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## Education

Ph.D. (Hebrew Bible), Harvard University, 2007

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B.A. (Judaic Studies), Yale University, 1999

**Publications**

 **Books (Authored)**

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2. *The Composition of the Pentateuch: Renewing the Documentary Hypothesis*. Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012.

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**Lectures**

 **Invited Lectures**

1. “Law and the Purpose of the P Narrative.” Mini-conference on “The Strata of the Priestly Writings: Contemporary Debate and Future Directions.” Annual Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Vienna, July 2007.

2. “The Concept of the ‘Renewed Covenant’ of Exodus 34.” University of Texas at Austin, March 2009.

3. “The ‘New Covenant’ of Exodus 34: Its Source-Critical Origins.” Emory University, April 2009.

4. “All the King’s Horses: Fragmentation and Methodological Problems in the Composition of the Torah.” 15th World Congress of Jewish Studies, “The Bible and Its World” Plenary Session, Jerusalem, August 2009.

5. “Who Wrote the Bible? 150 Years of the Documentary Hypothesis.” Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, November 2009.

6. “The Deuteronomic Evidence for the Documentary Model.” Conference on “The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research.” University of Zurich, January 2010.

7. “Jacob Came (Back) to Bethel: The Composition of Genesis 35.” University of Notre Dame, February 2010.

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9. “A Discussion of Source Criticism.” Brandeis University, March 2011.

10. “Source Stratification, Secondary Additions, and the Documentary Hypothesis in the Book of Numbers: The Case of Numbers 17.” Conference on “Torah in the Book of Numbers.” Ruhr-University of Bochum, April 2011.

11. “The Theology of the Redaction of the Pentateuch.” University of Notre Dame, February 2012.

12. “The Composition of the Pentateuch: Introducing the Documentary Hypothesis.” Temple University, March 2012.

13. “Of Ornaments and Tents: Exodus 33:1–11.” Columbia Hebrew Bible Seminar, March 2012.

14. “Layers and Unities in Biblical Texts.” UCLA, February 2013.

15. “The Documentary Hypothesis: What It Is, How It Works, and Why It Matters.” Harvard-Yale-Brown-Brandeis Day, Brown University, April 2013.

16. “Why is the Pentateuch Unreadable; or, Why Are We Doing This Anyway?” Conference on “Convergence and Divergence in Pentateuchal Theory: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Israel, North America, and Europe.” Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 2013.

17. “Stratification and Unity in the Priestly Writings of the Pentateuch.” Conference on “Textual Unities.” Yale University, October 2013.

18. “Leviticus 16: What’s in a Layer?” University of Chicago, October 2013.

19. “The Literary Connection between Genesis 50 and Exodus 1.” Conference on “Buchnähte im Hexateuch.” Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, March 2014.

20. “King David: The Making of a Legend.” The Reverend Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S. J. Institute on Sacred Scripture. Georgetown University, June 2015.

21. “The Theology of the Redaction of the Pentateuch.” Princeton University, October 2015.

22. “The Transformation of the Decalogue into Law and Covenant.” Conference in honor of George Mendenhall. University of Michigan, October 2016.

23. “Infertility in the Hebrew Bible: Perspectives and Proposals.” Duke University, March 2017.

24. “The Museum of the Bible: Hobby Lobby and the Bible in America.” Yeshiva University, February 2018.

25. “Bible Nation.” Washington Theological Consortium, March 2018.

26. “Infertility in the Hebrew Bible.” Conference on “Reconceiving Hope.” Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, April 2018.

27. “What the Bible Has to Say About Immigration.” Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington, September 2018.

28. “The Museum of the Bible and the Academy.” McLester Colloquium, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, October 2018.

29. “Bible Nation: The United States of Hobby Lobby.” With Candida Moss. University of Dayton, October 2018.

30. “Moses in Memoriam.” With Laura Quick. Conference on “Legendary Characters: Attribution and Personhood in Ancient Judaism.” Princeton University, April 2019.

31. “The Composition of the Pentateuch.” BYU, October 2019.

32. “Sources or Layers? Thinking Through the Composition of the Pentateuch.” University of Texas at Austin, November 2020.

33. “Trauma and the Fragmentation of Theology in Lamentations.” Conference on “Reading Trauma,” Philipps-Universität Marburg, April 2022.

34. “The Ten Commandments: Who What When Where Why.” UCLA, May 2022.

35. “the Ten Commandments: Who What When Where Why.” Ohio University, February 2024.

 **Conference Lectures**

1. “A Narrative Pattern and Its Role in Source Criticism.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Philadelphia, November 2005.

2. “The Tower of Babel: A Critique of the Methodology of Literary Analysis.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

3. “The Patriarchal Promises Revisisted.” Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Pentateuch Section, Boston, November 2008.

4. “Births and Deaths and Pentateuchal Redaction.” International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Rome, July 2009.

5. “The Violent Origins of the Levites: Text and Tradition.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Levites and Priests in History and Tradition Section, New Orleans, November 2009.

 6. “The Priestly Etiology of Skin Disease.” With Candida Moss. Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Joint Session of the Levites and Priests in History and Tradition and the Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East, Atlanta, November 2010.

7. “Back to the Sources: The Revitalization of the Documentary Hypothesis.” National Association of Professors of Hebrew special session on “The Future of Biblical Scholarship.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2010.

8. “The Composition of Exodus 3.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Text Workshop, San Francisco, November 2011.

