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Academic Posts

St. Mary's Seminary & University (2011 – Present)

Associate Dean of Administration, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2019 – Present)
Adjunct Core Faculty, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2012 – Present)
Adjunct Instructor of Sacred Scripture, St. Mary's School of Theology
Assistant Dean of Student Services, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2018 – 2019)
Coordinator of Communications, Operations & Students Services, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2017 – 2018)

Loyola University Maryland (2010 – 2011)

Adjunct Faculty

Harvard University (2007 – 2010)

Teaching Fellow

Education

Ph.D., Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) 2012
Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Hebrew Bible)
Advisor: Jon D. Levenson

Dissertation: “Esther and the Politics of Negotiation: An Investigation of Public and Private Spaces in Relationship to Possibilities for Women’s Role as Royal Counselor”

General Examination Fields: Issues in Hebrew Bible Scholarship; Hebrew Language; History and Historiography of the Ancient Near East; Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible

M.Div., McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL) 2004

B.A., Loyola University Maryland (Baltimore, MD) 1998
BA, *magna cum laude*, 1998.
Major in History; minors in Gender Studies & Theology

Fellowships and Awards

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute Distinguished Lecturer	2014–2015
Harvard Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2011–2012
Bernadine Orme Smith Fellowship	2004
Nettie F. McCormick Fellowship in Old Testament Hebrew	2004
John Hayes Creighton Fund for Study in the Holy Land	2003
Nettie F. McCormick Award in Old Testament	2003
Floyd V. Filson Prize in New Testament	2002
Nettie F. McCormick Award in Old Testament	2002
Magna Cum Laude	1998
Awarded Honors for History Senior Honors Thesis	1998
Loyola College Honors Program	1994–1998
Presidential Scholar	1994–1998
First Place, Theology Writing Contest for Elective Distinguished Paper	1998
Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society)	1997
First Place in Theology Writing Contest for Service Learning Paper	1996

Publications

“Advantages and Challenges: Comparative Historical Criticism and Feminist Biblical Studies” in *Feminist Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Retrospect*, vol. 3., (ed. Susanne Scholz; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2016)

Contributing Editor for *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law* (ed. Brent Strawn; New York: Oxford University Press, 2014)

Esther and the Politics of Negotiation: Public and Private Spaces and the Figure of the Female Royal Counselor (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013)

“Canon: Hebrew Bible,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible* (ed. Michael D. Coogan; New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 87–96

“1 and 2 Samuel,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible* (ed. Michael D. Coogan; New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 287–385

Courses Taught

St. Mary’s Seminary & University (Adjunct Faculty)

- 8th Century Prophets
- Psalms and Wisdom Literature
- Jewish-Christian Studies Course: Decalogue
- Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Bible
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Orientation to Biblical Studies
- The Pentateuch
- Gospels of Matthew and Mark

Loyola University Maryland (Adjunct Faculty)

- Images of God in Scripture

Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)

- Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion
- Eighth-Century Prophets
- Introduction to Hebrew Bible: Pentateuch and Former Prophets
- Introduction to Ministry Studies
- The Contested Bible: The Sacred-Secular Dance
- History of the Ancient Near East: Syria-Palestine
- Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures
- From the Hebrew Bible to Judaism, From Old Testament to Christianity
- Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures
- Job and the Joban Tradition

Papers and Presentations

“Humor in the Bible,” adult forum presentation to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, May 5, 2019

“Is Jonah a Joke?” a Clergy Roundtable presentation at St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute, June 27, 2018

“A Time to Laugh: Humor in Scripture, Faith & Practice,” an adult forum presentation at St. Joseph Parish, Cockeysville, November 15, 2018

“8th Century Prophets: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah & Micah,” 4-part series presented to Ascension Lutheran Church, Fall 2018

“Judaism during the Second Temple Period,” plenary lecture presented to the Loyola University Maryland Honors Program course on the Ancient World, November 13, 2015

“Hope and Expectation in the New Testament and Christian Tradition,” and “The Experience of Exile and Living with Hope,” presented to Church of the Good Shepherd, December 7 and 14, 2014

“ ‘They Were Struck Dumb Like Stone’: The Rhetoric of Silence in Exod 13:17–15:18,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 24, 2013

“Response to Papers on Reception of the *Megilloth*,” at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 23, 2013

“Theology in the Psalms,” presented to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, February 3, 2013

“Speaking to and about God: The Psalms, Poetry, and Theological Discourse,” presented to Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church, October 5, 2012

“Song of Songs,” presented to Loyola University Maryland Theology Faculty, August 31, 2010

“Song of Songs in Scholarship and Interpretive Tradition,” presented in Harvard Divinity School course, “Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion,” March 3, 2010

“*Nadītu* Women and Economics in Old Babylonian Period” presented at “Women in the Field: Gender and Research in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East,” Graduate Student Conference at Harvard University, May 3–4, 2007

Related Professional Experience

National Summer Learning Association, Baltimore, MD

Consultant, December 2014–2016

Manager, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Partnership, 2014

Operations and Project Assistant, 2012–2013

Harvard Theological Review, Cambridge, MA

Editorial Assistant, Summer 2006–Summer 2010

Tel Beth-Shemesh, Beth Shemesh, Israel

Archaeology Fieldwork Volunteer, 2006

Professional Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature