

## 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- Postdoctoral researcher, 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

### Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

- Forthcoming “*Mouvance and the Storyteller’s Art in Manuscripts of a Demotic Novella*,” *Manuscripts and Text Cultures*

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “The Corpus of Northwest Semitic in Egyptian Script,” in Susan Hollis, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Hebrew Bible*

### Book Reviews

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

### Other Articles

- 2022 “The Teaching of Amenemope,” in *Global Humanities Reader: Engaging Ancient Worlds and Perspectives*, ed. Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, Keya Maitra, 77-79.  
 “Egyptian Love Poetry,” in *Global Humanities Reader: Engaging Ancient Worlds and Perspectives*, ed. Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, Keya Maitra, 98-100.  
 “The Epic of Gilgamesh,” in *Global Humanities Reader: Engaging Ancient Worlds and Perspectives*, ed. Brian S. Hook, Sophie Mills, Katherine C. Zubko, Keya Maitra, 236-238.  
 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
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## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Papers

2022	A “véritable cycle romanesque?” The Relationship between P. Krall and P. Spiegelberg Reconsidered. 14 <sup>th</sup> International Demotic Congress, Heidelberg. (Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> )
2021	Group Writing as Text-Making Technique. Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities Scholars’ Colloquium. (Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> )
2021	<i>Mouvance</i> and the Storyteller’s Art in Manuscripts of a Demotic Novella. Early Text Cultures reading group (Oxford), “Writing Orality” series (Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> )
2020	The Visual Possibilities of Narrative in the Demotic <i>Battle for the Prebend of Amun</i> . Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities Scholars’ Colloquium. (Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> )
2020	Finding God in Nineveh: A Case Study in Judean and Egyptian Prophetic Imagination. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. (Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> )
2020	When Storytelling Becomes Canonical: Changing Fortunes of the Novella in Hellenistic and Roman Judea and Egypt. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. (Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> )
2020	Between the Cosmopolitan and the Vernacular: Private Literature in the Post-Iron Age Southeastern Mediterranean. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. (Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> )
2020	Genre Matters: Jonah as Novella. Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion Annual Meeting (Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup> -Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup> )
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. 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> )
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. 18 <sup>th</sup> )
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 5 <sup>th</sup> )

### Panels moderated

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

### Conferences organized

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

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>)
- 2018 Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium. Yale Divinity School (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>)

### CAMPUS TALKS

- 2022 Egyptian Scribes Writing Northwest Semitic. Guest lecture, Lehrstuhl “Geschichte Israels in der altorientalischen Welt,” Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (July 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 2022 Inside the Academy: Getting a Humanities PhD in the US. Guest lecture, Graduiertenzentrum, Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (June 1<sup>st</sup>)
- 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 25<sup>th</sup>)
- 2021 Respondent, Sunwoo Lee, “Pain in Egyptian Literary Narratives.” Affect and the Emotions Workshop, University of Chicago (April 7<sup>th</sup>)
- 2019 Books without Authors: Who Wrote (and Read) the First Novels? Brown Bag Lecture, Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina Asheville (February 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 2018 Science and Technology of Writing in Ancient Egypt Teacher Cohort Academy, Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (July 11<sup>th</sup>)
- 2018 Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible: A Manuscript-Based Overview. Critical Editions for Digital Analysis and Research Symposium, University of Chicago (May 4<sup>th</sup>)
- 2018 What Worked: Best Practices for Teaching Writing. University of Chicago Writing Program Professional Development Series (January 24<sup>th</sup>)
- 2017 The Fictional Moment: Late Biblical Novellas in an International Context, Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (June 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 2015 Does Deuteronomy 8:7-10 Allude to the Egyptian *Tale of Sinuhe*? Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (May 4<sup>th</sup>)
- 2013 Psalm 45: Lineation Through Manuscript Analysis. Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (May 20<sup>th</sup>)

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>). <https://youtu.be/Rz1VWdnIqas>
- 2020 Who Are the Samaritans? Oriental Institute Sunday Seminar (August 16<sup>th</sup>)
- 2020 Biblical Hebrew. Oriental Institute Language Seminar (online, May 31<sup>st</sup>)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUB2LZj7rKQ>
- 2020 Novellas of the Hebrew Bible. Online speaker series, Am Yisrael Synagogue, Skokie IL (May 10<sup>th</sup>)
- 2020 Judean and Egyptian Novellas of the Achaemenid and Hellenistic Periods. Oriental Institute Online Members' Lecture (online, April 8<sup>th</sup>)  
<https://youtu.be/1d9npCDAAbE0>
- 2019 Who Wrote—and Read—The First Novels? Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina Asheville (February 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 2017 Ancient Persia: History of the Achaemenid Empire. Oriental Institute Docent Program (July 26<sup>th</sup>)
- 2017 Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Homewood Public Library, Homewood IL (June 20<sup>th</sup>)
- 2017 The First Biblical Manuscripts. Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (May 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 2017 Building the Pyramids. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Itasca Public Library, Itasca IL (February 16<sup>th</sup>)
- 2016 Medicine and Magic of Ancient Egypt. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Acorn Public Library, Oak Forest IL (November 11<sup>th</sup>)
- 2016 What Can Ancient Egypt Tell Us About the Bible? Oriental Institute Volunteer's Day (March 14<sup>th</sup>)
- 2016 Ancient Israel Outside the Bible. Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (March 3<sup>rd</sup>)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>)  
<http://forward.com/news/371033/fact-checking-the-biblein-chicagos-oriental-institute/>

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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