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Employment

Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI
2026—Present
Assistant Professor of Old Testament

United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
2023—2026
Assistant Professor of Old Testament

Redeemer Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX
2012—2014
Lecturer in Biblical Studies

Education

University of Notre Dame
PhD, Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, 2021
• Dissertation: “The Woman Facing the Threat of Childlessness”
• Advisor: Gary A. Anderson

Redeemer Theological Seminary
MDiv, 2012

New York University
BMusic, 2007

Publications

Books:

The Childless Matriarch: The Theological and Literary Development of a Biblical Motif. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, forthcoming.

Interactive Biblical Hebrew Grammar with Douglas M. Gropp
Manuscript completed, in proposal stage.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“The Rest of Her Offspring: The Relationship between Revelation 12 and the Targumic Expansion of Genesis 3:15.” *Novum Testamentum* 60 (2018): 386-401.

“The Absence and Influence of Genesis 48 (the Blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh) in the Book of Jubilees.” *Journal for the Study of Pseudepigrapha* 26 (2017): 255-73.

Public Theology:

“Isaiah 9 and the Baby at the Center,” *The Living Church*, December 2024.

Grants and Awards

David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship, 2024

Valdri Walker United Faculty Research Fund, 2024

Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2018

Emerging Scholar of the Old Testament, The Institute for Biblical Research, 2016

Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2016

Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship Finalist, 2016

Summer Language Abroad Grant (Modern Hebrew at Hebrew University), 2015

Full tuition and stipend, University of Notre Dame, 2014-2019

Founders' Day Award, New York University, 2007

Conference Papers

“From Childless Heroes to Barren Women: The Biblical Transformation of an Ancient Near Eastern Motif.” Paper to be presented at the David Noel Freedman Award session of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Boston, MA, November 2025.

“Childless Heroes and Barren Women.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Antonio, TX, 21 November 2021.

“Mother Jerusalem and the Distressed Matriarchs of Tobit, 2 Maccabees 7, and Judith.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Denver, CO, 17 November 2018.

“The Triad of Primary Heirs: Levi, Judah, and Joseph in the Book of Jubilees.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. Notre Dame, IN, 11 February 2017.

“Situating Tamar: The Relationship between Genesis 37-39 and 2 Samuel 13.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research. San Antonio, TX, 18 November 2016.

“David and Joseph: Reading Genesis and 2 Samuel.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. Chicago, 23 January, 2016.

“The Unconverted Perfect as a Reliable Sign of Lateness: The Book of Kings as a Case Study.” Paper presented at a doctoral seminar at the University of Notre Dame. 22 April 2015.

“Paul’s Appeal to Jeremiah’s Novelty in 2 Corinthians 3:1-6.” Paper presented at a doctoral seminar at the University of Notre Dame. 10 December 2014.

Invited Presentations:

“Davidic Royal Theology and the Incarnation.” Lecture given at St. George’s Episcopal Church. Dayton, OH 26 October, 2025.

“Don’t let God speak with us!: Resistance to Divine Contact in Exodus 20.” Paper presented at United Theological Seminary ministry conference. Dayton, OH, 7 October, 2024.

“Childless Heroes and Barren Women.” Paper presented at Notre Dame Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity Colloquium, October 2020.

Guest lecture on the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke in Foundations of Theology. University of Notre Dame, February, 2020.

Guest lecture on Proverbs in Intermediate Hebrew. University Notre Dame, February, 2020.

“The Seed of the Woman: Biblical Theology of Childbirth and Infertility.” Three lectures presented as Redeemer Seminary, Women’s Lecture Series. Dallas, TX, April 2014.

“A Neighbor Better Than You: Echoes of Samuel in the Book of Esther.” Lecture presented at Redeemer Seminary. Dallas, TX, April 2014.

“One Generation to Another: Reading Psalm 145.” Lecture presented at the Museum of Biblical Art. Dallas, TX, June 2013.

“Her Seed, His Name: Ruth and Redemptive History.” Lecture presented at Redeemer Seminary. Dallas, TX, April 2013.

Research Languages

Ancient: Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic), Greek, Aramaic, Akkadian, Ugaritic
Modern: Hebrew, German

Research Interests

Ancient Near Eastern literary context of the Hebrew Bible; intertextuality and inner-biblical exegesis; Early Jewish interpretation; women and female metaphors in the Hebrew Bible; Christian theological readings of the Hebrew Bible

Memberships

The Society of Biblical Literature
The Institute for Biblical Research

Teaching

Courses taught at United Theological Seminary

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Minor Prophets
- 1-2 Samuel
- Hebrew 1
- Hebrew 2

Courses taught at John Brown University

- Letter to the Hebrews

Courses taught at Redeemer Theological Seminary

- Hebrew 1
- Hebrew 2
- Hebrew 3
- Rapid Reading Hebrew: Deuteronomy

Service

Editorial Board Member for the *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2025-present

Service to United Theological Seminary:

- Masters Studies Committee

- Doctoral Studies Committee
- Doctorate of Ministry Faculty Consultant
- Contextual Ministry Conference Speaker
- Higher Learning Commission Evaluation Vice-Chair