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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-2020 Daniels Family NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor
- 2014-present Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
Faculty Member, Jewish Studies Program
- 2007-2014 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia
- 2005-2007 Lecturer in Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2004-2005 Instructor in Religious Studies, Oberlin College

EDUCATION

- 2006 ThD, The Divinity School, Harvard University: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; Dissertation: “‘To Whom Has Wisdom’s Root Been Revealed?’: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel”; Committee: Jon D. Levenson (advisor), Peter Machinist, Richard J. Clifford
- 1996 MDiv, The Divinity School, Harvard University
- 1988 BA (Mathematics), BS (Physics, Chemistry), Bethel College (KS), *summa cum laude*

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

wisdom literature in ancient Israel and Second Temple Judaism ▪ religion and the senses ▪ religion and the body ▪ election in Second Temple Judaism ▪ Israelite prophets ▪ newer approaches to the study of the Hebrew Bible (cultural anthropology, cognitive linguistics, embodiment, phenomenology, intersectionality) ▪ Jewish and Christian biblical interpretation in antiquity and modernity ▪ identity formation in antiquity ▪ Judaism in Latin America

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Hebrew Bible ▪ Second Temple Judaism ▪ early biblical interpretation ▪ Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphical literature ▪ Religions of the ancient Near East ▪ theodicy ▪ biblical Hebrew ▪ religion and the senses ▪ religion and the body

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel. JSJSup 139. Leiden: Brill, 2009.

Reviews of *Wisdom's Root Revealed*:

Ibolya Balla, review of Greg Schmidt Goering, *Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [http://www.bookreviews.org] (2010). http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7386_8049.pdf

Jeremy Corley, "Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel," *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 34, no. 5 (2010): 179–180.

P. C. Beentjes, "Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel," *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 41 (2010): 428–9.

Armin Lange, et al, "Review of *Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel*," *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 1.3 (2010): 375.

Michael W. Duggan, "Review of *Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel*," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 121–2.

Alexander A. Di Lella, "Review of *Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel*," *Hebrew Studies* 53 (2012): 399–401.

Calduch-Benages, Núria. "Review of *Wisdom's Root Revealed*." *Biblica* 93, no. 1 (2012): 123-6.

Werline, Rodney A. "Wisdom's Root Revealed: Ben Sira and the Election of Israel." *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 13 (2013): n.p.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5508/jhs.2013.v13.r65>

Xeravits, Géza G., and Greg Schmidt Goering, eds. *Figures Who Shape Scriptures, Scriptures That Shape Figures: Essays in Honour of Benjamin G. Wright III*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018.

Articles and Essays

"Election and Knowledge in the *Wisdom of Solomon*." In *Studies in the Book of Wisdom*, edited by Géza G. Xeravits and József Zsengellér, 163–182. Leiden: Brill, 2010.

"Proleptic Fulfillment of the Prophetic Word: Ezekiel's Dirges Over Tyre and Its Ruler." *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 36, no. 4 (2012): 483–505.
doi: 10.1177/0309089212449094.

"Divine Sovereignty and the Election of Israel in the Wisdom of Ben Sira." In *The Call of Abraham: Essays on the Election of Israel in Honor of Jon D. Levenson*, edited by Gary A. Anderson and Joel S. Kaminsky, 144–69. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013. <http://undpress.nd.edu/book/P03068>

"Election in Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism." In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception: Dress - Essene Gate*, edited by Hans-Josef Klauck, et al., 617–20. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013. doi: 10.1515/ebr.election.

