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**Employment**

2022– Associate Professor (with tenure), Yale Divinity School.

2021­–2022 Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2016–2021 Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2010–2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2008–2010 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

**Education**

**Degree Programs**

2009 Ph.D., Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame. Dissertation: “The Forms and Methods of Early Jewish Reworkings of the Pentateuch in Light of 4Q158.” Dissertation Committee: Prof. James VanderKam (director), Prof. Eugene Ulrich, Prof. Gary Anderson, and Prof. John Meier.

2003 M.Phil., Old Testament Theology, University of Oxford (with distinction).

2001 B.A., Religious Studies, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (summa cum laude).

**Languages**

Classical Hebrew (advanced), Aramaic (advanced), Syriac (intermediate to advanced), Greek (intermediate to advanced), Akkadian (intermediate), Ugaritic (basic).

Modern German (fluent), French (reading), Hebrew (reading), Swedish (fluent).

**Competitive Grants and Awards (since completion of PhD)**

2022 (funded) Faculty Fellowship, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas (semester research leave).

2021 General Research Fund, University of Kansas ($7,000 in summer salary).

2013–2014 Kingdon Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, $45,000.

2011 New Faculty General Research Fund Seed Grant, University of Kansas Center for Research, $8,000.

**Publications**

**Books**

Under Contract *The Temple Scroll* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Fortress).

2020 *Genres of Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism: Scribal Composition and Transmission*. Cambridge University Press.

2011 *Rethinking Rewritten Scripture: Composition and Exegesis in the 4QReworked Pentateuch Manuscripts* (Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 95; Leiden: Brill).

**Edited Books**

2019 Jokiranta, Jutta, and **Molly M. Zahn**. *Law, Literature, and Society in Legal Texts from Qumran: Papers from the Ninth Meeting of the International Organization of Qumran Studies, Leuven 2016* (STDJ 128; Leiden: Brill).

2012 Brooke, George J., Daniel K. Falk, Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, and **Molly M. Zahn**. *The Scrolls and Biblical Traditions: Proceedings of the 7th Meeting of the International Organization of Qumran Studies* (STDJ 103; Leiden: Brill).

**Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Forthcoming “The Utopian Vision of the Temple Scroll,” *Journal of Ancient Judaism*.

2021 “Towards a New Map of Second Temple Literature: Revelation, Rewriting, and Genre Before the Bible,” *Metatron* 1 (2021).

2020 “When Linguistics and *Literarkritik* Meet: Revisiting the Periphrastic Participial Construction in the Temple Scroll,” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 27: 426–38.

2017 “Beyond ‘Qumran Scribal Practice’: The Case of the Temple Scroll,” *Revue de Qumran* 29: 185–203.

2015 “The Samaritan Pentateuch and the Scribal Culture of Second Temple Judaism.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 46: 285–313.

2014 “Prophecy Rewritten: Use of Scriptural Traditions in 4QPseudo-Ezekiel.” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 5: 335–67.

2014 “‘Editing’ and the Composition of Scripture: The Significance of the Qumran Evidence.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 3: 298–316.

2013 “Torah for ‘The Age of Wickedness’: The Authority of the Damascus and *Serekh* Texts in Light of Biblical and Rewritten Traditions.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20: 410–32.

2012 “4QReworked Pentateuch C and the Literary Sources of the Temple Scroll: A New (Old) Proposal.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 19: 133–58.

2012 “Genre and Rewritten Scripture: A Reassessment.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 131: 271–88.

2008 “The Problem of Characterizing the 4QReworked Pentateuch Manuscripts: Bible, Rewritten Bible, or None of the Above?” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 15: 315–39.

2002 Levinson, Bernard M., and **Molly M. Zahn**. “Revelation Regained: The Hermeneutics of כיand אם in the Temple Scroll.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 9: 295–346.

2001 “Schneiderei oder Weberei: Zum Verständnis der Diachronie der Tempelrolle.” *Revue de Qumran* 20: 255–86.

