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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Biblical Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2022

Dissertation: *Curiouser and Curiouser: The Mediation and Un-Mediation of Job’s Interlocutors*

Committee: F. W. Dobbs-Allsopp, C. L. Seow, Elaine T. James; Additional Reader: Alan Cooper

M.A. Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2009

Th.M. New Testament Literature, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007

Thesis: *Canonical Approaches to the New Testament*

Committee: Scott Kellum, Andreas Köstenberger, Robert Cole

M.Div. Dual Concentration in Philosophy and Biblical Languages, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2004

B.A. Media and Law; Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University, 2001

Additional Study:

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (Summer Semester 2010)

Universität Wien (Summer Semester 2008)

Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Summer Ulpan 2003)

**Professional Appointments**

Oklahoma State University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, 2022–Present

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Visiting Scholar, 2018–2022

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Teaching Fellow, 2020

Marymount Manhattan College, Adjunct Faculty, 2019

Princeton Theological Seminary, Adjunct Faculty, 2012–2016

Princeton Theological Seminary, Teaching Fellow, 2009-2015

Princeton University, Research Assistant/Teaching Fellow, 2010–2011

eTeacher/Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Sole Instructor, 2008–2011

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Monograph**

*The Book of Job in Wonderland: Making (Non)sense of Job’s Mediators*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (in production, forthcoming, 2024).

**Articles**

“Connections Between Urban and Rural Spaces in the Religion Classroom.” *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching,* 6 (invited contribution, forthcoming, 2025).

“Meanwhile, Back at Job’s Ranch: Dual Storylines in the Book of Job.” *Jewish Bible Quarterly*, 52.2 (accepted, forthcoming, 2024).

“The Parallel Worlds of the Book of Job and *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.*” *Dickens Studies Annual*, 55.1. (2024), 47–68.

“Psalms Dwelling Together in Unity: The Placement of Psalms 133 and 134 in Two Different Psalms Collections.” *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 131.3 (2012), 487–506.

“Concordances,” in Hans-Josef Klauck et al., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: de Gruyter, Vol. 5, 2012).

“Sir Arthur Ernest Cowley,” in Hans-Josef Klauck et al., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: de Gruyter, Vol. 5, 2012).

**In Preparation**

“A Labor of Love or a Job No One Wants: Divine Indifference in the Book of Job”

“The Moabite from Moab and Deuteronomic Duties in the Book of Ruth”

“The Hands and Plans in Saadia’s Arabic Translation of Job”

**PRESENTATIONS**

“froMthestormwind and Other Masoretic Editorial Features in the Book of Job,” Accepted for presentation in the Masoretic Studies Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 2024.

“Pox and Hapax: Archive Fever in the Book of Job,” Presented in the Philology in Hebrew Studies Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 2023.

“Meanwhile, Back at Job’s Ranch…,” Presented in a Joint Session of the Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section, at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 2023.

“JOB-erwocky: Making (Non)Sense of the World,” Invited Presentation at the Lewis Carroll Society of North America, Feb. 2023.

“Protests in Wonderland and The Wizard of Uz: We Don’t Need No Education,” Invited Presentation at the Lewis Carroll Society of North America, Jan. 2023.

“Embracing the Dark Side: Who Darkened Counsel in Job’s Final Speech?” Presented at Society of Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, March 2021.

“Why is there Poetry in the Book of Job?” Presented at Society of Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, March 2012, (Co-Presented with Tod Linafelt and Chris Hooker).

Invited Moderator, Annual Princeton University Hip Hop Art and Life Symposium, March 2012.

“The History of Hip Hop Culture, 1973–Present,” Invited Lecture at Marymount Manhattan College, Dec. 2011.

“The Fountain of Youth or the Lake of Fire? Job 33:25 in 11Q10 and the Greek Bible,” Presented in the Aramaic Studies Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 2011.