- “Sapiential Synesthesia: The Conceptual Blending of Light and Word in Ben Sira’s Wisdom Instruction.’ In *Cognitive Linguistic Explorations in Biblical Studies*, edited by Bonnie Howe and Joel B. Green, 121–43. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014.
- “Creation, Torah, and Revealed Wisdom in Some Second Temple Sapiential Texts (Sirach, 4QInstruction, 4Q185, and 4Q525): A Response to John Kampen.” In *Canonicity, Setting, Wisdom in the Deuterocanonicals: Papers of the Jubilee Meeting of the International Conference on the Deuterocanonical Books*, edited by Géza G. Xeravits, et al., 121–44. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014.
- “Intersecting Identities and Persuasive Speech: The Cases of Judah and Esther.” *Biblical Interpretation* 23 (2015): 340–68. doi: 10.1163/15685152-00230A03
- “Attentive Ears and Forward-Looking Eyes: Disciplining the Senses and Forming the Self in the Book of Proverbs.” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 66, no. 2 (2015): 242–64.
- “Honey and Wormwood: Taste and the Embodiment of Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs.” *HeBAI* 5 (2016): 23-41.
- “Simon and the Actualization of Wisdom in the Jerusalem Temple.” In *Figures Who Shape Scriptures, Scriptures That Shape Figures: Essays in Honour of Benjamin G. Wright III*, edited by Géza G. Xeravits and Greg Schmidt Goering, 105-24. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018. [10.1515/9783110596373-007](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110596373-007)
- “Preface.” In *Figures who Shape Scriptures, Scriptures that Shape Figures: Essays in Honour of Benjamin G. Wright III*, edited by Géza G. Xeravits and Greg Schmidt Goering, vii-x. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018. [10.1515/9783110596373-017](https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110596373-017)
- “Moving and Thinking: Kinesthesia and Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs.” In *Sounding Sensory Profiles in the Ancient Near East*, edited by Annette Schellenberg and Thomas Krüger. ANEM 25, 69-85. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2019. https://www.sbl-site.org/publications/Books_ANEmonographs.aspx

Book Reviews

- “Book Review: *God's Twilight Zone: Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible*. By T. A. Perry. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 2008.” *Biblical Theology Bulletin: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 39 (2009): 228–9.
- “Book Review: *Proverbs 10–31: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. By Michael V. Fox. Anchor Bible 18B. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2009.” *Theology Today* 67 (2010): 350–2.
- “Review of *Ritual and Its Consequences: An Essay on the Limits of Sincerity*.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 78, no. 3 (2010): 838–841; doi: 10.1093/jaarel/lfq037.
- “Review of Rachel Neis, *The Sense of Sight in Rabbinic Culture: Jewish Ways of Seeing in Late Antiquity*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.” *AJS Review* 39, no. 2 (2015): 441–4.

“Review of Anne W. Stewart, *Poetic Ethics in Proverbs: Wisdom Literature and the Shaping of the Moral Self.*” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80, no. 1 (2018): 127-29.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

“Theorizing Walking: Path Metaphors in the Book of Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, [23-26 November 2019].

“Textured Speech: The Materiality of Words in Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, [23-26 November 2019].

“Writing a Commentary on the Book of Sirach: Prospects and Challenges,” Workshop for faculty and graduate students in Religions of Western Antiquity, Florida State University, co-presented with Matthew Goff, 1 April 2019.

Introduction to David Morgan, keynote speaker, Toppling Monuments symposium, UVA. April 19, 2018.

“The Wisdom of Intemperance and Voracity in the Book of Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 18–21 November 2017.

“Contexts for the Study of Sirach.” Introduction to “The Pursuit of Wisdom and Human Flourishing: A Virginia Conference on the Book of Sirach and its Contexts,” Richmond, VA, 10 July 2017.

“Moving and Thinking: Kinesthesia and Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs,” invited paper for the Vienna Conference on Sensation in the Hebrew Bible, Vienna, Austria, 23-25 March 2017.

“The Role of Kinesthesia in the Pedagogical Program of Proverbs,” seminar for The Synaesthesia Project, l’Université de Toulouse (France), 20 March 2017.

“‘Level the Path of Your Feet’: Kinesthetic Self-Control in Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 19–22 November 2016.

“Kinesthetic Discipline in the Book of Proverbs,” Seminar on Israelite Sapiential Literature, Decatur, GA, 10–12 August 2016.

