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from Ancient to Medieval Times and to Classical Islam
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EDUCATION

- 2014 Brown University, **Ph.D.** in Religious Studies (Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean)
Areas of Specialization: Ancient Near Eastern Religions; Hebrew Bible and Israelite Religions;
Semitic Languages

Dissertation: *Non-Anthropomorphic Gods? Manufactured Entities and Divine Qualities and Attributes Characterized As Gods in the Textual Evidence from Ancient Mesopotamia, Syria, North Arabia, Palestine, and Elephantine*
Committee: Saul Olyan (supervisor), Stanley Stowers, Matthew Rutz
- 2007 Brown University, **M.A.** in Religious Studies (Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean)
- 2005 Pennsylvania State University, **M.A.** in English
Area of Specialization: Religious Literature; Minor Field: Religion
- 2002 Boston University, **B.A.** *summa cum laude* with distinction in Philosophy and Religion
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-2019 Postdoctoral Researcher, SFB 1136, Bildung und Religion in Kulturen des Mittelmeerraums und seiner Umwelt von der Antike bis zum Mittelalter und zum Klassischen Islam (CRC 1136, Education and Religion in Cultures of the Mediterranean and Its Environment from Ancient to Medieval Times and to Classical Islam)
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Göttingen, Germany)
- 2016-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religion
Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)
- 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor, Liberal Studies Program (Religious Studies)
University of Montana (Missoula, MT)
- 2015-2016 Lecturer in Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion
Clemson University (Clemson, SC)
- 2015 Instructor in Religion, Department of Religion
University of Georgia (Athens, GA)
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PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Under Contract *Objects of Their Trust: Manufactured Objects, Divine Qualities, and Attributes as Deities in the Ancient Near East*. CHANE; Boston/Leiden: Brill (expected 2019).
- Under Contract *Esteemed Colleagues or Ignoramuses? Rivalry and Collaboration in Ancient Near Eastern Divination*. Ancient Magic and Divination; Boston/Leiden: Brill (expected 2020).

Edited Volumes

Under Contract ‘As It Is Written’? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts, co-edited with Chiara Meccariello. SERAPHIM; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (expected 2019).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Under Contract Invited contribution to Festschrift X, edited by Tracy Lemos, Karen Stern, and Nathaniel Levtow. Ancient Israel and Its Literature; Atlanta: SBL Press (expected 2019).

2009 “Family Ties: Assurbanipal’s Family Revisited.” In *Of God(s), Trees, Kings, and Scholars: Neo-Assyrian and Related Studies in Honour of Simo Parpola*, edited by Mikko Luukko, Saana Svärd and Raija Mattila. Helsinki: Finnish Oriental Society, 2009 (co-authored with Jamie Novotny).

Articles

In Revision “‘Who Is Like You?’: YHWH as Prototypical Deity in the Hebrew Bible” (Submission for *JBL*)

In Revision “Intertextuality and Allusion in Inner-Biblical Exegesis”

In Preparation “The Authority of the Written Torah in 2 Kings 22-23”

Book Reviews

2005 Review of Christine M. Tetley, *The Reconstructed Chronology of the Divided Kingdom*, Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2004. *Review of Biblical Literature Online* (2005).

2003 Review of Natasha Korda, *Shakespeare’s Domestic Economies: Gender and Property in Early Modern England*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002. *The Upstart Crow*, XXIII (2003): 139-141.

WORKSHOPS, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCES

Workshops Organized

2018 “As It Is Written”? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts. Workshop co-organized with Chiara Meccariello, SFB 1136, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, October 11-12

2018 (Mis)use of Sources: Ancient and Modern. Workshop at the 64th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Innsbruck, Austria, July 18

Invited Presentations

2019 “Whence/Whither Future Knowledge?” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section; Theme: “Looking Into the Future of Divination Studies”), San Diego, CA, November 23-26

2019 “Signs of the Divine.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Assyriology and the Bible Section; Theme: “Signs and Signifying: Mantic, Cultic, and Literary Dimensions”), San Diego, CA, November 23-26

2019 “Whose Line Is It Anyway? The Production of Divinatory Knowledge in Mesopotamia and the Hebrew Bible.” The Spirit of Scholarship: Biblical and Mesopotamian Studies in the Roman Catholic Academy, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, September 22-24

2017 “The Holy Ones: Prototype Theory and the Categorization of Divine Beings in the Hebrew Bible.” Center for Jewish Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC, December 6

2016 “Non-Anthropomorphic Gods in the Hebrew Bible: A Reconsideration in Light of Comparative Evidence from the Ancient Near East.” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, January 14

