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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- **Penn State University**, SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow (Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies) / 2022–Present
- **McMaster University**, Sessional Instructor (Department of Religious Studies) / 2019–2021
- **University of Ottawa**, Sessional Instructor (Department of Classics and Religious Studies) / 2020

**EDUCATION:**

- **McMaster University**, Hamilton, ON, Canada  
PhD in Religious Studies (2014–2020)  
Major: Early Judaism; Minor: Early Christianity, Hebrew Bible  
Dissertation: “Priesthood, Cult, and Temple in the Aramaic Scrolls from Qumran.”  
Exams: Early Judaism, New Testament, Hebrew Bible, Rabbinic Judaism, and Patristics
- **Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**, Pittsburgh, PA  
MDiv with Honors Thesis (2011–2014)
- **Eastern University**, St. Davids, PA  
BA in Biblical Studies (2007–2011)
- **Teaching and Learning Foundations Certificate of Completion** (2018)  
MacPherson Institute for Leadership, Innovation and Excellence in Teaching (McMaster University)

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

- The End of the World: The Apocalyptic Tradition and the Human Imagination (UOttawa; Fall 2020)
- The Bible: Then and Now (McMaster; Fall 2020)
- Health, Healing, And Religion: Western Perspectives (McMaster; Spring 2021 and Fall 2019)
- Death and Dying: The Western Experience (McMaster; Winter 2019)

**MONOGRAPHS:**

- *Priesthood, Cult, and Temple in the Aramaic Scrolls from Qumran*, STDJ (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:**

- “The Beginnings and Ends of Sacrifice: A Shared Reimagining of the Cultic Past in the *Genesis Apocryphon* and the *Aramaic Levi Document*” (co-authored with Daniel Machiela). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- “Was There a Revival of Hebrew during the Hasmonean Period? A Reassessment of the Evidence” (co-authored with Daniel Machiela). *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 12 (2021): 217–80.
- “Priesthood and Cult in the Visions of Amram: A Critical Evaluation of Its Attitude toward the Contemporary Temple Establishment in Jerusalem.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 27 (2020): 1–30.

**BOOK REVIEWS:**

- Review of Bundvad and Siegismund (eds.), *Vision, Narrative, and Wisdom in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran* in *Dead Sea Discoveries* 29 (2022): 114–16.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:**

- *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: De Gruyter).
  - “Noahides, Noahide Commandments – Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism” (forthcoming).
  - “Noah’s Ark – Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism” (forthcoming).

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2022–2024)** / \$90,000 CAD
- **Dirk Smilde Scholarship**, University of Groningen (2018) / €3,000

- **International Excellence Award**, McMaster University (2017–2018) / \$ 5,000 CAD
- **Visa Tuition Bursary**, McMaster University (2017–2018) / \$10,000 CAD
- **Ontario Graduate Scholarship**, McMaster University (2016–2017) / \$15,000 CAD
- **The Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship**, McMaster University (2015–2016) / \$2,500 CAD
- **International Excellence Award**, McMaster University (2015–2016) / \$5,000 CAD
- **Graduate Scholarship**, McMaster University (2014–2018) / \$48,000 CAD
- **Henry A. Riddle Fund for Graduate Study**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2014) / \$3,000
- **Sylvester S. Marvin Fellowship**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2014) / \$3,000
- **The Thomas Jamison Scholarship**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2014) / \$3,000
- **The William B. Watson Prize in Hebrew**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2014)
- **Fred McFeely Rogers Prize in Biblical Studies**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2014)

#### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS:

- **Death and Dying: Comparative Views**, McMaster University (2020)
- **Health, Healing, and Religion**, McMaster University (2018)
- **Women in the Biblical Tradition**, McMaster University (2017)
- **Archaeology and the Bible**, McMaster University (2016)
- **What on Earth is Religion?** McMaster University (2015–2016)
- **Introduction to the New Testament**, McMaster University (2015)
- **Images of the Divine Feminine**, McMaster University
- **Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2013–2014)
- **Introduction to New Testament Greek**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2012–2013)

#### RESEARCH LANGUAGES:

- Hebrew (Biblical, Qumran)
- Aramaic (Biblical, Qumran)
- Koine Greek
- Latin
- French
- German

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- **“Priestly Lineage in the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls.”** International Organization for Qumran Studies Conference at the University of Zurich, August 10, 2022
- **“The Traveling Sage in Second Temple Jewish Literature.”** NOSTER Conference on Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Travel Experiences (3<sup>rd</sup> Century BCE–8<sup>th</sup> Century CE) at the University of Groningen and the Protestant Theological University (Groningen, The Netherlands), January 28, 2020
- **“A Priest Like Noah: 4Q541 in its Qumran Aramaic Context.”** SBL Annual Meeting (Qumran), November 18, 2018
- **“Revealing the Divine Mysteries.”** The Annual Groningen–Leuven Encounter, University of Groningen, April 20, 2018
- **“Revelation and Transmission of Divine Knowledge in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran and the Cave One Hodayot.”** SBL Annual Meeting (Wisdom and Apocalypticism), November 19, 2017
- **“Priestly Ideology in the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls.”** Harvard University’s Center for Jewish Studies, March 20, 2017
- **“Priestly Ideology in the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls.”** Religious Studies Graduate Colloquium at Florida State University on February 18, 2017
- **“Attitudes toward Foreign Culture and Imperial Rule in the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls.”** CRASIS Master Class and Annual Meeting on the topic of Hellenism: Interaction, Translation & Culture Transfer at the University of Groningen, February 11, 2016

#### DEPARTMENTAL TALKS:

- **“Constructing the Ideal Jewish Sage: Considering the Figures of Enoch, Levi, and Daniel in the Aramaic Dead Sea Scrolls.”** Annual McMaster University–University of Toronto Scrollers Colloquium, April 20 2016

**GUEST LECTURES:**

- **“Female Leadership in the Pauline Churches.”** Women in the Biblical Tradition, McMaster University (2017)
- **“Biblical Interpretation at Qumran: The Pesharim and Rewritten Scriptures.”** Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (2016)

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- President of the Graduate Student Association of Religious Studies (GSARS), McMaster
- Vice President of the Graduate Student Association of Religious Studies (GSARS), McMaster

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES:**

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