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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 Religious Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

POSITIONS HELD

2025 – Present	Director of Education and Outreach, Tri-Faith Initiative
2024 – Present	Board Member, House of Bah Foundation Board of Directors
2023 – 2024	Curriculum & Research Specialist, Tri-Faith Initiative
2023 (Jan-Jun)	Program Associate, Tri-Faith Initiative
2020	Adjunct Faculty in Religion, University of Redlands (online)
2019 – 2020	Research Fellow, Harris Center for Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2019	Adjunct Faculty in Religion, Midland University
2015 – 2019	Lecturer in Religious & Judaic Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2018	Adjunct Professor of Religion, Eden Theological Seminary (online)
2014	Adjunct Faculty in Religion, California Lutheran University
2013 – 2014	Adjunct Faculty in Religion, University of La Verne
2010 – 2011	Lecturer in Religious Studies, Pomona College
2007 – 2008	Adjunct Professor of Hebrew, Claremont School of Theology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tri-Faith Initiative (Omaha, NE)

A Tri-Faith Intro to World Religions	Fall 2025
Foundations of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	Q1 2025
"The Other" Doing God's Work: Exploring the Interfaith Crossroads of the Ancient Middle East	Q3 2024, Q4 2024

University of Redlands (remotely: Redlands, CA)

Hebrew Scriptures	Fall 2020 (online)

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

Midland University (Fremont, NE)

Contemporary Christian Theology	Spring 2019
Religions of the World	Spring 2019

Eden Theological Seminary (remotely: St. Louis, MO)

The Social and Historical Context of the Old Testament	Fall 2018 (distance learning course via Zoom)

California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks, CA)

Introduction to Christianity	Fall 2014 (two sections)

University of La Verne (La Verne, CA)

Introduction to Religion	Fall 2013, Winter term 2014

Pomona College (Claremont, CA)

Elementary Classical Hebrew	Fall 2010
Intermediate Classical Hebrew	Spring 2011

Claremont School of Theology (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: Halah – 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), https://anetoday.org/.

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2025 Panel discussion "Religion in Place: Local Knowledge and Practice in Applied Religious Studies." Section by Applied Religious Studies Committee. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Nov. 23.

2025 "Isaiah's Persian Messiah: Scribal Religious Adaptations in the Achaemenid Empire." Annual Lecture for the Ancient Mediterranean Studies Program. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Omaha, NE. Apr. 3.

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 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 22.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION
Conferences/Symposia/Seminars Organized

2026—Present Wisdom Workshop monthly program
Tri-Faith Initiative
https://www.trifaith.org/2026-events/

2025—Present Bridges of Understanding: An Interfaith Dialogue Experience
Tri-Faith Initiative
https://www.trifaith.org/events/interfaith-dialogue-experience/

2025—Present Steering committee for Race, Religion and Social Justice Conference
Tri-Faith Initiative
https://www.trifaith.org/rrsj-conference-2025/

2025 Fed-U-cation monthly program
Tri-Faith Initiative

2023 – 2025 Emerging Clergy Seminar
Tri-Faith Initiative
https://www.trifaith.org/ourwork/emerging-clergy/

2024 Equitable Pluralism Workshop
Tri-Faith Initiative

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/

2023 Religious Equity Seminar
Tri-Faith Initiative
https://www.trifaith.org/ourwork/res/

2018 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

2025 "Isaiah's Persian Messiah: Scribal Religious Adaptations in the Achaemenid Empire." Annual Lecture for the Ancient Mediterranean Studies Program. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Omaha, NE. Apr. 3.

2023 "Extending the Table: A Framework for Religious Equity." Nonprofit Summit of the Midlands. Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, Omaha, NE. Nov. 2.

"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 44th 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.

GENERAL-AUDIENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "Immigrant Advocacy = Interfaith Advocacy: Immigrant Allyship in Abrahamic Scriptures." Wisdom Workshop. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. Jan. 22.

2025 "Religious Holidays." *Museum LIVE!* Durham Museum. Omaha, NE. Dec. 15. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_oCxj15KzRs&t=906s

"Tri-Faith Initiative: An Overview." Elie Wiesel Social Action Fellowship. Online. Nov. 9.

Moderator for "Shared Light: Two Voices, One Dialogue." Bridges of Understanding: An Interfaith Dialogue Experience. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. Oct. 17.

"Common-Sense Society: An Interfaith Historical Perspective." Fed-U-cation. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. July 22.

Panelist for plenary session "Tri-Faith Initiative Partners Senior Clergy and Religious Scholars." Race, Religion and Social Justice Conference. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. Jun. 11.

"The 5B Framework of Religion and Spirituality." Nebraska Zen Center. Omaha, NE. May 18.

"Don't Perpetuate Pain: Stopping & Stopping Anti-Jewish and Anti-Muslim Tropes." JFO Staff Engagement Program. Jewish Federation of Omaha. Omaha, NE. May 15.

"The 5B Framework of Religion and Spirituality." BELIEF ERG. Boys Town. Omaha, NE. May 7.

"An Introduction to the Tri-Faith Initiative." Kiwanis Club of North Omaha. Omaha, NE. Mar. 31.

"Religious Inclusivity Discussion with Tri-Faith Initiative." (with Hamza Haqqi, EdD). Lindsay Corporation. Omaha, NE. Mar. 26.

"The Five Bs Framework of Religion and Spirituality." (with Hamza Haqqi, EdD). Fed-U-cation. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. Feb. 20

"Don't Perpetuate Pain: Spotting & Stopping Anti-Jewish and Anti-Muslim Tropes." Tri-Faith Initiative's January Fed-U-cation program. Omaha, NE. Feb. 20

2024 "History of Israel/Palestine Relations, part 3." Countryside Community Church. Omaha, NE. Nov. 3.

"Is the US a 'Christian Nation'?" (with Jeremy Fricke). Tri-Faith Center. Omaha, NE. Oct. 28.

"History of Israel/Palestine Relations, part 2." (with Jeremy Fricke). Countryside Community Church. Omaha, NE. Jun. 30.

"History of Israel/Palestine Relations, part 1." (with Jeremy Fricke). Countryside Community Church. Omaha, NE. Jun. 23.

Moderator for panel discussion: "Brave Belonging: LGBTQ+ Allyship & Advocacy in Faith Communities." Race, Religion and Social Justice Conference. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. Jun. 5.

"Redefining Religion to Counter Stereotypes: The Five Bs of Religion." (with Jeremy Fricke). The Summit to Counter Antisemitism, Islamophobia and Related Forms of Hatred and Bias in Rural America. Tri-Faith Initiative. Omaha, NE. May 16.

"Sharing a Common Language to Promote a Bridging Mentality." (with Jeremy Fricke). The Summit to Counter Antisemitism, Islamophobia and Related Forms of Hatred and Bias in Rural America. Tri-Faith Commons. Omaha, NE. May 16.

"Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Similarities and Differences." Notre Dame Housing. Omaha, NE. Feb. 28

"Religious Identity at Work." (with Jeremy Fricke). First National Bank of Omaha. Omaha, NE (online). Feb. 8.

"Tri-Faith Initiative: Responding to Troubling Times." Eastmont Living. Lincoln, NE. Feb. 5.

"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

"Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Similarities and Differences." Immanuel - Lakeside. Omaha, NE. Oct. 24.

"Current State of Faith Relative to Perceived or Actual Increasing Divisiveness in the US." Kiwanis Club of Omaha. Omaha, NE. Mar. 17.

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)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025	MAC Gratitude Award: 2025 Inclusion Leader presented to Tri-Faith Initiative
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

LANGUAGES (Reading Knowledge)

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature