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Education

Ph.D., Northwest Semitic Philology, 1999 - The University of Chicago

M.A., Northwest Semitic Philology, 1995 - The University of Chicago

B.A., Literature, 1992 - Bennington College

Publications

Books

- *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar: A Student's Guide to Phonology and Morphology*. Resources for Biblical Study 89. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2018. Pp. xx + 333.
- *Qumran Hebrew: An Overview of Orthography, Phonology, and Morphology*. Resources for Biblical Study 76. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014. Pp. xvii + 309.
- *New Idioms within Old: Poetry and Parallelism in the Non-Masoretic Poems of 11Q5(= 11QP^s^a)*. Early Judaism and Its Literature 31. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011. Pp. xiv + 228.
- *Innovations in Hebrew Poetry: Parallelism and the Poems of Sirach*. Studies in Biblical Literature 9. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2004. Pp. xiv + 170.
- "Even unto a Spark: An Analysis of the Parallelistic Structure in the Wisdom of Ben Sira 40:11-44:15." Ph.D. diss., University of Chicago, 1999. Pp. xii + 664.

Articles, Peer-Reviewed

- "Divergences in the Hebrew of the Scrolls: A Review of Elisha Qimron's *A Grammar of the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls*." *Revue de Qumran*, forthcoming.
- "A New Hebrew Word (*zql* "lightning") and Other New Readings in the Hebrew Manuscripts of Ben Sira (Ms B: MS heb.e.62 and T-S 16.313)." *Revue de Qumran* 31/114, (2019): 169-88.
- "Thoughts on the Language of Sirach 36:1-22." In a special issue of *Dead Sea Discoveries* containing the essays of the *Ninth International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira*, submitted.
- "The Scribe of 1QS, 1QSa, 1QSB, 4Q53 (4QSam^c), 4Q175 and Three Features of Orthography and Phonology." *Dead Sea Discoveries* 25 (2018): 238-54.
- "Reflections on Orthography and Morphology in Ben Sira's Hebrew: The 3ms *Heh* Pronominal Suffix." In *Seventh International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira, Strasbourg, June 22-25, 2014*. STDJ. Leiden: Brill, 2018, 226-44.
- "Geminate Verbs in the Hebrew of the Wisdom of Ben Sira." *Eighth International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira*. STDJ. Leiden: Brill, submitted.

- “New Readings and New Senses in the Hebrew to Ben Sira.” *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 54 (2017): 1-16.
- “The Verb נָשַׁב in Second Temple Hebrew.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 129 (2017): 19-31.
- “New Readings in Ben Sira 40:9-49:11 Ms B (Ms.Heb.e.62 and Or. 1102).” *Revue de Qumran* 28/107 (2016): 127-40.
- “New Hebrew Text of Ben Sira Chapter 1 in Ms A (T-S 12.863).” *Revue de Qumran* 27/105 (2015): 83-98.
- “New Readings in the Ben Sira Masada Scroll (Mas 1h).” *Revue de Qumran* 26/103 (2014): 327-343.
- “Fast Talk: Ben Sira’s Thoughts on Speech in Sir 5:9-6:1.” *Revue de Qumran* 26/102 (2014): 253-273.
- “The Wisdom of Words in the Wisdom of Ben Sira.” *Biblica* 95 (2014): 224-246.
- “The Meanings of ‘Life’ in the Hebrew to Ben Sira.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 132 (2013): 327-332.
- “The Hebrew Word *dēmāmā^h* and the Root *d-m-m* I (“To Be Silent”).” *Biblica* 90 (2009): 374-388.
- “Imaginary Texts in Pseudepigraphal Literature: The Angelic Hymns of Job’s Daughters in *The Testament of Job*.” *Henoch* 31 (2009): 366-386.
- “Sirach 51:13-30 and 11Q5 (=11QPs^a) 21.11-22.1.” *Revue de Qumran* 23/90 (2007): 207-231.
- “The Poetry of 4Q416 2 iii 15-19.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 13 (2006): 177-193.
- “Remarks on Ben Sira’s ‘Instruction on Shame,’ Sirach 41:14-42:8.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 115 (2003): 388-400.
- “Prelude to the Praise of the Ancestors, Sirach 44:1-15.” *Hebrew Union College Annual* 72 (2002): 1-14.
- “The Poetry of the Wisdom of Solomon Reconsidered.” *Vetus Testamentum* 52 (2002): 385-399.
- “Sirach 40:18-27 as *Tôb*-Spruch.” *Biblica* 82 (2001): 84-92.

