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OBJECTIVE

Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel (expected spring 2008)

Dissertation: "The Plenary Reception of Revelation: An Investigation into the Reception of Revealed Law in the Tanakh and in Jewish Writings of the Second Temple Period"

Vanderbilt Graduate Department of Religion

Advisor and First Reader: Douglas A. Knight

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN M.A. in Religion, August 2003

Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee

B.A. in Religion; Minor in Biblical Languages, May 1994

FACULTY ENRICHMENT: SUMMER STUDY

Siegel College of Judaic Studies, Cleveland Ohio

Advanced Modern Hebrew Ulpan (4 weeks intensive) 2003

Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Intermediate Modern Hebrew Ulpan Summer, 1999 (*ramah gimel*, 6 weeks intensive)

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION

Inspiration and Authority in the Bible

The Israelite Priesthood

Legal Traditions in the Hebrew Bible and Intertestamental Literature

Second Temple Literature and Languages;

Prophecy in Chronicles and in the Psalter

The Alien in the Hebrew Bible

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Development of the Biblical Text

RESEARCH LANGUAGES: German, Modern Hebrew, French, Spanish, Italian

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ANCIENT LANGUAGES: Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Greek, Akkadian (transliterated), Latin

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of the South School of Theology
Instructor of Hebrew and Old Testament (¾ time faculty) 2005-2007

The University of the South School of Theology
Full Time Instructor of Hebrew and Old Testament 2003-2005

The University of the South School of Theology
Assistant Professor of Hebrew (¾ time faculty) 2001-2002

The School of Religion
Belmont University, Nashville Tennessee
Adjunct Professor of Religion 1997-2002

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

University of the South (2001-)

Old Testament Foundations I, II <u>Seminars:</u> The Book of Isaiah The Old Testament Apocrypha The Dead Sea Scrolls The Psalms Priests and Conflict (Israelite priesthood in OT and 2d T Lit)	Beginning Biblical Hebrew I, II Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I, II Advanced Biblical Hebrew I Modern Hebrew I, II
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Belmont University (1997-2002)

Old Testament History New Testament History	Major and Minor Prophets Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature
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TEACHER ASSISTANTSHIPS

Vanderbilt University

Belmont University

Themes in Western Religion: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam Literature, Religion, and Faith of Ancient Israel	Koine Greek
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Guest Lecturing:

2006 “The Old Testament in the New” (School of Theology)
1997 Biblical Hebrew (Vanderbilt Divinity School)

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1995 Biblical Hebrew (Belmont University)
1995-1997 Koine Greek (Belmont University)
1992-1994 Jazz-Rock Music Ensemble (Belmont University)

ACADEMIC LECTURES AND PAPERS

- “Integrating the Alien” Joint Session of the Pentateuch and Deuteronomistic History
Sections: Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical
Literature, San Diego, November 2007
- “Priestly Power that Empowers: Cross-Denominational Alliance and ‘Popular Religious
Groups’ in Israel” Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures:
Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2007
- “Revisiting Levitical Authorship: What Would Moses Think?” Biblical and Ancient
Near Eastern Law Session, The International Meeting of the Society of Biblical
Literature, Vienna, Austria July 2007
- “Openness to the Other Inside and Outside of Numbers” Colloquium Biblicum
Lovaniense LV –*The Books of Leviticus and Numbers* Leuven, Belgium August
2006
- “Non-Mosaic” Legislation in Ezekiel, Nehemiah, and 1–2 Samuel” Theological
Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section: Annual Meeting of the Society of
Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2004
- “Mosegestalten and ‘Mosaic Institutions’” Theological Paradigms Section: The 18th
Congress of The International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament,
Leiden, The Netherlands August 2004
- “Reading Tobit Backwards and Forwards: In Search of *Lost Halakhah*” Apocrypha and
Pseudepigrapha Section: The International Meeting of the Society of Biblical
Literature, Gröningen, The Netherlands July 2004
- “יש פער?” The Hebrew Inscriptional ‘Gap’ in Persian Period Eretz-Israel”
Biblical Studies Section: The International Conference on Hebrew Language,
Literature and Culture of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, Austin,
Texas June 2004
- “Immediate or Mediate? An Investigation into the Mosaic Role as Law-Giver vis-à-vis
Revealed Wisdom in Late Second Temple Judaism.” Pentateuchal Studies:
International Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, England 2003
- “Power and Principle: The Making and Maintenance of Scripture.” Intertestamental
History & Literature: International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature,
Rome, Italy 2001
- “When Evidence was Self-Evident and Authority was Assumed Rather than Announced”
(Exhaustive treatment of evidentiary law in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew
Bible) American Schools of Oriental Research: Central States Meeting of the Society
of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, 2001
- “Multilingualism and *Biblicizing Jargons*: What Was the *Spoken* Language of Judeans
from the Second Temple Period until the Early Centuries C.E.?” Aramaic Studies:
Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, 2000
- “A Family Crisis? The Effects of Qumran on the Changing Relationship among the
Translations.” Joint session of the International Organization of Septuagint and