**Edited Special Journal Issue**

2014 *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 3.3, “Perspectives on Editing in the Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism.”

**Text Edition**

Forthcoming Bernstein, Moshe J., and **Molly M. Zahn**. “4QReworked Pentateuch A (4Q158),” in new edition of the materials originally published in *Discoveries in the Judaean Desert V* (ed. Moshe J. Bernstein and George J. Brooke).

**Articles in Edited Volumes and Handbooks**

Forthcoming “Beyond ‘Textual’ and ‘Literary’ Criticism: A New Paradigm for the Study of Textual History,” in S. W. Crawford and Tommy Wasserman, eds., *Oxford Handbook of the Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*.

2021 “Daniel,” in *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary: Second Revised Edition* (ed. John J. Collins et al.; Bloomsbury T&T Clark), ch. 39, pp. 1–23.

2021 “The Relevance of Moses Traditions in the Second Temple Period,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Pentateuch* (ed. Joel Baden and Christophe Nihan; Oxford: Oxford University Press), 79–94.

2020 “The Absence of Prayer in the Temple Scroll,” in *Petitioners, Penitents, and Poets: On Prayer and Praying in Second Temple Judaism* (ed. Timothy J. Sandoval and Ariel Feldman; Berlin: De Gruyter), 155–68.

2019 “Hedgehogs, Owls, and Scribes: The Great Isaiah Scroll and the Interpretation of Isaiah 14:23 and 34:11–15,” in *To Gaul, to Greece, and Into Noah’s Ark: Essays in Honour of Kevin J. Cathcart on the Occasion of His Eightieth Birthday* (ed. Laura E. Quick et al., Journal of Semitic Studies Supplement Series 44; Oxford: Oxford University Press), 187–96.

2019 “Levites, Kings, and the Relationship Between Chronicles and the Temple Scroll,” in *Law, Literature, and Society in Legal Texts from Qumran: Papers from the Ninth Meeting of the International Organization of Qumran Studies, Leuven 2016* (ed. J. Jokiranta and M. Zahn; STDJ 128; Leiden: Brill), 253–69.

2018 “Parascriptural Texts/Rewritten Scripture,” in *T & T Clark Companion to the Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. George J. Brooke and Charlotte Hempel; London: T & T Clark), 378–85.

2017 “Exegesis, Ideology, and Literary History in the Temple Scroll: The Case of the Temple Plan,” in *HĀ-'ÎSH MŌSHE: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein* (ed. Binyamin Y. Goldstein et al.; STDJ 122; Leiden: Brill), 330–42.

2017 “Qumran Rewritten Bible/Parabiblical Texts,” in *The Textual History of the Bible, Vol. 1C: The Hebrew Bible* (ed. Armin Lange and Emanuel Tov; Leiden: Brill), 731–36.

2016 “Inner-Biblical Exegesis: The View From Beyond the Bible,” in *The Formation of the Pentateuch: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Europe, Israel, and North America* (ed. Konrad Schmid et al.; FAT 111; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck), 107–20.

2016 “Scribal Revision and the Composition of the Pentateuch: Methodological Issues,” in *The Formation of the Pentateuch: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Europe, Israel, and North America* (ed. Konrad Schmid et al.; FAT 111; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck), 491–500.

2012 “Identifying Reuse of Scripture in the Temple Scroll: Some Methodological Reflections,” in *A Teacher for All Generations: Essays in Honor of James C. VanderKam* (ed. Eric Mason et al.; JSJSup 153; 2 vols; Leiden: Brill), 1.341–58.

2011 “Building Textual Bridges: Towards an Understanding of 4Q158 (4QReworked Pentateuch A),” in *The Mermaid and the Partridge: Essays from the Copenhagen Conference on Revising Texts from Cave Four* (ed. George J. Brooke and Jesper Høgenhavn; STDJ 96; Leiden: Brill), 13–32.

