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Education

University of Michigan PhD in Near Eastern Studies, 2007
 Program: Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies
 Dissertation: *The Book of Amos and Emergent
 Judahite National Identity*

 MA in Near Eastern Studies, 1999
 Program: Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies

 BA in Philosophy (cum laude), 1994

Areas of Research Specialization

Prophetic Literature, History of Ideas in Israelite Religion, History of Ancient
Israel, Ancient Near Eastern Historical Context, Ancient Near Eastern Religions.

Publications

Book

The Book of Amos in Emergent Judah. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (Forschungen
zum Alten Testament II:45), 2010.

Articles

“The Dating of Prophetic Books and the Persian Period ‘Turn’” in Julia O’Brien
(ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Minor Prophets* (New York: Oxford
University Press), in press.

“Amos and the Book of the Twelve” in Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer and Jakob Wöhrle
(eds.), *The Book of the Twelve: Composition, Reception, and
Interpretation* (Leiden: Brill, Formation and Interpretation of Old
Testament Literature (FIOTL), VTSup), in press.

- “The ‘Idolatrous Priests’ in the Book of Zephaniah” in Lena Sofia Tiemeyer (ed), *Priests and Cults in the Book of the Twelve* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press, Ancient Near Eastern Monographs 14, 2016), 131–148.
- “Vision and Curse Aversion in the Book of Amos,” in Elizabeth Hayes and Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer (eds.), *“I Lifted My Eyes and Saw”: Reading Dream and Vision Reports in the Hebrew Bible* (T&T Clark, Continuum, Library of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 584, 2014), 84–100.
- “‘Hear This Word That I Take Up Over You in Lamentation’ (Amos 5:1): Lamentation Themes in the Book of Amos” in C. Dempsey and L. Flesher (eds.), *Why?...How Long? Studies on the Voice(s) of Lamentation Rooted in Biblical Hebrew Poetry* (London: T&T Clark International, Library of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 552, 2013), pp. 1–19.
- “Urban Change and the Designation ‘Israel’ in the Books of Micah and Hosea,” in A. Scharf and J. Krispenz (eds.), *Die Stadt in der Zwölfprophetenbuch* (BZAW 428; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2012), pp. 287–310.
- “Deuteronomistic Redaction of the Book of the Four and the Origins of Israel’s Wrongs,” in R. Albertz, J. Nogalski, and J. Wöhrle (eds.), *Perspectives on the Formation of the Twelve: Methodological Foundations – Redactional Processes – Historical Insights* (BZAW 433; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2012), pp. 287–302.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Amos,” in E. Orlin, et al (eds.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (New York: Routledge, 2016), p. 46.
- “Esau,” in H-J Klauck, B. McGinn, C-L Seow, H. Spieckermann, B.D. Walfish, and E. Ziolkowski (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* vol. 7 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013).
- “Ephraim,” in H-J Klauck, B. McGinn, C-L Seow, H. Spieckermann, B.D. Walfish, and E. Ziolkowski (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* vol. 7 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013).

Book Reviews

- Review of *Urban Imagination in Biblical Prophecy* by Mary E. Mills (T&T Clark, LHB/OTS 560), in *The Journal of Theological Studies* 65/2: 641–643 (2014)

- Review of *Aspects of Amos: Exegesis and Interpretation*, edited by Anselm Hagedorn and Andrew Mein (T&T Clark) in *Biblical Interpretation* 22:95-97 (2014).
- Review of *The Production of Prophecy: Constructing Prophecy and Prophets in Yehud* edited by Ehud Ben Zvi and Diana Edelman (Equinox Press), for the *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131/4:670-672 (2011).
- Review of *Zwischen Bekehrungseifer und Philosemitismus: Texte zur Stellung des Pietismus zum Judentum* by Peter Vogt (Kleine Texte des Pietismus 11). Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt. *Journal of Moravian History* 8:119-121 (2010).
- Review of *The Edited Bible: The Curious History of the "Editor" in Biblical Criticism*, by John Van Seters., Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129/3:539-541 (2009).
- Review of *Obadiah, Jonah, Micah: A Theological Commentary* by Philip Peter Jenson. LHB/OTS 496. London: T & T Clark. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71/4:864-866, (2009).
- Review of *Jerusalem in Bible and Archaeology: The First Temple Period*, by Andrew G. Vaughn and Ann E. Killebrew, eds., Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125/1:154 (2005).
- Review of *Amos: The Prophet and his Oracles. Research on the Study of Amos* by M. Daniel Carroll R., Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123/3:704-705 (2003).