“Flogging, Rebuke, and the Embodiment of Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs,” Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity Colloquium, UVA, 13 October 2015.

“Tactile Discipline as Sapiential Paideia in the Book of Proverbs,” Fifth Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting on Second Temple Jewish Paideia in its Ancient Near Eastern and Hellenistic Contexts, Naples, Italy, 30 June–4 July 2015.

“Response to Frank Ueberschauer: Education in Ben Sira,” response to major conference paper, Fifth Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting on Second Temple Jewish Paideia

in its Ancient Near Eastern and Hellenistic Contexts, Naples, Italy, 30 June-4 July 2015.

“Gustatory Aesthetics in the Jewish Wisdom Tradition,” International Conference on The Aesthetics of Crossing: Experiencing the Beyond in Abrahamic Traditions, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 19-21 March 2015.

“Competing Gustatory Regimes in the Book of Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 22–25 November 2014.

“Tactile Discipline in the Book of Proverbs,” Seminar on Israelite Sapiential Literature, Decatur, GA, 13–15 August 2014.

“Investigating Experience in Antiquity: An Embodiment Paradigm,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 23–26 November 2013.

“You Are What You Eat & You Eat What You Are: Distinctive Taste in the Book of Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 23–26 November 2013.

“A Matter of Taste: Gustation and Social Distinction in the Book of Proverbs,” Seminar on Israelite Sapiential Literature, Decatur, GA, 14–16 August 2013.

“Wisdom in Deuterocanonical Literature: A Response to John Kampen,” invited paper, Aspects of Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature, Budapest, Hungary, 4–6 June 2013.

“An Embodiment Paradigm: The Case of Touch in Proverbs,” invited lecture, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 18 March 2013.

“Textured Discipline: The Sense of Touch in the Book of Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 17–20 November 2012.

“Attentive Ears and Forward-Looking Eyes,” Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity Colloquium, UVA, March 2012.

“Sensory Disciplining and Construction of the Self in the Book of Proverbs,” Association for Jewish Studies 43rd Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 18–20 December 2011.

“The Rhetorical Function of Ezekiel’s Dirge Over the King of Tyre,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 19–22 November 2011.

“Intersecting Identities and Persuasive Discourse: The Cases of Judah and Esther,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 19–22 November 2011.

“Sapiential Synesthesia: The Blending of Light and Word in Ben Sira’s Wisdom Instruction,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 19–23 November 2010.

- “Attentive Ears and Forward-Looking Eyes: Ritualization of the Senses in the Jewish Wisdom Tradition,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 19–23 November 2010.
- “Response to ‘They Shall Beat Their Swords,’ musical composition by Oded Zehavi,” Jewish Studies 10th Anniversary Conference, University of Virginia, 13–15 November 2010.
- “The Sacred Gaze: Visuality in Judaism,” Jewish Studies Colloquium, University of Virginia, 15 September 2010.
- “Sapiential Synesthesia: The Confluence of Light and Word in Ben Sira’s Wisdom Instruction,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 20–24 November 2009.
- “Visual and Aural Metaphors in Proverbs and Sirach,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 20–24 November 2009.
- “Seeing and Hearing in Early Jewish Wisdom Literature: Implications for Scripture, Interpretation, and Practice,” Program in Scripture, Interpretation, and Practice, University of Virginia, 12 February 2009.
- “Visual and Aural Modes of Perception in Jewish Wisdom Literature,” Jewish Studies Colloquium, University of Virginia, 4 February 2009.
- “The Election of Israel in the Wisdom of Ben Sira,” Association for Jewish Studies 40th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 21–23 December 2008.
- “Jewish Wisdom Literature,” Excellence in Diversity Fellows Program, University of Virginia, 22 January 2008.
- “The Preservation and Transmission of Wisdom in Sirach,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 17–20 November 2007.
- “Election and Knowledge in the Wisdom of Solomon,” paper given at invited conference entitled “The Book of Wisdom and Hellenistic Jewish Philosophy,” Fourth International Conference on the Deuterocanonical Books, Shimeon Centre, Pápa, Hungary, 24–26 May 2007.
- “‘Put Your Dread Upon All the Nations!’: Petitionary Prayer and Creation in Sirach,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 18–21 November 2006.
- “Magic and Miracle in Westcar Papyrus and in the Priestly Plague Narratives,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 18–21 November 2006.
- “Ben Sira and the ‘Doctrine of Opposites’: A Reconsideration,” Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 19–22 November 2005.