2011 “Talking about Rewritten Texts: Some Reflections on Terminology,” in *Changes in Scripture* (ed. Hanne von Weissenberg, Juha Pakkala, and Marko Marttila; BZAW 419; Berlin: De Gruyter), 93–119.

2010 “Rewritten Scripture,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. Timothy H. Lim and John J. Collins; Oxford: Oxford University Press), 323–36.

2005 “New Voices, Ancient Words: The *Temple Scroll*’s Reuse of the Bible,” in *Temple and Worship in Ancient Israel: Proceedings of the Oxford Old Testament Seminar* (ed. John Day; JSOTSup 422; London: T & T Clark), 435–58.

2004 “Reexamining Empirical Models: The Case of Exodus 13,” in *Das Deuteronomium zwischen Pentateuch und deuteronomistischem Geschichtswerk* (ed. Eckart Otto and Reinhard Achenbach; FRLANT 206; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht), 36–55.

**Reviews**

2020 Miller, Shem, *Dead Sea Media: Orality, Textuality and Memory in the Scrolls from the Judean Desert* (STDJ 129; Leiden: Brill, 2019), in *Review of Biblical Literature*, 14 December 2020.

2018 Mroczek, Eva, *The Literary Imagination in Jewish Antiquity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), in *DSD* 25.2: 255–58.

2017 Elgvin, Torleif, Kipp Davis, and Michael Langlois (eds.), *Gleanings from the Caves: Dead Sea Scrolls and Artefacts from the Schøyen Collection* (LSTS 71; London: Bloomsbury, 2016), in *DSD* 24.2: 307–9.

2017 Feldman, Ariel, and Liora Goldman, *Scripture and Interpretation: Qumran Texts that Rework the Bible*; Feldman, Ariel, *The Rewritten Joshua Scrolls from Qumran*; Feldman, Ariel, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Rewriting Samuel and Kings*, in *Revue de Qumran* 29.1: 145–49.

2014 Schiffman, Lawrence H., *Qumran and Jerusalem: Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of Judaism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010), in *Dead Sea Discoveries* 21.2: 272–74.

2013 Hempel, Charlotte (ed.), *The Dead Sea Scrolls: Texts and Context* (STDJ 90; Leiden: Brill, 2010), in *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20.1: 156–58.

2012 Dávid, Nóra, and Armin Lange (eds.), *Qumran and the Bible: Studying the Jewish and Christian Scriptures in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (CBET 57; Leuven: Peeters, 2010), in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 43.3: 395.

2012 Otto, Eckart, *Altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte. Gesammelte Studien* (BZABR 8; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2008), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 132.1: 128–29.

2011 Talmon, Shemaryahu, *Text and Canon of the Hebrew Bible: Collected Studies* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2010), in *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 136/12: 1311–12.

2010 Brooke, George J., Hindy Najman, and Loren T. Stuckenbruck (eds.), *The Significance of Sinai: Traditions about Sinai and Divine Revelation in Judaism and Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, 2008), in *Journal of Jewish Studies* 61: 144–45.

2010 Paganini, Simone, *„Nicht darfst du zu diesen Wörtern etwas hinzufügen.“ Die Rezeption des Deuteronomiums in der Tempelrolle: Sprache, Autoren, Hermeneutik* (BZABR 11; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2009), in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 10.

2009 Stahlberg, Leslie Cushing, *Sustaining Fictions: Intertextuality, Midrash, Translation, and the Literary Afterlife of the Bible* (New York: T&T Clark, 2008), in *Journal of Religion* 89: 579–80.

2009 Achenbach, Reinhard, Martin Arneth, and Eckart Otto, *Tora in der Hebräischen Bibel. Studien zur Redaktionsgeschichte und synchronen Logik diachroner Transformationen* (BZABR 7; Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2007), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129: 329–30.

