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EDUCATION

2012 PhD, Religious Studies; Brown University
2007 MA, Religious Studies; Brown University
2003 MA, Religion; University of Georgia
2001 BA, Major: Religion; Minors: Anthropology, Biology; University of Georgia

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2012- Assistant Professor of Religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2010 Instructor, Brown University Continuing Education, Providence, RI
2006-2010 Graduate Student Instructor, Brown University, Providence, RI
2004 Instructor, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2002-2003 Graduate Student Instructor, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hebrew Bible
Second Temple Judaism
Ancient West Asian Literature
Ancient Israelite History and Religion
Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Languages
History of Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible
Early Jewish and Early Christian Exegesis
Myth-making in the Ancient World

PUBLICATIONS

Entries on “Ephraim”; “Hannah”; “Jonah”; and “Obadiah” in the *Cambridge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, Eds. E. Orlin, L. Fried, N. Denzey Lewis, M. Satlow (forthcoming)
“*You Divided Sea by Your Might*”: *The “Conflict Myth” and the Biblical Tradition* (book manuscript, currently addressing publishers)
“The Motif of YHWH’s Authority over the Sea: The Cases of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, Jesus, and Gamaliel” (article submitted for review)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2012 “Revising Myth: The Targum of Psalm 74 and the Exodus Tradition,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, IL, November 17-20
- 2012 “What Ends Might Ritual Violence Accomplish?: The Case of Rachab and Baanah in 2 Samuel 4,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July 23
- 2011 “The Mythic Motif of YHWH’s Authority over the Sea: The Cases of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, Jesus, and Gamaliel,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 21
- 2011 “YHWH Among Warrior Deities,” New England Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Newton, MA, April 29
- 2006 “The Development of the ‘Way of YHWH’ Motif in Second Isaiah,” European Association of Biblical Scholars Conference, Piliscaba, Hungary, August 8
- 2006 “Cain, heretical (br)Other,” Religious Studies Conference: “*How Intense is the Zeal*”: *Creating Religious Orthodoxy in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East*, Providence, RI, April 9

TEACHING

Pedagogical Training

- 2007 Certificate in the Teaching of Higher Education, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning; Brown University

Courses Taught

“Scripture” in the First Century; Who Wrote the Bible?; Targumic Aramaic (Graduate Level); Introduction to Biblical Hebrew; Readings in Biblical Hebrew; The New Testament World; Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Teaching Areas

Hebrew Bible; History of Ancient Israel; Ancient Near Eastern Religion, Literature, and Political Ideologies; Myth-making in the Ancient World; Second Temple and Early Judaism; Ancient Hebrew; Ancient Aramaic

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2008 Research in the Mari Archives for Saul Olyan; Brown University
- 2009 Assistant Editor, *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*; Brown University
- 2005-2006 Research on contemporary conservative religious culture for Elizabeth Castelli, visiting scholar at the Pembroke Center; Brown University
- 2005-2006 Assistant Editor, *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*; Brown University

LANGUAGES

Akkadian, Aramaic, ancient Hebrew (biblical, Qumran, Rabbinic), Ugaritic, ancient Greek, Latin

Reading Proficiency

French, German, modern Hebrew

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Fall 2012- Steering Committee for the Society of Biblical Literature Section on Bible, Myth,
and Myth Theory
2011 Graduate Student Liaison for the Graduate Student and Postgraduate Parents
group, Sarah Doyle Women's Center; Brown University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
North American Association for the Study of Religion