“Karaites as Traditionalists? Yefet Ben Eli and Rashi on Psalm 2,” Presented at Society of Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, March 2011.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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| **Undergraduate:** Biblical HebrewThe Book of Job and Alice in Wonderland: Evil, Nonsense, and MadnessFoundations of World CivilizationIntroduction to Hebrew ScripturesIntroduction to World Religions | **Graduate:**Biblical HebrewHebrew ExegesisHebrew Reading CoursesKoine GreekOrientation to the Hebrew BibleThe Book of JobAncient Wisdom Literature**Independent Study**Biblical Hebrew (Special-needs graduate course designed for the blind) |

**PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP**

**News Feature:**

“[The biblical character who goes ‘down the rabbit hole’ into an alternate reality—just like Alice in Wonderland](https://theconversation.com/the-biblical-character-who-goes-down-the-rabbit-hole-into-an-alternate-reality-just-like-alice-in-wonderland-227528),” *The Conversation*,May 1, 2024.

**Videos/Blog:**

[**Bible and Culture with Dr. Armstrong**](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfSc8hbJZb-Zb7C2IgeABdA): Educational curriculum as a YouTube channel with related [blog](https://www.ryanmarmstrong.com/blog-1). It garnered over 17,600 views in 2023.

**Invited Interviews:**

“[Leviathan: What the Bible Actually Says ft. Dr. Ryan Armstrong](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtVwrP9i6SE).” Interviewed by Zach Miller on *What your Pastor Didn’t Tell You*, May 5, 2023.

“[Is there History in the Book of Job?](https://youtu.be/rbo5KUyE4P8?si=5fv8HxCnT7YbFXsB)” Interviewed by Jacob Berman on *History Valley*, Aug. 29, 2022.

“[How Job Used Genesis ft. Dr. Ryan Armstrong](https://youtu.be/s127iwJQGOk?si=VZ-5jVylBhCTj_nm)” Interviewed by Zach Miller on *What Your Pastor Didn’t Tell You*, May 27, 2022.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Invited Participant, Wabash Center *Journal on Teaching* Writing Colloquy

David Noel Freedman Merit Scholarship Endowment Fund

Princeton Seminary-Universität Heidelberg Bible Dept. Exchange Program Recipient

Hebrew University-Universität Wien German Language Studies Exchange Stipendium

Washington State University Scholar in Residence Award

Washington State University Achievement Award

Washington Promise Scholarship

Washington State Running Start Dual Credit Program

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (Gamma Chapter of Washington)

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (Beta Gamma Eta Chapter of Washington)

**COLLOQUIA AND RESEARCH GROUPS**

2009–Present Society of Biblical Literature

2022–Present American Society of Overseas Research

2023–Present Modern Language Association

2023–Present The Lewis Carroll Society of North America

2009–2022 Old Testament Research Colloquium (Princeton Theological Seminary)

2018–2022 Columbia Bible Seminar (Columbia University)

2018–2022 Bible Colloquium (Jewish Theological Seminary of America)

2021–2022 Victorian Seminar (City University of New York)

2021–2022 C19 19th Cent Lit Colloquium (Columbia University)

2011–2012 Princeton Syriac Reading Group

2009–2011 International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies

2011 Princeton NW Semitic Epigraphy Reading Group

2010 Heidelberg Bibelkolloquium

2007–2009 President of Israel’s Bible Club (President’s House, Jerusalem)

**LANGUAGES**

**Classical**:

Hebrew (dialects include Biblical, Epigraphic, Mishnaic, Medieval, Modern)

Greek (Greek Old Testament and New Testament)

Aramaic (dialects include Biblical, Qumran, Targumic, Syriac)

Arabic (Classical and Judeo-Arabic)

Akkadian

Ugaritic

Latin

**Modern**

English (Native)

Hebrew (Fluent)

German (Conversational, Reading)

Spanish (Conversational, Reading)

French (Reading)

Yiddish (Conversational)