2005 Grossman, Maxine L., *Reading for History in the Damascus Document: A Methodological Study* (STDJ 45; Leiden: Brill, 2002), in *Vetus Testamentum* 55: 577–78.

2003 Rapp, Hans A., *Jakob in Bet-El: Gen 35, 1–15 und die jüdische Literatur des 3. und 2. Jahrhunderts* (Herders Biblische Studien 29; Freiburg: Herder, 2001), in *Society for Old Testament Study Booklist* (ed. George Brooke; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press), 183–84.

**Encyclopedia Articles and Other Minor Publications**

Forthcoming “The Scrolls from Qumran: An Overview,” in *Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies, vol 3: The Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. Cecilia Wassén; Zondervan Academic).

Forthcoming “Samaritan Pentateuch,” in *Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies, vol 3: The Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. Cecilia Wassén; Zondervan Academic).

2021 “What Is ‘Torah’ in Second Temple Texts?” TheTorah.com. https://thetorah.com/article/what-is-torah-in-second-temple-texts

2019 “Pentateuch” (1:419–22), “Reworked Pentateuch” (1:470–73), and “Torah, Traditioning of” (2:804–6) in *The T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism* (ed. Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel M. Gurtner; New York: Bloomsbury).

2014 “Hagar. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, Volume 10* (ed. Dale C. Allison Jr. et al.; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015), 1115–17.

2014 “Exodus, Book of. Judaism. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism” and “Exodus, The. Judaism. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, Volume 8* (ed. Dale C. Allison Jr. et al.; Berlin: De Gruyter), 440–43, 472–75.

2012 “Get Fuzzy: The Elusive Rewriters of Scripture.” Invited blog post for Qumran Month (September 2012) on the ASOR blog. <http://asorblog.org/?p=3173>

2010 “Hebrew Text Types,” in *Dictionary of Early Judaism* (ed. Daniel Harlow and John Collins; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), 1298–1300.

**Presentations**

**Conference Papers and Invited Lectures**

March 2023 “The Divine Voice of the Temple Scroll: Space, Time, and Presence,” Hebrew Bible Workshop, Harvard University

Feb. 2023 “Time and Space in the Priestly Theology of the Temple Scroll,” Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar.

Nov. 2022 “Rewriting and Utopia in Chronicles and the Temple Scroll,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO.

Nov. 2022 “The Divine Voice in Early Jewish Legal Texts,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO.

March 2022 “The Unfulfilled Past as Utopian Vision: The Dead Sea Temple Scroll in Its Early Jewish Context,” Hall Center for the Humanities Resident Fellows Lecture Series, University of Kansas.

Nov. 2021 “The Counterfactual Utopian Vision of the Temple Scroll,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX.

June 2021 “(How) Does Scroll Size Impact Literary Composition? Reflections on a ‘Scroll Approach.’” Online International Symposium: Scroll Approaches to the Hebrew Bible. KU Leuven, Belgium.

April 2021 “Scribes as Authors in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” University of Texas-Austin.

March 2021 “Avoiding the Category Trap: A Multivariable Approach to Second Temple Literature.” Keynote address for the virtual conference Categories and Boundaries in Second Temple Jewish Literature, University of Birmingham.

March 2021 “The Unfulfilled Past as Utopian Vision: Reading the Qumran Temple Scroll in its Second Temple Context.” Yale Divinity School.

Sept. 2020 “Scribes as Authors in Early Judaism: Understanding Biblical Literature in Its Second Temple Context.” Brite Divinity School Cristol Lecture.

May 2020 “Scribes as Authors in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” The Dead Sea Scrolls in Recent Scholarship: A Public Conference. Sponsored by NYU and the Friends of the Israel Antiquities Authority. (Virtual conference with over 750 attendees during my session.)

Nov. 2019 “Methodological Issues in the Reception History of the Hebrew Bible in Second Temple Judaism,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA.

Nov. 2019 “’Biblical Liberation Philology’: A Philological Approach to Metacriticism,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA.

