification,” in *Dem Körper eingeschrieben—Verkörperung zwischen Leiberleben und kulturellem Sinn*, ed. M. Bauks et al., 203-11. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2016.
62. “Ritual Inversion in Biblical Representations of Punitive Rites,” in *Worship, Women and War*, ed. J.J. Collins et al., 135-43. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2015.
61. “The Instrumental Dimensions of Ritual Violence Against Corpses in Biblical Texts,” in *Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible: New Perspectives*, ed. S. M. Olyan, 125-36. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
60. “Introduction,” in *Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible: New Perspectives*, ed. S. M. Olyan, 1-7. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.
59. “Pollution, profanation et l'étranger dans les textes bibliques du sixième siècle avant notre ère,” in *Tabou et transgression. Actes du colloque organisé par le Collège de France, Paris, les 11-12 avril 2012*, ed. Jean-Marie Durand, Michaël Guichard and Thomas Römer, 254-58. *Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis* 274. Fribourg: Academic Press, 2015.
58. “‘Ihr sollt mir Heilige Menschen sein’: Der wahrscheinliche Einfluss von Ex. 22,30 auf spätere Heiligkeitsideologien,” in *Wege der Freiheit*, ed. J. Woehrle et al., 167-73. Zürich: Theologischer Verlag, 2014.
57. “Jehoiakim’s Dehumanizing Interment as a Ritual Act of Reclassification,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 133 (2014): 271-79.
56. “The Roles of Kin and Fictive Kin in Biblical Representations of Death Ritual,” in *Household Religion: Toward a Synthesis of Old Testament Studies, Archaeology, Epigraphy, and Cultural Studies*, ed. Rainer Albertz et al. Winona Lake, IN.: Eisenbrauns, 2014.
55. “Theorizing Circumstantially Dependent Rites in and out of War Contexts,” in “*The One Who Sows Bountifully*”: *Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers*, ed. C. Johnston-Hodge et al., 69-76. *Brown Judaic Studies* 356. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2013. Reprinted in *Warfare, Ritual and Symbol in Biblical and Modern Contexts*, ed. B. Kelle et al., 15-24. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014.
54. “The Etymology of Hebrew and Aramaic *ykl* ‘to be able,’” *Journal of Semitic Studies* 58 (2013): 13-19 (co-authored with John Huehnergard).
53. “Is Isaiah 40-55 Really Monotheistic?” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 12 (2012): 190-201.
52. “Introduction,” in *Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Essays in*

- Retrospect and Prospect*, ed. Saul M. Olyan, 1-6. Resources for Biblical Study 71. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012.
51. "Theorizing Violence in Biblical Ritual Contexts: The Case of Mourning Rites," in *Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Essays in Retrospect and Prospect*, ed. Saul M. Olyan, 169-80. Resources for Biblical Study 71. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012.
  50. "Introduction" and five section introductions ("Section 1: Rites and Social Status"; "Section 2: Gender and Sexuality"; "Section 3: Disability"; "Section 4: Holiness, Purity, and the Alien"; "Section 5: Death, Burial, Afterlife, and their Metaphorical Uses," in Saul M. Olyan, *Social Inequality in the World of the Text: The Significance of Ritual and Social Distinctions in the Hebrew Bible*, 7-11, 15-16, 53-55, 117-18, 157-58, 199-200. Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements 4. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011.
  49. "A Suggestion Regarding the Derivation of the Hebrew Noun *mērēa*," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 56 (2011): 217-219.
  48. "Sie sollen nicht in die Gemeinde des Herrn kommen": Aspekte gesellschaftlicher Inklusion und Exklusion in Deut 23, 4-9 und seine frühen Auslegungen," in Saul M. Olyan, *Social Inequality in the World of the Text: The Significance of Ritual and Social Distinctions in the Hebrew Bible*, 173-85. Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements 4. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011.
  47. "An Eternal Covenant with Circumcision as its Sign: How Useful a Criterion for Dating and Source Analysis?," in *The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research*, ed. T. B. Dozeman et al., 347-58. FAT 78. Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 2011.
  46. "Stigmatizing Associations: The Alien, Things Alien, and Practices Associated with Aliens in Biblical Classification Schemas" in *The Foreigner and the Law: Perspectives from the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East*, ed. R. Achenbach, R. Albertz and J. Wöhrle, 17-28. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtsgeschichte 16. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2011.
  45. "Occasionally Beyond Gender: The Rhetoric of Familial Nurture in Discourses of West Asian Kings and their Agents," in Saul M. Olyan, *Social Inequality in the World of the Text: The Significance of Ritual and Social Distinctions in the Hebrew Bible*, 101-13. Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements 4. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011.
  44. "Sacrifices and Offerings," in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, ed. John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.
  43. "Equality and Inequality in the Socio-Political Visions of the Pentateuch's