Conference Presentations

- "The Value of Attention to Land and Place in Biblical Interpretation," Jewish Interpretation of the Bible section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 18 November 2018.
- "The Historical and Archaeological Background of the Book of Amos Revisited," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 19 November, 2017.
- "Religious Criticism and Change in the Book of Zephaniah," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 22 November, 2014.
- "James Nogalski's Smith and Helwys Commentary on the Book of the Twelve,"

Review panelist, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 17 November, 2012

“From Mantic Professional to Literary Character: The Emergence of Biblical Prophetic Literature in Ancient Israel,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 26 July, 2012.

“Political Rhetoric in the Books of Amos, Hosea, and Micah,” International Conference on Prophecy and Politics in Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, University of Haifa, Israel, 30 May, 2012.

“The Implications of Archeological Models of the Growth of Judah for Early Prophetic Literature,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, 20 November, 2011.

“Judahite Anti-Northernism and the Formation of the Book of the Four,” at “Perspectives on the Formation of the Book of the Twelve: Methodological Foundations – Redactional Processes – Historical Insights,” an international conference at the University of Münster, Germany, 15 January, 2011.

“The Role of the Former Northern Kingdom in the Book of the Four,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 23 November, 2010.

“From Samaria to Jerusalem: The Changing Scope of the Book of Amos in the Process of Textual Expansion.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November, 2009.

“Raising Up the Booth of David: The Conclusion of the Book of Amos in Light of the Book of the Twelve.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 24 November, 2008.

“The Paradoxical End of the Book of Amos.” Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Society of Biblical Literature Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, 27 March, 2008.

“‘Hear This Word That I Take Up Over You in Lamentation’ (Amos 5:1): Lamentation Themes in the Book of Amos.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Diego, 18 November, 2007.

“The Structure of Amos 6,” presented at the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Meeting (SBL), Erie, PA, 23 March, 2006.

“‘I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet’ (Amos 7:14): Prophetic Literature

in the Hebrew Bible and Mesopotamia” in “The Bible in the Ancient Near East: Case Studies,” graduate student conference at the University of Michigan, 24 September, 2005

Employment and Teaching Experience

Alexander von Humboldt Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, 12/2011-7/2012
Host: Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Hermann Spieckermann

Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA

Associate Professor, Department of Religion, 2008 to present

Courses taught: Hebrew Bible
Jesus and the Gospels
Paul and Early Christianity
Judaism
Ancient Near Eastern Religion
From Prophecy to the Apocalypse
War and Peace in the Biblical World
Modern Jewish Religious Movements
Jewish Philosophy
Religion and Bible in Fantasy and Science Fiction

Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Full-time Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, 2007-2008

Courses taught: Introduction to the Old Testament
Introduction to the New Testament
Introduction to World Religions
Western Religious Traditions
Eastern Religious Traditions
Ethics and Values
Logic

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of English Language and Literature, 2004-2007

Course taught: The Bible as Literature

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of History and Philosophy, 2005-2006

Course taught: Comparative Religion

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 1998-2006

Courses taught independently: Introduction to the OT/Tanakh
 Introduction to the New Testament
 Elementary Classical Hebrew

Courses taught as section leader and grader for a professor:

English Bible (with Prof. Ralph Williams)
Introduction to the New Testament (with Prof.
 Gabriele Boccaccini)
Jesus and the Gospels (with Prof. Gabriele
 Boccaccini)
Jewish Civilization (with Prof. Gene Schramm
 (1998) and Prof. Gabriele Boccaccini (2000))
Introduction to World Religions: Judaism,
 Christianity, Islam (with Prof. Ralph
 Williams). Chairperson of team of graduate
 student instructors in 2001.

