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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Brigham Young University, August 2018–
Assistant Professor, Department of Ancient Scripture

EDUCATION

- PhD The University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX), Hebrew Bible, 2018
Dissertation: “An Ancestral Custom of Ours’: The Rhetoric of Polygyny in Second Temple Biblical Interpretation,” supervised by Jonathan Kaplan and Jo Ann Hackett
- MA The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, 2012
- BA Brigham Young University (Provo, UT), Ancient Near Eastern Studies, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

“O Lord God, Forgive!': Prophetic Intercession in Amos.” Pages 187–206 in *Prophets and Prophecies of the Old Testament: The 46th Annual Brigham Young University Sidney B. Sperry Symposium*. Edited by Aaron P. Schade, Brian M. Hauglid, and Kerry Muhlestein. Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University; Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2017.

“False Prophets as a Construction of Authority at Qumran.” Pages 115–27 in *The Prophetic Voice at Qumran: The Leonardo Museum Conference on the Dead Sea Scrolls, 11–12 April 2014*. Edited by Donald W. Parry, Stephen D. Ricks, and Andrew C. Skinner. *Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah* 120. Leiden: Brill, 2017.

“Santa Biblia: The Latter-day Saint Bible in Spanish.” *BYU Studies Quarterly* 54.1 (2015): 42–75.

“The Church of the First Century.” Pages 35–62 in *The Life and Teachings of the New Testament Apostles: From the Day of Pentecost through the Apocalypse*. Edited by Richard Neitzel Holzapfel and Thomas A. Wayment. Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 2010. Co-authored with Gaye Strathearn.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2012, 2013 Hugh Nibley Fellowship, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Brigham Young University
- 2012 The Charlotte Susan Roth Memorial Fund Essay Contest Winner (Second Place), Melton Center for Jewish Studies, The Ohio State University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “Josephus’s Retelling of the Patriarchs’ Polygyny in a Greco-Roman Context.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (Denver, CO), Nov. 17–20
- 2017 “‘O Lord God, Forgive!’: Prophetic Intercession in Amos.” Sidney B. Sperry Symposium (Provo, UT), Oct. 27–28
- 2016 “Prophets as Messengers in Second Temple Biblical Texts.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (San Antonio, TX), Nov. 19–22
- 2015 “‘Terrible’ Artistry: An Analysis of *ʿăyummâ kannidgalôt* in Song 6:4, 10.” Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting (Irving, TX), March 14–15
- 2014 “Identifying False Prophets at Qumran.” The Prophetic Voice at Qumran and Contemporary Communities (Salt Lake City, UT), April 11–12
- 2013 “Santa Biblia: The LDS Spanish Bible and Its Place in Mormon Scripture.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (Baltimore, MD), Nov. 23–26

COURSES TAUGHT

Brigham Young University

Book of Mormon (2017–2018)

The University of Texas at Austin

Rhetoric and Writing (2015–2018)

The Ohio State University

Biblical Hebrew Literature in Translation (2010–2012)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Copy-editor for Aren M. Wilson-Wright, *Atthart: The Transmission and Transformation of a Goddess in the Late Bronze Age*, *Forschungen zum Alten Testament* 2/90 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016)
- 2015 Research Assistant for a revision of the Brown-Driver-Briggs Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon by Dr. John Huhnergard and Dr. Jo Ann Hackett, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 Research Assistant for Dr. Jonathan Kaplan, The University of Texas at Austin, copy-editing Jonathan Kaplan and Robert Williamson Jr., eds., *Imagination, Ideology, and Inspiration: Echoes of Brueggemann in a New Generation*, *Hebrew Bible Monographs* 72 (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2015)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Classical Hebrew, Classical Greek, Aramaic, Akkadian (in transliteration), Ugaritic, Spanish, German (reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Society of Biblical Literature