- Sources: A Response to Joshua A. Berman, *Created Equal: How the Bible Broke with Ancient Political Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2008),” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 10 (2010), article 9: 34-40.
42. “What Do We Really Know about Women’s Rites in the Israelite Family Context?” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 10 (2010) 55-67.
41. “Unnoticed Resonances of Tomb Opening and Transportation of the Remains of the Dead in Ezekiel 37:12-14,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 128 (2009) 491-501.
40. “The Ascription of Physical Disability as a Stigmatizing Strategy in Biblical Iconic Polemics,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 9 (2009) article 14:1-15. Reprinted in *Disability Studies and Biblical Literature*, ed. C. R. Moss and J. Schipper, 89-102. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
39. "Beyond Purity and Danger: Mary Douglas and Biblical Studies," *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 8 (2008) article 7:1-4 (co-authored with Ronald Hendel).
38. “Mary Douglas’s Holiness/Wholeness Paradigm: Its Potential for Insight and its Limitations,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 8 (2008) article 10:1-9.
37. “The Status of Covenant During the Exile,” in *Berührungspunkte: Studien zur Sozial- und Religionsgeschichte Israels und seiner Umwelt*, ed. Ingo Kottsieper, Rüdiger Schmitt and Jakob Wöhrle, 333-44. *Alter Orient und Altes Testament* 350. Münster: Ugaritverlag, 2008.
36. “Comparative Perspectives,” in *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity: Contextual and Comparative Perspectives*, ed. John Bodel and Saul M. Olyan, 276-82. Oxford: Blackwell, 2008. (Co-written with John Bodel.)
35. “Introduction,” in *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity: Contextual and Comparative Perspectives*, ed. John Bodel and Saul M. Olyan, 1-4. Oxford: Blackwell, 2008. (Co-written with John Bodel.)
34. “Family Religion in Israel and the Wider Levant of the First Millennium BCE,” in *Household and Family Religion in Antiquity: Contextual and Comparative Perspectives*, ed. John Bodel and Saul M. Olyan, 113-26. Oxford: Blackwell, 2008.
33. “Was the ‘King of Babylon’ Buried Before His Corpse Was Exposed? Some Thoughts on Isa 14:19,” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 118 (2006) 423-26.
32. “‘Surpassing the Love of Women’: Another Look at 2 Sam 1:26 and the Relationship of David and Jonathan,” in *Authorizing Marriage? Canon, Tradition and*



- Critique in the Blessing of Same-Sex Unions*, ed. Mark D. Jordan, 7-16, 165-70. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006.
31. "Some Neglected Aspects of Israelite Interment Ideology," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 124 (2005) 601-16.
  30. "The Search for the Elusive Self in Texts of the Hebrew Bible," in *Religion and the Self in Antiquity*, ed. David Brakke et al., 40-50. Bloomington, IN.: Indiana University Press, 2005.
  29. "Exod 31:12-17: the Sabbath According to H, or the Sabbath According to P and H?" *Journal of Biblical Literature* 124 (2005) 201-209.
  28. "Sacred Times and Spaces," in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, ed. S. I. Johnston et al., 256-59. Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2004.
  27. "Religious Personnel," in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, ed. S. I. Johnston et al., 296-98. Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2004.
  26. "Sacrifices, Offerings and Votives," in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, ed. S. I. Johnston et al., 333-36. Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2004.
  25. "Rites of Passage: Syria-Canaan," in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, ed. S. I. Johnston et al., 441-42. Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2004.
  24. "Sin, Pollution and Purity: Syria-Canaan," in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*, ed. S. I. Johnston et al., 501-502. Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2004.
  23. "Purity Ideology in Ezra-Nehemiah as a Tool to Reconstitute the Community," *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Periods* 35 (2004) 1-16.
  22. "'We are Utterly Cut Off': Some Possible Nuances of nigzarnu lanu in Ezek 37:11," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 65 (2003) 43-51.
  21. "The Exegetical Dimensions of Restrictions on the Blind and the Lame in Texts from Qumran," *Dead Sea Discoveries* 8 (2001) 38-50.
  20. "The Biblical Prohibition of the Mourning Rites of Shaving and Laceration: Several Proposals," in *"A Wise and Discerning Mind": Essays in Honor of Burke O. Long*, ed. Saul M. Olyan and Robert C. Culley, 181-89. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2000.