Campus Talks and Guest Lectures

- 2018 "Competition and Collaboration Among Religious Specialists in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East." Doktorandenkolloquium of the Seminar für Altes Testament, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, November 2
- 2018 "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Site of Qumran." SFB 1136 Area A Excursion, Jerusalem, Israel, February 8
- 2017 "Esteemed Colleagues or Ignoramuses? Rivalry, Cooperation, and Collaboration among Scholars and Religious Professionals in Neo-Assyrian Letters and Reports and the Hebrew Bible." Dialogoi: SFB 1136 Postdoctoral and Doctoral Researchers Group, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, November 7
- 2017 "How (Not To) Be Collegial: Scholarly Rivalry and Collaboration in Neo-Assyrian Sources and the Deuteronomistic History." Faculty Talk Series, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, March 6
- 2016 "Objects of Trust: Jeremiah 48:13 in Light of the Ancient Near Eastern Evidence." Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, December 7
- 2016 "Ancient Near Eastern Languages, Religions, and Cultures." Guest lecture for MENA 354: Middle Eastern & North African Studies: An Area Studies Seminar, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC, November 8
- 2014 "Plato, Socrates, and Greek Religion." Guest lecture for PHI 180: Greek Philosophy, Converse College, Spartanburg, SC, August 27

Conference Presentations

- 2019 "A Ram for a Lyre: Non-Anthropomorphic Deities in Ritual Texts at Ugarit." Society of Biblical Literature International Annual Meeting (Ancient Near East Section), Rome, Italy, July 1-5
- 2018 "Incomparable or Prototypical? Prototype Theory and the Category of God in the Hebrew Bible." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section; Theme: "Did the Israelites Think Differently?"), Denver, CO, November 18
- 2018 "Collaboration Between Prophets and Other Religious Specialists in the Mari Letters and the Hebrew Bible." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Cultic Personnel in the Biblical World/Assyriology and the Bible Sections; Theme: "Inclusion and Exclusion among Cultic Personnel"), Denver, CO, November 18
- 2018 "Prophecy at Mari: Examining the Interplay between Prophets, Court Specialists, Temple Personnel, and Members of the Elite." Society of Biblical Literature International Annual Meeting (Ancient Near East Section; Theme: "Bible and ANE"), Helsinki, Finland, July 31
- 2017 "Esteemed Colleagues or Ignoramuses? Rivalry, Cooperation, and Collaboration among Scholars and Religious Professionals in Neo-Assyrian Letters and Reports and the Hebrew Bible." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Assyriology and the Bible Section; Theme: "*Mimma Šumšu*"), Boston, MA, November 20
- 2017 "The Holy Ones: Taxonomies of Divine Beings in the Hebrew Bible." American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (Session: "Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East: Mental Constructs, Material Records, and their Interpretations"), Boston, MA, November 17
- 2017 "Objects of Trust: Divinized Objects, Qualities, and Attributes in the Judean Archives from Elephantine and Jeremiah 7:4-14 and 48:13." New England and Eastern Canada Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Haven, CT, March 31
- 2015 "Defining the Problem: Ancient Religions, Ancient Gods, and Modern Scholars." Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (Southeastern Regional AAR/SBL/ASOR), Nashville, TN, March 6-8

- 2013 "The Classification of Manufactured Objects as Gods in Ancient Mesopotamia." 223rd Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, OR, March 15-18
- 2011 "Scholarly Rivalry: Competition and Cooperation in Neo-Assyrian Letters and Astrological Reports." 221st Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 11-14
- 2008 "Intertextuality and Allusion: Defining the Terms for Biblical Studies." European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, August 3-7
- 2007 "The Travels of Sargon." 217th Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Antonio, TX, March 16-19
- 2006 "Heresy in the Dead Sea Scrolls?" "How Intense Is the Zeal?": Creating Religious Orthodoxy in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East, Brown University Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference, Providence, RI, April 9-10

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

National and International Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2019 Fellowship, Mapping Ancient Gods Summer School, ERC Advanced Grant MAP Project (Mapping Ancient Polytheisms) and the French Research Center in Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, July 9-19
- 2018 Regional Scholar Award, Society of Biblical Literature (National)
- 2017 Regional Scholar Award, Society of Biblical Literature, New England/Eastern Canada Region
- 2017 Research Fellowship in Jewish Studies and the Hebrew Bible, Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library and the Center for Jewish Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2011 Gorgias Book Grant, Gorgias Press
- 2011 American Oriental Society Graduate Student Award for Travel to attend the 221st Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 11-14
- 2007 American Oriental Society Graduate Student Award for Travel to attend the 217th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Antonio, TX, March 16-19

University Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2017 Wofford College Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Course Development Funding, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program Grant (UISFL), U.S. Department of Education (for Ancient Near Eastern Religions course)
- 2011-2012 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Brown University
- 2011 Graduate School Award for Travel, Brown University, to attend the 221st Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 11-14
- 2010-2011 Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University
- 2009-2010 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Brown University
- 2008 Judaic Studies Department Award for Travel, Brown University, to attend the European Association of Biblical Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, August 3-7
- 2008 Summer Study Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
- 2007-2008 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Brown University
- 2007 Summer Study Graduate Fellowship, Brown University

2007	Graduate School Award for Travel, Brown University, to attend the 217th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Antonio, TX, March 16-19
2006-2007	Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Brown University
2006	Summer Study Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
2005-2006	Ernest Frerichs Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
2003-2005	Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Pennsylvania State University
2002-2003	Graduate Research Assistantship, Clemson University
2002	Peter A. Bertocci Award for Philosophical Excellence, Department of Philosophy, Boston University
2002	Richard E. Katz Award, Department of Religion, Boston University
2002	College Prize for Excellence in Religion, Department of Religion, Boston University
2001	Summer Research Award, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Boston University
2001	Alice M. Brennan Humanities Fellowship, The Humanities Foundation, Boston University
2001	Peter M. Nelson Award for Distinguished Work by a Junior, Department of Philosophy, Boston University

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient: Akkadian (all periods/dialects); Aramaic (Old, Imperial, and Middle); Ancient Greek; Hebrew (Biblical, Dead Sea Scroll, and Mishnaic); Hittite; Ugaritic; Sumerian; Middle Egyptian (basic proficiency)

Modern: English, French, German

TEACHING

Courses Taught

(* indicates upper-level seminars or graduate courses)

2016-2017	Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC) Fall 2016 Undergraduate Courses: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible; Dead Sea Scrolls* Spring 2016 Undergraduate Courses: Ancient Near Eastern Religions; Religion and Magic*
2015-2016	Clemson University (Clemson, South Carolina) Summer 2016 Undergraduate Courses (online): Introduction to Religion; Introduction to World Religions Fall 2015 Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Religion
2016	University of Montana (Missoula, Montana) Spring 2016 Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Hebrew Bible; Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity*; Sex, Love, and Marriage in the Ancient Mediterranean*
2015	University of Georgia (Athens, GA) Spring 2015 Graduate Course: Hittite* Spring 2015 Undergraduate Course: Judaism*
2009-2011	Brown University (Providence, Rhode Island) Fall 2011 Graduate Course: Targumic Aramaic* Spring 2010 Undergraduate Course: Readings in Biblical Hebrew Fall 2009 Undergraduate Course: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

2003-2005 Pennsylvania State University (State College, Pennsylvania)
Undergraduate Courses: Rhetoric and Composition (5 sections)

Teaching Assistantships

2006-2008 Brown University (Providence, RI)
Department of Egyptology and Ancient Western Asian Studies
Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Akkadian, Intermediate Akkadian (4 semesters)

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Workshops Organized

2018 “As It Is Written”? Uses of Sources in Ancient Mediterranean Texts. Workshop co-organized with Chiara Meccariello, SFB 1136, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, October 11-12 (6000 €, funded by SFB 1136)

2018 (Mis)use of Sources: Ancient and Modern. Workshop at the 64th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Innsbruck, Austria, July 18

Conference/Workshop Sessions Chaired

2018 Ancient Near East Section (Theme: “Egypt and the Levant”), Society of Biblical Literature International Annual Meeting, Helsinki, Finland, August 3

2018 (Mis)use of Sources: Ancient and Modern. Workshop at the 64th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Innsbruck, Austria, July 18

University Events Organized

2018 Organized meetings of Dialogoi: SFB 1136 Postdoctoral and Doctoral Researchers Discussion Group, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, October 23 and November 13

2018 Organized invited lecture by Prof. David Wright (Brandeis), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, October 11

2006-2007 Served on steering committee for the Graduate Organization for the Department of Religious Studies, Brown University (organized professional development and teaching seminars)

Student Advising and Thesis Committees

2016-2017 Second Reader for Senior Theses in Religion, Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC)

Research and Editorial Assistance

2014 Jamie Novotny. *Selected Royal Inscriptions of Assurbanipal: L3, L4, LET, Prism I, Prism T, and Related Texts*. State Archives of Assyria Cuneiform Texts 10; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2014. (Research assistance)

2010 Mark J. Boda and Jamie Novotny, eds. *From the Foundations to the Crenellations: Essays on Temple Building in the Ancient Near East and Hebrew Bible*. Alter Orient und Altes Testament 366; Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2010. (Editorial assistance)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools for Oriental Research
American Oriental Society
International Association for Assyriology
Old Testament Studies: Epistemologies and Methods (OTSEM Network)