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**FORMAL EDUCATION**

1998, Ph.D. (M.A., 1991) in Biblical and Near Eastern Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1988, B.A. in Old World Archaeology, Kent State University, Kent, OH, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

**FULL-TIME POSITIONS HELD**

2008-present, (Associate ’08-’18) Ordinary Professor of Old Testament, The Catholic University of America (tenured 2012)

1999-2008, (Assistant ’99-’04) Associate (’05-’08) Professor of Scripture, Mount St. Mary's Seminary

1998-99, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Program for Religious Studies, West Virginia University

1994-95, Adjunct Lecturer in Near Eastern Civilizations, Wayne College of the University of Akron, Orrville, Ohio

**OTHER POSITIONS HELD**

2017-present, Life Member, St. John’s College, Cambridge University

2012-present, Research Associate, Department of Old Testament Studies, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

2010-present, Affiliated Faculty, Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies, The University of Maryland

2010, Visiting Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, The University of Maryland

2003-08, Faculty, Seton Hall University International Institute for Clergy Formation Summer Institute for Priests

2002, Visiting Faculty, Summer Institute, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

2001, Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, The University of Dayton

**SPECIAL HONORS, AWARDS, AND INTERNAL GRANT FUNDING**

*(past ten years)*

2019, Scholar in Residence, Snorrastofa Research Centre, Reykholt, Iceland

2016, Research Grant-in-Aid for archaeological work in the West Bank

2015, School of Theology and Religious Studies Student Association Teacher of the Year Award

2013, Research Grant-in-Aid for research travel to India

2011, 2012, Research Grants-in-Aid for work on Hebrew myth, School of Graduate Studies, The Catholic University of America

2009, Research Grant-in-Aid for work on oral tradition, School of Graduate Studies, The Catholic University of America

**RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

***Monographs***

*The Dragon, the Mountain, and the Nations: An Old Testament Myth, Its Origins and Afterlives.* Explorations in Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations 6. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2018.

*Many Roads Lead East: Overtures to Catholic Biblical Theology*. Eugene: Cascade, 2016.

*Covenant and Grace in the Old Testament: Assyrian Propaganda and Israelite Faith.* (Perspectives on Hebrew Scriptures and its Contexts 16; Piscataway: Gorgias, 2012).

*Oral Tradition in Ancient Israel* (Biblical Performance Criticism 4; Eugene: Cascade, 2011).

*Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC* (The Bible in Its World 1; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005; Repr. Wipf & Stock, 2012).

***Edited Volumes***

*“His Words Soar Above Him”: Biblical and Northwest Semitic Studies Presented to Charles R. Krahmalkov*, ed. R. M. Kerr, R. D. Miller II, and P. C. Schmitz. 2018. And in this volume, “A Tale of Two Villages: A Microhistory of Early Israel.”

*Between Israelite Religion and Biblical Theology: Essays on Archaeology, History, and Hermeneutics* (Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 80; Leuven: Peeters, 2016). And in this volume: “Iron Age Medicine Men and Old Testament Theology.”

*The Highest Form of Wisdom: A Memorial Book in Honor of Professor Saul S. Friedman (1937-2013)*, ed. J. C. Friedman and R. D. Miller II (New York: Ktav, 2015). And in this volume, “God and the Asiatic Mode of Production.”

*Syriac and Antiochian Exegesis and Biblical Theology for the 3rd Millennium*, (Gorgias Eastern Christian Studies 6; Piscataway: Gorgias, 2008).

***Journal Articles and Book Chapters***

“Dragon Myths and Biblical Theology,” *Theological Studies* 80 (2019): 37-56

“What the Old Testament Can Contribute to an Understanding of Divine Creation,” *Heythrop Journal* 60 (2019): 29-40.

“Mythic Dimensions of the Sources of the Jordan,” *Aram* 29 (2017): 207-234

“The Witch at the Navel of the World,” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 129 (2017): 98-102.

“Iconographic Links between Indic and Ancient West Asian Storm Gods,” *Zeitschriften der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 166 (2016): 141-52.

“The Hebrew Bible’s Concept of Life,” *Communio Viatorum* 57 (2015): 223-39.

“Performance of Oral Tradition in Ancient Israel,” pp. 175-96 in *Contextualizing Israel's Sacred Writing: Ancient Literacy, Orality, and Literary Production*, ed. Brian B. Schmidt (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015).

“Myth as Revelation,” *Laval théologique et philosophique* 70 (2014) : 539-61.

