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EDUCATION

Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia: PhD in Biblical Studies (Old Testament), Spring 2010.

Dissertation "Voice and Persona: The Convention of Changing Speakers in Biblical Hebrew Poetry and its Use in the Book of Jeremiah."

September 1998-June 1999: Audited classes at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, primarily in Hebrew linguistics with a focus on the Biblical period, as well as classes in Biblical studies, history of the Biblical period, Phoenician language, and teaching Hebrew as a foreign language.

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey: MA in History, Spring 1983

Fulbright Scholarship, Davis Prize in History, Full Princeton University Fellowship

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel: MA in History cum laude, 1981

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel: BA in History cum laude, 1977

OTHER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

CCP certificate, December 1986

Mercer County Community College, Trenton, New Jersey: Computer programming and data processing, Fall 1983-Fall 1984. Grade point average: 4.0 (Dean's List).

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

"Turn Right or Left": Literary Use of Dialect in 2 Samuel 14:19? accepted for publication in *Hebrew Studies*, 2012.

"Jeremiah and 'I'/we' and Jeremiah: the poetics of changing speakers in the book of Jeremiah as a whole," a paper accepted for the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2012.

"Identity and Empathy: Large-Scale Trajectories in the Book of Jeremiah and the Effects of Changing Speakers," a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2011

"Who is afraid of the weak verb?" a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2011

"Hebrew Royal Laments in 17th and 18th Century England," (together with Professor Mayer Gruber of Ben Gurion University), a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of the Lament in Sacred Texts and Cultures, November 2010.

"Between Heaven and Earth: Rain and Drought in Biblical Hebrew Poetry," a paper invited for the session on water in Biblical Hebrew poetic imagery for the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2009

"Drought Liturgy and the Re-use of Texts in the Hebrew Bible and in Post Biblical Judaism," a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2009

"Literary Use of Dialect in the Hebrew Bible," a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2008

"Knowledge of God in the Book of Judges," a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of Theology of the Hebrew Bible, November 2008

"Teaching the Biblical Hebrew Verb," a paper presented at the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2007; revised paper published by invitation on the web site of the Society for Biblical Literature, May 2008.

"Vocabulary and Morphology in Biblical Hebrew Poetry," a paper presented at the national Conference of the National Conference of the Society for Biblical Literature, session of the Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2007

"The Poetics of Ambiguous Personae," paper invited for a session on Poetic Personae at the 2006 National Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, session of Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2006.

- "Multiple Speaking Voices in the Book of Jeremiah: a Survey of a Poetic Convention and its Effects," presented at the 2005 National Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, session of Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2005.
- "Beyond the Etnach: Using Cantillation Marks in the Teaching of Biblical Hebrew," presented at the 2005 National Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, session of National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2005.
- "The Convention of Multiple Speaking Voices in Biblical Hebrew Poetry," presented at the National Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, session of Biblical Hebrew Poetry, November 2004.
- "The Better Half or a Spare Rib? A Linguistic Study of Eve's Creation," presented at the National Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, session of National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2002.
- "Turn Right or Left': Creative Use of Dialect in 2 Samuel 14:19," presented at the National Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, session of National Association of Professors of Hebrew, November 2001; will be submitted for publication in Hebrew Studies, at the invitation of editor.
- Amotz and Avishag Zahavi, *The Handicap Principle: A Missing Piece of Darwin's Puzzle* (Oxford University Press, 1997). With Melvin Patrick Ely. Translated from the Hebrew with extensive rewriting.
- "A Modern-Accessible Free-Form Database for Assistive Technology Information and Referral," Proceedings of the RESNA International '92 Conference, RESNAPRESS, Washington, DC, 1992, 64-66.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- August 2010-present: Assistant Professor, Classical Studies Department, College of William and Mary. Teaching Biblical Hebrew and classes in Classical Studies using the Hebrew Bible and Classical sources in translation.
- August 2003-July 2010: Instructor, Classical Studies Department, College of William and Mary. Teaching Biblical Hebrew and classes in Classical Studies using the Hebrew Bible and Classical sources in translation (full-time position, teaching 3 classes per semester)
- August 1996-July 2003: Adjunct Instructor, Classical Studies Department, College of William and Mary. Teaching Biblical Hebrew.
- April 2001-July 2003: Administrator, Temple Beth El of Williamsburg (independent synagogue).
- October 1999-June 2000: Systems Analyst, Information Technology, College of William and Mary. Maintained old and new components of the Student Information System, using Natural, DB/2, Cobol, Inquire, and utilities.

Various jobs as a programmer and programmer/analyst, going back to 1984; details available upon request.

WEB RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC at <http://www.hebrew-tools.com>

- "Hebrew Verb Missing Letter Guide for the Bible and other texts with vowel markings" (handout)
- "Hebrew Verb Stem guide (all root groups)" (handout)
- "Hebrew Verb Summary Tables" (handout)
- "Hebrew Verb Overview" (handout)
- "Using Cantillation Marks to Break Verses into Segments" (handout)
- "Teaching the Biblical Hebrew Verb" (paper)

CLASSES TAUGHT:

- Introductory Biblical Hebrew (Hebrew 101 and 102)
- Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Prose (Hebrew 201, cross-listed as Religion 205)
- Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Poetry (Hebrew 202 cross-listed as Religion 206)
- Topics in Biblical Hebrew (Hebrew 490)
- Independent Studies in Hebrew (Hebrew 491)
- Savior of the People: Non Hereditary Leadership in Biblical and Classical Literature (Freshman Seminar, Classical Studies 150W)
- Wisdom Literature (Religion 305, cross-listed as Classical Studies 490W)
- Women in Antiquity (Classical Studies 315)
- Grain, Wine, and Oil in the Ancient Eastern Mediterranean (Classical Studies 490W)
- Greek and Roman Mythology (Classical Studies 205)