Articles, Invited

- “William Bradford’s ‘Some Hebrew Words Englished’ (Bradford’s Hebrew Vocabularies).” In *Of Plimoth Plantation by William Bradford: The 400th Anniversary Edition*. Ed. Kenneth P. Minkema et al. Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts 93. Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts and New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2020, 551-704.
- “Appendix: The Hebrew Portions of ‘A Dialogue or 3d Conference . . .’” In *Of Plimoth Plantation by William Bradford: The 400th Anniversary Edition*. Ed. Kenneth P. Minkema et al. Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts 93. Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts and New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2020, 705-21.
- “*Waw* and *Yodh* in the Hebrew Manuscripts A and B of Ben Sira.” *Conference Volume from a Virginia Conference on Ben Sira*. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- “The Poetry of Manuscript C.” In *Discovering, Deciphering, and Dissenting: Ben Sira Manuscripts after 120 Years*. Ed. James K. Aitken, Renate Egger-Wenzel, Stefan C. Reif. Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Yearbook 2018. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019, 221-42.
- “Gibberish?: Sir 4:14 in Ms A (T-S 12.863) Verso, Line 4.” In *Figures Who Shape*

Scriptures, Scriptures Who Shape Figures: Essays in Honour of Benjamin G. Wright III. Edited by Géza G. Xeravits and Greg Schmidt Goering. DCLS 40. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018, 164-77.

- “The 3ms Suffix on Nouns Written with a *Heh Mater*.” In “*Like ’Ilu Are You Wise*”: *Studies in Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures in Honor of Dennis G. Pardee*. Edited by H. H. Hardy II, Joseph Lam, and Eric D. Reymond. Chicago, Oriental Institute, forthcoming.
- “The Passive *Qal* in the Hebrew of the Second Temple Period, Especially as Found in the Wisdom of Ben Sira.” In *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy*. 2 vols. Ed. Joel Baden, Hindy Najman, Eibert Tigchelaar. Leiden: Brill, 2016, 2: 1110-1127.
- “4.2 Hebrew [Ecclesiasticus/Ben Sira].” In *The Textual History of the Bible: Deuterocanonical Scriptures 2B*. Ed. Armin Lange, et al. Leiden: Brill, 2019, 199-213.
- “Jesus Sirach.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Ethics (OEBE)*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, 435-38.
- “MŠH 2.” In *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten (ThWQ)*. Vol. 2. Ed. H.-J. Fabry and U. Dahmen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2013, columns 806-810.
- “GBR.” In *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten (ThWQ)*. Vol. 1. Ed. H.-J. Fabry and U. Dahmen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2011, columns 565-573.
- “Wordplay in the Hebrew to Ben Sira.” In *The Texts and Versions of the Book of Ben Sira*. SJSJ 150. Ed. J.-S. Rey and J. Joosten. Leiden: Brill, 2011, 37-53.
- “Poetry of the Heavenly Other: Blessing beyond Blessing and Other Paradoxes of Angelic Praise.” In *The “Other” in Second Temple Judaism: Essays in Honor of John J. Collins*. Ed. Daniel Harlow, et al. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2011, 368-380.
- “Elephantine” in *The Reader’s Guide to Judaism*. Ed. Michael Terry. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2000, 160-161.

Co-Authored Peer-Reviewed Articles

- with Jean-Sébastien Rey and Jan Joosten. “A New Hebrew Word in Ben Sira 40:4 (Ms B IX verso, line 12 = Or. 1102): *sygh*.” *Revue Biblique* 124 (2017): 103-110.

Co-Edited Books

- Editor, together with H. H. Hardy II and Joseph Lam. “*Like ’Ilu Are You Wise*”: *Studies in Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures in Honor of Dennis G. Pardee*. Chicago, Oriental Institute, forthcoming.

