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Appointments

2019- **Santa Clara University – Jesuit School of Theology**
Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible & Old Testament Studies
Consortial Faculty Member at the Graduate Theological Union
Affiliated Faculty Member at the Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies

Education

2019 **Yale University**
Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (with Distinction)

2017 **University of Oxford**
Recognised Student in the Faculty of Theology and Religion & Visiting Doctoral Student at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies

2013 **Yale Divinity School**
M.A.R. in Second Temple Judaism

2011 **University of Michigan – Ann Arbor**
B.A. in Ancient Civilizations & Biblical Studies (High Distinction, Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa)

Publications

Books

Under Revision *Textual Criticism and the Ontology of Literature in Early Judaism: An Analysis of the Serekh ha-Yahad* (accepted for publication with Brill in the Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements series)

Under Contract *The Serek Texts: 1QS and 4QS* (with John J. Collins; accepted for publication with Oxford University Press in The Oxford Commentary on the Dead Sea Scrolls Series)

In Progress *Ethiopic for Early Judaism: A Ge'ez Handbook for 1 Enoch and Jubilees*

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2020 "The Rolling Corpus: Materiality and Pluriformity at Qumran, with Special Consideration of the *Serekh ha-Yahad*," *Dead Sea Discoveries* 27 (2020): 161-201.
- 2018 "New Readings in 4Q256 (4Q^{S^b})," *Revue de Qumran* 30 (2018): 69-77.
- 2017 "New Readings in 4Q118 i (4QChronicles) and a Parallel at 4Q381 31 (4QNon-Canonical Psalms B)," *Revue de Qumran* 29 (2017): 129-38.

Articles in Edited Volumes

- 2019 "On 'True' Editions: Pluriformity and Authority Between Psalms and Serekh," in *Scribal Practice, Text and Canon in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Essays in Memory of Peter W. Flint* (Eds. J. J. Collins & A. Geysler-Fouche; STDJ 130; Leiden: Brill, 2019), 90-107.
- 2018 "Solomon, the Septuagint, and Second Temple Studies," in *A Genius for Mentorship: A Forum in Honor of Ben Wright on his 65th Birthday* (Eds. F. Borchardt & E. Mroczek; Edited Forum Hosted by *Ancient Jew Review* [<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2018/1/9/a-genius-for-mentorship-a-forum-in-honor-of-ben-wright-on-his-65th-birthday/>], 2018).
- 2016 "Unities and Boundaries Across the Jeremianic Dead Sea Scrolls. A Response to Eibert Tigchelaar" in *Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, Transformation* (Eds. H. Najman & K. Schmid; JSJSup 173; Leiden: Brill, 2016), 327-29.
- 2016 "Compositional Technique in the Temple Scroll: Creative Interpretation and Integrative Interpretation in the Passover Legislation," in *New Vistas on Early Judaism and Christianity: From Enoch to Montréal and Back* (Eds. L. DiTommaso & G. S. Oegema; JCTCRS 22; London: T&T Clark, 2016), 112-30.
- 2016 "*The Community Rule or Rules for the Communities?: Contextualizing the Qumran Serakhim*" in *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy* (Eds. J. Baden, H. Najman & E. Tigchelaar; JSJSup 175; Leiden: Brill, 2016), 916-39.

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming "Review of Sarianna Metso, *The Community Rule: A Critical Edition with Translation*," forthcoming in *Dead Sea Discoveries*.

- Forthcoming “Review of Pieter B. Hartog, *Pesher and Hypomnema: A Comparison of Two Commentary Traditions from the Hellenistic-Roman Period*,” forthcoming in *Revue de Qumran*.
- 2020 “Review of Binyamin Y. Goldstein, Michael Segal, and George J. Brooke, eds., *Hā-’îsh Mōshe: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein*,” *DSD* 27 (2020): 308-310.
- 2019 “Book Note on John Barton, *Ethics in Ancient Israel*,” published at *Ancient Jew Review* (<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2019/11/18/book-note-ethics-in-ancient-israel>).
- 2018 “Review of Emanuel Tov, Kipp Davis, and Robert Duke, eds., *Dead Sea Scrolls Fragments in the Museum Collection*,” *JSOT* 42.5 (2018): 247.
- 2017 “Review of Kipp Davis, *The Cave 4 Apocryphon of Jeremiah and the Qumran Jeremianic Traditions: Prophetic Persona and the Construction of Community Identity*,” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 24 (2017): 316-18.
- 2016 “Review of Mika S. Pajunen, *The Land to the Elect and Justice for All: Reading Psalms in the Dead Sea Scrolls in Light of 4Q381*,” *Revue de Qumran* 28 (2016): 295-97.

