

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL

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EDUCATION

2008–2015 Ph.D., Religions of Western Antiquity
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Dissertation: “Wisdom in Distress: A Literary and Socio-Historical Approach to the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar”
2005–2008 Master of Divinity
Wake Forest University Divinity School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Thesis: “To What End? Form and Content in Genesis 1:1–2:3”
2002–2005 Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*
Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee
History and Biblical Languages (double-major)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016–2017 Humanities Initiative Fellow
Institute for Advanced Study
Central European University, Budapest
2015–2016 Lehrbeauftragter (Lecturer)
Fakultät für Geschichts- und Kunstwissenschaft (Historisches Seminar) &
Institut für den Nahen und Mittleren Osten (Judaistik)
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
2014–2015 Wissenschaftlicher-Mitarbeiter (Research Assistant)
Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät, Neues Testament II
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
2013–2014 Visiting Researcher
Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
2008–2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Religion Department
Florida State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Übung (RE): Jewish Sects and Early Christianity (LMU)
Studienkurs Judaistik I: Jüdische Weisheitsliteratur (LMU)
REL 2210: Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (FSU)
REL 2240: Introduction to New Testament (FSU)
REL 1300: Introduction to World Religions (FSU)

Co-Taught/Teaching Assistant

HBR 2222: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew – Joseph Narrative in Genesis (FSU)
BIB 6111: Selected Greek Readings – Origen’s Commentary on Matthew (WFU)

Additional Teaching Proficiencies

Wisdom Literature in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East
Texts of Terror
Women and the Bible
Martyrdom, Terrorism, and the Discourse of Religious Violence
Judaism and Christianity in the Ancient Mediterranean World
The Ancient Novel (Jewish, Christian, and Greco-Roman)
Language Courses in Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Stipendium von der Bayrische Evangelische-Lutherische Kirche (ELKB) für
Amerikanische Studierende (2015–2016)
Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Research Grant (Summer 2013)
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
Department of Religion Graduate Student Assistantship (2008–2014)
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Ed and Jean Christman Scholarship (2005–2008)
The Divinity School of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Wisdom in Distress: The Elephantine *Book of Ahiqar* and the Sapiential Tradition.
Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series. Leiden: Brill (in
preparation).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Can Ahiqar Tell Us Anything about Personified Wisdom?” in *Journal of Biblical
Literature* 132/1 (2013): 119–36.

Articles in Collections, Festschriften, Book Chapters

“Ahiqar and Other Legendary Sages,” in *Blackwell Companion to Wisdom Literature*.
Edited by Samuel Adams and Matthew Goff. Wiley-Blackwell (forthcoming).
“Ahiqar” in *The Library of Wisdom: An Encyclopedia of Ancient Sayings Collections*.
Edited by Leo G. Perdue and Reinhard Kratz. SBL Press (forthcoming).
“‘Strange’ Interpretations in the Septuagint Proverbs” in *IOSCS Congress Volume*. Edited
by Michaël van der Meer and Martin Meiser (forthcoming).
“Conflicting Loyalties: King and Context in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar.” Pages 239–68
in *Political Memory in and after the Persian Empire*. Edited by Jason Silverman
and Caroline Waerzeggers. Atlanta: SBL, 2015.
“The Relationship between the Elephantine Ahiqar Sayings and Later Recensions: A
Preliminary Analysis of the Development and Diffusion of the Ahiqar tradition.”
Pages 223–50 in *Enoncés sapientiels: traductions, traducteurs et contextes
culturels*. Edited by Marie-Christine Bornes-Varol and Marie-Sol Ortola. Aliento
Échanges sapientiels en Méditerranée 4. Nancy, France: Presses de Nancy, 2014.

Text-Editions/Translations

3Q12–3Q14 Unclassified fragments ar (Aramaic), with Amanda Davis Bledsoe, in *Small Caves Qumran* (Dead Sea Scrolls Editions). Edited by Donald W. Parry and Andrew C. Skinner. Leiden: Brill (in preparation).

Books (non-Author)

Collaborator, with Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Gabriele Boccaccini (eds.). *Enoch and the Synoptic Gospels: Camaldoli Conference Volume 1*. Bloomsbury (forthcoming).