April 2019 “Revisiting the Periphrastic Construction (היה + Participle) in the Temple Scroll,” 9th International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira, Toronto, Canada.

Nov. 2018 “Erasing the Distinction between ‘Biblical Redactions’ and ‘Variant Literary Editions,’” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO.

Nov. 2018 “Women in Text Criticism,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO.

Nov. 2017 “Integrating ‘Empirical Models’ into Pentateuchal Theory?” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA.

Nov. 2017 “Revision and Reuse in the Landscape of Second Temple Scribal Culture,” Hebrew Bible Workshop, Harvard University.

May 2017 “Genre Theory as a Means of Understanding Scribal Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism.” Horizons in Textual Criticism Colloquium, Oxford, UK.

July 2016 “Rethinking the Relationship Between Chronicles and the Temple Scroll.” 9th meeting of the International Organization of Qumran Studies, Leuven, Belgium.

Nov. 2015 “Exegesis, Ideology, and Literary History in the Temple Scroll: The Case of the Temple Plan.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA.

Nov. 2014 “Omissions in the Transmission of the Hebrew Scriptures: A Response to Juha Pakkala.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, Cal.

Nov. 2014 “Imagining the Composition of the Temple Scroll: Literary and Manuscript Evidence.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, Cal.

July 2014 “Scribal Exegesis in the Second Temple Period: Not Just for Biblical Texts!” Conference in Honour of John Day. Oxford, England.

May 2014 “Methodological Issues in the Study of Scribal Revision: Reflections in Light of 4Q158 Fragments 1–2.” The Pentateuch within Biblical Literature: Formation and Interaction. Jerusalem, Israel.

Nov. 2013 “The Samaritan Tenth Commandment and the Scribal Background of Major ‘Harmonistic’ Additions in the Samaritan Pentateuch.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, Md.

Oct. 2013 “Approaching Scriptural Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism.” Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sept. 2013 “Genres of Scriptural Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism.” Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University.

August 2013 “What Do We Really Know About Editing? The Evidence from Qumran.” 21st Meeting of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Munich, Germany.

July 2013 “Hermeneutics, Authority, and Scribal Practice: The Case of the Temple Scroll.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Andrews, Scotland.

May 2013 “Inner-Biblical Exegesis: The View from Beyond the Bible.” Convergence and Divergence in Pentateuchal Theory: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Israel, North America, and Europe. Jerusalem, Israel.

Nov. 2012 “Qumran Evidence for the Development of the Book of Numbers.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 2011 “Reuse of Scripture in the ‘Apocryphon of Moses’ and Related Texts.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Franciso, Calif.

July 2011 “Rewriting Prophecy? Reuse of Scripture in Pseudo-Ezekiel and the Apocryphon of Jeremiah C.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, London, England.

April 2011 Panelist: Text, Authority, and Interpretation in the Worlds of Hellenism and Early Judaism, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota.

Nov. 2010 “The Literary History of the Temple Scroll in Light of the Cave 4 Reworked Pentateuch Mss.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, Georgia.

Aug. 2010 “The Question of Genre in Rewritten Scripture: A Reassessment.” 7th Meeting of the International Organization for Qumran Studies, Helsinki, Finland.

May 2010 “The 4QReworked Pentateuch Texts: New Perspectives on the Rewriting of Scripture in Second Temple Judaism.” Oxford Old Testament Seminar, University of Oxford.

Nov. 2009 “Textual Reworking in the 4QRP Manuscripts: Similar Techniques, Different Results.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Lou.

July 2009 “The Samaritan Pentateuch and its Qumranic Forebears in Light of the 4QReworked Pentateuch Texts.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, Italy.

June 2009 “Towards an Understanding of 4Q158 (4QReworked Pentateuch A).” Qumran Cave 4 Texts Reconsidered: International Symposium on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Nov. 2008 “When the New Edition Still Needs Editing: Narrative and Exegetical ‘Improvements’ to Pre-Samaritan Exod 20:19–22 in 4Q158.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Mass.

