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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 (Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society)
- A.A.S. Olympic Community College, 1999 (Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society)
- Additional Study:  
Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (Summer Semester 2010)  
Universität Wien (Summer Semester 2008)  
Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Highest Level Modern Hebrew Certification)
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### 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

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### Monograph

[\*The Book of Job in Wonderland: Making \(Non\)sense of Job's Mediators\*](#). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024.

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “[Step into a World: At the Borders of Hip Hop and Academia](#).” *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, 6 (2025), 62–101.
- “[Meanwhile, Back at Job's Ranch: Dual Storylines in the Book of Job](#).” *Jewish Bible Quarterly*, 52.2 (2024), 83–93.

[“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.

### Encyclopedia Entries

[“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

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

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

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

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### PRESENTATIONS

“The Book of Job.” Invited Lecture at Millar College of the Bible, Jan. 2025.

“From the Stormwind and Other Masoretic Editorial Features in the Book of Job,” Presented in the Masoretic Studies Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 2024.

“For Now We See Through a Looking-Glass, Darkly,” Invited Speaker at the Lewis Carroll Society of North America 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference, 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 Oz: 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.

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## COURSES TAUGHT

### Undergraduate:

Biblical Hebrew (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced)  
The Book of Job and Alice in Wonderland: Evil, Nonsense, and Madness  
Foundations of World Civilization  
Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures  
Introduction to World Religions

### Graduate:

Biblical Hebrew  
Hebrew Exegesis  
Hebrew Reading Courses  
Koine Greek  
Orientation to the Hebrew Bible  
The Book of Job  
Ancient Wisdom Literature

### Independent Study

Biblical Hebrew (Special-needs graduate course designed for the blind)

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## PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP

### Self-Produced Video Series and Blog:

[Bible and Culture with Dr. Armstrong](#): Educational curriculum as a YouTube channel with related [blog](#).

### Blog Contribution:

[“Love your friend as yourself”](#) *OUPblog*, Aug. 8, 2024.

### News Feature:

[“The biblical character who goes ‘down the rabbit hole’ into an alternate reality—just like Alice in Wonderland,”](#) *The Conversation*, May 1, 2024.

### Invited Interviews:

[“Ryan M. Armstrong: The Book of Job in Wonderland, Part I,”](#) and [Part II](#). Interviewed by Fred Stella on *Common Threads*, co-produced by WGVU Radio (NPR affiliate) and The Interfaith Dialogue Association. Aired on Feb. 2 and 9, 2025.

[“When was Job Written?”](#) Interviewed by Zach Miller on Feb 4, 2025.

[“Leviathan: What the Bible Actually Says ft. Dr. Ryan Armstrong.”](#) Interviewed by Zach Miller on *What your Pastor Didn’t Tell You*, May 5, 2023.

[“Is there History in the Book of Job?”](#) Interviewed by Jacob Berman on *History Valley*, Aug. 29, 2022.

[“How Job Used Genesis ft. Dr. Ryan Armstrong”](#) Interviewed by Zach Miller on *What Your Pastor Didn’t Tell You*, May 27, 2022.

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## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Fae Rawdon Norris Foundation for the Humanities Speaker Series Grant  
Oklahoma State University Publication Subvention Grant  
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)

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## **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
2024–Present	OSU Philosophy Department Faculty Research Colloquium
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 19 <sup>th</sup> 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	Presidential Bible Study (President’s House, Jerusalem)

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## **LANGUAGES**

### **Classical:**

Hebrew (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)