19. "What Do Shaving Rites Accomplish and What Do They Signal in Biblical Ritual Contexts?" *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998) 611-22.
18. "'Anyone Blind or Lame Shall Not Enter the House': On the Interpretation of 2 Samuel 5:8b," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 60 (1998) 218-27.
17. "Contemporary Jewish Perspectives on Homosexuality," in *Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse*, ed. S. M. Olyan and M. C. Nussbaum, 5-10. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.
16. "Introduction," in *Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse*, ed. S. M. Olyan and M. C. Nussbaum, xiii-xix. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. (Co-written with Martha C. Nussbaum.)
15. "'To Uproot and to Pull Down, to Build and to Plant': Jer 1:10 and its Earliest Interpreters," in *Hesed ve-Emet: Studies in Honor of Ernest S. Frerichs*, ed. J. Magness and S. Gittin, 63-72. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1998.
14. "Cult," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*, ed. E. M. Meyers, 2:79-86. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
13. "Why an Altar of Unfinished Stones? Some Thoughts on Ex 20,25 and Dtn 27,5-6," *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 108 (1996) 161-171.
12. "Honor, Shame and Covenant Relations in Ancient Israel and Its Environment," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996) 201-218.
11. "4Qpap paraKings et al.," in *Qumran Cave 4 (VIII). Parabiblical Texts Part I*, 363-416 and plates XXXVIII-XLI. Discoveries in the Judaean Desert XIII. Oxford: Clarendon, 1995. Editio princeps of a fragmentary Dead Sea Scroll.
10. "'And with a Male You Shall Not Lie the Lying Down of a Woman': On the Meaning and Significance of Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 5 (1994) 179-206. (Reprinted in *Que(e)rying Religion: A Critical Anthology*, ed. G. D. Comstock and S. E. Henking, 398-414, 513-24. New York: Continuum, 1997.)
9. "'In the Sight of Her Lovers': On the Interpretation of *nablût* in Hos 2:12," *Biblische Zeitschrift* 36 (1992) 255-61.
8. "The Oaths of Amos 8:14," in *Priesthood and Cult in Ancient Israel*, ed. G.A. Anderson and S.M. Olyan, 121-49. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplements* 125. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1991.

7. "The Israelites Debate their Options at the Sea of Reeds: *LAB* 10:3, its Parallels, and Pseudo-Philo's Ideology and Background," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 110 (1991) 75-91.
6. "Some Observations Concerning the Identity of the Queen of Heaven," *Ugarit Forschungen* 19 (1988) 161-74.
5. "Ben Sira's Relationship to the Priesthood," *Harvard Theological Review* 80 (1987) 261-86.
4. "The Cultic Confessions of Jer 2,27a," *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 99 (1987) 254-59.
3. "2 Kings 9:31-- Jehu as Zimri," *Harvard Theological Review* 78 (1985) 203-207.
2. "*Hashalom*: Some Literary Considerations of 2 Kings 9," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 46 (1984) 652-68.
1. "Zadok's Origins and the Tribal Politics of David," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 101 (1982) 177-93.

**Book Reviews:**

- D. McClellan, *Yhwh's Divine Images: A Cognitive Approach*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2022, in *Biblical Interpretation*, forthcoming.
- S. Greenberg, *Wrestling with God & Men: Homosexuality in the Jewish Tradition*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2004, in *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 23 (2005) 195-96.
- S. Niditch, *Ancient Israelite Religion*. New York: Oxford University, 1997, in *The Journal of Religion* 78 (1998) 479-80.
- S. Niditch, *War in the Hebrew Bible*. New York: Oxford University, 1993, in the *Association for Jewish Studies Review* 20 (1995) 395-96.
- J.L. Ska, *Le passage de la mer*. AB 109. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1986, in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 107 (1988) 509-10.
- F.E. Peters, *Jerusalem*. Princeton: Princeton University, 1985, in *Urban History Review* 16 (1987) 236-37.

G. Heider, *The Cult of Molek. A Reassessment*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1985, in *Revue biblique* 94 (1987) 273-75 (with M.S. Smith).

N. Lohfink, ed. *Das Deuteronomium. Entstehung, Gestalt und Botschaft*. Leuven: Leuven University, 1985, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 49 (1987) 686-87.

J. Trebolle-Barrera, *Jehú y Joás. Texto y composición literaria de 2 Reyes 9-11*. Valencia: Institución San Jerónimo, 1984, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 48 (1986) 544-45.

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND DISTINCTIONS (SELECTED)**

Elected Beaufort Visiting Fellow, St. John's College, University of Cambridge, for 2022 Easter Term.

Festschrift: T. M. Lemos, Jordan D. Rosenblum, Karen B. Stern and Debra Scoggins Ballentine, eds., *With the Loyal You Show Yourself Loyal: Essays on Relationships in the Hebrew Bible in Honor of Saul M. Olyan* (Ancient Israel and its Literature 42; Atlanta: SBL Press, 2021).

Elected Fellow of the American Academy for Jewish Research, 2020.

President, Society of Biblical Literature New England and Eastern Canada Region, 2016.

Faculty Fellowship, Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Spring 2014.

Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, calendar 2006.

Fellowship, Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 1997-98.

Yale University Morse Junior Faculty Leave Fellowship, 1989-90.

