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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

August 2021-Present	Professor, Drake University
August 2013- August 2021	Associate Professor, Drake University
August 2017-August 2020	Chair of Department of Philosophy and Religion
August 2009-August 2013	Assistant Professor, Drake University
August 2007-August 2009	Visiting Assistant Professor, Drake University
August 2004 – May 2007	Philip Markowicz Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Biblical Studies, University of Toledo
September 1997 – August 2004	Research Assistant, University of Michigan

### **EDUCATION**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Ph.D., 2004  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, M.A., 1999  
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, M.Div., 1996  
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, B.A., 1992

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Drake University (2021-Present)*

*Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Drake University (2013-2021)*

New Courses: *Zombies! The Zombie Apocalypse in Culture and Religion* (FYS030 – Fall 2013), *Religions of Des Moines: Islam* (REL 114 – Spring 2014), *The Global Bible* (REL 130 – Spring 2013), *Apocalyptic America in Film and Culture* (REL 143 – J-Term 2016), *Judaism at the Time of Jesus* (REL 113 – Spring 2016), *Digital Religion: Jonestown* (REL 144 – Fall 2016), *Religions of the Middle East*, *Travel Seminar* (REL 067 – J-term 2020)

*Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Drake University*

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, 2007-2009 (Visiting), Fall 2009-2013 (Assistant)

Introduction to World Religions, Introduction to Religion, Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, The Life and Teaching of Jesus, Judaism at the Time of Jesus, Constructing Jesus (Senior Seminar), Encountering Islam, Islam: Foundations, Traditions, Debate, Scriptures of the West, Reading Religion in Society (Senior Seminar), Justice at the Margins: Postcolonialism and the Bible, Apocalyptic America

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of Toledo*

Philip Markowicz Visiting Assistant Professor of Jewish Biblical Studies

Introduction to World Religions, Introduction to Religion, Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament, From Ezra to Jesus: Judaism in the Second Temple Period, The History of God: Origins and Effects of Monotheism, Biblical Wisdom in its Ancient Context

*Graduate Instructor, University of Michigan*

History and Religion of Ancient Israel, Winter 2001

*Instructor, University of Michigan*

Introduction to the Old Testament/Tanakh, Summer 2000

*Instructor, University of Michigan*

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, Winter 1999, Winter 2000, Fall 2000

*Graduate Instructor, University of Michigan*

Introduction to World Religions, Fall 1997, Fall 1999

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Under Contract: Book Manuscript, *Joshua* volume of the Wisdom Commentary Series (introduction completed)

Under Contract: “‘The Tribe of Dan was Seeking a Territory’: The Migration of Dan and the Mimicry of Colonizing Discourse” in a volume edited by Tammi J. Schneider and Traci L. Birge on new approaches to the book of Judges to be published in July 2024 by Equinox Press.

In Process: The Mysterious Case of Hadad the Edomite and the Theme of the Fleeing King (article length research. Target Journal: *Journal of Biblical Literature*)

In Process: Tribal Kingdoms, “Architectural Bias,” and the Edomite Kinglist (article length research. Target Journal: *Vetus Testamentum*)

2022 Review of “About Edom and Idumea in the Persian Period: Recent Research and Approaches from Archaeology, Hebrew Bible Studies and Ancient Near Eastern Studies,” edited by Benedikt Hensel, Ehud Ben Zvi, and Diana V. Edelman. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (forthcoming)

2022 Review of “Archaeology and History of Eighth-Century Judah,” edited by Zev I. Farber and Jacob L. Wright. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 142.1 (2022), 242-246.

2021 *Edom at the Edge of Empire: A Social and Political History* (Atlanta: SBL Press)  
Reviews: Bienkowski, [PEQ](#) (2022); Bienkowski, [RBL](#) (2022); Tebes, [RBL](#) (2022), Anderson JSOT/SOTS (forthcoming)

