

Ancient Egyptian Civilization (NES 2669)
Biblical Archaeology (NES 3588)
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (NES 2724)
Introduction to Judaism (NES 2644)
History of the Modern Middle East (NES 2674)
History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict (NES 3697)
Myth and Religion in Mesopotamia (NES 2575)

Publications

- In Progress** *Brothers in Arms: Tribal Politics, Scribal Practice, and the Making of Israel in the Hebrew Bible*
- In Progress** “Concerning Our Brothers Who Dwell Upstream”: The Kin Term *Aḥum* and the Separate Contours of Yaminite and Sim’alite Group Identity.
- Forthcoming** “Assyriology and the Allosaurus: Sources, Symbols, and Memory at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.” *Edited Volume*. Edited by Jennifer Singletary and Chiara Meccariello. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- 2019** “Fossilized Jews and Witnessing Dinosaurs at the Creation Museum: Public Remembering and Forgetting at a Young Earth Creationist ‘Memory Place.’” *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 14/1 (2019): 1-25.
- 2018** “Edom, Judah, and the Converse Constructions of Israeliteness in Genesis 36.” *Vetus Testamentum* 68/1 (2018):111-128.
- “Myth and Secularism: The Place of ‘Myth’ in Teaching Human Difference and Global Engagement.” Pages 79-85 in *(Re)Considering Diversity, Human Difference and Global Engagement at Muhlenberg*. Muhlenberg College, 2018.
- 2016** “Atrahasis,” “Enuma Elish,” and “Ishtar’s Decent.” Pages 108, 248-249, and 299-300 in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Edited by Eric Olin. New York: Routledge, 2016.
- 2006** Aini, Leah. “Rose of Lebanon.” Translated from Modern Hebrew to English by Dustin Nash. *Asia: The Quarterly Magazine of Asian Literature* 1/3 (2006): 116-150.

Book Reviews

- 2016** Review of Gershon Hepner, *Legal Friction: Law, Narrative, and Identity in Biblical Israel*. *Review of Biblical Literature*.

Conference Papers and Panels

- 2019** “Reassessing Interfaith Relations in American Jewish Studies.” Discussant. 51st Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies. Dec. 15.
- 2018** “Assyriology and the Allosaurus: Inverse Rhetorical Strategies Concerning the ‘Past’ at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.” 64th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Jul. 19.

“Dinosaurs and Jews at the Creation Museum: History, Memory, and the Future of Evangelical-Jewish Relations in America.” Ohio Academy of History Spring Meeting, Mar. 24.

“Myth and Secularism: The Place of ‘Myth’ in Teaching Human Difference and Global Engagement.” (Re)Considering Diversity, Human Difference and Global Engagement at Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg College, Feb. 2.

- 2015** “Good Fences Make Good Neighbors: Judah, Edom, and Converse Constructions of Israeliteness in Genesis 36.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Genesis Section, Nov. 21-24.
- “The Separate Contours of Sim’alite and Yaminite Group Identity in Letters from Mari.” 225th Meeting of the American Oriental Society, March 13-16.
- 2013** “The Representation of Inter-Group ‘Brotherhood’ in the Hebrew Bible and the Mari Archives: The Akkadian Evidence and its Biblical Implications.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section, Nov. 24.
- 2010** “Enlil and Marduk, Nippur and Babylon: Old Babylonian Religious Ideology and the *Geography of Religion*.” Knowledge and Power in Ancient Iraq: An Academic Symposium Honoring David I. Owen. Oct. 29.
- 2009** “My Brother! Hebrew אב and Benjamin’s Place within Israel in Ju 19-21.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Section, Nov. 23.

Colloquium Presentations and Public Talks

- 2020** “Between Babylon and Jerusalem: Israel and Mesopotamia in their Ancient Near Eastern World.” Moments in Jewish History: A 7-Part Series. Program presented via Zoom. Nov. 9.
- 2018** “Witnessing Dinosaurs and Fossilized Jews at the Creation Museum.” Department of Near Eastern Studies Graduate Seminar Series. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Dec. 3.
- “The Language of Prayer.” Temple Beth El, Allentown, PA, Oct. 20.
- “Sin and Forgiveness in the Tanakh.” Temple Beth El, Allentown, PA, Sept. 1.
- “Humor in the Hebrew Bible.” First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Allentown, PA, May 13.
- “The Mesopotamians in the World of Ancient Israel and the Tanak.” Guest Speaker Series, Jewish Day School of the Lehigh Valley, Jan. 12.
- “The *Messiah* in the Hebrew Bible and Jewish Tradition.” First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, Allentown, PA, Jan. 7.
- 2017** “Dinosaurs and Jews: How the Creation Museum Reads the Past.” First Friday Discussion, Institute for Jewish Christian Understanding. Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA, Nov. 3.
- “The Immortal Soul and the ‘World to Come’: Jewish Perspectives on the Afterlife.” Adult Forum Series: “I believe...” Episcopal Church of the Mediator, Allentown, PA, May 7.

“On Dinosaurs and Jews at the Creation Museum.” Religion Studies Colloquium Series. Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA, Mar. 24.

- 2015** “Good Fences Make Good Neighbors: Judah, Edom, and Converse Constructions of Israeliteness in Genesis 36.” Religion Studies Colloquium Series. Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA, Oct. 16.
- 2011** “The Tribes of Israel as ‘Brothers.’” Department of Near Eastern Studies Colloquium Series. Cornell University, Ithaca NY, April 16.
- 2008** “My Brother! Hebrew אָח and Benjamin’s Place within Israel in Judges 19-21.” Department of Near Eastern Studies Colloquium Series. Cornell University, Ithaca NY, Nov. 3.

Areas of Specialization

Primary: Biblical Studies, Jewish Studies, Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Secondary: Method in Religious, Biblical, and Jewish Studies, Religion and Identity, Pedagogy in Teaching Writing

Languages For Teaching and Research

Hebrew (Biblical, Mishnaic, and Modern), Aramaic (Ancient, Archaemenid, Biblical, Jewish-Palestinian, and Syriac), Akkadian, Sumerian, Ugaritic, Greek (Attic and Koine), German, and French.

Honors, Grants, and Awards

- 2019** Recipient, Spring 2019 Bridge Builder Award, Academic Resource Center, Muhlenberg College
- 2018** Recipient, Fall 2018 Bridge Builder Award, Academic Resource Center, Muhlenberg College
- 2017** Recipient, Direct Expense Grant, Faculty Development and Scholarship Committee, Muhlenberg College
- Recipient, Summer Research Grant, Faculty Development and Scholarship Committee, Muhlenberg College
- 2016** Recipient, New Course Development Grant, Faculty Center for Teaching, Muhlenberg College
- 2013** Recipient, Cornell University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant
- 2011** Recipient, Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2010** Doctoral Exams passed “With Distinction,” Cornell University
- 2009** Recipient, Cornell University Graduate School Conference Travel Grant
- 2008** Recipient, Beatrice R. Kanders Memorial Scholarship for the Intensive Study of Greek or Latin, Cornell University
- 2007** Recipient, Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

Academic Societies

Association for Jewish Studies; American Oriental Society; Society of Biblical Literature

References

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