“Shamanism and Totemism in Early Israel,” *Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences* 100 (2014): 21-58.

“The Baals of Bashan,” *Revue Biblique* 121 (2014): 506-15.

“Early Israel and Its Appearance in Canaan,” chapter 5 in *Ancient Israel’s History: An Introduction to Issues and Sources*, ed. Bill T. Arnold and Richard S. Hess (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014).

“Tracking the Dragon across the Ancient Near East,” *Archiv Orientální* 82 (2014): 225-45.

“The Roles of Moses in the Pentateuch," pp. 19-36 in *Illuminating Moses: A History of Reception,* ed. Jane Beal (Leiden: Brill, 2014).

“What are the Nations Doing in the *Chaoskampf*?” pp. 206-216 in *Creation and Chaos: Reconsideration of Hermann Gunkel's Chaoskampf Hypothesis*, ed. Joanne Scurlock and Richard H. Beal (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2013).

“Shamanism in Early Israel,” *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes*101 (2011): 309-42.

“The Song of Songs: A Plea for an Aesthetic Reading,” *Sacra Scripta* 10 (2012):113-19.

“Orality and Performance in Ancient Israel,” *Revue des Sciences Religieuses* 86 (2012) : 181-92.

“Oral Performance in Ancient Israel,” in “*My Spirit at Rest in the North Country*” *(Zechariah 6.8)*, ed. H. M. Niemann and M. Augustin (Beitrage zur Erforschung des Alten Testaments und des Antiken Judentums 57; Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2011), 229-240.

“Solomon the Trickster,” *Biblical Interpretation* 191 (2011): 496-504.

“Once More: Minimalism, Maximalism, and Objectivity,” *Bible and Interpretation* (online journal at www.bibleinterp.com), May 2011.

“Handmaid of the LORD; Slave of Yahweh,” *TheoForum* 40 (2010): 209-220.

“The Zion Hymns as Instruments of Power,” *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 47 (2010): 217-39.

“A ‘New Cultural History’ of Early Israel,” chapter 8 in *Israel in Transition: From Late Bronze II to Iron IIA (c. 1250-850 BCE): Volume 2*, ed. Lester L. Grabbe (European Seminar in Historical Methodology 8; New York: T & T Clark, 2010).

“The Origin of the Zion Hymns,” pp. 667-75 in *The Composition of the Book of Psalms*, ed Erich Zenger (Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium 238; Leuven: Peeters, 2010).

“Gentiles in the Zion Hymns: Canaanite Myth and Christian Mission,” *Transformation: An International Journal of Holistic Mission Studies* 26 (2009) 232-46.

“Israel’s Covenant in Ancient Near Eastern Context,” *Biblische Notizen* 139 (2008) 5-18.

“When Pharaohs Ruled: On the Translation of Judges 5:2,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 59 (2008): 650-54.

“Samuel the Chief,” *Polish Journal of Biblical Research* 7 (2008): 1-17.

“Crossing the Sea: A Reconsideration of the Source Criticism of the Exodus,” *Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtgeschichte* 13 (2007): 187-93.

“The Triumph of Grace in the Old Testament,” *Incarnate Word* 2 (2007): 455-84.

“Lineamenta for an Understanding of Israelite Monotheism,” *Bible Bhashyam* 32 (2006):124-34.

“Yahweh and His Clio: Critical Theory and the Historical Criticism of the Hebrew Bible,” *Currents in Biblical Research* 4 (2005): 145-165.

“Quest for the Historical Israel” and “Cities and Villages,” in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, ed. W. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson (Issaquah, WA: InterVarsity, 2005).

“Reading Scripture in Communion with the Church Fathers,” *Downside Review* 432 (2005):205-209.

“Identifying Earliest Israel,” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 333 (2003):55-68

“How Post-Modernism (and W. F. Albright) Can Save Us from Malarkey,” *Bible and Interpretation* (online journal at www.bibleinterp.com), November 2003.

“A Gazetteer of Iron I Sites in the Northcentral Highlands of Palestine,” pp. 143-218 in *Preliminary Excavation Reports and Other Archaeological Investigations*, ed. Nancy Lapp (Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research 56; Cambridge, MA: ASOR, 2003).

“Modeling the Farm in Early Iron Age Israel,” pp. 289-310 in *Life and Culture in the Ancient Near East,* ed. R. E. Averbeck, M. W. Chavalas, and D. B. Weisberg (Bethesda: CDL Press, 2003).