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Cognate Studies and Text Criticism of the Hebrew Bible: Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, 1999

INVITED LECTURES

- “In a Strange Land: Zion’s Songs Remembered” to be presented to The Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama Lent Forum, March 12, 2008
Paper on the Levitical Priests in a Rural Context for the *Levites and Priests in History and Tradition* Section, Annual Meeting Society of Biblical Literature in Boston, November 2008 (proceedings to be published in the SBL Symposium Series)
“Remembering James Barr” Speech to be delivered at the Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia March 7-9, 2008
“Pilgrimage Psalms” Lecture at Smyrna United Methodist Church, Smyrna TN (“Summer in the Psalms” series) August 10, 2006
“‘Like a Weaned Child’: Female Voices in the Psalms” Pinnacle Luncheon, Women’s Center, University of the South April 12, 2006
“Jewish Fundamentalism: The Haredim and the Ne’emanei Eretz Yisrael” Otey Episcopal Church, Sewanee TN 7 November 2004 (NB: research conducted in consultation with Jewish faculty)
“How the Dead Sea Scrolls Modify our View of the Old and New Testaments” *Ecce quam bonum* (University of the South Faculty Club) 26 October 2004

CHAIR: ISRAELITE RELIGION PROGRAM UNIT

International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature 2008-

PRESIDING AND PANEL DISCUSSION AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “In Honor of James Barr” (1924-2006) Panel Discussion, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, Austria 2007
Pentateuch Section, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, Austria 2007
Apocalyptic Literature Section, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Gröningen, The Netherlands 2004

STEERING COMMITTEE

Steering Committee of the Social Sciences and Hebrew Bible Program Unit, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature 2008-

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2003 Study grant from the University of the South for summer study at Siegel College of Judaic Studies, Cleveland Ohio

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1999 Study grant from Vanderbilt University for summer study at Hebrew University, Jerusalem
1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 Travel grants to present academic papers from Vanderbilt University, Sewanee, The University of the South, and The Appalachian College Association, The School of Theology (Sewanee)
1994 Roy Helton Outstanding Student Award, Belmont University
1993 American Bible Society's Greek Scholar Award

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

European Association for Biblical Studies
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
Society of Biblical Literature

COMMITTEES AND SERVICE AS FACULTY-ADVISOR

Faculty Advisor for Campus Ministry 2005-2006
Library and Information Resources, University of the South, 2004-2005
Chaired Advisor-Advisee Subcommittee 2004
Pre-Professional Academic Committee, Belmont University, 2001
Pastoral Concerns Committee, School of Theology, 2004-2005

PUBLICATIONS

“Openness to the Other Inside and Outside of Numbers,” in T. Römer (ed.), *The Books of Leviticus and Numbers. Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense LV, 1-3 August 2006*, BEThL, Peeters Publishing, Leuven (forthcoming in 2007)
“Revisiting Levitical Authorship: What Would Moses Think?” *Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtsgeschichte* 13 (2007): 194-236.
“Reading Tobit Backwards and Forwards: In Search of Lost Halakhah” *Henoah: Studies in Judaism and Christianity From Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 28/1 (2006): 63-96.
“The Servants in the Songs.” Holy Week Sermon 2005, Chapel of the Apostles, The University of the South” *Sewanee Theological Review* 49/3 (2006): 365-77.
“Courtyard” and “Hamitic,” s.v. *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, Eerdmans 2000. s.v.