Nov. 2006 “The Status of 4QReworked Pentateuch: Methods and Limitations.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C.

July 2003 “New Law for the Old Ceremony: Exod 13:1–16 as Redactional Response to the Pentateuchal Mazzot and Firstlings Traditions.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, England.

June 2003 “New Voices, Ancient Words: The Temple Scroll’s Reuse of the Bible.” University of Oxford Old Testament Seminar, Oxford, England.

March 2003 “Understanding Late Second Temple Jewish Pseudepigraphy.” With Dr. Jeremy Duff. Joint Meeting of the University of Oxford Old Testament and New Testament Seminars, Oxford, England.

Nov. 2002 “New Voices, Ancient Words: Characterizing Biblical Reuse in the Temple Scroll.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, Canada.

July 2002 “חדש האביב in the Biblical Festival Calendars: A New Approach.” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Berlin, Germany.

Feb. 2002 “חדש האביב in the Biblical Festival Calendars: A New Approach.” Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Mundelein, IL.

July 2001 “The Hermeneutics of כי and אם in the Temple Scroll.” With Prof. Bernard M. Levinson. International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, Italy.

April 2000 “Putting Words in God’s Mouth: Exegesis and the Trope of Revelation in the Passover Laws of Jubilees and the Temple Scroll.” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minn.

**Seminar/Colloquium/Panel Presentations**

Nov. 2022 Panelist, book review session for Konrad Schmid and Jens Schröter, *The Making of the Bible*, SBL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

March 2022 Panelist, “Racism and the Field of Biblical Studies,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

March 2022 Respondent, review panel of *Genres of Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism*, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Feb. 2022 Hall Center for the Humanities Work-in-Progress Seminar, University of Kansas.

Feb. 2022 “Imagined Utopias in the Temple Scroll.” University of Aberdeen Biblical Studies Seminar.

Feb. 2021 “Genres of Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism.” University of St. Andrews Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Seminar.

Nov. 2020 “The Counterfactual Utopia of the Qumran Temple Scroll.” KU Jewish Studies Program.

Nov. 2020 “Scribes as Authors in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” KU Dept of Religious Studies.

Nov. 2020 Panelist, “New Commentaries, New Editions: Current Trends in Scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls,” Qumran Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. [Virtual; ca. 50 attendees]

Oct. 2020 “New Monographs in Biblical Studies: *Genres of Rewriting in Second Temple Judaism*.” Oxford/Cambridge Joint Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Seminar.

Aug. 2020 “Towards a New Map of Second Temple Literature: Revelation, Rewriting, and Genre Before the Bible.” Forum on my work sponsored by Bible and Religions of the Ancient Near East initiative, 110 attendees.

Oct. 2019 “Imagining What is Not (Yet?): Reading the Temple Scroll in its Second Temple Context.” 70th Meeting of the Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, MD.

May 2018 Symposium Participant, “Inscribing the Sacred: Reading, Writing, and the Origins of the Bible as a Book.” Denver University/University of Colorado.

Nov. 2013 “‘Editing’ and the Composition of Scripture: The Significance of the Qumran Evidence.” Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Minor Presentations**

Feb. 2015 “The History of an Idea: Scripture.” KU Red Hot Research.

April 2011 Respondent: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Narrative Readings of the Bible, Conference on Narratives of Jewish Life and Jewish Studies, University of Kansas.

**Courses Taught**

**Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas**

REL 107, Jews, Christians, Muslims (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2017, Spring 2018 [online], Spring 2019 [online], Fall 2019 [online], Spring 2021 [online], Spring 2022 [online]).

REL 124, Understanding the Bible (Spring 2021 [online]).

REL 125, Understanding the Bible (Honors) (Fall 2008, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2020).

REL 177, First-Year Seminar: Apocalypse! (Fall 2015, Fall 2016).