- 2020 “Edith Roller’s Childhood,” *The Jonestown Report* 22 (2020):  
jonestown.sdsu.edu/?page\_id=97768
- 2019 “The Assassination of Amon and the Crisis of Assyrian Imperialism,” in Jeremiah Cataldo (ed.), *Imagined Worlds and Constructed Identities in the Hebrew Bible* (Library of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 677; Bloomsbury Press, 2019), 27-42.
- 2018 “Jonestown 2028.” Special Edition of the Jonestown Report: “40 Years after Jonestown” (2018): jonestown.sdsu.edu/?page\_id=81390
- 2017 “Digital Jonestown: Annotating an American Tragedy.” *The Jonestown Report* 19 (2017): jonestown.sdsu.edu/?page\_id=70587
- 2017 “Edith Roller Goes to College.” *The Jonestown Report* 19 (2017):  
jonestown.sdsu.edu/?page\_id=70582
- 2015 Review of “Postcolonialism and the Hebrew Bible: The Next Step,” edited by Roland Boer. *Biblical Interpretation: A Journal for Contemporary Biblical Studies* 23: 475-477.
- 2015 Review of “The God Resheph in the Ancient Near East,” by Maciej Munnich. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135.1: 173-175
- 2013 Good Girl, Bad Girl: A Postcolonial Analysis of Foreign Women in the Deuteronomistic History. *Biblical Interpretation: A Journal for Contemporary Biblical Studies* 21.1:1-18.
- 2011 Review of “Studying the Ancient Israelites: A Guide to Sources and Methods” by Victor H. Matthews. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131.2: 307-309.
- 2009 Postcolonialism and the Hebrew Bible. *Currents in Biblical Research* 7: 217-244.
- 2008 The Edomite Wisdom Hypothesis. *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 120/4: 404-416.
- 2007 Nabonidus, as-Sila and the Beginning of the End of Edom. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 348: 75-88.
- 2007 Review of “The Tafila-Busayra Archaeological Survey 1999-2001, West-Central Jordan” by B. MacDonald et al. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.
- 2006 Co-editor (with Norman Yoffee), *Excavating Asian History: Interdisciplinary Studies in Archaeology and History*. University of Arizona Press.
- 2006 Co-author (with Norman Yoffee). “Historical Archaeology in Asia: An Introduction.” In *Excavating Asian History: Interdisciplinary Studies in Archaeology and History*. University of Arizona Press.

- 2005 Review of “The Near East in the Southwest: Essays in Honor of William G. Dever” edited by Beth Alpert Nakhai. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125.3.
- 2005 Review of “Symbiosis, Symbolism, and the Power of the Past: Canaan, Ancient Israel, and their Neighbors from the Late Bronze Age through Roman Palaestina” edited by W. G. Dever and S. Gitin. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 48.4: 593-596.
- 2005 Review of “The God Dagan in Bronze Age Syria” by Lluís Feliu. *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religion* 5: 215-219.
- 2002 “The Development of Dagan: A Sketch.” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 1: 32-83.

#### Digital Humanities Projects

2016-present Digital Jonestown – a digital humanities project (pedagogy/scholarship hybrid project) in conjunction with the Jonestown Institute and maintained by the Cowles library (digitaljonestown.library.drake.edu)

#### **TEACHING WORKSHOPS**

*Reacting to the Past Workshop*, June 2022, Boulder, Colorado

*Global Service Learning Travel Seminar*, March 2019, Guadalajara, Mexico

*Digital Storytelling Workshop*, Summer 2013, Drake University

*Wabash Workshop Fellow for Pre-Tenure Track Faculty at Private Colleges and Universities*  
Summer 2011, January 2012, Summer 2012, Wabash College, Indiana

*First Year Seminar Writing Pilot Project*, Fall Semester 2010, Drake University

*Active Learning Workshop: Teaching First Year Seminars*, August 2010, Drake University

*Active Learning Workshop: Problem Based Learning*, August 2009, Drake University

*Active Learning Teaching Circle*, Fall 2008, Drake University

*Active Learning Workshop: Teaching and Technology*, August 2008, Drake University

*Teaching Writing to Freshman Workshop*, May 2008, Drake University

*Critical Thinking Workshop*, January 2008, Drake University

#### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Member of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee*, Fall 2022

*Chair of the Arts and Sciences Council and Cabinet, Drake University, Fall 2021-Spring 2022*

*Vice-Chair and Humanities and Social Sciences Representative to the Arts and Sciences Council, Drake University, Fall 2020-Spring 2021*

*Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Fall 2017- present*

National Endowment for the Humanities application Grant co-director - *Designing A Path Forward: The Fusion of Changemaking, Business & the Humanities*

Faculty Manual Revision committee – University ad-hoc committee, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

*Organization Team for Interfaith Youth Leadership Camp, Summers 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*

*Selection Committee for Nelson Institute Global Pressing Issues Grant, Fall 2015, Fall 2016*

*Editorial Board for A Spectrum of Faith: The Religions of Des Moines, from Drake Community Press, Fall 2015-Spring 2017*

*Humanities Representative on Global / International Programs Academic Council (GIPAC), Drake University, Fall 2015-Present*

*Arts and Sciences Cabinet, Drake University, Fall 2012-Spring 2014*

Search Committee for Associate Provost of Academic Affairs, Fall 2013

*Arts and Sciences Council, Drake University, Fall 2010-Spring 2012*

*Initial Steering Committee, Society of Biblical Literature, New Session Proposal for Section entitled “Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies,” Fall 2010-Spring 2011*

*Faculty Advisor, Drake Interfaith Dialog, Drake University, Fall 2009-Present*

*Diversity Committee, Drake University, Fall 2009-Spring 2010*

*Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue Steering Committee, University of Toledo, Fall 2006*  
Member of the leadership committee for a university sponsored academic dialogue between members of various religious traditions. The committee, composed of professors, local religious leaders and student representatives, decides on the topic and speakers for the annual meeting.

*Editorial Assistant, Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, 2001-2004*  
Managed submitted manuscripts through the peer review process. Copy-edited accepted manuscripts. Collaborated with authors in order to prepare the manuscript for publication. Copy-edited issues 44.3 (August 2001) through 47.4 (November 2004).

*Designer, History and Religion of Ancient Israel Internet Project, Summer 2001*

Developed and organized website for undergraduate course “The History and Religion of Ancient Israel.” Converted all handouts, class schedule and material into HTML format. Created supplemental web pages to facilitate better understanding of course material.

*Square supervisor, Khirbat al-Mudanya, Wadi ath-Thamad Project, central Jordan, Summer*

1999, under the direction of P. M. Michele Daviau of Wilfrid Laurier University. Supervised excavation in several squares and prepared daily and weekly reports. Produced final reports for squares excavated.

*Participant, Tel Rehov, Beth Shean Valley Archaeological Project, northern Israel, Summer*

1998, under the direction of Amihai Mazar, Director of the Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Participated in excavation of several squares. Completed course work for credit in the field school under the direction of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

#### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Drake Humanities Center travel grant for research in Colorado

Selected for NEH application for College of Arts and Sciences

Honors Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017

Lilly Endowment summer research grant (no. 2012 069 W11 G) for the completion of *The Witch of Endor and the Art of Magical Resistance*

Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Archaeological Research Award, 2004

The George C. Cameron Award in recognition of outstanding academic performance in *Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies*, 2000

Wallace Radcliffe Award, Summer 1999

Margaret Kraus Ramsdell Fellowship, Summer 1999

The George C. Cameron Award in recognition of outstanding academic performance in *Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies*, 1998

Donald Leroy Waterman Fellowship, Spring 1997-Fall 1998

#### **PEER-REVIEW CONTRIBUTIONS**

2022 Full Manuscript Review of book submitted to Oxford University Press

2021 Review of Article Submission to *Religions*

2019 Review for *Swiss National Science Foundation* application for a project on stamp seals from the Levant (project was funding in full)

2019 Review of Article Submission to the *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*

2018 Review of Proposal for Oxford University Press

2016 Review of Proposal for Oxford University Press

2015 Review of Proposal to *Essentials of Biblical Studies Series* of Oxford University Press

2015 Review of Article Submission to *Teaching Theology and Religion*

2014 Review of Article Submission to *Journal of the American Oriental Society*

2014 Review of Book Manuscript for the *Archaeological Reports Series* of the American Society of Oriental Research

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Tribal Kingdoms and the Edomite King List in Genesis 36 – presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO, November 2022

"Because they pursued the Gods of Edom": The Role of Coalition Building in the Origin of "Edomite" Religion - presentation with a respondent at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 2021

Between Empire and Community in Iron Age Edom – an invited presentation at Multifaceted Edom: Recent Research on Southern Transjordan in the Iron Age from an Archaeological and Cultural-Historical Perspective, An International Conference in Amman, Jordan (virtual) on June 8-10, 2021

Tribal Kingdoms, “Architectural Bias,” and the Edomite Kinglist– accepted for presentation at Great Plains AAR/SBL in March 2020 <cancelled due to Coronavirus pandemic>

Pre-conference Workshop Leader for Comparison Project Workshop on University – Non-profit Partnerships, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2019.

