

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2013–2018 Doctoral Candidate (ABD) Ph.D., Religious Studies, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.
- Supervisor: Eileen Schuller
 - Thesis Title: “A Reassessment of the Genres of Psalms in 1QHodayot^a.”
- 2011–2013 M.A., Biblical Studies, Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia.
- Supervisor: Peter Flint
 - Thesis Title: “Assessing the Genre of the *Maskil* Thanksgiving-Prayer (1QH^a XX 7–XXI 39[?]): A Superscription-Oriented Approach.”
- 2007–2011 M.Div., Scripture and Interpretation, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2002–2006 B.A., Biblical Studies, Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 “One Work or Three? A Proposal for Reading 1QS-1QSa-1Qsb as a Composite Work,” *DSD* 25.2 (2018): 141–77.
- 2017 “A Case Study in Professional Ethics Concerning Secondary Publications of Unprovenanced Artefacts: The Re-Edition DSS F.Instruction1,” *Distant Worlds Journal* 2 (2017): 28–44.
- 2016 “A Fragment of Instruction,” in *Dead Sea Scrolls Fragments in the Museum Collection*, eds. Emanuel Tov, Kipp Davis, and Robert Duke, Publications of the Museum of the Bible 1 (Leiden: Brill, 2016), 222–36.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Review of Trine B. Hasselbalch, *Meaning and Context in the Thanksgiving Hymns: Linguistic and Rhetorical Perspectives on a Collection of Prayers from Qumran*, *Early Judaism and Its Literature* 42 (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015) in *Ancient Jew Review*.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RESIDENCIES

- 2018–2019 Graduate Residency, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University.
- 2018 Departmental Conference Travel Grant: \$1050.00 CAD
- 2018 Congress 2018 Graduate Student Travel Award: \$500 CAD

- 2018 Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Early Judaism, McMaster University: \$2,500 CAD
- 2018 George A. Barton Fellowship, Albright Institute for Archaeological Research: \$3,000 USD
- 2017–2018 Graduate Residency, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University.
- 2017 Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Early Judaism, McMaster University: \$2,500 CAD
- 2017 SGS Grant in Aid of Travel Research and Field Study Fund: \$3,000 CAD
- 2017 Mary Margaret Scammell Travel Scholarship: \$1,500 CAD
- 2017 Canadian Friends of the École Biblique School Scholarship for Study at the École Biblique: \$3,000 CAD
- 2017 Founders Prize, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies: \$250 CAD
- 2017 Jean Matlow Graduate Scholarship; Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls: \$1,000 USD
- 2016–2017 Graduate Residency, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University.
- 2016 McMaster Department of Religious Studies Graduate Teaching Fellowship in RS 2HB3 Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: \$7,025 CAD.
- 2016 Yates Travel Scholarship: \$500 CAD.
- 2016 McMaster Department of Religious Studies Departmental Travel Grant: \$400 CAD.
- 2015–2016 Graduate Fellowship, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University: \$1,500 CAD
- 2015 Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Early Judaism, McMaster University: \$2,500 CAD
- 2015 McMaster Department of Religious Studies Departmental Travel Grant: \$400 CAD
- 2014–2015 Graduate Residency, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University.
- 2013 Graduate Award, Student Paper Competition, Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting, Seattle University, Seattle, WA: \$100 USD

- 2013 Biblical Studies Award, Trinity Western University
- 2013 McMaster University School of Graduate Studies International Excellence Award: \$5,000 CAD
- 2013 McMaster University Graduate Scholarship: \$12,500 CAD
- 2013 McMaster University Entrance Scholarship: \$11,500 CAD
- 2013 Logos in Oxford Summer Institute Stipend: \$1,000 USD
- 2012–2013 Canada Research Council Dead Sea Scrolls Research Assistantship, Trinity Western University: \$14,000 CAD
- 2012 Logos at Baylor Summer Institute Stipend: \$1,000 USD
- 2011–2012 Canada Research Council Dead Sea Scrolls Research Assistantship, Trinity Western University: \$15,000 CAD
- 2011 Boone M. Bowen Award for Biblical Hebrew, Candler School of Theology: \$250 USD

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

- 2015 Major Comprehensive Examination, Early Judaism, August, 31; September 2.
- 2015 Minor Comprehensive Examination, Early Christianity and Hebrew Bible, April 27; May 8.

THESES

- In progress “A Reassessment of the Genres of Psalms in 1QHodayot^a: Ph.D. Thesis, McMaster University.
- 2013 “Assessing the Genre of the *Maskil* Thanksgiving-Prayer (1QH^a XX 7–XXI 39[?]): A Superscription-Oriented Approach,” Trinity Western University.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Panels, Seminars, and Colloquia Organized

- 2018–2019 Co-Organized “Hebrew between the Bible and the Rabbis: An International Conference on the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Ben Sira,” Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University; Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Toronto, ON; April 9–11
- 2018 Co-Organized “System/Système D: Improvising Digital Scholarship,” Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; May 18.
- 2018 Organized “The Scrollery Colloquium,” McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; April 11.

- 2017 Co-Organized “McMaster Ancient Judaism and Ancient Christianity Seminar (MAJACS),” McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; March 29.
- 2017 Co-Organized “McMaster Ancient Judaism and Ancient Christianity Seminar (MAJACS) panel review of Matthew Thiessen, *Paul and the Gentile Problem* (Oxford: OUP, 2016),” McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; January 24.
- 2016 Organized “The Scrollery Colloquium,” McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; April 20.

