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Education

- 2011 Ph.D., Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israelite History, University of Michigan
- 2006 A.M., Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan
- 2005 Archaeological Field School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2004 M.A., Old Testament Studies, Summa Cum Laude, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- 2004 M.Div., Biblical Studies, Magna Cum Laude, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- 1998 B.A., Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Grove City College

Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience

Spring 2012–present, Associate Professor of Religious Studies with tenure (fall 2017), Assistant Professor (2012–2017), D'Youville College, Department of Liberal Arts.

- Introduction to the Bible; Belief and Unbelief; Life of Christ; Major Western Faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam); Challenges of Death; Religion and Social Responsibility; The Holocaust

Fall 2011, Visiting Instructor of Religion, University of Mississippi, Department of Philosophy and Religion.

- Introduction to Religion; The Old Testament and Early Judaism

2005–2011, Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Departments of Near Eastern Studies, English Language and Literature, and Classical Studies.

- Introduction to the Old Testament (as full instructor); Great Books (Classic Greek Works); The English Bible; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

2001–2004, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (as full instructor); Introduction to Biblical Greek

Archaeological Field Experience

Khirbat al-Balu'a, Jordan, 2017, 2019 (Square Supervisor, Field Supervisor). Directors: Kent Bramlett, Friedbert Ninow, and Monique Vincent, LaSierra University, Riverside, CA.

Tall al-'Umayri, Jordan, 2012, 2016 (Square Supervisor). Director: Douglas Clark, LaSierra University, Riverside, CA.

Khirbat al-Mudayna, Wadi ath-Thamad, Jordan, 2007. Director: P. M. M. Daviau, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.

Tel Rehov, Israel, 2005. Director: Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Books

- Ancient Ammon from the Late Bronze Age to the Persian Period (1550–332 BCE)*. Archaeological and Biblical Studies Series. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature (under contract).
- Imperial Peripheries in the Neo-Assyrian Period*. Edited with Virginia Rimmer Herrmann. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado, 2018.
- The Ammonites: Elites, Empires, and Sociopolitical Change (1000–500 BCE)*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 585. London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2014.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “A Basalt Volute Capital Fragment from Khirbat al-Balu‘a, Jordan.” With Friedbert Ninow. *Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins*. Forthcoming.
- “The Religion of the Ammonites: A Specimen of Levantine Religion from the Iron Age II (ca. 1000–500 BCE).” *Religions* 10 (2019): Article 153. doi:10.3390/rel10030153
- “Empire and the Religious Iconography of Ancient Jordan: The Case of the Moon God.” *Conversations with the Biblical World* 35 (2015): 366–389.
- “Peripheral Elite as Imperial Collaborators.” *Journal of Anthropological Research* 70 (2014): 481–509.
- “Josephus, *Antiquities* 10.180–182, Jeremiah, and Nebuchadnezzar.” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 13 (2013): Article 7. doi:10.5508/jhs.2013.v13.a7
- “Who’s In? Who’s Out? II Sam 5,8b and Narrative Reversal.” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 122 (2010): 546–557.

Book Chapters

- Virginia R. Herrmann and **Craig W. Tyson**. “Introduction: The Periphery in the Neo-Assyrian Empire, Neo-Assyrian Studies, and Beyond.” Pages 3–40 in *Imperial Peripheries in the Neo-Assyrian Period*. Edited by Craig W. Tyson and Virginia R. Herrmann. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado, 2018.
- “Peripheral Elite as Imperial Collaborators.” Pages 177–209 in *Imperial Peripheries in the Neo-Assyrian Period*. Edited by Craig W. Tyson and Virginia R. Herrmann. Louisville, CO: University Press of Colorado, 2018. [A slightly updated version of my article of the same title published in the *Journal of Anthropological Research*]

Book Reviews

- Review of Garroway, Kristine Henriksen. *Growing up in Ancient Israel: Children in Material Culture and Biblical Texts*. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* (forthcoming).
- Review of Melville, Sarah H. *The Campaigns of Sargon II, King of Assyria, 721–705 B.C.* *Res Militares* 18:1 (2018): 8–9.
- Review of Grabbe, Lester L., ed. *The Land of Canaan in the Late Bronze Age*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (02/2018).
- Review of Pieter Gert van der Veen, *The Final Phase of Iron Age II in Judah, Ammon, and Edom: A Study of Provenanced Official Seals and Bullae as Chronological Markers*. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 79:2 (2016): 118–119.

