

CURRICULUM VITAE

Annalisa Azzoni, Ph.D.

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Education:

2001 - Ph.D.: Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University (defended on September 28, 2000) in the field of Hebrew Bible / Northwest Semitic Philology. Dissertation topic: "The Private Life of Women in Persian Egypt". Advisors: Dr. Raymond Westbrook and Dr. P. Kyle McCarter Jr.

1989 - *Laurea* in Classical Literature: Istituto di Glottologia, *Università degli Studi* of Milan, Italy. Major: Hebrew and Semitic Languages. Dissertation topic: "L'onomastica dei papiri in scrittura aramaica di Saqqara Nord". Advisors: Prof. Maria Luisa Modena Mayer (*Università degli Studi* of Milan) and Prof. Frederick Mario Fales (University of Udine)

Professional Experience:

Currently (since September 2003) employed as Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible/Near Eastern Cultures at the Divinity School, Vanderbilt University.

a. Research

2000-03 Associate Research Scholar at *The Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon Project*. Under the direction of Dr. Stephen A. Kaufman at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH.
Responsibilities: Lexicography, CAL Website design, Bibliography, Text processing.

1993-94 Research Assistant at the Department of the History of the Jewish People, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Under the direction of Dr. Bezalel Porten

b. Teaching

- 2005 Spring Semester "Sexuality in the Bible and the Ancient Near East" and "The Book of Daniel" at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2004 Fall Semester "Wisdom Literature" and "The Targums" at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2004 Spring Semester: "Ezra-Nehemiah" and "Ugaritic" at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2003 Fall semester: "Biblical Aramaic" and "Women in the Ancient Near East" at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2003 Summer intensive course: "Semitic Philology" as Substitute Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 2001 Summer intensive course: "Introduction to Akkadian - The Babylonian Version of the Behistun Inscription in comparison with the Aramaic Version" as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 2000 Summer intensive course: "Introduction to Akkadian - The legend of Sargon" as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 1999 Summer intensive course: "Women in the Bible and the Ancient Near East" as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan

- 1999 Spring semester: “Survey of Aramaic Texts (from Old Aramaic to Syriac)” as Instructor (graduate level) The Johns Hopkins University
- 1998 Fall semester: Dean’s Fellowship course entitled “Voices of Ancient Women” at The Johns Hopkins University
- 1997-98 Instructor of Elementary Biblical Hebrew at The Johns Hopkins University
- 1997 Spring semester: Instructor of Biblical Aramaic (graduate level) at The Johns Hopkins University
- 1990 Spring semester: Teaching Assistant for a Seminar on the Aramaic Papyri from Elephantine at the *Università degli Studi* of Venice

c. Workshops

- 23 March 2004 – “How to Be a Good Mentor: A Discussion with Faculty” (with other Vanderbilt Faculty) at the *Eighteenth Annual Graduate Student Research Week* (by invitation of the Graduate Student Council)
- 26 March 2003 – Graduate Workshop “Practical Tips for Writing and Completing a Rabbinic Thesis and a Doctoral Dissertation at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, in collaboration with Dr. H  l  ne Dallaire
- 23 January 2003 – Graduate Workshop “The Aramaization of Assyria” at the Oriental Institute/ Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

Additional experience:

1998/2000

Information and Reference Desk attendant at the Milton S. Eisenhower Library at the Johns Hopkins University

Awards:

- 1998 Dean’s Teaching Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University
- 1997/98 Samuel Iwry Fellowship for graduate study at The Johns Hopkins University
- 1993-94 “Borsa di studio per Ricerca e Perfezionamento all’Estero” from the *Università degli Studi* of Milan for research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem
- 1992 “Borsa di studio” from the Italian Foreign Ministry for research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Publications:

Books:

The Private Life of Women in Persian Egypt [forthcoming]

Aramaic Legal Texts from the Neo-Assyrian to the Roman Empire [forthcoming]

Articles:

“Women and Property in Persian Egypt and Mesopotamia” in the Papers of the Colloquium on Women and Property in ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean Societies at the Center for Hellenic Studies (Harvard University) in Washington, DC [forthcoming]

“Un giuramento ebraico ad Elefantina d’Egitto” *ACME. Annali della Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia dell’Università degli Studi di Milano* 53/2 (2000) 265-271

“An Achaemenid Loanword in the Legal Code of Hermopolis: *3bykrm*” *ENCHORIA* 26 (2000), 20-30 [in collaboration with Sandra Lippert]

Book Reviews:

Review of B. Chiesa, *Filologia Storica della Bibbia Ebraica*, (Brescia: Paideia, 2000) for *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (Forthcoming)

Review of R. Katzoff and D. Schaps, *Law in the Documents of the Judaean Desert* (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2005) for *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (Forthcoming)

Public Lectures:

4, 18, 25 October 2004 “The Surprising Women of the Ancient Near East: What You Need to Know” at the Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville TN

14 July 2004 “The Da Vinci Code: the Point of View of a Scholar” at the Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

17 March 2004 - “Life in a Jewish Colony in Elephantine, Egypt” at the Department of Classics, Vanderbilt University

12 January 2004 - Respondent in the Symposium “Does Biblical History have a Future? King David as a Test Case” Vanderbilt University

20 November 2003 - Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Atlanta. Title of the paper: “*On Rock, Papyrus, and Potsherd: Towards a Corpus Inscriptionum Nabataearum*”

22 January 2003 - “*The Aramaic Papyri from Egypt: Continuity and Change in the Persian Empire*” at the Oriental Institute/ Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

21 -25 August 2002 - Colloquium on “Women and Property in ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean Societies” at the Center for Hellenic Studies (Washington, DC), affiliated with Harvard University. Title of the paper (by invitation) “*Women and Property in Persian Egypt and Mesopotamia*”

March 15, 2000 - 210th International Meeting of the *American Oriental Society* in Portland, paper entitled “*An Oath Came Upon You and You Swore by Sati the Goddess: a Reexamination of Papyrus Cowley 14*”

Professional Committees and Editorial Boards:

Member of the Editorial Board of *Maarav, a Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures*. 2004-.

Co-Chair (with Dr. Christopher A. Rollston) of the *Ancient Inscriptions Session* for the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2005-.

Membership in Scholarly Organizations:

American Oriental Society
Society of Biblical Literature
American Schools of Oriental Research

Languages:

a. Modern:

Fluent: Italian, English, French

Intermediate Level: German, Hebrew

b. Ancient:

Latin, Greek, Biblical and Epigraphic Hebrew, Phoenician, Ugaritic, Aramaic (Old Aramaic to Syriac), Akkadian, Classical Arabic, Egyptian (Hieroglyphs and Demotic), Old Persian, Sanskrit