Papers Presented

- 2018 “You Will Say on That Day, “I Thank You, O Lord,”” (Isa 12:1): Hodayot Thanksgiving Psalms as Realizations of Isaiah's Eschatological Thanksgiving (Isa 12:1-6),” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO; November 18.
- 2018 “Visualizing Material Reconstructions in Three Dimensions: Some Insights on the Placement of 1QM Frg. 9 from a Scrollable Digital Model,” International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Helsinki, Finland; August 1.
- 2018 “Wrapping Up the War Scroll: Some Reflections on Digitally Rolling Material Reconstructions to Aid in Fragment Placements,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Regina, SK; May 27.
- 2018 “Wrapping Up the War Scroll: A Scrolling Three-Dimensional Model of 1QM,” Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem; January 25.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rW_ofhJ-1Hk
- 2017 "Morawe's Hymnic Confession Psalms in the Hodayot: A Reconsideration of the Category in Light of Additional Formal Elements in 1QH^a 20–28," Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel; May 15.
- 2016 “Divinely Imposed Silence in the Thanksgiving Hymns (Hodayot) from Qumran: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Speechlessness of the Psalmist and His Opponents,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX; November 21.
- 2016 “Testing Stegemann’s Placement of Fragment 10 in the Reconstruction of 1QHodayot^a: Two Digital Approaches,” Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB; May 29.
- 2015 “Meditating on Purpose: The Use of Poetic Superscriptions to Set Audience Expectations in Proverbs 1:1–7 and 1QH^a 20:7–14a,” Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON; May 31.
- 2014 “Insights from Superscriptions: A New Consideration in the Relationship of the *Community Rule* and the *Rule of the Congregation*,” Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON; May 25.
- 2013 “Hebrew Bible Superscriptions: Indicators of Literary Dependency,” Canadian

Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, Victoria, BC; June 2.

- 2012 “The Sepphoris Synagogue Floor Mosaic: Creating a Matrix of Continuity,”
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA; November 21.

Invited Panel Presentations

- 2017 “A Case Study in Professional Ethics concerning Secondary Publications of Unprovenanced Artefacts: The New Edition DSS F.Instruction1,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA; November 20.
- 2016 “Presentation of an Unprovenanced Fragment of the Wisdom Text ‘Instruction’,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX; November 20.
- 2015 “The GSI Fragment of Instruction and other Dead Sea Scrolls,” Publication Meeting of the Green Collection, Atlanta, GA; November 24.
- 2014 “DSS F.Instruction1: A Palaeographic Examination of Possible Matches with Other Manuscripts of Instruction,” Publication Meeting of the Green Collection, San Diego, CA; November 24.
- 2013 “DSS F.Instruction1: A Non-Biblical Dead Sea Scrolls Fragment in the Green Collection,” Publication Meeting of the Green Collection, Baltimore, MD; November 26.

Poster Presentations

- 2016 “A Fragment of a Jewish Wisdom Text Called "Instruction": Some Reflections on Identifying an Unprovenanced Fragment for the Museum of the Bible,” Poster Presentation at the 50th Anniversary of McMaster Religious Studies Celebration, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; May 14.
- 2015 “Reassessing the Reconstruction of 1QHodayot^a: Using Animated Digital Modeling to Test the Results of the Stegemann Method for Reconstructing Scrolls” Poster Presentation at ManuSciences ‘15, A Franco-German Summer School, Benediktinerinnenabtei Frauenwörth, Frauenchiemsee, Germany; September 6-23.

Invited Campus or Departmental Talks

- 2018 “A Visualization for Reconstructions of Rolled Manuscripts: A Scrollable Model of the War Scroll,” Graduate Colloquium, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; April 26.
- 2017 “Rolling Back Assumptions about 1QHodayot^a: Scrolling, Folding, and Wadding Reconstructions in Blender,” University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel; June 6.
- 2017 “One Text or Three? A Proposal for a Unified Reading of 1QS-1QSa-1QSB,” The Scrollery Colloquium, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON; April 6.
- 2016 “Approaching Manuscripts Digitally: A Retrospect on a Year of Applying Digital

Scholarship to a Research Problem in 1QHodayot^a,” McMaster Ancient Judaism and Christianity Seminar, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; March 30.

- 2016 “The Puzzling Case of Fragment 10 in the Thanksgiving Hymns Manuscript 1QHodayot^a: A Case Study about Two Computer-Aided Approaches for Evaluating the Placement of Fragments in Dead Sea Scrolls Reconstructions,” Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship Colloquium, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; March 17.

COURSES TAUGHT

- 2016 Introduction to Hebrew Bible, Fall Term, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University.

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- 2017 The Bible and Archaeology, Fall Term. Instructor: Daniel Machiela.
- 2017 Health, Healing, and Religion, Winter Term. Instructor: Chris Emms.
- 2015–2016 What on Earth Is Religion? Fall–Winter Terms. Instructor: Philippa Carter.
- 2015 Bible and Film, Winter Term. Instructor: Jonathan Bernier.
- 2014 Health, Healing, and Religion, Fall Term. Instructor: Janet Ross.
- 2014 Bible and Film, Winter Term. Instructor: Jonathan Bernier.
- 2013 Judaism: The Jewish People in the Modern World, Fall Term. Instructor: Louis Greenspan.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- 2011–2013 Research Assistant for Peter Flint, Canada Research Chair and Co-Director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Institute at Trinity Western University.
- 2005 Research Assistant for Mark Fairchild, Huntington University.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient Languages

Qumran Hebrew
 Biblical Hebrew
 Aramaic
 Rabbinic Hebrew
 Greek
 Akkadian

Modern Languages

French (reading knowledge)
 German (reading knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
Society of Biblical Literature
Catholic Biblical Association

SERVICE

2016–2017 Graduate Student Member of the Faculty Search Committee, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Research Interests

Second Temple period Judaism

Liturgy, poetry, and prayer in the Dead Sea scrolls

Digital scholarship and digital approaches to ancient manuscripts