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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. Concentrations in Philosophy and Biblical Languages, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2004
- B.A. Concentration in Media and Law; Edward R. Murrow College of Communication, Washington State University, 2001
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Oklahoma State University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, 2022–2023
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*, forthcoming, 2025)

"The Parallel Worlds of the Book of Job and *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*" (*Dickens Studies Annual*, accepted, forthcoming 2024)

"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

“The Master of Suspense: Genre Jumping Storylines 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

“Pox and Hapax: Archive Fever in the Book of Job,” Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, November 2023

“Meanwhile, Back at Job’s Ranch...,” Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, November 2023

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

“Protests in Wonderland and The Wizard of Oz: We Don’t Need No Education,” Presented 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, 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,” Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, November 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

Undergraduate:

Biblical Hebrew
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 course designed for the blind)

PUBLIC-FACING SCHOLARSHIP

[Bible and Culture with Dr. Armstrong](#)

Educational curriculum as a YouTube channel. I do my own video editing and following up with a [blog](#).

Invited Interviews: What your Pastor Didn't Tell You

Interviewed by Zach Miller on YouTube about [Leviathan in ANE, May 5, 2023](#)

Interviewed by Zach Miller on YouTube about [relationships between Genesis and the book of Job, May 27, 2022](#)

Invited Interview: History Valley

[Interviewed by Jacob Berman](#) on YouTube about the language of the book of Job and its historical context, Aug. 29, 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 and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies

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 19 th 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)