Review of JoAnn Scurlock and Richard H. Beal, *Creation and Chaos: A Reconsideration of Hermann Gunkel's Chaokampf Hypothesis*. *Review of Biblical Literature*. (3/20/2015).

Review of L. Michael Morales, *The Tabernacle Pre-Figured: Cosmic Mountain Ideology in Genesis and Exodus*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 119–121.

Review of David Frankel, *The Land of Canaan and the Destiny of Israel: Theologies of Territory in the Hebrew Bible*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75 (2013): 117.

Review of David Crystal, *Begat: The King James Bible and the English Language*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (4/15/2012).

Encyclopedia Articles

“Empires in the Ancient Near East, Archaeology of.” Pages 2360–2364 In *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*. Claire Smith (ed.) Springer: New York, 2014. [electronic version updated August 2018]

Conference Papers and Academic Presentations

“Iron Age Religion and Religious Practice at ‘Umayri.” Archaeology of the Biblical World Session. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. November 2019.

“A Basalt Volute Capital Fragment from Khirbat al-Balu‘a, Jordan.” With Friedbert Ninow (La Sierra University). American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. 17 November 2018.

“Central Jordan in the 9th–8th c. BCE: Emerging Polities in Competition.” American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. 18 November 2016.

“The Moabite ‘Prisoners Text.’” Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society. Perrysville, OH. 10 March 2016.

“World-Systems Analysis in the First Millennium BCE: What is it Good For?” Archaeology Session, Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting. Perrysville, OH. 12 March 2015.

“How the Ammonite Elite Built their ‘House.’” Imperial Peripheries Session, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. 22 November 2013.

“Reconstructing Religion in Ancient Jordan.” Central Michigan University, Department of Philosophy and Religion. 4 Feb 2013.

“The End of Ammon: What Archaeology, the Bible, and Epigraphy Say.” Biblical Lands and Peoples in Archaeology and Text unit, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 18 November 2012.

“The Moon God in Iron Age Transjordan.” Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting. Richfield, OH. 22 March 2012.

“Proverbial Disability and the Structure of Reversal in 2 Sam 5:8b.” Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East unit, SBL Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 20 November 2010.

“Did Nebuchadnezzar Destroy the Ammonites in 582 BCE? Or, What Does Josephus Know about Nebuchadnezzar?” Hebrew Bible, History and Archaeology unit, ASOR Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 19 November 2010.

“Iron II Ammon: The Floruit of a Biblical People.” Invited lecture presented in the course, Archaeology of Israel and the Biblical World, University of Michigan, 6 April 2010.

- “Explaining Economic Intensification in Ancient Ammon During the Iron IIC Period.” ASOR Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. 21 November 2009.
- “Aspects of Foreign Influence in Iron Age II Ammon.” Graduate Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Biblical World Conference. Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. 17 February 2008.
- “Aspects of Social Change in Iron Age Ammon.” Department of Near Eastern Studies Graduate Student Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI. October 2007.
- “The Function of Proverbs in Narrative Contexts.” Department of Near Eastern Studies Graduate Student Workshop. Ann Arbor, MI. March 2007.

Invited Lectures, Presentations, and Articles for General Audiences

- “On the Trail of Ancient Ammonites and Moabites.” Invited lecture for the Board of Versacare. Center for Near Eastern Archaeology, La Sierra University. 9 March 2019.
- “On the Trail of the Ancient Ammonites.” Lecture given as part of the archaeological field school at Tall al-‘Umayri, Jordan. 22 July 2016.
- “The Ethics of Teaching Religious Studies.” Presentation for Values and Ethics in the Professions, Buffalo State College. 18 February 2016, 2 April 2019.
- “Letter: Americans must strive to uphold noble principles.” The Buffalo News. 15 January 2016. <http://www.buffalonews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/letter-americans-must-strive-to-uphold-noble-principles-20160115>
- “The Bible, Archaeology, and the ‘Other.’” Presentation to the Amherst South Rotary Club, Amherst, NY. 4 November 2015.
- “Archaeology and Ancient Israelite Religion.” Presentation at Congregation Shir Shalom, Amherst, NY. 11 October 2014.
- “Recent Trends and Finds in Biblical Archaeology.” Presentation at Congregation Shir Shalom, Amherst, NY. 31 May 2014.
- “After Sodom: The Sons of Ammon in the Iron Age.” <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/05/tys388006.shtml> (May 2014).
- “Unity and Diversity in Christianity.” Invited lecture presented in the course, Introduction to Religion, Buffalo State, 13 November 2013.
- “God in Christianity.” Invited lecture presented in the course, Introduction to Religion, Buffalo State, 18 November 2013.
- “Religious Violence: Coming to Grips with ‘Ours’ and ‘Theirs.’” Conversations in the Liberal Arts, D’Youville College. 28 January 2013.
- “The Ammonites: Overview and Sociopolitical Change in the Iron Age.” Tall al-‘Umayri Archaeological Project, Amman, Jordan. 24 July 2012.
- “The Pentateuch: Its Composition and Themes.” Invited lecture presented in Great Books 191, University of Michigan. 24 September 2009.
- “The Religion of the Ammonites.” Presentation to undergraduate religion majors at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio as part of my CRLT mentorship program. 31 August 2009.
- “Violence Divine: Does the Bible Justify Violence in the Name of God?” Honors Program, University of Michigan. 18 January 2009.

Conference Sessions Organized

- Session Chair and Organizer. Panel discussion of L. Daniel Hawk, *The Violence of the Biblical God: Canonical Narrative and Christian Faith*. Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, March 14–15, Akron, OH.
- Session Chair and Organizer. “Genocide, the Bible, and Biblical Scholarship.” An invited panel discussion responding to the work of Shawn Kelley on Genocide and Biblical Scholarship. Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, March 16–17, Akron, OH
- Session Chair. Miscellany. Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, 2015–present.
- Session Co-chair with Virginia Rimmer Herrmann. Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of the Neo-Assyrian Empire. ASOR Annual Meeting, November 14–17, 2012, Chicago, IL and November 20–23, 2013, Baltimore, MD.
- Session Co-chair with Virginia Rimmer Herrmann. Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of Empires from the Late Bronze Age to the Ottoman Period. ASOR Annual Meeting, November 16–19, 2011, San Francisco, CA.

Editorial and Peer-Review Work

Associate Editor, *Conversations with the Biblical World: Proceedings of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society & Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature*, 2013–present.

Manuscript and Grant Proposal Peer-Reviewer:

Oxford University Press
Religions
 Rowman & Littlefield
 Swiss National Science Foundation

Grants

- Versacare Versafund. 2019. Bringing the Moabites to Life at Khirbat al-Balua. PIs: Kent Bramlett, Friedbert Ninow, Monique Vincent, **Craig Tyson**, Adam Schneider, Ian Jones, Stephanie Selover. Grant Amount: \$39,250 (requested).
- Versacare Versafund. 2015–2017. Grant Title: On the Trail of Ancient Ammonites and Moabites. PIs: Douglas Clark, Kent Bramlett, Friedbert Ninow, Larry Geraty, **Craig Tyson**, Matthew Vincent, Monique Vincent. Grant Amount: \$147,300.