“Popular, Ideological, and Textual Dimensions of Postexilic Judean Culture,” *Estudios Bíblicos* 60 (2002): 337-350.

“Deuteronomistic Theology in the Book of Judges?” *Old Testament Essays* 15 (2002): 411-416.

“The Greek Biblical Fragments from Qumran in Text-Critical Perspective,” *Bibbia e Oriente* 43/210 (2001): 235-248.

“From the Songs of Zion: A Literary Analysis of Psalms 113 and 137,” *Bulletin of Biblical Studies* 20 (2001): 38-51.

“Moses and Mendenhall in Traditio-Historical Perspective,” *Irish Biblical Studies* 23 (2001): 146-66.

“Terra sancta: the Christian holy places of Jerusalem,” *Dialogue & Alliance* 15 (2001): 63-79.

“Survey of Overlooked Potential Iron I Sites in North-Central Palestine,” *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 132 (2000): 157-168.

“The Form-Critical Problem of Moses' Call,” *Proceedings of the Eastern Great Lakes and Midwest Biblical Society* 15 (1995): 113-19.

***Minor and Popular Publications***

*The Old Testament* “Great Courses.” 24 lectures. The Teaching Company, forthcoming.

(with Avelino Gonzalez) “Roman Catholicism,” *Strengthening the Teaching About Religion: Scriptures Supplement*, ed. D. C. Rao and Barbara Brown Zikmund (Washington: Interfaith Conference of Greater Washington, 2014).

*The Psalms as Israel’s Prayer and Our Own* (Christian Heritage Rediscovered 2; New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2013).

“Israelite Life Before the Kings,” *Biblical Archaeology Review* (Mar-Apr 2013).

“Pilgrimage,” *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld (Nashville: Abingdon, 2009), vol. 4, p. 528.

“Tales from the Archives,” *Albright Institute for Archaeological Research Newsletter* 6 (2001).

“The Ten (Not-so-) Lost Tribes and the Five Lost Husbands,” *Holy Land* 20.4 (2000): 28-32.

“Ephraim” (p.416), “Ebenezer” (p.373), “Jokmeam” (p.729) and “Jokneam” (p.729), in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. D. N. Freedman, A. Beck, and A. Myers (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000).

“Daily Life in the Days of Samuel,” *Holy Land* 19.3 (1999): 3-6. [www.christusrex.com/www1/ofm/mag/MAen9904.html](http://www.christusrex.com/www1/ofm/mag/MAen9904.html)

“Judas (not Iscariot),” “Jonadab (2 Sam 13),” “Phaltiel,” and “Sacred Stone (Acts 19)” in *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* (Garden City: Doubleday, 1992).

***Reviews***

Review of *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*, ed. Benjamin Porter and Alexis Boutin. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015): 792-94

Review of *Terror of the radiance: Aššur covenant to YHWH covenant* by Richard J. Thompson, *Near Eastern Archaeology* 78 (2015): 118-19

Review of *The Nature of Biblical Criticism* by John Barton, *Interpretation* 63 (2009): 202-203.

Review of *Reading the Pentateuch* by John McDermott, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 66 (2004): 134-35.

Review of *Reconstructing the Society of Ancient Israel* by Paula McNutt, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 64 (2002): 358-59.

Review of *The Israelites in History and Tradition* by Niels Peter Lemche, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62 (2000): 729-30.

Review of *The Mythic Past* by Thomas Thompson, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 62 (2000): 534-36.

Review of *Prologue to history: the Yahwist as historian in Genesis* by John Van Seters, *Biblical Interpretation* 1 (1993): 259-60.

Review of *Jeremiah 26-52: To Build, To Plant* by Walter Brueggemann, *Mid-Stream* 31 (1992): 378-80.

Review of *God is King* by Marc Brettler, *Biblical Archaeologist* 55 (1992): 158.

***Scholarly Presentations not Subsequently Published***

“Reading the Bible as It was Heard: Orality and the Old Testament,” keynote address to the annual meeting of the Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Scholarship (St. Paul, 2019)

“The Early Israelite Settlement through the Lens of Judges,” paper presented to the Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting (Denver, 2018)

“Aesthetic Criticism of the Song of Songs,” paper presented to the LXVIIth Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense (Leuven, 2018)

“Ritual Performance of Hebrew Mythic Psalms,” paper presented at the "Orality and Narration: Performance and Mythic-Ritual Poetics" Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World XII Conference (Lausanne, 2016).