American Philosophical Society Research Grant for Dead Sea Scroll publication project, 1988-89.

Lady Davis Postdoctoral Fellowship, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, for 1985-86 (not accepted).

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship, 1983-84, 1984-85.

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship, Harvard University, 1981-82, 1982-83.

**Awards upon graduation from college:** Murray G. Ross Award for Scholarship and Outstanding Participation in Undergraduate Student Life; Desmond Hart Prize in History; Vanier College Award in Religious Studies; Vanier College Award for Academic Excellence; Dean's List; *summa cum laude*.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY (FIELD)**

### **Current Appointments:**

Finance editor, *Brown Judaic Studies* (monograph series), 2023-.

Member, editorial board of series *Religions in the Ancient Mediterranean* (Penn State University Press), 2023-.

Member, advisory board of *Avar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Life and Society in the Ancient Near East*, 2021-.

### **Past Appointments, Peer Review Activity:**

Member, editorial board of the *Anchor Yale Bible* series (Yale University Press), 2008-23.

Member, editorial board of the *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, 2007-14.

Member, advisory board, *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, 2009-12.

Editor (Hebrew Bible), *Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series*, Nov. 1999-Nov. 2002.

Member, *Society of Biblical Literature Council*, Nov. 1999-Nov. 2002.

Member, editorial board of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1993-95, 1996-98.

Member, editorial board of the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 1996-2000.

Ad hoc peer review for Cambridge University Press (USA); Cambridge Elements; Oxford University Press (USA and UK); Oxford Bibliographies Online; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion; Harvard University Press; Princeton University Press; Yale University Press; Indiana University Press; Penn State University Press; SBL Dissertation Series; *Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements* (Brill); Westview Press; Prentice-Hall; Bloomsbury Press; *Journal of the American Oriental Society*; *Jewish Quarterly Review*; *Journal of the History of Sexuality*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Harvard*

*Theological Review; Vetus Testamentum; Journal of Hebrew Scriptures; Journal of Religion; Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel; Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions; Journal of Biblical Literature; Journal of Near Eastern Studies; Brill Research Perspectives on Biblical Interpretation; Maarav.*

Various tenure and senior appointment letters (confidential).

Review for foundations: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Israel Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Research Foundation of South Africa, Swiss National Science Foundation, National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Visiting Committee member, review of Emory University's Religion Department, 2014; review of York University's Centre for Jewish Studies, 2019.

Outside Dissertation Examiner: James Getz, "Limited Engagement with the Divine: Rites of Temporary Cultic Transition in Ugaritic and Biblical Texts" (Brandeis University, 2010); Tracy Lemos, "Asymmetries of Exchange: Marriage Gifts and the Social Structure of Ancient Palestine from Iron I to the Roman Period" (Yale University, 2007).

Member, International Dead Sea Scrolls Publication Team (4Q Text Editorial Group coordinated by E. Tov, G. Ulrich and E. Puech), 1986-94. Responsible for first edition of a sectarian scroll published in 1995.

Founder and Chairperson, Consultation (later section) on Israelite and Canaanite Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, 1986-92.

Chair, Section on Israelite Religion, SBL International Meeting, 2003, 2004

Coordinator of national conference at Brown University entitled "Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse," 7-8 April 1995 (with Martha C. Nussbaum).

Coordinator of international conference at Brown University entitled "Household and Family Religion in Mediterranean and West Asian Antiquity: Comparative Perspectives," 27 February-1 March 2005.

Coordinator of symposium at Brown University entitled "Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Retrospect and Prospect," February 28-March 1, 2010.

Coordinator of symposium at Brown University entitled "Theorizing Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible," May 5-6, 2013.

Coordinator of symposium at Brown University entitled "Supplementation and the Study of the Hebrew Bible," May 9-10, 2016.

Coordinator of international conference at Brown University entitled “Torture, Abuse and Desecration in the Name of Religion,” May 7-9, 2017.

Co-coordinator of symposium at Brown University entitled “Animals and the Law in Antiquity, Dec. 2-3, 2018.

Co-coordinator of symposium at Brown University entitled “The Meanings and End(s) of Monotheism, May 7-8, 2024.

### **Lectures, Papers, Presentations, and Panel Participation:**

“Extending the Family Through Explicit and Implicit Comparison: 2 Sam 12:1-4, Prov 17:17, Prov 18:24 and Deut 13:7,” for the vetted, international online conference “The Bible and ‘Animal’ Others 2.0,” March 2025.

Response to two papers in section “Disability in the Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic Texts,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, December 2024 (Zoom).

“Disability in the Hebrew Bible,” for the graduate student and faculty research seminar on Old Testament Studies at Universität Kiel in Germany, November 2024 (Zoom).

“Biblical Mourning: Ritual and Social Dimensions,” for a graduate seminar at the University of British Columbia entitled “The Emotions in Antiquity,” September 2024 (Zoom).