Editorial Assistant, with Eibert Tigchelaar and Pierre Van Hecke (eds.). *Hebrew of the Late Second Temple Period: Proceedings of a Sixth International Symposium on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 114. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

Book Reviews

Review of Andrew Perrin, *Dynamics of Dream-Vision Revelation in the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls*. JAJSup 19. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015. For Maskilim.org, (forthcoming).

Review of Samuel L. Adams, *Social and Economic Life in Second Temple Judea*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* (forthcoming).

Review of Tawny Holm, *Of Courtiers and Kings: The Biblical Daniel Narratives and Ancient Story-Collections*. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2013. In *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies* (forthcoming).

Review of Roland Bergmeier, *Die Qumran-Essener-Hypothese: Die Handschriftenfunde bei Khirbet Qumran, ihr spezifischer Trägerkreis und die essenische Gemeinschaftsbewegung*. Biblisch-Theologische Studien 133. Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener Verlagsgesellschaft, 2013. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* (forthcoming).

Review of Francis M. Macatangay, *The Wisdom Instructions in the Book of Tobit*. Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies 12. Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, 2011. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* 21 (2014): 110–12.

Review of Daniel K. Falk et al. (eds.), *Qumran Cave 1 Revisited: Texts from Cave 1 Sixty Years after Their Discovery: Proceedings of the Sixth Meeting of the IOQS in Ljubljana*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 91. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2010. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 43 (2012): 400–401.

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries

“Ahiqar Proverbs” in *T&T Clark Encyclopaedia of Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel M. Gurtner. Bloomsbury (forthcoming).

“עֲרֵב”, “שׁוּדָה”, and “שִׁקָר” in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten: Band 4*. Edited by H. J. Fabry and U. Dahmen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer-Verlag, 2016.

“Elephantine Papyri,” “Egyptian Literature,” and “Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary* (online) 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Social Realities and the Threat of Poverty in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” Wisdom and Apocalypticism/Economics in the Biblical World Unit, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX (November 2016)
- “‘I/We Have Done No Damage!’: Loyalty and Power in Daniel 6 in Light of its Aramaic Literary Context,” Book of Daniel Panel, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX (November 2016)
- “Temple-Building and Destroying: A Dialectic of Loyalty in Persian-Period Judean Communities,” Judeans in the Persian Empire Group, *European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*, Leuven, Belgium (July 2016)
- “Of Beasts and Men: Animal Fables as Political Ideology in Greco-Roman Egypt,” *CRASIS (Culture, Religion, and Society – Interdisciplinary Studies in the Ancient World) Annual Meeting*, Groningen, Netherlands (Feb. 2016)
- “Make Heavy the Heart: An Egyptian Idiom in Aramaic,” Aramaic Studies Unit, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA (Nov. 2015)
- “Foreignness, Exile, and Social Status in the Aramaic *Book of Ahiqar*,” Exile and Identity in the Hebrew Bible and Related Literature Panel, *European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*, Cordoba, Spain (July 2015)
- “The Bitter Weight of Wisdom: Sensory Experience and Social Status in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” Senses and Culture in the Biblical World Unit, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Diego, California (Nov. 2014)
- “Golden not Godly: Wisdom in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” Invited Paper at *Rethinking the Boundaries of Sapiential Traditions in Ancient Judaism*, University of Lorraine, Metz, France (Oct. 2014)
- “Conflicting Loyalties: King and Context in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” *Political Memory in and after the Persian Empire Symposium*, Leiden, Netherlands (June 2014)
- “Do Not Let Loose the Arrows of Your Mouth: Imagery in the Psalms and the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literature Unit, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, Maryland (Nov. 2013)
- “‘Strange’ Interpretations in the Septuagint Proverbs,” Greek Wisdom and Proverbs Section, *Congress of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies*, Munich, Germany (Aug. 2013)
- “Behold, Thus is their Fate, That of Humankind’: Ahiqar’s Ethics of Caution and the Theological Implications,” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies Panel, *European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*, Leipzig, Germany (July 2013)
- “The International Wisdom of Ahiqar: An Egyptian Paradigm,” Wisdom Literature Unit, *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*, St. Andrews, Scotland (July 2013)
- “How Beautiful is the King to Behold! Royal Ideology in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” Pseudepigrapha and Dead Sea Scrolls Section, *St. Andrews Graduate Conference*, St. Andrews, Scotland (July 2013)
- “Many are the Stars of Heaven: Theological Anthropology in the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” *Neutestamentlichen Kolloquiums, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*, Munich, Germany (June 2013)