“A Hermeneutical Model from *Dei Verbum* 1-2,” paper presented at the symposium, “Hearing and Proclaiming the Word of God: *Dei Verbum* at 50” (Washington, DC, 2015).

“A History of Research on the Book of Judges,” paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (New Orleans, 2009)

“17th and 18th Century Interpretation of the Samaritan Pentateuch,” paper read at the Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Regional Meeting (Toronto, February 1993).

“Serial Hierarchy in Tribal Mesopotamia,” paper read at American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (San Francisco, November 1992).

Guest lectures and seminars given at Oxford University, Cambridge University, University of Durham, École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem, Kings College London, Duke Divinity School, Virginia Theological Seminary, University of Strasbourg, Bar Ilan University, Jerusalem-Institute of the Görres-Gesellschaft, Kenyon Institute Jerusalem, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, The University of Maryland, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Temple University, The Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Language, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology,

as well as to the Society of Biblical Literature, International Association for Comparative Mythology, International Society for Folk Narrative Research Belief Narratives Network, American Oriental Society, Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense, Catholic Biblical Association, American Schools of Oriental Research, European Association for Biblical Studies, Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies Society for the Study of Scripture, World Congress of Jewish Studies

***Research and Publications in Press and in Progress***

“Research Survey of Baal Hazor.” Forthcoming in *Antiguo Oriente*

*Baal, St. George, and El-Khadr.* History, Archaeology, and Culture of the Levant; State College, PA: Eisenbrauns, forthcoming.

“The Desert as Image of God.” Forthcoming in Festschrift for Paul Nadim Tarazi.

*Orality and the Old Testament*. Semi-popular book in progress for Paulist Press’s *Biblical Studies from the CBA* series.

*Yahweh: Origins of the Desert God*. Under submission.

*Finding Beauty in the Bible: An Aesthetic Commentary on the Song of Songs.* In progress.

**EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT**

*(past ten years)*

2018-19, grant from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Grants to Promote Catholic Biblical Interpretation for research on Orality and Old Testament Law

2017, Beaufort Overseas Visiting Scholar, St. John’s College, Cambridge University.

2014-16, portion of $185,000 grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, “Science for Seminaries,” to develop science content to be incorporated into M. Div. curriculum. - See more at: [www.scienceforseminaries.org/catholic-university-of-america-school-of-theology-and-religious-studies/#sthash.mGC09Ypo.dpuf](http://www.scienceforseminaries.org/catholic-university-of-america-school-of-theology-and-religious-studies/#sthash.mGC09Ypo.dpuf) (Subsequently named Curriculum Consultant for Sacred Heart Seminary (WI)’s tenure of the same grant, 2018-20)

2012, Senior Associate Research Fellowship, W. F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem

2011-12, portion of $100,000 grant from the John Templeton Foundation to the Washington Theological Consortium Religion and Scholars Group, “Adam + Eve: Using Science in Pastoral Ministry,” to fortify those active in Roman Catholic pastoral ministry with transformative academic resources to help them intertwine issues of science and faith together in their work as preachers, teachers, and other capacities of church leadership. More information at [www.atompluseve.com](http://www.atompluseve.com).

**TEACHING**

Graduate Courses Taught: Genesis 1-11, Exodus, Judges, Kings, Prophets, Psalms, Ancient Near Eastern Iconography, Old Testament Theology, Ancient Near Eastern Religions, Monotheism in Ancient Israel, Biblical Archaeology

Seminary Courses Taught: Introduction to the Study of Scripture, Pentateuch and Historical Books, Prophets, Wisdom Literature, Psalms, Advanced Hermeneutics / Biblical Theology, Biblical Hebrew, Mary in the Scriptures, Biblical Archaeology, Patristic Exegesis, The Franciscan Bible

Undergraduate Courses Taught: Biblical Archaeology, Introduction to the Old Testament, Creation in the Old Testament, Justice in the Old Testament, The Bible and Film, Sex and Love in the Old Testament, Race and Ethnicity in the Bible and Antiquity, World Religions

**PH.D. DISSERTATION PROGRAM SERVICE**

***Completed Ph.D. and S.T.D. Dissertations, Chair***

Trevor Crowell, *The Biblical Homilies of Ephraem Graecus*

Lesley DiFransico, *Washing Away Sin: An Old Testament Metaphor and Its Influence* (published in Peeters’ Press, Biblical Tools and Studies series, 2016)