“Biblical Rights: Human and Animal” for the vetted, international online conference “The Bible and ‘Animal’ Others,” March 2023; Department of Religious Studies Faculty and Grad Student seminar, April 2024; for the lecture series “Talking Animals, Law & Philosophy,” sponsored by the Centre for Animal Rights Law at the University of Cambridge, October 2024 (Zoom).

Response to four invited critical responses to my book *Animal Rights and the Hebrew Bible* (Oxford University Press, 2023), Bible and Animal Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2023.

Response to Daniel O. McClellan, *Yhwh’s Divine Images: A Cognitive Approach* (ANE Monographs, SBL, 2022), Cognitive Science Approaches to the Biblical World Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2023.

“Holiness, Gender, Status and Power,” for special session “Gender, Power, Theocracy,” Pentateuch Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, November 2022.

“Constructing Situational Sacrificial Equivalences in Biblical Texts,” for the workshop

- “Measuring Value and Accommodating the Gods, part II,” University of Aarhus, June 2022.
- “The Concept of Monotheism: A Methodological Critique,” University of Cambridge, June 2022; Brown University, May 2024.
- “Animals as Covenant Partners in Genesis 9:8-17 and Hos 2:20 (Eng. 2:18),” University of Cambridge, May 2022.
- “Friendship and the Emotions in the Hebrew Bible,” Providence College, March 2022; conference “The Practices of Friendship in History and Literature: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” Historisches Kolleg, Munich, June 2022.
- Participant, panel discussion on the future of Judaic Studies as an interdisciplinary area, Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Dec. 2020.
- Participant, workshop sponsored by the University of Aarhus entitled “Measuring Value and Accommodating the Gods,” Dec. 2020.
- “Symmetry or Asymmetry According to the Law? The Case of Animals and Human Beings,” for the symposium “Animals and the Law in Antiquity,” Brown University, December 2018.
- “Les droits des animaux existent-ils selon la Bible hébraïque?” Collège de France, Paris, November 2018.
- “Approaches to the Study of Pain in Ancient Texts,” for the conference “Schmerz in biblischen, postbiblischen und verwandten Texten des östlichen Mittelmeerraums/Pain and its Representation in Biblical, Post-Biblical, and Other Texts of the Ancient Eastern Mediterranean,” Universität Koblenz, March 2018.
- “Pain Imposed: The Psychological Torture of Enemies through Ritual Acts,” for the conference “Schmerz in biblischen, postbiblischen und verwandten Texten des östlichen Mittelmeerraums/Pain and its Representation in Biblical, Post-Biblical, and Other Texts of the Ancient Eastern Mediterranean,” Universität Koblenz, March 2018; Trinity College, Dublin, November 2021.
- “Making Sense of *bekor* in the Laws of the Firstborn,” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Berlin, August 2017.
- “Quelques associations culturelles positives de la vieillesse dans la Bible hébraïque,” for the conference “Vieillir et être vieux dans le Proche-Orient ancien,” Collège de France, Paris, May 2017.
- “Are there Legal Texts in the Hebrew Bible that Evince a Concern for Animal Rights?” Columbia University, September 2016; Universität Leipzig, August 2017; Yale University, March 2018; University of Chicago, October 2022.



“Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible: Its Contours, Its Social Dimensions,” presidential address, Society of Biblical Literature New England and Eastern Canada Region, April 2016; University of Exeter (England) Religion Research Seminar, May 2016 (via electronic connection); Universität Zürich, March 2018.

“Gender-Specific Uncleaness in the Hebrew Bible,” at the conference “Gender and Social Norms in Ancient Israel, Early Judaism and Christianity. Texts and Material Culture in Eastern Mediterranean Cultures,” Universität Koblenz, February 2016

“Fire and Worms: Isa 66:24 in the Context of Isaiah 66 and the Book of Isaiah,” Brandeis University, April 2015; Brown University, May 2016.

Response to Jacob L. Wright, *David, King of Israel, and Caleb in Biblical Memory* (2014), Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2014.

“What Have We Accomplished and Where Do We Go From Here? The Study of Israelite Religion Now and in the Future,” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Vienna, July 2014.

“Friendship and the Emotions in the Hebrew Bible” invited for a special panel “Emotional Expressions in Biblical Times,” Annual Meeting of the New England and Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, April 2014.

“Two Types of Ritual Innovation for Profit,” invited for special session “Ritual Innovation,” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, University of St. Andrew’s, Scotland, July 2013.

“‘Ihr sollt mir Heilige Menschen sein’: Der wahrscheinliche Einfluss von Ex. 22,30 auf spätere Heiligkeitsideologien,” for the symposium “Wege der Freiheit: zur Entstehung und Theologie des Exodusbuches aus Anlass des 70. Geburtstag von Rainer Albertz,” Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, May 2013.

