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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	Fuller Theological Seminary, Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, 2019
M.A.B.S., <i>summa</i>	Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC), Biblical Studies, 2013
M.A.C.T., <i>summa</i>	Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC), Christian Thought, 2013
B.A.	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Journalism, 2005
Additional Coursework	University of California, Los Angeles, 2014–2015 (Sumerian)

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2019–present	Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Taylor University
2015–2019	Adjunct Professor, Biblical Languages, Fuller Theological Seminary
2017–2018	Adjunct Professor, Old Testament, Azusa Pacific University

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

*1-2 Samuel* in The Bible in God’s World Commentary series. Cascade Publishing. Under Contract (forthcoming, 2026).

*Interpreting Biblical Numbers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic. Under Contract (forthcoming, 2025).

*The Rhetorical Use of Numbers in the Deuteronomistic History: “Saul Has Killed His Thousands, David His Tens of Thousands.”* VTSup 191. Leiden: Brill, June 2022.

**Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

“Team Based Learning in the Biblical Studies Classroom; Utilizing the 4s Application Task to Promote Deep Learning,” *Teaching Theology and Religion* (accepted pending revisions).

“The Reversal of (Food) Injustice: The Song of Hannah (1 Sam 2:1–10),” *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, forthcoming 2023.

“Hiding Easter Eggs.” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 25 (2022): 72-73.

“Titling Class Sessions with Leading Questions,” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 25 (2022): 45.

“Freeing Ahasuerus, Haman and Mordechai: Liberating the Oppressor in the Book of Esther,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 71 (2020): 36–61.

“A Thousand Times No: *’elep* Does Not Mean ‘Contingent’ in the Deuteronomistic History,” *Biblica* 99/4 (2018): 484–506.

“What Did YHWH Do in Lam 1:12?: Correcting a Misreading in the DJD Edition of 4QLam,” *Vetus Testamentum* 66/4 (2016): 513–523.

### Essays in Edited Volumes

“The Covenant Curses Transposed: Allusions in Lamentations to Deuteronomy 28–32 and Leviticus 26.” Pages 96–109 in *Megilloth Studies: The Shape of Contemporary Scholarship*. Edited by Brad Embry and Amy Erickson. Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2016.

### Articles in Reference Works

“Ir-Moab,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 12*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck, et al. Berlin and New York: Walter De Gruyter, 2016.

“Kudurru,” *The Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Edited by Eric Orlin, Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, and Michael Satlow. New York: Routledge, 2015.

“Omens in the Ancient Near East,” *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press, 2015.

### Book Reviews

Keith Bodner and Benjamin J. M. Johnson, eds, *Characters and Characterization in the Book of Samuel*. LHBOTS 669 (London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2019). *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 2021.

Jonathan Gibson, *Covenant Continuity and Fidelity, A Study of Inner-biblical Allusion and Exegesis in Malachi* (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016). *Religious Studies Review* 44/3, 2018.

Wilda C. Gafney, *Womanist Midrash, A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne*. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2017). *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 28/4, 2018.

Joy A. Schroeder, *The Book of Jeremiah* (Grand Rapids; Eerdmans, 2017). *Religious Studies Review* 44/3, 2018.

Troy D. Cudworth, *War in Chronicles, Temple Faithfulness and Israel's Place in the Land*. LHBOTS 627 (London: T&T Clark, 2016). *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, Jan. 2018.

Maggie Low, *Mother Zion in Deutero-Isaiah: A Metaphor for Zion Theology* (New York: Peter Lang, 2013). *Religious Studies Review*, 2015.

Henk Leene, *Newness in Old Testament Prophecy: An Intertextual Study* (Oudtestamentische studiën, 64; Leiden: Brill 2014). *Religious Studies Review*, 2015.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Fellow, Taylor University, three-year appointment, 2022-2025.

Teaching and Learning Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty Teaching Undergraduates, The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2021–22

Women's Giving Circle Grant Recipient, Taylor University, 2020-22 (\$5,000/yr)

Teaching Seminar for Doctoral Students, The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning. San Francisco, CA, 2019

ASOR Excavation Participant Scholarship, Heritage Fellowship, for participation in Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel, 2016

Logos in Israel Travel Grant, for participation in Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel, 2016

Logos in Oxford Travel Grant, 2015

Center for Advanced Theological Studies Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2013–19

Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation Scholarship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 2008–10; 2011–12

John and Lois Pierce Fellowship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 2009–10; 2011–12

Byington Fellowship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 2011–13

## INVITED TALKS

“The Song of Hannah and the Reversal of Injustice.” Evangelicals and Women section, 2022 ETS Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2022.

[“Without Ruth”; the Transformative and Liberating Blessing of the Immigrant.](#) The Bible on the Move, Towards a Biblical Theology of Migration conference, Fuller Theological Seminary, January 17, 2020.

“The Practical Value of Textual Criticism.” Textual Criticism Doctoral Seminar at Fuller Theological Seminary, 2021.

“Los Salmos Imprecatorios,” (“The Imprecatory Psalms”), Introduction to the Old Testament course at Fundación Universitaria Seminario Bíblico de Colombia, (Milton A. Acosta), August 2015.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork.” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies section. SBL Annual Meeting, Nov. 2022.

