

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ERC Advanced Grant project DEMBIB

(From Texts to Literature: Demotic Egyptian Papyri

and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible)

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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Hebrew Bible and Egyptology)
University of Chicago
Dissertation: The Poetics of Plot in the Egyptian and Judean Novella
Exams: Biblical Hebrew, Northwest Semitic languages, Egyptian languages, Levantine history and archaeology, biblical exegesis, Egyptian history, culture of Late Period and Graeco-Roman Egypt
- 2014 M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago
- 2011 M.A., Theology, University of Dallas
- 2006 B.A., Classics, University of Texas at Austin

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Aramaic (Old, Biblical, Imperial), Coptic, Egyptian (Old, Middle, Late, Demotic, Ptolemaic Hieroglyphs), Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Phoenician/Punic, Ugaritic

Modern: German (reading fluency, basic speaking), French (reading fluency)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- Research fellow, ERC Advanced Grant project DEMBIB (From Texts to Literature: Demotic Egyptian Papyri and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible), Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 2018-2019 Full-time adjunct professor (leave replacement), Department of Classics, University of North Carolina Asheville

RESEARCH POSITIONS

2015-2020	Public outreach and content specialist, Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
2017-2018	Database editor, Critical Editions for Digital Analysis and Research (CEDAR), OCHRE Data Systems, Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
2017	Research assistant for Daniel Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
2016-2017	Research assistant for Steve Vinson, Indiana University at Bloomington
2014-2018	Researcher, Chicago Demotic Dictionary, Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

Contracted	<i>The Routledge Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Bible</i> , with Bernd U. Schipper and Robert Kade
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Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Forthcoming	"Mouvance and the Storyteller's Art in Manuscripts of a Demotic Novella," <i>Manuscripts and Text Cultures</i>
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Book Chapters

Forthcoming	"Demotic Narrative Literature and the Hebrew Bible," in Cross, Schipper, and Kade, eds., <i>The Routledge Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Bible</i>
Forthcoming	"Egyptian Magic and the Hebrew Bible," in Cross, Schipper, and Kade, eds., <i>The Routledge Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Bible</i>
Forthcoming	"The Corpus of Northwest Semitic in Egyptian Script," in Susan Hollis, ed., <i>The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Hebrew Bible</i>

Book Reviews

2020	Claudia Suhr, <i>Die Ägyptische "Ich-Erzählung": Eine Narratologische Untersuchung</i> , 2016 (<i>Review of Biblical Literature</i> , 3/2020) https://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=11560
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Other Articles

2022	"The Teaching of Amenemope," in <i>Global Humanities Reader: Engaging Ancient Worlds and Perspectives</i> , ed. Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, Keya Maitra, 77-79. "Egyptian Love Poetry," in <i>Global Humanities Reader: Engaging Ancient Worlds and Perspectives</i> , ed. Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, Keya Maitra, 98-100. "The Epic of Gilgamesh," in <i>Global Humanities Reader: Engaging Ancient Worlds and Perspectives</i> , ed. Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, Keya Maitra, 236-238.
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- 2019 “Missing Pages: Two Manuscripts of the Samaritan Torah in the Oriental Institute,”
Oriental Institute News & Notes 242, pp.6-15

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grants and Fellowships

- 2016-2022 Cross/Rantz Fellowship, University of Chicago
 2020-2021 Arnaldo Momigliano Dissertation Travel Grant, University of Chicago
 2018-2019 Jacob Greenberg Memorial Dissertation Year Fellowship, Greenberg Center for
 Jewish Studies, University of Chicago
 2012-2013 Cross/Rantz Fellowship, University of Chicago
 2011-2016 University Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago

Awards

- 2017 Karen Dinal Memorial Award for teaching undergraduate writing, The College,
 University of Chicago

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers

- 2023 (With José Rafael Saade) Egypt as Garden in the (Post-)Achaemenid Conceptualization
 of Space and History. European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting (July)
 2022 A “véritable cycle romanesque?” The Relationship between P. Krall and P. Spiegelberg
 Reconsidered. 14th International Demotic Congress, Heidelberg. (Sept. 6th)
 2021 Group Writing as Text-Making Technique. Society for the Study of Egyptian
 Antiquities Scholars’ Colloquium. (Nov. 5th)
 2021 *Mouvance* and the Storyteller’s Art in Manuscripts of a Demotic Novella. Early
 Text Cultures reading group (Oxford), “Writing Orality” series (Feb. 18th)
 2020 The Visual Possibilities of Narrative in the Demotic *Battle for the Prebend of*
Amun. Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities Scholars’ Colloquium. (Nov
 6th-8th)
 2020 Finding God in Nineveh: A Case Study in Judean and Egyptian Prophetic
 Imagination. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. (Nov. 21st-24th)
 2020 When Storytelling Becomes Canonical: Changing Fortunes of the Novella in
 Hellenistic and Roman Judea and Egypt. Society of Biblical Literature Annual
 Meeting. (Nov. 21st-24th)
 2020 Between the Cosmopolitan and the Vernacular: Private Literature in the Post-Iron
 Age Southeastern Mediterranean. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual
 Meeting. (Nov. 18th-21st)
 2020 Genre Matters: Jonah as Novella. Southeastern Commission on the Study of
 Religion Annual Meeting (Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st)
 2018 “Suit the action to the word, the word to the action”: A New Reading of a
 Northwest Semitic Incantation in Egyptian Script (P. BM 10042, col. XII).
 American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (Nov. 14th-17th)

- 2018 Envisioning a Compiler at Work: Scribal Features of Papyrus Amherst 63. Unit: joint session of Aramaic Studies and Egyptology and Ancient Israel, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Nov. 18th)
- 2011 “The Earth from Which He Was Taken”: The Shift of Speaker in Genesis 3:22-23. Southwestern Conference on Religious Studies Annual Meeting (March 5th)