Awards

2011–2012 Alexander von Humboldt Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (Georg-August Universität, Göttingen)

2007 Near Eastern Studies Departmental Award (University of Michigan)

2005 Margaret Kraus Ramsdell Fellowship (University of Michigan)

2003 Horace H. Rackham Graduate School One-Term Dissertation Fellowship (University of Michigan)

2000 Leroy Waterman Fellowship for Biblical Studies (University of Michigan)

1998-2000 Rackham Discretionary Funds (University of Michigan, for Middle East excavations)

1997 Near Eastern Studies Departmental Fellowship (University of Michigan)

Archaeological Excavation Experience

Ramat Rahel, Israel, 2009. Director: Oded Lipschits, Tel Aviv University. Coordinator of Moravian College participation in the Excavation, and square supervisor.

Megiddo, Israel, 2000. Director: Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University.

Wadi ath-Thamad, Jordan; 1999 (square supervisor). Director: Michele Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Tel Rehov, Israel, 1998. Director: Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University. Field Archaeology Program, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Beit Guvrin, Israel, 1996. Director: Amos Kloner, Bar Ilan University.

Non-Conference Presentations

Academic Setting

“Spring Festivals around the World – Religious, Cultural, or Both?” Panel member: Bible/Judaism. Moravian College, 4 April 2017.

“Wealth, Resentment, and Reward in the Hebrew Bible,” “Poverty, Morality, and Wealth” section, Poverty and Inequality InFocus Symposium, Moravian College, 5 April 2016.

“Archaeology, Zionism, and Post-Zionism,” Archaeology Panel, Friends of Reeves Library, Moravian College, 10 February 2016.

“Israelite Religion under Colonial Rule, with an Example from Zephaniah,” Faculty Luncheon Series, Moravian College, 8 October 2015.

“The Development of Biblical Prophetic Literature as a Judahite Phenomenon,” Doktorandenkolloquium Presentation, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany, 15 June, 2012.

“Social Justice and the Prophetic Voice in the Book of Amos,” presented in the Faculty Luncheon Series, Moravian College, 29 January, 2009.

“The Tenth-Century Debate,” presented as a guest lecture to HIST 505, “Historical Method,” at Eastern Michigan University, 10/17/06, and for HIST 479, “Biblical History,” at Eastern Michigan University, 30 March, 2007.

Community Setting

“Amos” in the “Masterpieces of Jewish Literature” adult education lecture series, Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, PA, 18 April 2018.

“Israel” (Modern Mideast Conflict) in the “Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series” with the YWCA, Bethlehem PA, 12 February 2014.

- “Biblical Studies on the Continent: The Contrasts in Biblical Studies between Europe and America,” Doylestown Presbyterian Church, 21 May 2013.
- “Historical Problems with Biblical Prophecy,” Easton Salon Series (Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley), Lafayette College Hillel, 19 May 2013.
- “What is a Prophet? Bridging the Gap between Historical-Critical and Rabbinic Perspectives on Biblical Prophecy,” *Limmud Philly* 27 April, 2013
- “The Book of Amos in Emergent Judah,” Doylestown Presbyterian Church, 15 November 2011.
- “From Bethlehem to Bethlehem: The Moravian College Excavation at Ramat Rachel, Israel,” lecture given at a Hadassah event at Brith Sholom synagogue, Bethlehem, PA, 20 March, 2010.
- “Revealed Law in the Torah and the Ancient Near East” lecture in the *Tikkun Leil Shavuot* lecture series at Brith Sholom synagogue, Bethlehem, PA, 28 May, 2009.
- “The Historical Jesus and the Gospels.” Ann Arbor Bible Book Group, 11 December, 2003.
- “New Theories on Ancient Israel.” Michigan Archaeological Society, Huron Valley Chapter, Ann Arbor, 20 October, 2001.

Modern Languages of Scholarship

English, French, German.

Ancient Near Eastern Language Competencies

Primary: Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Ugaritic

Secondary: Akkadian (from Old Akkadian to 1st millennium peripheral Akkadian), Sumerian.

Community Teaching

Temple Beth Emeth (Reform synagogue), Ann Arbor, MI, 2005-2007
Intermediate and Advanced Biblical Hebrew

Academic Service

Member, Society of Biblical Literature "Book of the Twelve" committee

Chair, Department of Global Religions

Faculty Advisor, Moravian College Hillel Society

Committee Member: General Education Task Force
Faculty Development and Research Committee
Student Oriented Academic Research
Multifaith Council
Theater Advisory Group
Hillel Chapter

References

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