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Education

Ph.D. Emory University, Hebrew Bible, 2008
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 2003
B.A., *magna cum laude* Amherst College, 1996

Additional coursework

University of California-Davis, 2000-2001 (Classical Greek)
Swarthmore in Grenoble, France 1995

Archaeology

Lahav Research Project (Tell Halif, Israel), 2007; Directors: Oded Borowski, Emory University; James W. Hardin, Mississippi State University

Professional Experience

Fuller Theological Seminary

2008-present D. Wilson Moore Assistant Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Courses taught: Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 1-39; Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 40-66; Israelite Religion in its Ancient Near Eastern Context; History and Historiography of Ancient Israel; History, Cultures and Literature of the Ancient Near East; Advanced Hebrew; Beginning Ugaritic; Special Topics in Ugaritology; Akkadian I&II

Emory University / Candler School of Theology

2006-08 Candler Writing Center Coordinator
2006-07 Adjunct Instructor of Old Testament

Grants and Awards

Fuller Theological Seminary

Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, 2010-11
Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar, Pacific Coast Region nominee, 2010
ECF Faculty Grant, Summer 2010
Solomon Fellowship Travel Grant, Board of Rabbis of Southern California, Summer

2010

Emory University

Woodruff Honors Fellowship, 2003-2008
Catholic Biblical Association Memorial Stipend, 2006-2008
American Schools of Oriental Research Platt Scholarship, 2007
Biblical Archaeology Review Dig Scholarship, 2007
Graduate Division of Religion Summer Research Grants, 2007, 2004
ASOR Joseph Callaway Prize for Biblical Archaeology, 2005
Teaching and the Environment Honors Stipend, 2004

Princeton Theological Seminary

McLaren Essay Prize for Biblical Theology, 2002 and 2003
Gehman Award for Old Testament, 2002
Roberts Scholarship in Preaching, 2002
Hodge Prize for Systematic Theology, 2002
Princeton Theological Seminary Merit Fellowship, 2000-2003

Amherst College

Corbin English Prize (top senior thesis), 1996
Collin Armstrong Poetry Prize, 1996

Publications

Books

Isaiah. Abingdon Old Testament Commentary. Under contract.
Hidden Riches: A Textbook for the Comparative Study of the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East. Under contract with Westminster John Knox.
Death in the Iron Age II and in the Rhetoric of First Isaiah. Forthcoming with Mohr Siebeck in *Forschungen zum Alten Testament*.

Journal articles

"The Egyptian Goddess Mut in Iron-Age Palestine: Further Data From Amulets and Onomastics." Under submission with *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*.
"Re-Excavating Shebna's Tomb: A New Reading of Isa 22:15-19 in its Ancient Near Eastern Context," *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 122 (2010): 558-75.
"The Book of Isaiah in Contemporary Research." *Religion Compass*, forthcoming.
"Bard Called the Tune: Whither Theological Exegesis in the Post-Childs Era?" *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4 (2010): 139-52.
"The Covenant with Mut: A New Interpretation of Isaiah 28:1-22." *Vetus Testamentum* 60 (2010): 212-40.
"What Sort of Friends?: A New Proposal Regarding מְיֻדָּים and מְיֻדָּיִים in Job 13:4." *Biblica* 90 (2009): 394-99.
"The Dead and Their Images: An Egyptian Etymology for Hebrew מְוֹבָב," (first author, with Joel M. LeMon), *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 1 (2009): 1-4.
"Damming Egypt / Damning Egypt: The Paronomasia of *skr* and the Unity of Isa 19:1-15." *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 120 (2008): 612-16.
"The Silence of the Wives: Bakhtin's Monologism and Ezra 7-10." *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 33 (2008): 59-80.
"Chirps From the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 126 (2007): 303-23.
" 'Lest Ye Perish in the Way': Ritual and Kinship in Exodus 4:24-26." *Hebrew Studies* 48 (2007): 237-252.
"Kirtu and the 'Yoke of the Poor': A New Interpretation of an Old Crux (KTU 1.16 VI:48)." *Ugarit-Forschungen* 37 (2005): 361-370.
"How Shall We Sing?: Psalm 137 in Historical and Canonical Context." *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 27.2 (December 2005): 35-55.
" 'Blessed Be Egypt My People': Karl Barth and the Election of the Outsider in the Old Testament." *Princeton Theological Review* 10 (2003): 30-41

Articles in edited volumes

- “Isaiah as ‘Colonized Poet’: The Rhetoric of Death in Resistance Literature,” in *Isaiah and Empire*. Edited by Tim Bulkeley and Tim Meadowcroft, forthcoming.
- “Job and Ancient Near Eastern Texts,” in *Reading Job Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes, forthcoming.
- “Religio-Historical Approaches: Monotheism, Method, and Mortality,” Pages 169-93 in *Method Matters: Essays on the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Honor of David L. Petersen*. Edited by Joel M. LeMon and Kent H. Richards. Atlanta: SBL, 2009.
- “Echoes of the Ancient Near East?: Intertextuality and the Comparative Study of the Old Testament.” Pages 20-43 in *The Word Leaps the Gap: Essays on Scripture and Theology in Honor of Richard B. Hays*. Edited by J. Ross Wagner, C. Kavin Rowe, and A. Katherine Grieb. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eerdmans, 2009.
- Essays on Lev. 19:1-18, Micah 3:5-12 and Rev 7:9-17 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year B*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, forthcoming.
- Essays on Exod 12:1-14, Isa 52:13-53:12, and Lam 3:1-24 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year C*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2008.
- Essays on Isa 60:1-6, 61:10-62:3 and Jer 31:7-14 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year B*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Isaiah” in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “בער, ‘brennen’ ” in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten*. Universität Bonn, forthcoming.
- “Death” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets* (InterVarsity Press, forthcoming).
- “Amariah,” “Amasai,” “Amashsai,” “Amasiah,” and “Ashhur” in vol. A of the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, edited by L. Seow and H. Spieckermann. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2007.