REL 177, First-Year Seminar: God vs. Green? The Relationship Between Religion and Environmentalism (Fall 2020, Fall 2021).

REL 311, Hebrew Scriptures (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2012).

REL 323, Jewish World of Jesus (Spring 2020, Fall 2021)

REL 404, Undergraduate Seminar in Religion: Apocalypse! (Spring 2015)

REL 405, Directed Study in Religion (Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012).

JWSH 490, Independent Study (Fall 2012).

REL 499, Honors Thesis Research (Fall 2011).

REL 500, Readings in Non-English Religious Texts (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020).

REL 523, Dead Sea Scrolls (Spring 2016).

REL 525, Jews and Christians (Spring 2012, Fall 2015, Spring 2018, Fall 2019).

REL 727/827, Seminar in Religion, Text, and Textuality: Scripture and Interpretation (Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2019, Fall 2020).

REL 732, Seminar in Western Religious Texts: Scripture and Interpretation (Fall 2011).

REL 800, Directed Readings (Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2021).

REL 899, Thesis (Spring 2015, Spring 2019, Spring 2020).

**Graduate Thesis and Exam Committees**

Sept. 2022 External examiner, Natalie Lantz, Ph.D. dissertation, Uppsala University.

Spring 2022 Dev Maffefey, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2022 Zahra Hashemiolya, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Summer 2021 Meredith Cate, M.A. thesis, Museum Studies Program, KU.

Spring 2021 Ahmed Sobhy Mustafa, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2020 Jacob Beebe, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU. (Chair.)

Spring 2020 Jeffrey Cross, Dissertation prospectus committee, Dept. of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota.

Fall 2019 Tevekkul Evran, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU. (Chair.)

Spring 2019 Kyle Schofield, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU. (Chair.)

Fall 2018 Rachel Schwaller, Ph.D. dissertation defense, Dept. of American Studies, KU.

Spring 2018 Jennifer Navarro, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU. (Chair.)

Spring 2018 Jay Bohanon, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2018 Lyndsey Shelton, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2018 Shengnan Li, Ph.D. dissertation defense, Dept. of Educational Psychology, KU.

Fall 2017 Shengnan Li, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams, Dept. of Educational Psychology, KU.

Spring 2017 Aspen Grender, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2017 Matt Leveille, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2016 Rachel Schwaller, Ph.D. Comprehensive exam, Dept. of American Studies, KU.

Spring 2015 Bryan Miller, M.A. thesis and portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU. (Chair.)

Spring 2015 Nathan Bowman, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2015 Diana Brown, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2015 Rachel Schwaller, M.A. exam, Dept. of American Studies, KU.

Fall 2013 Clint Shriner, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2013 Rachel Myslivy, M.A. portfolio exam and thesis, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2013 Andy Blakemore, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2013 Torang Asadi, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2013 Tashia Dare, M.A. portfolio exam, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU. (Chair.)

Spring 2013 Jaimie Gunderson, M.A. thesis and exams, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2012 Timothy Brown, M.A. exams, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2012 Clint Shriner, M.A. exams, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

Spring 2012 Cara Polsley, M.A. thesis, Dept. of Classics, KU.

Summer 2010 Shane Thompson, M.A. thesis and exams, Dept. of Religious Studies, KU.

**Service**

**Editorial**

2018– Executive Editor, *Dead Sea Discoveries* (Brill)

2017– Editorial Board Member, *Hermeneia* Commentary Series (Fortress Press)

2020– Editorial Board Member, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*

2016– Editorial Board Member, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series*

2015–2018 Book Review Editor, *Dead Sea Discoveries*

**Referee**

2023 *AABNER*

2022 *Revue de Qumran*

2022 *Biblica*

2021 *Verbum Vitae*

2021 *Journal of Cognitive Historiography*

2021 *Journal of the Bible and Its Reception*

2020 Cambridge University Press

2020 *Vetus Testamentum*

2019 Tenure portfolio, Oklahoma University Dept of Religious Studies

2019 *Harvard Theological Review*

2018 Bloomsbury, Library of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Studies Series

2018, 2014 *Journal of Ancient Judaism*

2017 Israel Science Foundation

2015– *Dead Sea Discoveries*

2015 Oxford University Press

2013 *Critical Studies in Religion*

2011, 2022 *Journal of Biblical Literature*

2009 Austrian Science Fund, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. (With Prof. Bernard M. Levinson, University of Minnesota.)