“The Instrumental Dimensions of Ritual Violence Against Corpses in Biblical Texts,” International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Amsterdam, July 2012; University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2012; Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, November 2012; for the symposium “Theorizing Ritual Violence in the Hebrew Bible,” Brown University, May 2013.

“Jehoiakim’s Dehumanizing Interment as a Ritual Act of Reclassification,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012.

“Pollution, profanation et l’étranger dans les textes bibliques du sixième siècle avant notre ère,” for the conference “Tabou et transgression,” Collège de France, Paris, April 2012.

Response to Francesca Stavrakopoulou, *Land of Our Fathers: The Roles of Ancestor*

- Veneration in Biblical Land Claims* (2010), Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 2011.
- “Theorizing Circumstantially-Dependent Rites in and out of War Contexts,” Warfare in ancient Israel Section, Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 2011.
- “Is Isaiah 40-55 Really Monotheistic?,” for the seminar “The Concept of Monotheism: Should it Have a Future in Biblical Studies?” International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, London 2011; Harvard University, February 2012.
- “Defects, Holiness and Pollution in Biblical Cultic Texts,” Levites and Priests in History and Tradition Section/Disability Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2010.
- “Sie sollen nicht in die Gemeinde des Herrn kommen”: Aspekte gesellschaftlicher Inklusion und Exklusion in Deut 23, 4-9 und seine frühen Auslegungen,” Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, May 2010.
- “Theorizing Violence in Biblical Ritual Contexts: The Case of Mourning Rites,” for the conference “Social Theory and the Study of Israelite Religion: Retrospect and Prospect,” Brown University, February 2010.
- “An Eternal Covenant with Circumcision as its Sign: How Useful a Criterion for Dating and Source Analysis?,” for the conference “The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research,” Zürich Universität, January 2010.
- “Equality and Inequality in the Socio-Political Visions of the Pentateuch’s Sources: A Response to Joshua A. Berman, *Created Equal: How the Bible Broke with Ancient Political Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2008),” Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 2009.
- “Stigmatizing Associations: The Alien, Things Alien, and Practices Associated with Aliens in Biblical Classification Schemas,” International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, July 2009.
- “The Roles of Kin and Fictive Kin in Biblical Representations of Death Ritual,” for the conference “Household Religion: Toward a Synthesis of Old Testament Studies, Archaeology, Epigraphy, and Cultural Studies,” Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, April 2009.
- “Unnoticed Resonances of Tomb Opening and Transportation of the Remains of the Dead in Ezekiel 37:12-14,” Université de Lausanne, Switzerland, May 2008.
- “The Ascription of Physical Disability as a Stigmatizing Strategy in Biblical Iconic Polemics,” Université de Lausanne and Universität Zürich, Switzerland, May 2008; European Association of Biblical Studies, Lisbon, August 2008.

- “Disability in the Prophetic Utopian Vision,” Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2007; Boston College, April 2008; Collège de France, Paris, February 2009.
- “What Do We Really Know About Women’s Rites in the Israelite Family Context:?” meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Budapest, Hungary, August 2006; the conference “The Archaeology of Worship in Biblical Israel,” Baltimore Hebrew University, April 2007; University of California, San Diego, April 2009; University of California, Santa Barbara, December 2009; University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2012.
- “Wholeness, Defects, and the Cult,” University of Montana, Missoula, April 2007.
- “The Status of the Covenant During the Exile,” meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Dresden, Germany, August 2005.
- “Family Religion in Israel and the Wider Levant of the First Millennium BCE,” University of Chicago, November 2010; Brown University, 2005.
- “Recovering the Social Dimensions of Mourning,” University of California, Berkeley, and the Bade Museum, Pacific School of Religion, February 2004; Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, May 2005; Erfurt Universität, Erfurt, Germany, May 2005; Philipps Universität, Marburg, Germany, May 2005.
- “Rereading Terminology for Same Sex Relations in Hebrew Scripture,” at the conference “Sex, Marriage and Family and the Religions of the Book,” Emory University, March 2003; Pacific School of Religion, February 2004; Yale University, March 2011.
- “‘Surpassing the Love of Women’: Another Look at 2 Sam 1:26 and the Relationship of David and Jonathan,” at the conference “Sex, Marriage and Family and the Religions of the Book,” Emory University, March 2003; International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Groningen, Netherlands, July 2004; Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, May 2005.
- “Purity Ideology in Ezra-Nehemiah as a Tool to Reconstitute the Community,” International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Berlin, Germany, July 2002; Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, November 2010.
- “‘They Shall Wail the Songs of the Temple’: Sanctioned Mourning in Biblical Cultic Settings,” Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, October 2001; University of New Hampshire, November 2001; Hebrew University, Jerusalem, March 2002; Emory University, April 2002; International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, England, July 2003; University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 2004; Philipps Universität, Marburg, Germany, May 2005.