Mark Giszczak, *Character and Metaphor as Hermeneutical Problems in the Song of Songs*

Adam Plescia, *Biblical Concepts of Divine Protection: A Study of Psalms 5, 91, and 140 in Light of the Iconography of the Ancient Near East*

Timothy Snow, *Agriculture and Migration in the Book of Ruth*

Dubravko Turalija, *Character and Structure in Proverbs 30*

Kelly Wilson, *A Performance-Critical Analysis of Lamentations*

***Completed Ph.D. Dissertations, Committee Member***

Isaac Alderman, *The Animal at Unease With Itself: Death Anxiety and the Animal-Human Boundary in Genesis 2-3*

Nadeen M. Alsulaimi, *Islamic and Western Approaches to the Quran: A Rhetorical and Thematic Analysis of Surah 4 “The Women”* (*Sūrat an-Nisāʼ*)

Matthew Bowen, *“According to All That You Demanded” (Deuteronomy 18:16): The Literary Utilization of Names and Leitwörter as Anti-monarchic Polemic in the Deuteronomistic History*

Katherine Brown, *Silent Idol, Speaking Text: Prophetic Writing as Material Mediation of Divine Presence*

B. J. Buracker, *Abner Son of Ner: Characterization and Contribution of Saul’s Chief General*

Garret Galvin OFM, *Egypt as Place of Refuge in the Old Testament*

Dan Hoang, *The Use of Vocative and Imperative Combination in the Opening Lines of Selected Poems in the Hebrew Psalter*

Theresa Lafferty, *The Critique of Cult in Amos and Isaiah*

Nathan LaMontagne, *The Song of Deborah (Judges 5) in the Septuagint*

Andrew Montanaro, *The Sage in Relationship: Familial Descriptions of the Sage in the Scribal Circles of Ben Sira and Cognate Literature*

Cynthia Park, *The Influence of Non-priestly Ritual Behavior on Covenant Theology*

Antony Dhas Prakasam SAC, *Pride of Babylon and Zion in Isaiah in Light of the Theory of Self-Conscious Emotions*

Angela Rasmussen, *The Book of Ruth for Children*

Lina Rong, *Being Forgotten and Forsaken by God (Lam 5:19-20)—the Community in Pain in Lamentations*

Jordan Schmidt OP, *Wisdom, Cosmos, and Cultus in the Book of Sirach*

Michael Seufert, *Of Beasts and Men: A Study of Genesis 49 in Light of Iconography, Metaphor, and Animal Studies*

Adam Tune, *When God's People Lie: A Psychological Examination of the Occurrences of Deception in Samuel–Kings*

***Current Ph.D. Dissertations, Chair***

Christina Bosserman, *The Allure of the Unexpected: Innovative Uses of Figurative Language in the Hebrew Bible through the Lenses of Metaphor and Iconography Research Methods*

Eric Wagner CR, *Mountain-Man: Hebrew Bible Narrative Imagery in Light of Personified Mountain*

Eric Trinka, *The God(s) of Our Ancestors: Mobility, Migration, and Inter-Religious Pluralism in Israel and Judah*

***Current Ph.D. Dissertations, Committee Member***

None

**SERVICE**

***Ecclesial Community***

2006-present, Member, Board of Control of the *New American Bible*

2015, American Association for the Advancement of Science “Perceptions: Science and Religious Communities” Catholic Theologians Focus Group

2014-15, Participant, Rumi Forum Dinner & Discussion Series (Muslim-Christian dialogue)

2012, Presenter, National Council of Synagogues – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Interreligious Dialogue semiannual meeting

2012, Participant, Haus Ohrbeck International Jewish-Christian Bible Week, Osnabruck, Germany

2012-16, Presenter, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Ecumenical Scripture Workshops

2009, translator, “Book of Psalms” (fifty Psalms), *New American Bible Revised Edition*

2005-07, 2009, Censor, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Review of Scripture Translations

2007, *Censor Librorum* forbiblical publications, Archdiocese of Baltimore

2001-08, Presenter, Catholic Education Ministries Center of Central Maryland, Archdiocese of Baltimore Church Leadership Institute, and Diocese of Harrisburg catechetical conferences

2005-06, Consulter to the Coordinator of the Apostolic Visitation of U.S. Seminaries and Houses of Formation

2005, *Peritus* to the International Congress for Bishops on the Fortieth Anniversary of *Dei Verbum*, Rome