- “‘There is Nothing More Bitter than Poverty’: Social and Economic Advice in 4QInstruction and the Aramaic Book of Ahiqar,” Qumran Section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Chicago, Illinois (Nov. 2012)
- “The Relationship between the Elephantine Ahiqar text and the later recensions: A preliminary examination on the development and diffusion of the Ahiqar tradition,” *Aliento 4e Colloque International*, Nancy/Paris, France (Nov. 2012)
- “The Gods of Ahiqar: Theodicy and Divine Justice in the Aramaic *Book of Ahiqar*,” Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament Section, *Society of Biblical Literature Southeast Regional Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia (Mar. 2012)
- “Magic vs. Miracle in the Acts of Peter,” Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, California (Nov. 2011)
- “Delilah’s Mistaken Identity: Repetition and Characterization in Judges 13–16,” Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament Section, *Society of Biblical Literature Southeast Regional Meeting*, Louisville, Kentucky (Mar. 2011)
- “Can Ahiqar Tell Us Anything about Personified Wisdom?” Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia (Nov. 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Journal Copy Editor, *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, (2013–present)
- Editorial Assistant, Dr. Eibert Tigchelaar, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2014)
Copy-editing congress volume for publication, *The Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira*, Brill
- Editorial Assistant, Dr. Loren T. Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (2013)
Copy-editing collection for publication, *Falling Angels: Influence and Reception in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity*, Mohr Siebeck
- Director, Florida State University 11th Annual Graduate Student Symposium (2012)
Organizational, budgetary, administrative and supervisory responsibilities
- Research/Editorial Assistant, Dr. Matthew J. Goff, Florida State University (2011)
Editing monograph for publication, *4QInstruction: Commentary*, SBL
- Co-Director, Florida State University 10th Annual Graduate Student Symposium (2011)
Organizational, budgetary and administrative responsibilities
- Research Assistant, Dr. Diane Lipsett, Wake Forest University (2007–2008)
Grading assistance (Intro. to New Testament) and research responsibilities

HONORS AND AWARDS

- The Greek Award (for outstanding achievement in NT/Greek studies) (2008)
The Divinity School of Wake Forest University
- Robert M. Shurden Outstanding Junior Religion Award (2004)
Carson-Newman College
- Raymond T. DeArmond Award for Outstanding Achievement in Greek (2004)
Carson-Newman College
- South Atlantic Conference Student Service Award (2004)
Carson-Newman College
- Alpha Chi Award for Sophomore with Highest GPA (2003)

Carson-Newman College

RELATED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Goethe Institute, Munich, Germany (Winter 2012)
Intensive German Course, Level B2
University of Haifa Summer Ulpan, Haifa, Israel (Summer 2011)
Intensive Modern Hebrew Course, Level Bet-1&2
The Goethe Institute, Berlin, Germany (Summer 2006)
Intensive German Course, Level A2

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Collegium Oecumenicum, Munich, Germany
Studierendensprecher (Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2015)
Florida State University
Docent, Werkmeister Humanities Reading Room (2012)
Tutor, Athletic Academic Support Center (2008–2011)
Wake Forest University
Tutor, Academic Support Center (2005–2008)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient

Hebrew (Biblical), *Advanced Reading*
Greek (Classical and Koine), *Advanced Reading*
Aramaic, *Advanced Reading*
Latin, *Advanced Reading*
Syriac, *Intermediate Reading*
Coptic, *Basic Reading*
Ethiopic, *Basic Reading*
Middle Egyptian, *Basic Reading*
Ugaritic, *Basic Reading*

Modern

German, *Advanced Reading, Intermediate Speaking*
Arabic, *Intermediate Reading, Basic Speaking*
Hebrew, *Intermediate Reading, Basic Speaking*
French, *Basic Reading*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
European Association of Biblical Studies
International Organization of Septuagint & Cognate Studies