In Progress

Books

- *Complete Aramaic*. Teach Yourself Series. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Submitted, awaiting editors’ comments.
- Co-author with Samuel L. Adams. *Ben Sira*. Commentary for the Anchor Yale Bible Series. Projected completion date for vol. 1 (chaps. 1-24): 2020. Under contract.
- Co-author with Jean-Sébastien Rey and Jan Joosten. Edition of the Hebrew versions of the Wisdom of Ben Sira. Accepted for publication by Brill.
- Co-author with Kenneth Minckema, et al. Edition of William Bradford’s *Of Plymouth Plantation*.

Other Publications

Electronic Publications

- Transliteration and translation of the Masada Ben Sira Scroll at *The Book of Ben Sira*, www.bensira.org, 2014.
- “Introductory Lessons in Aramaic,” in *BibleWorks 8: Software for Biblical Exegesis and Research* (www.bibleworks.com), 2009.
These lessons are part of the pedagogical tools available to users of BibleWorks, a software program that, among other things, also provides electronic and searchable versions of the biblical texts.
- Website: www.introlessonsinaramaic.com
This website provides lessons to those who wish to learn Aramaic but who have no knowledge of Hebrew or other languages, ancient or modern. The lessons were developed from my work teaching Aramaic at the University of Michigan.

Reviews

- Review of *Hebräisches und Aramäisches Wörterbuch zu den Texten vom Toten Meer: Einschliesslich der Manuskripte aus der Kairoer Ganiza*, Band 1: א-כ, edited by Reinhard G. Kratz, Annette Steudel, Ingo Kottsieper. *Revue de Qumran* 31/114, (2019): 321-23.
- Review of *The War Scroll, Violence, War and Peace in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature: Essays in Honour of Martin G. Abegg on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, edited by Kipp Davis, Kyung S. Baek, Peter W. Flint, Dorothy M. Peters. *Revue de Qumran*, 31/113 (2019): 159-60.
- Review of *Texts and Contexts of the Book of Sirach / Texte und Kontexte des Sirachbuches*, edited by Gerhard Karner, Frank Ueberschaer, and Burkard M. Zapff. *Revue de Qumran*, 31/113 (2019): 155-57.
- Review of *Evil in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity*, edited by Chris Keith and Loren T. Stuckenbruck. *Revue de Qumran*, 31/113 (2019): 157-8.
- Review of *Die Phylakterien von Qumran (4Q128.129.135.137) aus der Heidelberger Papyrussammlung*, by Anna Busa. *Revue de Qumran* 29/110 (2017): 324-26.
- Review of *Hebrew of the Late Second Temple Period: Proceedings of a Sixth International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira*, edited by Eibert Tigchelaar and Pierre van Hecke. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 24 (2017): 321-23.
- Review of *On Biblical Poetry*, by F. W. Dobbs-Allsopp. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 71 (2017): 448.
- Review of *Ruth*, by Daniel I. Block. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79 (2017): 319-20.
- Review of *A Grammar of Qumran Aramaic*, by T. Muraoka. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137 (2017): 129-35.
- Review of *Aramaic Documents from Ancient Bactria*, by Joseph Naveh and Shaul Shaked. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136 (2016): 629-30.
- Review of *Aramaic and Hebrew Inscriptions from Mt. Gerizim and Samaria between Antiochus III and Antiochus IV Epiphanes*, by Jan Dušek. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136 (2016): 627-29.
- Review of *Weisheit aus der Begegnung: Bildung nach dem Buch Ben Sira* by Frank Ueberschaer. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 21 (2014): 127-129.
- Review of *Byblos, cite sacrée (8^e-4^e s. av. J.-C.)*, by J. Elayi. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131 (2011): 463-465.

- Review of *A Syriac Lexicon: A Translation from the Latin, Correction, Expansion, and Update of C. Brockelmann's Lexicon Syriacum*, by Michael Sokoloff. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131 (2011): 459-463.
- Review of *Les manuscrits araméens du Wadi Daliyeh et la Samarie vers 450-332 av. J.-C.*, by Jan Dušek. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131 (2011): 144-46.
- Review of *John Rufus: The Lives of Peter the Iberian, Theodosius of Jerusalem, and the Monk Romanus*, edited and translated by Cornelia B. Horn and Robert R. Phenix. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129 (2009): 692-693.
- Review of *Iranian Loan Words in Syriac*, by Claudia A. Ciancaglini. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129 (2009): 335-336.
- Review of "As Those Who Are Taught," *The Interpretation of Isaiah from the LXX to the SBL*, edited by Claire Mathews McGinnis and Patricia K. Tull. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 70 (2011): 317-319.
- Review of *Semitic Papyrology in Context: A Climate of Creativity; Papers from a New York University conference marking the retirement of Baruch A. Levine*, edited by Lawrence H. Schiffman. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 66 (2007): 298-299.
- Review of *Forgiveness in a Wounded World: Jonah's Dilemma*, by Janet Howe Gaines. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 66 (2007): 224.
- Review of *A Time to Tear Down and A Time to Build Up*, by Michael V. Fox. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 61 (2002): 319-320.

