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## EDUCATION

2013	PhD in Religion, Claremont Graduate University Specializations: Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism, Ancient Near East
2004	MAR (Master of Arts in Religion) in Bible, Yale University Divinity School
2001	BA (with Honors) in Comparative Religion, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## POSITIONS HELD

2023-Present	Curriculum & Research Specialist, Tri-Faith Initiative (Omaha, NE)
2023	Program Associate, Tri-Faith Initiative (Omaha, NE)
2019-2020	Research Fellow, Harris Center for Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2015-2019	Lecturer in Religious/Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2010-2011	Lecturer in Religious Studies, Pomona College
2007-2008	Adjunct Professor of Hebrew, Claremont School of Theology

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Redlands (remotely: Redlands, CA)

Hebrew Scriptures	Fall 2020 (online)
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### University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Lincoln, NE)

Ancient Israel	Fall 2015, Spring 2017
Elementary Biblical Hebrew	Fall 2016
Explaining Religion	Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2017 (online), Spring 2018 (online), Summer 2019
Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	Fall 2016; Fall 2018
Israel: the Holy Land	Spring 2016
Jews, Christians, and the Bible	Fall 2018
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	Fall 2018
Literature of Judaism	Fall 2017
Second Temple Judaism	Spring 2019, Spring 2016
World Religions	Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

<b>Midland University</b> (Fremont, NE)	
Contemporary Christian Theology	Spring 2019
Religions of the World	Spring 2019
<b>Eden Theological Seminary</b> (remotely: St. Louis, MO)	
The Social and Historical Context of the Old Testament	Fall 2018 (distance learning course via Zoom)
<b>California Lutheran University</b> (Thousand Oaks, CA)	
Introduction to Christianity	Fall 2014 (two sections)
<b>University of La Verne</b> (La Verne, CA)	
Introduction to Religion	Fall 2013, Winter term 2014
<b>Pomona College</b> (Claremont, CA)	
Elementary Classical Hebrew	Fall 2010
Intermediate Classical Hebrew	Spring 2011
<b>Claremont School of Theology</b> (Claremont, CA)	
Introductory Biblical Hebrew	Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph

2016 *My Shepherd, though You Do not Know Me: The Persian Royal Propaganda Model in the Nehemiah Memoir.* Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 78. Louvain: Peeters.

### Book Chapters

2024 "The Book of Isaiah in the Persian Period." Pages 49-67 in *The Cambridge Companion to the Book of Isaiah*, edited by Christopher B. Hays. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### Encyclopedia Entries

2015 "Helech," "High Place." In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Volume 11: Halab – Hizquni*. New York: de Gruyter.

2012 "Chaspho II: Hellenistic and Roman Period," "Crates." In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Volume 5: Charisma – Czazkes*. New York: de Gruyter.

"Camaim," "Caphar-Salama," "Caspin," "Cendebeus," "Chaereas," "Chaphenatha," "Charax," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Volume 4: Birsha – Chariot of Fire*. New York: de Gruyter.

2011 "Bacenor," "Beth-Zaith," "Bethany 01: Summoned by Nebuchadnezzar," "Beth-Zechariah," "Bethbasi." In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Volume 3: Athena – Birkat ha-Minim*. New York: de Gruyter.

### Volumes Edited (as Assistant Editor)

2009 De Troyer, Kristin, and Armin Lange, eds., with the assistance of Lucas L. Schulte. *Prophecy after the Prophets? The Contribution of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Understanding of Biblical and Extra-Biblical Prophecy.* Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 52. Louvain: Peeters.

- 2006 De Troyer, Kristin, and Armin Lange, eds., with the assistance of Lucas L. Schulte and Eva Mroczek. *Pre-Maccabean Literature from the Qumran Library and Its Importance for the Study of the Hebrew Bible*. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 13, no. 3; Leiden: Brill.

#### Web-Based Publications

- 2016 “Good Public Relations: What Persian Propaganda Tells Us About the Nehemiah Memoir.” *The Ancient Near East Today* 4, no. 11 (November), <http://www.asor.org/onetoday/2016/11/what-persian-propaganda-tells-us/>.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Similarities and Differences.” Notre Dame Housing. Omaha, NE. Feb. 28
- 2024 “Religious Identity at Work.” (with Jeremy Fricke). First National Bank of Omaha. Omaha, NE (online). Feb. 8.
- 2024 “Tri-Faith Initiative: Responding to Troubling Times.” Eastmont Living. Lincoln, NE. Feb. 5.
- 2024 “Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Similarities and Differences.” Immanuel - Pacific Springs. Omaha, NE. Jan. 23.
- 2023 “Tri-Faith Initiative: Responding to Troubling Times.” Book & Study Club of Omaha. Omaha, NE. Dec. 7
- 2023 “Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Similarities and Differences.” Immanuel - Lakeside. Omaha, NE. Oct. 24.
- 2023 “Current State of Faith Relative to Perceived or Actual Increasing Divisiveness in the US.” Kiwanis Club of Omaha. Omaha, NE. Mar. 17.
- 2018 “Is the Bible Interfaith?” Premier Lecture for the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life. Doane University. Crete, NE. Jan. 31.
- 2017 “Judean Adaptations of Persian Propaganda: A Comparison of Isaiah 44-45 and Nehemiah 2 to Achaemenid-Period Inscriptions of Babylon and Egypt.” New Light on Persian Period Judah - the Archaeological Perspective. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. Nov. 16.
- 2014 “What the Dead Sea Scrolls Can Teach Us About Our Bible(s).” Jewish Chautauqua Society Lecture Series. Occidental College. Los Angeles, CA. Feb. 20.
- 2014 Guest lecturer for a day, High Places and the centralization of the cult in Jerusalem. Occidental College. Los Angeles, CA. Feb. 20.
- 2013 “Archaeology of the Lands of the Bible: Illuminating Nehemiah.” Jewish Chautauqua Society Lecture Series, Occidental College. Los Angeles, CA. Oct. 22.
- 2013 Guest lecturer for a day, various topics in Hebrew Bible, archeology of Israel, Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Ancient Near East. Occidental College. Los Angeles, CA. Oct. 22.

- 2010 “Exile to Damascus and the Community at Qumran.” Section on Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature. Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 22.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

### Conferences/Symposia/Seminars Organized

- 2024 The Summit to Counter Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Related Forms of Hatred and Bias in Rural America.  
Tri-Faith Initiative and the United States Department of Agriculture  
<https://www.trifaith.org/usda-summit/>
- 2019 Steering Committee for Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah program unit of the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting
- 2007 The First Annual Religions in Conversation Conference: Sacred Texts  
Claremont Graduate University  
Co-founded and Co-Chaired  
<https://research.cgu.edu/religions-in-conversation-conference/>
- 2006 Sacred Texts Dinner: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur’an  
Claremont Graduate University  
(precursor to the Religions in Conversation Conference)

### Papers Presented

- 2023 “Extending the Table: A Framework for Religious Equity.” Nonprofit Summit of the Midlands. Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, Omaha, NE. Nov. 2.
- 2023 “Extending the Table: A Framework for Religious Equity.” The 2nd Annual Race, Religion, and Social Justice Conference. Tri-Faith Initiative, Omaha, NE. June 8.
- 2019 “The Reapplication of Persian and Babylonian Propaganda in Second Isaiah.” Israel and Empire. The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual European Studies Conference. Omaha, NE. Oct. 4.
- 2018 “Reaping the Fruits of Torah: 4 Ezra’s Alternative to Violence Against Rome” Wisdom and Apocalypticism. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. Nov. 18.
- 2017 “Judean Adaptations of Persian Propaganda: A Comparison of Isaiah 44-45 and Nehemiah 2 to Achaemenid-Period Inscriptions of Babylon and Egypt.” New Light on Persian Period Judah - the Archaeological Perspective. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. Nov. 16 (Invited lecture).
- 2016 “Lot: Father of Other Nations.” Genesis and the Other. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. Nov. 20.
- 2014 “Persian-Period Religious Depictions of Kingship in the Nehemiah Memoir.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. Nov. 24.

- 2011 “The Relation between Authority Figures and the Will of God in the Book of Nehemiah.” Section on Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, Nov. 20.
- 2010 “Exile to Damascus and the Community at Qumran.” Section on Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 22 (Invited lecture).
- 2008 “The Textual Evolution of a Verse: The Eunuchs’ Assassination Plot in the Books of Esther,” Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, March 31.
- 2007 “Lot’s Daughters: Mothers of Other Nations,” Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, March 25.
- 2006 “My Shepherd...Though You Do Not Know Me’: Artaxerxes as Foreign King Manifesting God’s Will,” (**winner of the SBL/PCR Student Essay Prize**), Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, March 13.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2012 Claremont Graduate Student Council Travel Award
- 2008 Biblical Archaeology Society Dig Scholarship
- 2007 Formally honored by Dean Karen Torjesen for organizing and co-chairing the Religions in Conversation: Sacred Texts Conference
- 2006 Society of Biblical Literature/Pacific Coast Region Student Essay Prize
- 2003 Two Brothers Fellowship for Biblical Studies
- 2001 Completion of UNL Honors Program

#### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD WORK**

- 2010 Akko Archaeology, Heritage and History Project, Tel Akko, Israel  
Assistant Area Supervisor
- 2008-2009 The Ramat Raḥel Archaeological Project, Ramat Raḥel, Israel  
Assistant Area Supervisor (2009)  
Square Supervisor (2008)

#### **LANGUAGES (Reading Knowledge)**

Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Greek, Latin, French, German, Middle Egyptian hieroglyphs

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion  
Society of Biblical Literature