- “King versus Priest: the Biblical Evidence,” Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, October 2001.
- "Contesting and Defending Priestly and Divine Privilege in Biblical Ritual Settings," International Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Helsinki/Lahti, Finland, July 1999; Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, October 2001; 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of Hebrew Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 2004.
- "The Aramaic Archives from Elephantine and their Significance," William A. Ward Memorial Lecture, Department of Egyptology, Brown University, April 1999.
- "Generating 'Self' and 'Other': The Polarity Israelite/Alien in Biblical Discourse," Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley, February 1999.
- "The Opposition Holy/Common in Biblical Discourse," Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania, April 1998.
- "Forms and Functions of the Binary Opposition Israelite/Alien in Biblical Discourse," Seminar of the Center for Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, December 1997.
- "On Writing the History of Israelite Religion," Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 1997.
- "What Do Shaving Rites Accomplish and What Do They Signal in Biblical Ritual Contexts?" World Congress for Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, August 1997.
- Participant, "Conversation on Jewish Biblical Theology," University of Chicago, May 1996.
- "Death and Afterlife in the Biblical Tradition," Humanities Institute, Brown University, March 1996.
- "Women and the Law in Ancient Israel," NEH Summer Institute "Women in the Ancient Near East," Brown University, July 1995.
- "Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13: The Biblical Restrictions on Male Homoerotic Acts in their Historical Context," Gay and Lesbian Studies Conference, University of Iowa, November 1994; University of Colorado, Boulder, October 1995; Brandeis University, January 1996; University of New Hampshire, November 2001; Pacific School of Religion and the University of California, Berkeley, February 2004.
- "Deity, Angel or a Figure of Speech? The Unusual History of Divine Attributes and

Cultic Terms," University of California, Los Angeles, February 1992; Brown University, February 1992; Pennsylvania State University, October 1993.

Response to Jarl Fossum, "The New Religionsgeschichtliche Schule," Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, November 1991.

Response to William Dever, Peggy Day, Judith Hadley, papers on Israelite and Canaanite goddesses, Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 1990.

"The History of Israel's Priesthood," University of Hartford, February 1989.

"Aspects of the Development of Angelology and Demonology in Biblical and Post-Biblical Religion," York University, March 1988; Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, November 1988; McMaster University, February 1989.

"Hypostatization in Canaanite Religion, Israelite Religion and Early Judaism," Yale University, February 1987 and February 1988.

"Did Yahweh Have a Consort? The Recent Evidence," European Studies Group, University of Winnipeg, November 1986.

"Ben Sira's Relationship to the Priesthood," Regional Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Minneapolis, April 1986.

"Ben Sira and Wisdom," University of Manitoba M.A. Seminar in Bible, November 1985.

"The Reform Cult of Jeroboam and the Asherah of Samaria," Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature/ American Schools of Oriental Research, Chicago, December 1984.

"Problems in the History of Israel's Priesthood" and "What Kind of Religion was Practiced in the Cult Centers of Ancient Israel?" Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 1983.

"Pictures of God in Biblical Israel? A Consideration of the Evidence from Kuntillet Ajrud," read at the colloquium "New Trajectories in Biblical Studies," York University, November 1982.

"Zadok's Origins and the Tribal Politics of David," read at the colloquium "David in History and Theology," York University, March 1980.

## UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 1996-97 Director, Program in Ancient Studies, Brown University
- 1998-2001 Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University (term 1)
- 2002-2005 Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University (term 2)
- 2014-17 Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University (term 3)
- 2017-21 Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University (term 4)
- 2007-2008 Member, Academic Priorities Committee, Brown University
- 2008-2009 Acting Director, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University
- Fall 2008 Acting Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University

## GRADUATE ADVISING

- 1993-97 Graduate Adviser, Program in Judaic Studies, Brown University
- 2006-20 Track adviser, Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean,  
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University

### Dissertations:

- 2001 Adviser, doctoral dissertation of William Gilders, "Representation and Interpretation: Blood Manipulation in Ancient Israel and Early Judaism." Published as *Blood Ritual in the Hebrew Bible: Meaning and Power* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004). Gilders is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Emory University (with tenure).
- 2005 Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Nathaniel Levtow, "Images of Others: Icon Parodies and Iconic Politics in Ancient Israel." Published as *Images of Others: Iconic Politics in Ancient Israel* (Biblical and Judaic Studies from the University of California, San Diego 11; Eisenbrauns, 2008). Winner, Joukowsky Dissertation Prize for the Humanities, Brown University, 2006. Levtow is Associate Professor of History at the University of Montana, Missoula (with

tenure) and winner of an NEH fellowship and a fellowship at the American Academy in Berlin, 2015, 2016.

