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### Academic Employment

2012- Rice University, Professor of Religion  
2004-2012 Rice University, Associate Professor of Religion  
1997-2004 Rice University, Assistant Professor of Religion

### Education

1997 Ph.D., Harvard University,  
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
1996 Master of Arts, Harvard University,  
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
1992 Master of Divinity/Graduate Theological Degree,  
University of Heidelberg, Germany  
1986 Theological Colloquium, Kirchliche Hochschule Bethel, Germany

### Publications

#### Books

(10) *Mind the Gap: How the Jewish Writings between the Old and New Testament Help Us Understand Jesus*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017. ii + 235 pp.

(9) *The Embroidered Bible: Studies in Biblical Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha in Honour of Michael E. Stone*. Edited by Lorenzo DiTommaso, Matthias Henze, and William Adler. SVTP. Leiden: Brill. *Forthcoming*.

(8) *4 Ezra and 2 Baruch: Translations, Introductions, and Notes*. Michael E. Stone and Matthias Henze. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013. x + 141 pp.

(7) *Fourth Ezra and Second Baruch: Reconstruction After the Fall*. Edited by Matthias Henze and Gabriele Boccaccini, with the collaboration of Jason M. Zurawski. JSJSup 164. Leiden: Brill, 2013. xvi + 456 pp.

(6) *A Companion to Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism*. Edited by Matthias Henze. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012. xv + 568 pp.

(5) *Jewish Apocalypticism in Late First Century Israel: Reading Second Baruch in Context*. Texte und Studien zum Antiken Judentum 142. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011. x + 448 pp.

(4) *Hazon Gabriel: New Readings of the Gabriel Revelation*. Edited by Matthias Henze. Early Judaism and Its Literature 29. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature; Leiden: Brill, 2011. xiii + 219 pp.

(3) *Biblical Interpretation at Qumran*. Edited by Matthias Henze. Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005. xiii + 214 pp.

(2) *The Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel: Introduction, Text, and Commentary*. Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 11. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2001. v + 158 pp.

An abbreviated German version of the book appeared in 2006: *Die Syrische Danielapokalypse*. Jüdische Schriften aus hellenistisch-römischer Zeit. Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2006. vii + 84 pp.

(1) *The Madness of King Nebuchadnezzar: The Ancient Near Eastern Origins and Early History of Interpretation of Daniel 4*. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 61. Leiden: Brill, 1999. xii + 295 pp.

#### Books Under Contract

*Textual History of the Bible. Volume 2: The Deuterocanonical Scriptures*. Edited by Matthias Henze and Frank Feder. Leiden: Brill.

*Early Judaism and Its Modern Interpreters*. Second edition. Edited by Matthias Henze and Rodney Werline. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press.

*The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Fifty Years of the Pseudepigrapha Section at the SBL*. Edited by Matthias Henze and Liv Ingeborg Lied. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press.

*The Old Testament in the New: Israel's Scriptures in the New Testament and other Early Christian Writings*. Edited by Matthias Henze and M. Eugene Boring. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

*2 Baruch: A Commentary*. Commentaries on Early Jewish Literature. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.

#### Articles and Book Chapters

*forthcoming* "Seeing the End: The Vocabulary of the End Time in the *Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel 13*." *The Embroidered Bible: Studies in Biblical Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha in Honour of Michael E. Stone*. Edited by William Adler, Lorenzo DiTommaso, and Matthias Henze. SVTP. Leiden: Brill.

*forthcoming* "What's in a Name? Naming and Renaming in Joseph and Aseneth." Festschrift.

*forthcoming* "Die syrische Danielapokalypse." *Antike christliche Apokryphen in deutscher Übersetzung*. Edited by Christoph Marksches and Jens Schröter. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.

*forthcoming* "On the Anthropology of Early Judaism: Some Observations." *Anthropology and the New Testament*. Edited by Jason Maston and Benjamin E. Reynolds. London/New York: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark.

*forthcoming* "The Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel;" and "The Gabriel Revelation." A new translation and introduction. *More Old Testament Pseudepigrapha. Vol. 2*. Edited by James Davila and Richard Bauckham. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans.