Translations

- Co-translator of Isaiah in the Common English Bible, edited by David L. Petersen and Joel B. Green. (Information: ournewbible.com) Abingdon Press, forthcoming.

Popular publications

- “The Flawed Economics of Answering Fools: Why Christian Engagement With Culture Should Be More Selective,” *Christianity Today*, forthcoming.
- “Tell Halif, 2007,” *ASOR Newsletter*, Spring 2008.
- “Versions and Translations of the Bible,” *SBL-Site.org*, November 2007 (<http://www.sbl-site.org/educational/bibleandcommentary.aspx>)
- “Tell Halif, 2007 season,” *FindADig.com* (Biblical Archaeology Society), 2007.
- “The Wright Stuff?: Scholars Discuss *Mere Christianity* at SBL Annual Meeting 2006.” *SBL Forum*, March 2007.
- “ ‘Beyond ‘Context’: Asian Hermeneutics at the National Meeting.” *SBL Forum*, January 2005.
- “Presidential Address by David L. Petersen.” *SBL Forum*, December 2004.
- “The Best Practices in Teaching Workshop: A Look at One New Program Unit.” *SBL Forum*, December 2004.

Book Reviews

Review of Mark S. Smith. *God in Translation: Deities in Cross-Cultural Discourse in the Biblical World* (FAT 57; Mohr Siebeck, 2008), *Review of Biblical Literature*.

(http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7225_7865.pdf)

Review of Stephanie Budin, *The Myth of Sacred Prostitution in Antiquity* (Cambridge Univ., 2008) *Religious Studies Review*, 2010.

Review of Rüdiger Lux, *Prophetie und Zweiter Tempel: Studien zu Haggai und Sacharja*. (FAT 65; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009) *Religious Studies Review*, 2009.

Review of Steven Holloway, ed., *Orientalism, Assyriology and the Bible* (HBM 10; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2006) *Review of Biblical Literature*, October 2007

(<http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=5634>).

Conference Papers

“Isaiah as ‘Colonized Poet’: The Rhetoric of Death in Resistance Literature,” in the Isaiah and Empire Colloquium, Auckland, NZ, February 14-15, 2011.

“The Egyptian Goddess Mut in Iron-Age Palestine: Further Data From Amulets and Onomastics,” 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“Ancient Near Eastern History and the History of Ancient Israel,” 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“Finding Your Niche in Biblical Studies,” Panelist, 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“‘It’s the Tomb, Shebna’: A New Reading of Isaiah 22:15–19 in its Ancient Near Eastern Context,” WECSOR, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2010.

“Online Resources for Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Promise and Problems,” WECSOR, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2010.

“*Bibel und Aššur*: Questioning ‘Babylonian Bias’ to Reclaim the Neo-Assyrian Period for Biblical Studies,” 2009 WECSOR Meeting, Santa Clara, Ca.

“Prophecy, Intertextuality and the Comparative Method,” 2007 Annual SBL Meeting, San Diego, Ca.

“‘Fully Divine, Fully Human’: A Chalcedonian Approach to Teaching and Studying the Bible,” 2006 SECSOR Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.

“Lest Ye Perish in the Way”: Magic and Kinship in Exodus 4:24-26,” 2005 International SBL Meeting, Singapore.

“The Silence of the Wives: Bakhtin’s Monologism and Ezra 7-10,” 2005 National SBL Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa.

“Chirps From the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in Its ANE Context,” 2005 SECSOR Meeting, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Other Public Lectures

“Finding Your Niche in Biblical Studies,” Biblical Division Colloquium, Fuller Seminary, Nov. 11, 2010.

“The Struggle to Understand the Bible as Fully Human” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, April 21, 2010.

“What’s a Messiah?” La Cañada Presbyterian Church, Dec. 13, 2009

“‘If the King James Version Was Good Enough for Jesus...’: The Truth About Bible Translations.” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, July 22, 2009.

“Isaiah in the New Testament,” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, April 13, 2009.

Languages

Ancient: Hebrew (epigraphic, biblical, and rabbinic), Akkadian, Ugaritic, Aramaic, West Semitic dialects, Greek (classical and *koine*), Latin, Middle Egyptian (basic)

Modern: French, German

Professional Affiliations and Service

Society of Biblical Literature

Steering committee for Critical Historiography consultation

Presided at Ancient Near East session of Singapore International Meeting, 2005.

American Schools of Oriental Research

American Oriental Society

International Association for Assyriology

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

Catholic Biblical Association

American Academy of Religion

Church service

Ordained as minister of word and sacrament in Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Leader for PC-USA Company of New Pastors mentoring group at Fuller Seminary

Other Experience

2003-2008 Intern, Society of Biblical Literature

2007 Reference supervisor, Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary

2005-2007 Editorial assistant and staff reviewer for the *Journal of Biblical Literature*

2002 Research assistant for C.L. Seow, Hebrew Dictionary Project, Princeton Theological Seminary

1996-2000 Newspaper editor, *Newsday* and *The Sacramento Bee*

References

Available upon request.