Fellowships and Awards

- Faculty Research Grant (for excavations in Jordan), D’Youville College, Summer 2019 (\$3500).
- Faculty Research Grant (for excavations in Jordan), D’Youville College, Summer 2017 (\$3415).
- Faculty Research Grant (for excavations in Jordan), D’Youville College, July 2016 (\$3400).
- Faculty Research Grant (for excavations in Jordan), D’Youville College, July 2012 (\$2500).
- Donald LeRoy Waterman Fellowship in Biblical Studies, University of Michigan, Winter Term 2011 (\$8067/semester, tuition, and benefits).

Sweetland Writing Center Dissertation Writing Institute, University of Michigan, May–June 2010 (\$3,000).
Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2007–2010 (\$24,000/year, tuition, and benefits).
Honors Program Fellow, University of Michigan, 2008–2010 (\$1,000).
Margaret Kraus Ramsdell Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2008–2009 (\$10,000 outright)
Horace H. Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Fund (for archaeological excavation), University of Michigan, Summer 2005, 2007 (\$1,500 each time).
Department of Near Eastern Studies Summer Fellowship (for archaeological excavation), University of Michigan, 2005, 2007 (\$1,500 each time).
Frankel Center for Judaic Studies Research Grant (for archaeological excavation), University of Michigan, 2005 (\$1,000).
Department of Near Eastern Studies Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2004–2005 (\$12,000/year, tuition, and benefits).
Division of Biblical Studies Award for Excellence in Old Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, May 2004 (\$100).
John A. Courtney Philosophy-Religion Award for Highest Departmental GPA, Grove City College, May 1998 (\$100).

Professional Service

Faculty Senate Vice President and Chair of Curriculum Committee, 2019–present.
Humanities Department Senator to the D’Youville Faculty Senate, 2019–present.
Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society, Vice President, 2019–2020.
Graduate Council Curriculum and Program Development Committee, D’Youville College. Chair (2015–2018), Secretary (2013–2015, 2018–present), Committee member (2012–present).
Apostolic Mission Committee, *ex officio*, D’Youville College. 2013–2018.
Mission Effectiveness Advisory Council, *ex officio*, D’Youville College. 2017–2018.
D’Youville College AAUP, at-large member of the executive committee. 2013–2018.
Religious Studies major development, D’Youville College. 2014–2016.
Middle States Self Study Committee: Mission and Goals, D’Youville College. Fall 2012–2014.
Religious Studies search committee member for tenure-track position in Religious Studies, D’Youville College. Spring 2013.
Religious Studies search committee member for tenure-track position in Chinese and Japanese Religions, University of Mississippi. Fall 2011.
Honors Program Undergraduate Advisor, University of Michigan. June 2010–April 2011.
Undergraduate Research Supervisor in Archaeology, Oberlin College, June–August 2009.

General Service

Assistant Coach, Blessed Sacrament Athletic Club, co-ed soccer house league, 2016–present.
Assistant Coach, Amherst Soccer Association, Girls U14 travel soccer, 2016–2017.
Deacon, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (ELCA), Williamsville, NY, 2013–2016.

Ancient Language Competencies

Primary: Biblical Hebrew, Epigraphic Hebrew and related dialects (Ammonite, Moabite, Edomite), Aramaic (Old and Official Aramaic), Phoenician.

Secondary: Ugaritic, Syriac, Akkadian (Middle and Neo-Assyrian, Neo-Babylonian), Biblical Greek.

Modern Research Languages

French and German

Professional Development

Teaching Interfaith Understanding Seminar. Sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the Interfaith Youth Core. Boston College, 21–25 June 2015.

Student Empowerment: 2011 Advising Conference. University of Michigan, 11 May 2011.

CRLT Mentorship at Oberlin College. Completed with Cynthia R. Chapman, Associate Professor of Jewish and Christian Scriptures, April–August 2009.

Professional Society and Honorary Memberships

American Association of University Professors

American Schools of Oriental Research

Society of Biblical Literature

Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society

Extracurriculars

Sho-dan (black belt), Isshinryu Karate-do

Professional References

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