

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- 2019–2020 Postdoctoral Researcher, Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Hebrew Literature, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.
- Supervisor: Esther G. Chazon
  - Project: Piecing Together the Dead Sea Scrolls 1QHodayot<sup>a</sup> and 4QHodayot<sup>a</sup>: A Revised Reconstruction of Two Liturgical Thanksgiving Psalms Scrolls with New Digital Tools and Material Evidence.

### EDUCATION

- 2013–2019 PhD, Religious Studies, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.  
**(Defence: Sept 4, 2019, degree requirements completed, conferral in process)**
- Supervisor: Eileen M. Schuller
  - Thesis Title: “Reassessing the Genres of the Hodayot (Thanksgiving Psalms from Qumran).”
- 2011–2013 MA, Biblical Studies, Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia.  
**(Conferral: Nov 2, 2013)**
- Supervisor: Peter W. Flint
  - Thesis Title: “Assessing the Genre of the *Maskil* Thanksgiving-Prayer (1QH<sup>a</sup> XX 7–XXI 39[?]): A Superscription-Oriented Approach.”
- 2007–2011 MDiv, Scripture and Interpretation, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.  
**(Conferral: May 9, 2011)**
- 2002–2006 BA, Biblical Studies, Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana.  
Minor in Biblical Languages.  
**(Conferral: May 13, 2006)**

### THESES

- 2019 “Reassessing the Genres of the Hodayot (Thanksgiving Psalms from Qumran),” PhD Thesis, McMaster University.
- 2013 “Assessing the Genre of the *Maskil* Thanksgiving-Prayer (1QH<sup>a</sup> XX 7–XXI 39[?]): A Superscription-Oriented Approach,” MA Thesis, Trinity Western University.

### COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

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

## **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**

- 2019–2020 Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship, Hebrew University
- 2018–2019 Graduate Residency, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2018 Departmental Conference Travel Grant, McMaster University
- 2018 Congress 2018 Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Regina
- 2018 Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Early Judaism, McMaster University
- 2018 George A. Barton Fellowship, Albright Institute for Archaeological Research
- 2017–2018 Graduate Residency, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University.
- 2017 Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Early Judaism, McMaster University
- 2017 SGS Grant in Aid of Travel Research and Field Study Fund, McMaster University
- 2017 Mary Margaret Scammell Travel Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2017 Canadian Friends of the École Biblique School Scholarship for Study at the École Biblique
- 2017 Founders Prize, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
- 2017 Jean Matlow Graduate Scholarship; Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Hebrew University
- 2017 The James F. Harvey and Helen S. Harvey Travel Scholarships, McMaster University
- 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, McMaster University
- 2016 Yates Travel Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2016 McMaster Department of Religious Studies Departmental Travel Grant
- 2015–2016 Graduate Fellowship, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2015 Abby Goldblatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Early Judaism, McMaster University
- 2015 McMaster Department of Religious Studies Departmental Travel Grant
- 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
- 2013 Biblical Studies Award, Trinity Western University
- 2013 McMaster University School of Graduate Studies International Excellence Award
- 2013 McMaster University Graduate Scholarship
- 2013 McMaster University Entrance Scholarship
- 2013 Logos in Oxford Summer Institute Stipend
- 2012–2013 Canada Research Chair Dead Sea Scrolls Research Assistantship, Trinity Western University
- 2012 Logos at Baylor Summer Institute Stipend
- 2011–2012 Canada Research Chair Dead Sea Scrolls Research Assistantship, Trinity Western University
- 2011 Boone M. Bowen Award for Biblical Hebrew, Candler School of Theology

## **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](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<sup>a</sup> 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<sup>a</sup>: 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<sup>a</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of McMaster Religious Studies Celebration, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; May 14.
- 2015 “Reassessing the Reconstruction of 1QHodayot<sup>a</sup>: 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***

- 2019 “Much Ado about Wadding: Reconstructing 1QH<sup>a</sup>,” Graduate Colloquium, Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON; April 17.
- 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<sup>a</sup>: 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 Scrollers 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<sup>a</sup>,” 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<sup>a</sup>: 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**

- 2018 Social Sciences Foundations Course: Life, the University, and a Bit of Everything, Fall Term. Instructor: Mark Busser.
- 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.

## **SPECIAL LECTURES**

- 2017 “‘Battlefields’ in Biblical Archaeology,” Archaeology and the Bible, Sept 22. Instructor: Daniel Machiela.

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

- 2014 Research Assistant for Eileen M. Schuller, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University.
- 2011–2013 Research Assistant for Peter W. Flint, Canada Research Chair and Co-Director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Institute at Trinity Western University.
- 2005 Research Assistant for Mark Fairchild, Department of Bible and Religion, 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.