Panels moderated

- 2018 Discussant, “Digital Humanities and Middle Eastern Studies” (Panel). Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago (May 5th)
- 2018 Moderator, “Which Way Forward: Digital Humanities and Middle Eastern Studies” (Roundtable). Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago (May 4th)

Conferences organized

- 2018 Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference (co-organizer), Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago (May 4th-5th)

INSTITUTES AND COLLOQUIA

Invited participant

- 2018 Digital Editions, Digital Corpora, and New Possibilities for the Humanities in the Academy and Beyond. 2018 NEH Institute for Advanced Technology in the Digital Humanities. Perseus Project, Tufts University (July 16th-27th)
- 2018 Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium. Yale Divinity School (Feb. 25th-27th)

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2023 Different, not Expanded Endings in MT Esther. Alttestamentliche Sozietät, Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Jan. 4th)
- 2022 Egyptian Scribes Writing Northwest Semitic. Guest lecture, Lehrstuhl “Geschichte Israels in der altorientalischen Welt,” Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (July 28th)
- 2022 The Poetics of Plot in the Egyptian and Judean Novella. Guest lecture, Lehrstuhl “Geschichte Israels in der altorientalischen Welt,” Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (June 3rd)
- 2022 Inside the Academy: Getting a Humanities PhD in the US. Guest lecture, Graduiertenzentrum, Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (June 1st)
- 2021 Getting the Story Straight: Plot Structure and Eventfulness in Judean (and Egyptian) Novellas. Hebrew Bible and Early Jewish Reception Workshop, University of Chicago (May 25th)
- 2021 Respondent, Sunwoo Lee, “Pain in Egyptian Literary Narratives.” Affect and the Emotions Workshop, University of Chicago (April 7th)
- 2019 Books without Authors: Who Wrote (and Read) the First Novels? Brown Bag Lecture,

- 2018 Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina Asheville (February 14th)
 Science and Technology of Writing in Ancient Egypt
 Teacher Cohort Academy, Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (July 11th)
- 2018 Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible: A Manuscript-Based Overview. Critical Editions
 for Digital Analysis and Research Symposium, University of Chicago (May 4th)
- 2018 What Worked: Best Practices for Teaching Writing. University of Chicago Writing
 Program Professional Development Series (January 24th)
- 2017 The Fictional Moment: Late Biblical Novellas in an International Context,
 Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (June 5th)
- 2015 Does Deuteronomy 8:7-10 Allude to the Egyptian *Tale of Sinuhe*? Hebrew Bible
 Workshop, University of Chicago (May 4th)
- 2013 Psalm 45: Lineation Through Manuscript Analysis. Hebrew Bible Workshop,
 University of Chicago (May 20th)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina Asheville

The Ancient World (Fall 2018, 2020, Spring 2019-2020, Maymester 2019)
 Latin I-II (Fall 2018-Spring 2019)
 Ancient Egyptian Magic and Medicine (Fall 2018)

University of Chicago

Middle Egyptian Texts II (Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistantships

Ancient Empires: Egypt (Spring 2016)
 Intro to the Hebrew Bible (Fall 2014)
 Intermediate Hebrew I (Fall 2014)
 Intro to Middle Egyptian I-II (Fall 2013-Winter 2014)
 The Bible and Western Culture (Fall 2013)

Continuing Education

Jewish Scripts Through History (online) – Oriental Institute (August 2020)
 History through OI Objects: The Megiddo Gallery (online) – Oriental Institute (May 2020)
 The World of the Hebrew Bible (online and onsite) – Oriental Institute (2015-2018)

Writing Pedagogy

Undergraduate Writing Intern (2016-2018)
 Pedagogies of Writing (Seminar Leader) (Summer 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023-2027 Advisory board (Demotic literature) for “Comparing Ancient Chronographic Historiographies from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Judah, and Greece in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods,” European Association for Biblical Studies Research Group

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020 Cohort member, First Year Pilot program, University of North Carolina Asheville
 2017-2018 Coordinator, Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago
 2015-2016 Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Lectures (selected)

- 2021 Literature in Ancient Egyptian Society. Oriental Institute Literature Workshop (February 13th).
 2020 Who Are the Samaritans? Oriental Institute Sunday Seminar (August 16th)
 2020 Biblical Hebrew. Oriental Institute Language Seminar (online, May 31st)
 2020 Novellas of the Hebrew Bible. Online speaker series, Am Yisrael Synagogue, Skokie IL (May 10th)
 2020 Judean and Egyptian Novellas of the Achaemenid and Hellenistic Periods. Oriental Institute Online Members’ Lecture (online, April 8th)
 2019 Who Wrote—and Read—The First Novels? Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina Asheville (February 14th)
 2017 Ancient Persia: History of the Achaemenid Empire. Oriental Institute Docent Program (July 26th)
 2017 Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Homewood Public Library, Homewood IL (June 20th)
 2017 The First Biblical Manuscripts. Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (May 5th)
 2017 Building the Pyramids. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Itasca Public Library, Itasca IL (February 16th)
 2016 Medicine and Magic of Ancient Egypt. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Acorn Public Library, Oak Forest IL (November 11th)
 2016 What Can Ancient Egypt Tell Us About the Bible? Oriental Institute Volunteer’s Day (March 14th)
 2016 Ancient Israel Outside the Bible. Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (March 3rd)

Museum education

- 2015-2019 Lecturer, docent program, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2017 Interview, “Fact-Checking the Bible—In Chicago’s Oriental Institute,” forward.com (May 4th)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Research Center in Egypt
American Schools of Overseas Research
Catholic Biblical Association
European Association of Biblical Studies
Society of Biblical Literature