- forthcoming "2 Baruch." *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Old Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha*. Edited by Randall D. Chesnutt. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- forthcoming "The Scrolls and Hellenistic Jewish Literature: Other." *T&T Clark Companion to the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Edited by George J. Brooke and Charlotte Hempel. London/New York: T&T Clark.
- (40) "Dimensions of Time in Jewish Apocalyptic Thought: The Case of 4 Ezra." Pages 13-34 in *Figures of Ezra*. Edited by Jan N. Bremmer, Veronika Hirschberger, and Tobias Nicklas. Leuven: Peeters, 2017.
- (39) "Apresentação." Pages 9-10 in Marcus Vinicius Ramos, *O Apocalipse siríaco de Daniel*. São Paulo, Brazil: Paulus, 2017.
- (38) "Jeremiah, Baruch, and Their Books: Three Phases in a Changing Relationship." Co-authored with Liv Ingeborg Lied. Pages 330-353 in *Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, and Transformation*. Edited by Hindy Najman and Konrad Schmid. Leiden: Brill, 2017.
- (37) "'I am the Judge:' Judgment in the *Apocalypse of Abraham*." Pages 542-57 in *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy*. Edited by Joel Baden, Hindy Najman, and Eibert Tigchelaar. Leiden: Brill, 2017.
- (36) "Method and the Hebrew Bible." Pages 315-331 in *Religion: Social Religion*. Edited by William B. Parsons. Farmington Hills, Mich.: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016.
- (35) "King Manasseh of Judah in Early Judaism and Christianity." Pages 183-228 in *On Prophets, Warriors, and Kings: Former Prophets Through the Eyes of Their Interpreters*. Edited by George J. Brooke and Ariel Feldman. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016.
- (34) "Die Pseudepigraphen des Alten Testaments." *Verkündigung und Forschung* 61 (2016): 4-18.
- (33) "Os Pseudepígrafos do Antigo Testamento Hoje: Os Antigos Escritos de Israel na Pesquisa Moderna." Pages 39-62 in *Apocripticidade: O Cristianismo Primitivo para além do Cânon*. Edited by Paulo Augusto de Souza Nogueira. São Paulo: Fonte Editorial, 2015.
- (32) "2 Baruch." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies*. Edited by Christopher Matthews. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. [online]
- (31) "Apocalypse and Torah in Ancient Jewish Literature." Pages 312-325 in *The Oxford Handbook of Apocalyptic Literature*. Edited by John J. Collins. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- (30) "'Then the Messiah will begin to be revealed:' Resurrection and the Apocalyptic Drama in I Corinthians 15 and *Second Baruch* 29-30, 49-51." Pages 441-62 in *Anthropologie und Ethik im Frühjudentum und im Neuen Testament: Wechselseitige Wahrnehmungen*. Edited by Matthias Konradt and Esther Schläpfer. WUNT 322. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.
- (29) "Additions to Daniel." Pages 122-39 in *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture*. Edited by Louis H. Feldman, James L. Kugel, and Lawrence H. Schiffman. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press/Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society, 2013.

- (28) "4 Ezra and 2 Baruch: The Status Quaestionis." Pages 3-27 in *Fourth Ezra and Second Baruch: Reconstruction After the Fall*. Edited by Matthias Henze and Gabriele Boccaccini, with the collaboration of Jason M. Zurawski. JSJSup 164. Leiden: Brill, 2013.
- (27) "The Chosenness of Israel in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha." Pages 170-98 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. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013.
- (26) "4 Ezra and 2 Baruch: Literary Composition and Oral Performance in First-Century Apocalyptic Literature." *JBL* 131 (2012): 181-200.
- (25) "The Use of Scripture in the Book of Daniel." Pages 279-307 in *A Companion to Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism*. Edited by Matthias Henze. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012.
- (24) "Some Observations on the *Hazon Gabriel*." Pages 113-29 in *Hazon Gabriel: New Readings of the Gabriel Revelation*. Edited by Matthias Henze. Early Judaism and Its Literature 29. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.
- (20-23) "Daniel," "Prayer of Azariah," "Susanna," and "Bel and the Dragon." Pages 482-92, 586-88, 589-91, and 592-94 in *The New Interpreter's Bible: One Volume Commentary*. Edited by Beverly R. Gaventa and David Petersen. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010.
- (19) "4QApocryphon of Jeremiah C and 4QPseudo-Ezekiel: Two 'Historical' Apocalypses." Pages 25-41 in *Prophecy After the Prophets? The Contribution of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Understanding of Biblical and Extra-Biblical Prophecy*. Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 52. Edited by Kristin De Troyer, Armin Lange, with the assistance of Lucas L. Schulte. Louvain: Peeters, 2009.
- (18) "Daniel and Jubilees." Pages 52-66 in *Enoch and the Mosaic Torah: The Evidence of Jubilees*. Edited by Gabriele Boccaccini and Giovanni Ibba. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.
- (17) "Babylon Remembered: Nebuchadnezzar in the Collective Memory of Ancient Israel." Pages 108-20 in *With Wisdom as a Robe: Qumran and Other Jewish Studies in Honour of Ida Fröhlich*. Edited by Károly Dániel Dobos and Miklós Köszeghy. Hebrew Bible Monographs 21. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009.
- (16) "Torah and Eschatology in the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch." Pages 201-215 in *The Significance of Sinai: Traditions about Sinai and Divine Revelation in Judaism and Christianity*. Edited by George J. Brooke, Hindy Najman, and Loren T. Stuckenbruck. Themes in Biblical Narrative 12. Leiden: Brill, 2008.
- (15) "Qoheleth and the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch." *VT* 58 (2008): 28-43.
- (14) "The Parables of Enoch in Second Temple Literature: A Response to Gabriele Boccaccini." Pages 290-98 in *Enoch and the Messiah Son of Man: Revisiting the Book of Parables*. Edited by Gabriele Boccaccini. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.
- (13) "The Reemergence of Second Temple Judaism in German Scholarship." *Henoah* 29 (2007): 209-12.
- (12) "Invoking the Prophets in Zechariah and Ben Sira." Pages 120-34 in *Prophets, Prophecy and Prophetic Texts in Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Michael H. Floyd and Robert D. Haak. New York: T&T Clark, 2006.