“Early Jewish Biblical Interpretation,” Guest Lecture for Prof. Jodi Magness, “Introduction to Early Judaism,” UNC Chapel Hill, 19 October 2005.

“The Sun, the Moon, and the Election of Israel: A Reconsideration of Ben Sira’s Anthropology,” Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, 7–8 April 2005.

“Engendering Pathos Across Social Distance: Judah, Esther, and the Art of Persuasion,” Midwest Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 18–20 February 2005.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

NEH Daniels Family Distinguished Teaching Professorship, University of Virginia, 2017-2020.

Research Support in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (\$3000), for conference on “The Pursuit of Wisdom and Human Flourishing: A Virginia Conference on the Book of Sirach and Its Contexts,” Buckner W. Clay Dean of Arts & Sciences and the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2017.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), “Wisdom in the Flesh: Disciplining the Senses and Forming the Self in the Book of Proverbs,” College of Arts & Sciences and Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2017.

Sesquicentennial Associate (full salary for 1 semester), “Wisdom in the Flesh: Disciplining the Senses and Forming the Self in Ancient Jewish Pedagogy,” College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, University of Virginia, 2016–2017.

Fellow, LabEx (Laboratoire d’excellence) “Structuration des Mondes Sociaux,” Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès, Spring 2017 (3000 Euros). Declined.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), “Wisdom in the Flesh: Disciplining the Senses and Forming the Self in the Book of Proverbs,” College of Arts & Sciences and Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2016.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), “Wisdom in the Flesh: Disciplining the Senses and Forming the Self in the Book of Proverbs,” College of Arts & Sciences and Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2014.

Dean’s Discretionary Fund (\$500), for presentation to the Southeastern Colloquium on ANE and Israelite Wisdom Literature, Decatur, GA, 14–16 August 2013.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), “Perceiving Wisdom: Disciplining the Senses and the Construction of the Self in

the Jewish Wisdom Tradition,” College of Arts & Sciences and Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2013.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), “Perceiving Wisdom: Disciplining the Senses and the Construction of the Self in the Jewish Wisdom Tradition,” College of Arts & Sciences and Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2012.

Buckner W. Clay Endowment Grant (\$5,775), for development of a new undergraduate course on religion and sensory perception, called “Sensing the Sacred,” Fall 2011.

Research Leave (full salary for 1 semester), for project on vision and audition in Jewish wisdom literature, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, Spring 2011.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), “Perceiving Wisdom: The Blending of Light and Word in Jewish Wisdom Literature,” College of Arts & Sciences and Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2010.

University Teaching Fellowship (\$6000), Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost, University of Virginia, 2009–2010.

Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$5000), for project on nature and revelation in the Book of Sirach, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, 2009.

Grant (\$1800) to prepare manuscript *Wisdom's Root Revealed* for publication, Arts and Sciences and the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Virginia, 2008.

Excellence in Diversity Fellowship (\$1000), University of Virginia, 2007–2008.

McLester Faculty Development Grants (\$2000 each), Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, 2005–2006 and 2006–2007.

Best Student Paper Award, Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society, 7–8 April 2005.

Dean’s Dissertation Fellow, Harvard Divinity School, 2002–2003.

Tinker Grant for Summer Travel and Research, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, for study of Cuban Jewish communities, Summer 2001.