Poetry and Creative Publications

- *Sub-Sub Librarian, Extracts on a*. Philadelphia: New Texture, 2018. Pp. 44.
- *Nimrodia*. Philadelphia: New Texture, 2018. Pp. 55.
- "Everything is Breath." *Potomac Review* 54 (2013): 94-95.
- "Real Conditional." *Cortland Review* 53, www.cortlandreview.com, 2012.
- "Tolle, Lege or Extracts on a Sub-Sub Librarian" and "Swan." *Portland Review* 56 (2009): 138-142.
- "The Lepton Event" and "Where Do I Begin." *Denver Quarterly* 45/4 (2011):104-105.
- "Passim." *New South* (formerly *GSU Review*) 2/1 (2008): 109.
- "Dead Letters, 500 B.C.E." *New Orleans Review* 34 (2008): 13.
- "Filled like a Brush." *Potomac Review* 43 (2008): 32.
- "Buddha's Smile." *Cortland Review* 38 (February, 2008), www.cortlandreview.com.
- "Cock's Crow," "Aerialists," "In the Time of the Tang." *Portland Review* 54 (2007): 21-23.
- "To Ohio." *Cimarron Review* 146 (2004): 77.
- "One Iota." *New Orleans Review* 29 (2003): 95.
- "Eastern Pennsylvania." *Red River Review* (August 2001), www.redriverreview.net/A55656/RRR.nsf.

Professional Experience

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT

Lector in Biblical Hebrew

2010-2015

Senior Lector I in Biblical Hebrew

2015-present

- Taught and developed curricula for language courses, including:
 - Elementary Biblical Hebrew
 - Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

- Advanced Biblical Hebrew
- Historical Hebrew Grammar
- Post-Biblical Hebrew
- Introduction to Ugaritic
- Introduction to Phoenician
- Introduction to Biblical Aramaic

For each course extensive handouts I write and create complement other grammars and assigned readings. For the elementary Biblical Hebrew course, these handouts point out the most important details of the introductory grammar and provide helpful tips and mnemonic devices not included in the grammar. For the intermediate course, handouts outline the basic points of syntax and synopsize the most important morphologies. For the historical grammar course, the handouts functioned like the textbook for the course, there being no easily available textbook on the subject. For the Post-Biblical Hebrew course, an approximately 200-page handout on the grammar of the Dead Sea Scrolls that I wrote helped students negotiate the existing (and insufficient) grammatical tools for this corpus of literature (and developed into my book *Qumran Hebrew*).

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Lecturer I of Northwest Semitic Languages and Cultures

2006-2010

- Taught and developed curricula for courses that covered the major dialects of ancient Aramaic, including:
 - Old Aramaic
 - Imperial Aramaic
 - Biblical Aramaic
 - Dead Sea Scrolls Aramaic
 - Targumic Aramaic (Onqelos, Neofiti, Targum-Fragments)
 - The dialects of the magic bowls and amulets
 - Syriac

Although emphasizing the peculiarities of each dialect, these courses also explored the religious, historical, and literary dimensions of the texts read.

- In addition, I taught four separate courses on
 - West Semitic poetry
 - the history of the Arameans
 - the history of the Phoenicians
 - the history of the Canaanites

These classes allowed me to present the religion, history, and literature of the ancient Levant and ancient Syria in a thematic way. The classes were a mixture of lectures and discussions on specific topics, designed for those with or without a background in Near Eastern studies.

- Worked one-on-one with graduate and undergraduate students, finding pedagogical methods suited to particular individuals. This was an especially important aspect of my work in my introductory Aramaic class where some students had no experience with other languages, while others knew Hebrew or Arabic fluently, and in my topical classes where students came from dramatically different academic disciplines.
- Created online databanks of texts, readings, and materials for my students to consult during their courses, including grammatical lessons and exercises for my introductory Aramaic class; students downloaded the grammatical lessons and exercises (both of which I wrote and designed), completed the exercises, and brought them to class.

Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor in the History Department

2001-2006

- Taught and developed curricula for history courses at urban university servicing an ethnically, culturally, and age-diverse student population. Classes taught included:
 - History of the Ancient World
 - History of Civilizations to 1500 (Sumer to the Renaissance)
 - History of Civilizations from 1500 (Renaissance to the Modern World)
- Focused instruction specifically for LIU's diverse student population, which includes many immigrants and first-generation college students, targeting study skills such as note-taking, test preparation, and essay-writing.

St. John's University, Jamaica, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor in the English Department

2001-2006

- Taught and developed curricula for composition and literature classes, including:
 - Honors Composition
 - Introduction to Basic Composition
 - Literature in Global Contexts
- Coached students in one-on-one conferences to improve content and organization in their writing.
- Evaluated and commented on over 400 student papers every semester, providing feedback to help students improve their drafts.
- Created online classes for composition courses, which enabled students to read and respond to fellow students' papers via the internet.

Service

- Book Reviews Editor for *Revue de Qumran* (2015-).
- SBL Ugaritic and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Section, Steering Committee Member (2012-) and Co-Chair (2014-2019)
- Referee for *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (2009)
- Admissions Committee, Yale Divinity School (2013-2019)
- Community Life Committee, Yale Divinity School (2011-2013)
- Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School (2018-2020)
- Professional Studies Committee, Yale Divinity School (2015-2016)

Academic Presentations

- "Thoughts on the Language of Sirach 36:1-22," Ninth International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira, Toronto, 2019.
- "Lexical Innovations in the Wisdom of Ben Sira," SBL National Conference, Denver, 2018.
- "Different Dialects in the Dead Sea Scrolls?," SBL National Conference, Boston, 2017.
- "*Waw* and *Yodh* in the Hebrew Manuscripts A and B of Ben Sira," Virginia Conference on Ben Sira, Richmond and Charlottesville, 2017.
- "New Readings in Ben Sira," SBL National Conference, San Antonio, 2016.
- "Textual History of the Bible: Ben Sira's Hebrew Text," SBL National Conference, San Antonio, 2016.
- "The Poetry of Manuscript C," *Discovering, Deciphering, and Dissenting: Ben Sira's*

Hebrew Text, September 12-14, 2016, St. John's College, Cambridge University.

- "Geminate Verbs in the Hebrew of the Wisdom of Ben Sira," Eighth International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira, June 26-29, 2016, Jerusalem.
- "The Wisdom of Words in the Wisdom of Ben Sira," Columbia Hebrew Bible Seminar, February 27, 2013, Columbia University, New York City.
- "Wordplay in the Hebrew to Ben Sira," Identités et altérités: les différentes versions du Siracide, October 15-17 2009, Metz, France.
- "Eroticism and Poetic Style: Determining the Authorship of Sirach 51:13-30," Near Eastern Studies Department Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2007.
- "The Poetry of the Wisdom of Solomon Reconsidered," AAR/SBL Regional Meeting, Glens Falls, PA, 2000.
- "A Comparison of Ugaritic and Akkadian Epic Poetry: CTA 17.vi.16-41 Compared to Gilgamesh VI:6-79," AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 1999.
- "Ben Sira 42:15-43:33 Compared to Proverbs 2," AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 1998.
- "The Structure of Ben Sira 42:15-43:33," Jewish Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, 1998.
- "The *ka'ašer* Clauses in the Mešad Ḥašawyahu Ostrakon," AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 1997.

Grant Award

- In the winter of 2007 I was awarded a grant from the Lecturers' Professional Development Fund to create the website www.introlessonsinaramaic.com, described above, a website that introduces Aramaic to individuals that have no experience with Hebrew or other languages.

Languages

Hebrew (epigraphic, biblical, Dead Sea Scrolls, Tannaitic)

Aramaic (old, imperial, biblical, Dead Sea Scrolls, Targumic, Jewish Babylonian, Syriac)

Ugaritic, Phoenician, Punic, Akkadian, Greek, Latin, German, French

Associations

American Oriental Society

American Schools of Oriental Research

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

Society of Biblical Literature