2003, Consultant for the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions “*Ad Hoc* Committee for the *Lectionary for Mass* Review,” initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on the Liturgy

2002, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine focus group on Catholic use of the Bible, commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

1999-2005, Minister, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Secular Franciscan Fraternity

1995-present, Presented sessions on Scripture for various adult religious education groups at Catholic parishes in the US and Great Britain

***Campus*** (current institution only)

2017-present, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America

2017-present, Graduate Board, The Catholic University of America

2017-present, Graduate Civil Degrees Committee, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America

2016-present, School of Theology and Religious Studies Committee on Appointments and Promotions, The Catholic University of America

2014, University Honors Program Advisory Committee, The Catholic University of America

2013-15, Academic Senate, The Catholic University of America

2012-16, Area Director for Biblical Studies, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America

2012-16, School of Theology and Religious Studies M.A. Committee, The Catholic University of America

2012-13, Campus TA/TF Developmental Committee, The Catholic University of America

2011-15, Co-director, School of Theology and Religious Studies First Year Experience “Faith Seeking Understanding” program

2011-13, Director of Teaching and Learning, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America

2011-12, School of Theology and Religious Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, The Catholic University of America

2010-11, School of Theology and Religious Studies Ad Hoc D. Min. Committee, The Catholic University of America

2010-11, School of Theology and Religious Studies Online Teaching Committee, The Catholic University of America

2008-10, School of Theology and Religious Studies Library Committee, The Catholic University of America

***Discipline***

2018-present, External referee, *Journal of Biblical Literature*

2012-present, External referee, *Verbum et Ecclesia*

2007, 2012-present, External referee, *Bible and Critical Theory* journal

2017, invited participant, “Summit” on the Future of Biblical Scholarship in Relationship to Theology, hosted by Virginia Theological Seminary

2015, Co-Organizer, “Hearing and Proclaiming the Word of God: *Dei Verbum* at 50,” Washington DC

2015, Association of Theological Schools Focus Group on Teaching and Learning

2015, External referee for book proposals, Baker Academic Press, Oxford University Press

2010-15, Moderator, Lux Verbi listserv for critical biblical theology

2011-13, Regional Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

2011-present, Affiliate, Capitol Archaeological Institute at the George Washington University

2010-present, Washington Theological Consortium Science and Religion Group

2010-11, Virginia Theological Seminary Meade Research Colloquium

2006-07, Deuteronomistic History Section Chair, Society of Biblical Literature Midatlantic Regional meeting.

2006, Organizer and Host, one-day symposium on the Historical Critical Method and Catholic Biblical Theology, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

2005, External grant reviewer, Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences.

2004, Organizer and Host, one-day symposium on Syriac/Antiochian Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

2000-03, Member, American Schools of Oriental Research Board of Trustees. Member, Board Committee on Institutional Membership.

1999-2001, Founder and Chair, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting Section on Anthropological Archaeology in the Levant.

1997-98, Program Coordinator and Archivist, W. F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem.

1994-95, Lead Project Consultant, *Anchor Bible Dictionary on CD-ROM*. Bantam, Doubleday, Dell Publishing Group.

1989-90, Editorial Assistant, *Anchor Bible Dictionary.* David Noel Freedman, ed. 6 vols.

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE**

2017, Site survey of Baal Hazor with permit from the Palestinian Department of Antiquities

2000, Site survey of two Iron I sites in the Northern West Bank with permit from the Palestinian Department of Antiquities

1996-97, Director, Regional Archaeological Survey of the Northern West Bank “Potential Iron I Sites” with permit from the Palestinian Department of Antiquities

1996-97, Ceramic Specialist and Pottery Registrar, Research Excavations at Khirbet Birzeit, Palestinian Institute of Archaeology, Birzeit University.

1986, Volunteer, Caesarea Land Investigation Project, Caesarea Maritima, Israel.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Catholic Biblical Association

Society of Biblical Literature

American Schools of Oriental Research

European Association of Biblical Studies

Society for Old Testament Study (UK; elected 2007)

Institute for Biblical Research (elected 2011)

Folklore Fellows (Associate Member; elected 2011)

International Society for Folk Narrative Research (elected 2014)

Orthodox Center for the Advancement of Biblical Studies Society for the Study of Scripture

International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Humanities Interest Group

International Association for Comparative Mythology

International Society for Studies in Oral Tradition

Philosophical Society of Washington (elected 2011)

Washington Academy of Sciences (Member)