Panelist for Interfaith Youth Camp discussion, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2019

Edith Roller’s Diaries and the Digital Study of New Religious Movements, Upper Midwest Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Saint Paul, MN, April 2019

Rahab and the Colonizers, Joshua and Judges Session, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO, November 2018

“This Whole Remarkable Story”: Digitizing Edith Roller’s Diaries, Religion and Social Sciences Session, Upper Midwest Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Saint Paul, MN, April 2018

Amon’s Failed Reign and the Colonial Failure of the Assyrian Empire, Historiography and the Hebrew Bible, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November 2017

The Assassination of King Amon of Judah and the Crisis of Imperialism, Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November 2017

Crowdsourcing an American Tragedy: Digital Annotation in the Religious Studies Classroom, Upper Midwest Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Saint Paul, MN, April 2017

Digital Jonestown: Annotating an American Tragedy, Digitarium, A Digital Humanities Workshop at the University of Alabama, March 2017

King Solomon and the Biocolonialism of Ancient Empires, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

Resistance and the Witch of Endor: A Contrapuntal Reading, Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, April 2015

When Bhabha meets Solomon: Postcolonial Theory and the Historiography of Ancient Israel and Judah, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

Forced Migration in the Deuteronomistic History and Comparative Empire Theory, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

King Solomon, An Emperor without an Empire: Toward a Postcolonial Historiography of Ancient Israel. The Rufus Monroe and Sofie Hougaard Paine Lecture in Religion at The University of Missouri, September 24, 2014

Pancakes, Prayer, and David's Tabernacle, Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, April 2014

King Josiah and the Postcolonial Construction of Israel's History, Humanities Lecture, Drake University, May 2013

The Witch of Endor and Postcolonial Magic Theory, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2012

Josiah's Judah as a Postcolonial Nation. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2011.

Revoicing the Witch of Endor. Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, March 2011.

Constructing Jesus with the Biblezines. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2010.

Good Girl, Bad Girl: A Postcolonial Approach to Foreign Women in the Deuteronomistic History. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2008.

Was there Wisdom in Edom? Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2007.

The Origins of Satan: The Personification of Evil in the Biblical World. Philip Markowicz Lecture in Jewish Biblical Studies, April 2007.



A Literary Ostrakon from Horvat Uzza and the Edomite Wisdom Hypothesis. Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, April 12-13, 2007.

Assyrian Imperialism and the Transformation of Society in the Southern Levant. Lecture delivered to the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Minnesota, February 2007.

Angels, Demons and Monotheism. Invited lecture in the Corpus Christi World Religions series, November 2006.

“Where no feet dare to go”: Nabonidus, as-Sila and the Decline of Edom. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2006.

Being Religious in Ancient Israel: An Examination of Religious Diversity in the World of the Bible. Philip Markowicz Lecture in Jewish Biblical Studies, April 2006.

Copper, Khirbet an-Nahas, and the Foundations of the Edomite State. Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, March 2006.

When God Battled the Sea: A New Approach to the Transmission of an Ancient Myth. Hawaii International Conference on the Arts and Humanities, January 2006.

The Gods of Israel and the Gods of Canaan: Reading the Bible Polytheistically. Philip Markowicz Lecture in Jewish Biblical Studies, April 2005.

The Deuteronomistic History’s Portrayal of Edom: Contrasts and Contacts between Archaeology and the Hebrew Bible. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“Because they pursued the gods of Edom”: Religion and Society in Iron Age Edom. Presented at the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society annual meeting, April 1-2, 2004. Awarded the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Archaeological Research Award.

#### **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Biblical Hebrew, Epigraphic Hebrew, Greek, Ugaritic, Phoenician, Aramaic, Ammonite, Moabite, Akkadian, Sumerian