Dictionary Entries

- 2017 “Laban (Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism); “Lysias”; “Maapha”; “Macron” in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. C. Helmer, et al.; 30 vols.; Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009-).
- 2016 “לָדַע,” in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten* (eds. H.-J. Fabry and U. Dahmen; 3 vols.; Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2011-2016).

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Varieties of Writing, Truth, and Power in the Book of Daniel” (Co-authored with Laura Carlson Hasler; Paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference; December 16, 2020)
- 2020 “The Qumran Rule Texts and the Ontology of Literature in Early Judaism” (Paper presented at the SBL Virtual Annual Meeting; Program Unit: Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible; December 10, 2020)
- 2020 “Were All Texts Meant to be Transmitted?: The Three Vices Tradition in Early

- Judaism” (Paper presented at *Literary Creativity and Forgetting*, an online panel organized through the BRANE collective; October 8, 2020)
- 2019 “May the Doer of His Will Ascend as a Fine Fragrance’ (*Jub. 2:22*): God’s רצון in the Second Temple Period” (Paper presented at the Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference; San Diego, CA; December 15-17, 2019)
- 2019 “What Was the *Aramaic Levi Document*?” (Paper presented at the Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar; New Haven, CT; March 31-April 1, 2019)
- 2018 “Law and Truth in the *Serekh ha-Yahad*” (Paper presented at the Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar; Princeton, NJ; April 29-30, 2018)
- 2017 “Ontologies of Biblical Literature Between Scribalism and Criticism” (Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting; Program Unit: Philology in Hebrew Studies; Boston, MA; November 18-21, 2017)
- 2017 “Non-Biblical Evidence for a Biblical Conundrum: Plurality and the Ontology of Literature in the *Serakhim*, *Ezra*, and *1 Esdras*” (Paper presented at *Textual Plurality Beyond the Biblical Texts*; Metz, France; October 17-19, 2017)
- 2017 “And He (Did Not) Let Him Know the Completion of the Era’: Prophetic Authority and Scribal Anxiety in the *Pesher Habakkuk* from Qumran” (Paper presented at *Between Heaven and Earth: Divination, Prophecy, and Oracles in the Ancient World*; New Haven, CT; April 20-21, 2017)
- 2017 “Materiality, Reading, and Revelation: The Case of the Qumran Opisthographs” (Paper presented at the Regional Seminar in Ancient Judaism; New York, NY; March 5-6, 2017)
- 2016 “The *Aramaic Levi Document* and the Limits of Philology” (Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting; Program Unit: Philology in Hebrew Studies; San Antonio, TX; November 19, 2016)
- 2016 “Does 4QChronicles (4Q118) Contain a Non-Canonical Psalm?” (Paper presented at the Ninth Meeting of the International Organization for Qumran Studies; Leuven, Belgium; July 17-20, 2016)
- 2016 “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Textual Criticism: New Perspectives” (Paper presented in the Lightning Round at the Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar; Philadelphia, PA; March 6-7, 2016)
- 2015 “The *Aramaic Levi Document* at Qumran” (Poster presented at *Manuscience ’15 Franco-German Summer School. Manuscripts: From Fragments to Books – From*

Identification to Interpretation; Frauenchiemsee, Germany; September 6-12, 2015)

- 2014 "Wisdom, Shared History, and Subcultural Formation in the *Damascus Document*" (Paper presented at *Rethinking the Boundaries of Sapiential Traditions in Ancient Judaism*; Metz, France; October, 2014)
- 2014 "Response to Eibert Tigchelaar, 'Jeremiah's Scriptures in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Growth of a Tradition'" (Paper presented at *Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, Transformation*; Ascona, Switzerland; June, 2014)
- 2014 "Compositional Technique in the *Temple Scroll*: Creative Interpretation and Integrative Interpretation in the Passover Legislation" (Paper presented at the Enoch Graduate Seminar; Montreal, Quebec; May, 2014)
- 2014 "Heavenly Ascent for Philo's 'Friends of God' and the Qumran Sectarians" (Paper presented at *Philo and His Readers*; New Haven, CT; March, 2014)

Research Languages

Hebrew

- Biblical (Excellent)
- Qumran (Excellent)
- Mishnaic (Fair)

Greek

- Koine (Good)

Aramaic

- Biblical (Excellent)
- Qumran (Excellent)
- Syriac (Good)

Ethiopic (Excellent)

- German (Good)
- French (Fair)
- Spanish (Good)

Professional Organizations

- Association for Jewish Studies
- Catholic Biblical Association
- Society of Biblical Literature