**National/International**

2022– Steering Committee Member for the Program Unit Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.

Summer 2021 Workshop Series Co-Organizer, “Anti-racist Pedagogy in the Undergraduate Bible Classroom: Decentering Whiteness” (https://decenteringwhiteness.blog/)

2016– Secretary, International Organization of Qumran Studies.

2012–2013 Member, Travel Grant Committee, Society of Biblical Literature.

2010–2013 Member, Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession, Society of Biblical Literature.

2007–2010 Student Representative to the Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession, Society of Biblical Literature.

**Yale University**

2023- YDS Admissions Committee

2023- ARCHAIA Steering Committee

**University of Kansas**

**College/University**

2020–2021 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Sabbatical Leave

2018 Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Award competition, Center for Undergraduate Research.

2010–2022 Internal Interview Committee, Rhodes/Marshall/Mitchell Scholarship Applicants.

2016­–2019 CLAS Faculty Mentor Program (F16, Sp17, F18, Sp19)

2015–2016 CLAS General Research Fund Evaluation Committee (Humanities).

2011–2013 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Sabbatical Leave

2012 Search Committee, National Fellowships and Scholarships Coordinator, University Honors Program.

2010 Evaluation Committee, Humanities Research Fellowship, Hall Center for the Humanities

**Departmental**

2020–2022 Faculty Development Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2019 Search Committee Chair for new Director of Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas.

2017–2018 Search Committee, Israel Studies position, Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas.

2014–2018 Graduate Director, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2013–2022 Executive Committee Member, Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas.

2012–2013 Search Committee, Judaism position, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2012 Minor Advisor, Jewish Studies Program, University of Kansas.

2011–2012 Search Committee, South Asia position, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2010–2013 Undergraduate Director, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

2010–2019 Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas.

**Community**

October 2021 “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Why They Matter,” Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Prairie Village, KS.

July 2021 “Religion in America,” Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Pre-Academic Program, International Short Programs, University of Kansas.

June 2021 “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Why They Matter,” KU Mini-College.

Sept. 2020 Interview on KU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences “Unwinding” podcast. <https://blog-college.ku.edu/unwinding-molly-zahn-tackles-the-changing-text-of-the-dead-sea-scrolls/>

April 2018 “Easter, Passover, and the Abrahamic Faiths,” Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence.

July 2017 “Religion in America,” Fulbright Pre-Academic Program, Applied English Center, University of Kansas.

April 2016 “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Why They Matter,” Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence.

Oct. 2015 Panelist, “Talking Scripture,” American Public Square of Kansas City.

Aug. 2013 “Respecting Religious Diversity,” KU Athletics Department Diversity Education Session.

Oct. 2012 “The Rise of Christianity,” Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City.

Sept. 2012 “Thinking About Religious Identity,” KU Identities Symposium, Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Dec. 2011 “The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Hebrew Bible,” Temple Beth Sholom, Topeka, KS.

April 2011 Guest on “The Bat of Minerva,” Public-Access Television philosophy interview show, Minneapolis, MN. (<http://www.ias.umn.edu/media/BatofMinerva.php>)

April 2011 Panelist, Conference on “Science and Religion”: A Judaic, Christian, Islamic and Social Sciences Perspective: “Peace or Conflict?” Sponsored by the Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue Student Association, Center for Global and International Studies, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Institute of Interfaith Dialogue. University of Kansas.

**Professional Affiliations**

Society of Biblical Literature

Catholic Biblical Association