9. “The Narratives of Numbers 20–21.” International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Amsterdam, July 2012.

10. “Seeing Is Believing: Sight and Knowledge in the Yahwist.” International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section, Amsterdam, July 2012.

11. “Fear, Trust, and Test: Genesis 22 in Its Original Context.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Chicago, November 2012.

12. “How Theory Affects Analysis: The Case of Genesis 12.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Baltimore, November 2013.

13. “Authority and Authorization in Literary Reference.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, National Assocation of Professors of Hebrew Section, San Diego, November 2014.

14. “Response to Juha Pakkala’s *God’s Word Omitted*.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Textual Growth: What Variant Editions Tell Us About Scribal Activity Section, San Diego, November 2014.

15. “Who Wrote the Pentateuch? And Why Should I Care?” Keynote address at Rocky Mountain-Great Plain Regional SBL meeting, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2017.

16. “The Neo-Documentarian Approach: How Can It Be Improved?” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, National Association of Professors of Hebrew Section, Boston, November 2017.

17. “The Composition of Genesis from the Perspective of a Neo-Documentarian.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Genesis Section, San Antonio, November 2023.

 **Non-Academic Lectures**

1. “What Use Is the Bible?” Nantucket Project, Nantucket, September 2013. Available online: http://www.nantucketproject.com/joel-baden-what-use-is-the-bible

2. “The Historical David.” Trinity Church, Boston, January 12, 2014. Available online: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpzrgbWsFD8

3. “The Story of Stories.” Nantucket Project, Nantucket, September 2014. Available online: http://www.nantucketproject.com/the-story-of-stories

4. “Created in Our Own Image.” Nantucket Project, Nantucket, September 2017. Available online: https://vimeo.com/tnpideafilms/review/255793674/b6112d56e3

**Media Coverage**

1. Television: “MSNBC Live.”

2. Radio: “Afternoon Shift” (WBEZ); “Interfaith Voices”; “On Point” (WBUR); “Religion for Life”; “Too Jewish”; “The Faith Middleton Show” (WNPR); “Beyond Belief” (BBC4); “As It Happens” (CBC).

3. Print/online: Religion News Service; New Haven Register; Boston Globe; Huffington Post; Publisher’s Weekly; Jewish Journal.

**Professional Service**

Co-Founder, Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium.

Manuscript Reviewer, Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Yale University Press, Bloomsbury Press, Routledge Press.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Vetus Testamentum*, *Biblical Interpretation*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Reformation, Harvard Theological Review, Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament*.

Book Proposal Reviewer, Wiley-Blackwell Press, Yale University Press, Routledge Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of California Press.

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2010–2013.

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2011–2016.

**Courses Taught**

Bodies and Embodiment in the Hebrew Bible

The Hebrew Bible, Race, and Racism

Early Biblical Interpretation

Readings in Recent Biblical Scholarship

Hebrew Exegesis: Exodus

Hebrew Exegesis: Deuteronomy

Reading Course: Bodies and Embodiment in the Hebrew Bible

Reading Course: Rhetoric in the Hebrew Bible

Exodus Through the Ages

Authors, Editors, and Scribes: The Making of the Hebrew Bible

Reading Course: Disability Theory

Encountering the Bible

Reading Course: Exodus

Reading Course: Festival Calendars in the Hebrew Bible

Jews, Christians, and Bibles in the Renaissance

Ancient Hebrew Inscriptions

Composition of the Pentateuch

Reading Course: Lamentations

History and Methods of Old Testament Interpretation

Advanced Biblical Hebrew: Poetry

Advanced Biblical Hebrew: Prose

Reading Course: Numbers

Hebrew Exegesis: Leviticus

Old Testament Interpretation

Reading Course: Hosea and the Pentateuch

English Exegesis: The Book of Joshua

Hebrew Exegesis: Genesis 1-11

Methods of Reading the Pentateuch

Elementary Hebrew

**Institutional Service**

Director, Yale Divinity School Center for Continuing Education, 2018–.

Faculty Committee on Digital Education, Yale University, 2022–.

Search Committee, Yale Divinity School Librarian, 2023.

M.Div. Curriculum Task Force, Yale Divinity School, 2023–.

Task Force for Environmental Ethics, 2023.

Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Hebrew Bible, 2022–.

Faculty Coordinator, MAR Hebrew Bible, Yale Divinity School, 2021–.

Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2007-08, 2021–23.

Chair, Admissions Committee, 2015–16, 2018–19.

Standing Advisory and Appointments Committee, Divinity School, 2017–18.

Chair, Faculty Search Committee for Hebrew Bible, Yale Divinity School, 2017–18.

Renewal Committee for Eric Reymond, Yale Divinity School, 2016.

Renewal Committee for Michal Beth Dinkler, Yale Divinity School, 2016.

Chair, Disciplinary Committee, Yale Divinity School, Fall 2016.

Steering Committee of Archaia, 2015–18.

Program Committee for the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2015–17.

Search Committee, Senior Appointments, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2015–16.

Strategic Communications Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2014–15.

Strategic Planning Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2014–15.

Search Committee, New Testament, Yale Divinity School, 2014–15.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2014–15.

Search Committee, Director of Communications, Yale Divinity School, 2014.

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2010–13, 2017–18.

Long-Range Planning Committee, Outreach Task Force, Yale Divinity School, 2010–11.

Professional Studies Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2008-09.