Research Travel Grant, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, for study of Cuban Jewish communities, Summer 2001.

Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Committee on Undergraduate Education, Harvard University, Spring 1999.

Graduate Writing Fellow, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Spring 1999.

Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, for study of modern Hebrew at the University of Haifa, Israel, Summer 1998.

Academic Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School, 1996–1999.

John E. Thayer Award for most meritorious scholar in graduating class, Harvard Divinity School, 1996.

North American Fellow, Fund for Theological Education, Atlanta, GA, 1993–1994.

Williams Fellow, Harvard Divinity School, given to ten entering students who demonstrate promise for future excellence in theological education, 1993–1994.

PEER REVIEW

Cambridge University Press (book proposal, 2006)

Oxford University Press (book proposal, 2006; book proposal, 2016; book proposal, 2018)

Harvard Theological Review (journal article, 2012)

Religions (journal article, 2016)

SBL Press (evaluate papers for potential edited volume, 2018)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia

“Second Temple Judaism,” RELJ 5559, Graduate Seminar, Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2019.

“Sensory Religion: Body, Senses, Culture, Meaning,” RELG 8559, Graduate Seminar, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2018.

“The Nature and Nurture of the Senses,” First-Year Advising Seminar, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

“Sensing the Sacred: Sensory Perception and Religious Imagination,” Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Summer 2015.

“Israelite Prophets,” Department of Religious Studies, Spring & Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Spring 2019.

“Elementary Biblical Hebrew I,” Departments of Religious Studies and MESALC, Fall 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019.

“Elementary Biblical Hebrew II,” Departments of Religious Studies and MESALC, Spring 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019.

“Intermediate Classical Hebrew I,” Departments of Religious Studies and MESALC, Fall 2008, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

“Intermediate Classical Hebrew II,” Departments of Religious Studies and MESALC, Spring 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018.

“Majors Seminar: Sensing the Sacred,” Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2009.

“Advanced Readings in Classical Hebrew,” Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2007.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“The Problem of Evil in the Ancient Near East,” Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2007.

“Wisdom Literature in the Hebrew Bible,” Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2006.

“The Book of Job and the Question of Theodicy,” Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2006.

“The Religion of Israel,” Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2006.

“Introduction to the Hebrew Bible,” Department of Religious Studies and Center for Jewish Studies, Fall 2005, Fall 2006.

“The Legends of Genesis,” Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2005, Spring 2007.

Oberlin College

“The New Testament and Christian Origins,” Department of Religion, Spring 2005.

“The Hebrew Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context,” Department of Religion and Jewish Studies Program, Fall 2004.

Harvard University (Instructor)

“Rapid Reading Classical Hebrew II: Readings in Biblical Wisdom Literature,” Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations and The Divinity School, Spring 2002.

“Intermediate Classical Hebrew II: Readings in Biblical Hebrew Poetry,” Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations and The Divinity School, Spring 2000.

Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)

“Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures,” Prof. Michael Coogan, Fall 2001.

“The English Bible,” Prof. Robert Kiely, English Department and Core Curriculum, Fall 2001.

“Introduction to the Jewish Bible and the Christian Old Testament,” Prof. Gary Anderson, Fall 1999.

“The Bible and Its Interpreters,” Prof. James Kugel, Core Curriculum, Spring 1999.

“Elementary Classical Hebrew,” Prof. Jo Ann Hackett, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations and The Divinity School, Fall 1998 & Spring 1999.

“The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Qumran Community,” Prof. Hanan Eshel, Fall 1998.

“The Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem during the First Century CE,” Prof. Hanan Eshel, Fall 1998.

SERVICE

Department of Religious Studies

Chair, Assessment Committee, 2019-2020.

Member, Communications Committee, 2018-2019.

Co-Chair, Assessment Committee, 2017-2019.

Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Third Year Review, 2018-2019.

Member, Assessment and Teaching Committee, 2016-2017.

Member (ex officio), Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2016-2017.

Chair, Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2016.