Exegetical Articles in *Tuesday Morning: Resource for Ministry and Liturgical Preaching* simultaneously published in *Australian Ministry Digest* until 2003): Ezekiel 37 (Dec-Oct 2001); Matt 10:24-39 (Apr-Jun 2002) Luke 17:11-19 (Oct-Dec 2002); Mark 2:1-12 (Jan-Mar 2003); Mark 4:35-41 (Apr-Jun 2003); Mark 13:1-8 (Oct-Dec 2003); Luke 6:17-26 (Apr-Jun 2004) Isa 63:7-9, Heb 2:10-18, Matt 2:13-23 (Oct-Dec 2004); Matt 12:4-23 (Jan-Mar 2005); Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:15-23 (April-June 2005); Isa 51:1-6; Matt 16:13-20 (July-Sept 2005); Psalm 126 (Oct-Dec 2005); Isaiah 60:1-6 (Jan-Mar 2006)

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TRANSLATION

Rudolf Schnackenburg, [The Friend We Have in Jesus](#) (German to English) Westminster John Knox Press. (Louisville: 1997).

Morag, Shlomo. "Language and Style in MMT" (*signon ve'lashon b'megillat miqsa ma'aseh hatorah: ha'im katav 'moreh hatsedeq' igeret zot?*). *Tarbiz* 65 (1996): 209-23. (ET unpublished; classroom use only)

Yigael Yadin and E. L. Sukenik, "The Dead Sea Scrolls" (*hamegillot memidbar yehudah*) (excerpted from "hamegillot hagenuzot memidbar yehuda", in "agada shel lashon" by Mazal Cohen, Akademon. Jerusalem: 1992). (ET unpublished; classroom use only)

Bail, Ulrike. "Die Psalmen: Who is Speaking may be *all* that Matters." *Kompendium Feministische Bibelauslegung* (1998): 180-91 (ET unpublished; classroom use only)

BOOK REVIEWS

J. J. Collins, "Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, with CD-Rom." *Sewanee Theological Review* (forthcoming).

M. O'Brien and H. Wallace (eds), "Seeing Signals, Reading Signs: The Art of Exegesis. Studies in Honour of Antony F. Campbell, SJ for his Seventieth Birthday." *Review of Biblical Literature* (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4630_4903.pdf).

D. Benjamin, "The Old Testament Story: An Introduction, with CD-ROM." *Anglican Theological Review* 87, no. 3 (2005) 490-491.

S. Tuell, "First and Second Chronicles." *Sewanee Theological Review* 47/4 2004.

J. P. Fokkelman, "Reading Biblical Poetry: An Introductory Guide." *Sewanee Theological Review* 47/4 2004.

Douglas K. Stuart, "Old Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors." (3rd edition) *Sewanee Theological Review* 47/4 2004.

Paul K. Hooker, "First and Second Chronicles." *Sewanee Theological Review* 47/4 2004).

J. Beck, "Translators as Storytellers: A Study in Septuagint Translation Technique." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* vol. 45/1 March 2002.

Short reviews of Vanderbilt faculty publications in *The Spire*, Vanderbilt University, 1996.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Of Priests and Kings: Biblical Personalities Associated with Legislation in the Hebrew Bible," a book project, publisher not yet determined.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mac/PC Power Point, Bible Works 7, Web CT, personal webpage development (<http://sitemason.sewanee.edu/site/fKPALC>), interactive map software, good knowledge of multimedia equipment

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (part time employment during graduate school)

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1997-2002 Vanderbilt Divinity Library Judaica Bibliographer

1996-1997 Vanderbilt Divinity Library Hebrew Bible and Judaica Bibliographer

Collection development; web site development; creating and maintaining extensive online bibliographies; special collection presentations to academic societies; international collection analysis at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Ramat Gan library; research librarian; Judaica and Special Collections technical advisor; developing media tutorials and new media presentations; new student orientation; tour of Vanderbilt's Judaica Collection; multimedia tutorials.

1995-2002 Vanderbilt Central Library Microform Media: assisted faculty and students with their research and use of media.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Faculty advisor for Campus Ministries (undergraduates at the college)

Preaching in local churches and in the seminary Chapel of the Apostles

Arranging music for University fund-raising events

Taizé Worship Ensemble (classical guitar) 2003-2006

Arranging music for Spanish Eucharist Service, Chapel of the Apostles

Benefit concerts for hurricane victims and local ministries

Participating in outreach ministries for community members with disabilities

Performances with the University of the South Jazz Orchestra

"German for Reading" course offered gratis to seminary community

References available upon request