“‘David Has Killed His Thousands, Saul His Ten Thousands’: Troop and Casualty Numbers in Josephus, LXX and MT Samuel.” Hebrew Bible section. 2022 SBL Midwest Regional Meeting, Feb. 5, 2022.

“Freeing Ahasuerus, Haman and Mordecai: Liberating the Oppressor in the Book of Esther.” Old Testament Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 13, 2018.

“867-5309, The Function(s) of Numbers and Numerical Repetition in Joshua and Judges,” 2017 SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 19, 2017.

“Why You Should Love Your Enemies: Examining Motive Clauses in ‘Counsels of Wisdom’,” 2015 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 24, 2015.

“What Was Anat’s Sin? Anat’s Impiousness in Aqhat in Light of the David-Bathsheba-Uriah Narrative,” 2015 Annual Pacific Coast Regional SBL Meeting, Azusa, CA, March 8, 2015.

“Allusions in Lamentations to Deuteronomy 28-32 and Leviticus 26,” 2014 Annual SBL Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2014.

“Chemosh’s Wrath... in Mesha’s Point of View: An Analysis of Genre and Point of View in 2 Kings 3:4-27,” 2014 Annual IBR Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 21, 2014.

## INTERVIEWS, PODCASTS AND BLOGS

Guest expert, "[1 Samuel 27](#)." Episode 476 of "The Naked Bible Podcast," August 2023.

Guest expert, "Integration of Faith and Learning with Team-Based Learning." Podcast episode of the BCTLE Podcast, April 2022.

"Women in the Old Testament." Presentation and interview with Joyce Del Rosario for the Women and Mission course at Fuller Theological Seminary, 2021.

Guest expert, "[Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#)." Podcast episode of the "First Reading: The Old Testament Lectionary Podcast," September 2020.

"Out of the Library and into the Grid." Blog post for The ASOR Blog, October 2016.

## CAMPUS TALKS

"Interpreting Biblical Numbers." Presentation for the Mathematics Department, Taylor University, September 2023.

"What Does it Mean to Be Human? Genesis 1–2 for Evolutionary Biologists." Presentation for Evolutionary Biology Senior Seminar, Taylor University, January 2023.

"To Rule and Subdue? Genesis 1–2 and Environmentalism." Presentation for Environmental Ethics course, Taylor University, September 2022.

"Active Learning Strategies." Presented at the Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Taylor University, October 2022.

"[The Gospel According to Genesis 1](#)." Chapel message, Taylor University, April 27, 2022.

"Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork: Using Team-Based Learning to Foster Deep Learning." Presented at the Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Taylor University, April 19, 2022

"Faith and Learning Integration." Panelist at the Engaging Teaching Today conference, Taylor University, April 9, 2022.

"Faithfulness." Faculty Devotional delivered at Taylor University faculty meeting, November 2021.

"The Philistines: What We Know." Presentation for Ancient World course, Taylor University, 2019.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Fuller Theological Seminary**

- 2013–2019 *Hidden Riches* (2014); *The Origins of Isaiah 24-27* (2019), Christopher B. Hays, Research Assistant
- 2016 Exegesis of Isaiah 40–66 (Christopher B. Hays), Teaching assistant
- 2015 Exegesis of Job (James T. Butler), Teaching assistant
- 2014–15 Beginning Hebrew I & II (Jason A. Riley), Teaching assistant
- 2014 Old Testament Writings (John Goldingay), Teaching assistant
- 2014 Old Testament Writings (Butler), Teaching assistant
- 2013 Pentateuch (Butler), Teaching assistant
- 2014 Exegesis of Lamentations (Leslie C. Allen), Instructor in Training

**Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC**

- 2012–13 Elementary Hebrew I-II (Joel Harlow), Teaching assistant

## SERVICE

**National Boards and Editorial Committees**

- 2023–present Bulletin for Biblical Research, Editorial Board
- 2023–present Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies, section of Society of Biblical Literature, Steering Committee
- 2017–2019 Pacific Coast Region, Society of Biblical Literature, Student Representative

**Institutional Boards and Committees**

- 2021–present Delight, Women’s Ministry, Faculty Advisor
- 2020–2023 Athletics and Enrollment Committee, Taylor University, Secretary
- 2021 Discipleship program for women of Olsen Hall, Faculty Mentor
- 2017–2019 Women of the Center for Advanced Theological Studies and Center for Missiological Research, Founding Member
- 2015–2017 Center for Advanced Theological Studies Committee, Fuller Theological Seminary, Ph.D. Student Representative
- 2014–2016 Fuller Theological Seminary, Society of Biblical Literature, On-Campus Student Representative (OSR)

## COURSES TAUGHT

- Old Testament survey [hybrid and in-person]
- Pentateuch
- Exodus and Deuteronomy
- OT Historical Books
- Inductive Study of the Bible
- Elementary Biblical Hebrew

## LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency: Biblical Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Akkadian, Sumerian, Spanish, French, German

Speaking proficiency: Limited working proficiency in Spanish

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature  
Institute for Biblical Research