Chair, Assessment and Teaching Committee, 2014–2016.

Library Liaison, 2013–2015.

Member, Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity Subcommittee of Historical Studies Committee, 2007–present.

Member, Scripture, Interpretation, and Practice Committee, 2008–present.

Convener, Colloquium for Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity, 2011–2016.

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2007–2014; 2016 (ex officio).

Member, Assessment and Teaching Committee, 2012–2014, 2016-present.

Member, Special Events Committee, 2012–2014.

Member, Committee on Undergraduate Assessment, 2008–2009, 2011–2012.

Member, Teaching Committee, 2009–2012.

Member, Technology Committee, 2009–2011.

Guest Lecture in RELJ 3559, “Text, Tradition, and Modernity” (2 March 2010).

Guest Lecture in RELJ 4559, “Senior Seminar in Jewish Studies” (4 March 2010).

Organizer, “Conversation About Tenure” brownbag lunch for junior members of department to talk with panel of senior faculty about the tenure process in Religious Studies, April 2008.

Program in Jewish Studies

Faculty Member, Jewish Studies Program, 2007–present.

Member, Roos Grunfeld Award Evaluation Committee, 2017-2018.

Co-chair, Grants Committee, 2017-2018.

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2010–2014.

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2010–2014. Wrote successful grant to IAS/TRC to initiate formal program assessment (\$2000), Fall 2010.

University of Virginia

“A Powerful Teaching Moment,” presentation for Celebration of Teaching Excellence, sponsored by the Office of the President and the Center for Teaching Excellence, 15 May 2019.

NEH Distinguished Teaching Professorship Selection Committee, 2017-2018.

Chair, Summer Grants Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2017-2018.

Member, Summer Grants Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-2017.

Foreign Language Coordinator, Biblical Hebrew, College of Arts & Sciences, 2015-present.

Faculty Participant, Teaching and Learning Project, a photographic essay project by Martin Springborg, featured at the 2016 UVA Innovations in Pedagogy Summit, 2015-2016.

Faculty judge for the Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, Center for Undergraduate Excellence, 2007–2010, 2011–2012, 2013–2016, 2017-2019.

Member, Third-Year Review Committee, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asians Languages and Cultures, 2009–2010; 2014–2015.

Guest Lecture, “The Arts, Spirituality, and the Sensorium,” for SARC 3500, “Arts and Spirituality,” George Sampson and Lindsey Hepler, Instructors, 14 April 2015.

Guest Lecture, “Abraham at Mamre, Lot at Sodom: Comic Inversion in Genesis 18–19,” for ENAM 5559, “Contemporary African-American Literature,” 11 October 2012; 9 September 2013; 16 September 2014.

Organizer, reception for junior faculty in the South Lawn Complex (History, Politics, and Religious Studies), 30 April 2010.

Guest Lecture in USEM 1570–011, “Discovering the World Through Story: A Global Approach to the Humanities,” 9 February 2010.

Early Adopter, UVaCollab, Spring 2008.

Faculty Marshall, Commencement, 2008.

Departmental representative to the Faculty Senate, Fall 2007.

Profession

Member, Steering Committee, Consultation on Sensory Perception in the Bible and Early Judaism and Christianity, Society of Biblical Literature, 2009–2013, 2018-present.

Chair, Steering Committee, Senses and Culture in the Biblical World Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2013–2018.

Community

“Seeing God in the Hebrew Bible,” talk presented to Canterbury Students, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, VA, October 3, 2018.

“The Binding of Isaac,” talk presented to Canterbury Students, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, VA, April 25, 2018.

LANGUAGES

Classical

biblical Hebrew ▪ rabbinic Hebrew ▪ koine and classical Greek ▪ classical Syriac ▪ biblical and targumic Aramaic

Modern

German ▪ modern Hebrew ▪ Spanish ▪ French

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature

The Catholic Biblical Association of America

National Association of Professors of Hebrew