- 2011            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Debra Scoggins Ballentine, “‘You Divided the Sea by Your Might’: The ‘Conflict Myth’ and the Biblical Tradition.” Published as *The Conflict Myth and the Biblical Tradition* (Oxford University Press, 2015). Ballentine is Associate Professor of Religion at Rutgers University, New Brunswick (with tenure).
- 2013            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Brian Rainey, “Non-Peoples and Foolish Nations: Religion, Xenophobia and Ethnic Foreigners in the Hebrew Bible and Mesopotamia.” Published as *Religion, Ethnicity and Xenophobia in the Bible* (Routledge, 2019).
- 2013            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Aaron Glaim, “Reciprocity, Sacrifice and Salvation in Judean Religion at the Turn of the Era.”
- 2014            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Andrea Allgood, “Foreign Lands— Multiple Perspectives: Foreign Land Impurity in the Hebrew Bible, its Context, and its Ideological Underpinnings.”
- 2014            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Jennifer Singletary, “Manufactured Entities and Divine Qualities and Attributes Characterized as Gods in the Textual Evidence from Ancient Mesopotamia, Syria, North Arabia, Palestine, and Elephantine,” to be published as *Objects, Qualities, and Attributes as Deities in the Ancient Near East*, in the series *Culture and History of the Ancient Near East* (Brill, 2025). Singletary is Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies at Penn State University.
- 2015            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Andrew Tobolowsky, “The Sons of Jacob and the Sons of Heracles: Myth, Genealogy, and the Construction of Identity.” Published as *The Sons of Jacob and the Sons of Heracles: The History of the Tribal System and the Organization of Biblical Identity* (FAT 2.96; Mohr/Siebeck, 2017). His second book is *The Myth of the Twelve Tribes of Israel: New Identities Across Time and Space* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). Tobolowsky is Associate Professor of Religious Studies, The College of William and Mary (with tenure).
- 2016            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Kerry Sonia, “The Enduring Dead: The Cult of Dead Kin in Ancient Israel.” Published as *Caring for the Dead in Ancient Israel* (SBL Press, 2020). Sonia is Assistant

Professor of Religion, Colby College (tenure track) and the winner of an NEH fellowship for 2022.

- 2021            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Shane Thompson, "Power in Public: Displays of Cultural Hegemony and Counter-Hegemony in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant." Published as *Displays of Cultural Hegemony and Counter-Hegemony in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant: The Public Presence of Foreign Powers and Local Resistance* (Routledge, 2023). As of July 1, 2025, Thompson will be Associate Professor of Bible and the Ancient Near East, North Carolina Wesleyan University (with tenure).
- 2021            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Tanner Walker, "Constructing the Human: Defining Humanness in Ancient West Asia." Walker is Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Wesleyan University (CT), 2022-23, 23-24, 24-25.
- 2024            Adviser, doctoral dissertation of Robert Kashow, "The Violent Imagination: Agency and Representation in Ancient Judaism and the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament." Kashow is Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Wartburg College, 24-25.

Current doctoral advisees: Josiah Bisbee (dissertation), Timothy Gilmartin (dissertation).

Visiting international graduate students: Rebekah Welton, University of Exeter, England (Fall 2017); Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, University of Copenhagen (Spring 2009).

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

(1) undergraduate lecture/discussion:

Angels and Demons: Past and Present  
The Bible and Moral Debate  
War and Peace in the Hebrew Bible and its Environment  
The Hebrew Bible and the History of Ancient Israel  
Israelite Religion  
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

(2) seminars for undergraduates (texts in translation)

Inequality in the Ancient World  
Biblical Interpretation  
Death and Afterlife in the Biblical Tradition (first year seminar)



Death in the Greek and Biblical Traditions (with Pura Nieto Hernandez)  
Friendship in the Ancient World (first year seminar)  
History of the Israelite Monarchy  
Prophecy and Apocalyptic  
Origins of Rabbinic Judaism  
Paul's Letters

(3) seminars for advanced undergraduates and graduate students (texts in translation)

Exilic Responses to Crisis: Biblical Literature of the Sixth Century BCE  
Disability in Antiquity  
Sex and Gender in Ancient Israel

(4) topical seminars mainly for doctoral students

Problems in Israelite History  
Problems in Israelite Religion

(5) seminars for doctoral students (requiring advanced work in the ancient languages):

1 Kings (translation and exegesis)  
Literature of the Early Second Temple Period: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Ezra-  
Nehemiah (translation and exegesis)  
Exegesis at Qumran (translation and discussion of exegetical texts)  
Targumic Aramaic (grammar and readings from Onqelos)  
Aramaic Readings (Old, Imperial, and Biblical Aramaic with comparative Semitic  
philology)  
Ugaritic (with comparative Semitic philology)  
Hebrew Inscriptions and the Dead Sea Scrolls (epigraphy intro)  
The Book of Amos (translation and exegesis)

2/11/25