- (11) "From Jeremiah to Baruch: Pseudepigraphy in the *Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch*." Pages 157-77 in *Biblical Traditions in Transmission: Essays in Honour of Michael A. Knibb*. Edited by Charlotte Hempel and Judith Lieu. Leiden: Brill, 2006.
- (10) "Psalm 91 in Early Interpretation and at Qumran." Pages 168-93 in *Biblical Interpretation at Qumran*. Edited by Matthias Henze. SDSSRL. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.
- (9) "Enoch's Dream Visions and the Visions of Daniel Reexamined." Pages 17-22 in *Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection*. Edited by Gabriele Boccaccini. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.
- (8) "The Apocalypse of Weeks and the Architecture of the End Time." Pages 207-09 in *Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection*. Edited by Gabriele Boccaccini. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.
- (7) "'A Scribe of all Signs of Wisdom': Reflections on George W.E. Nickelsburg in Perspective." *Review of Rabbinic Judaism* 8.1 (2005): 275-86.
- (6) "Patristic Interpretations of the Composition of the Psalter." Pages 135-47 in *Of Scribes and Sages: Early Jewish Interpretation and Transmission of Scripture*. Volume 2: Later Versions and Traditions. Edited by Craig A. Evans. SSEJC 10. London/New York: T&T Clark, 2004.
- (5) "Daniel." Pages 1231-52 in *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*. Edited by Walter J. Harrelson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003.
- (4) "The Narrative Frame of Daniel: A Literary Assessment." *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 32/1 (2001): 5-24.
- (3) "Nebuchadnezzar's Madness (Daniel 4) in Syriac Literature." Pages 550-71 in *The Book of Daniel: Composition and Reception*. Edited by John J. Collins and Peter W. Flint. VTSup 83.2; FIOTL 2.2. 2 vols. Leiden: Brill, 2001.
- (2) "The Ideology of Rule in the Narrative Frame of Daniel (Daniel 1-6)." Pages 527-39 in *SBL Seminar Papers*. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999.
- (1) "Das Opfer des geliebten Sohnes: Zu Jon D. Levensons Buch über 'Tod und Auferstehung des Geliebten Sohnes'." *Kirche und Israel* 11 (1996): 173-79.

#### Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries

- forthcoming* "Calendars." In *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel M. Gurtner. London/New York: T&T Clark.
- forthcoming* "Interpretation Judaism, Second Temple, and Hellenistic Judaism." In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck et al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- forthcoming* "Daniel, Syriac Apocalypse of;" and "Methodius, Apocalypse of Ps., Syriac." *The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*. Edited by Oliver Nicholson and Mark Humphries. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

(21-22) "1 Baruch;" and "2 Baruch." Pages 132-33 in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Edited by Eric Orlin, et al. New York and London: Routledge, 2016.

(18-20) "Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, Jewish;" "Baruch, Books of (1, 2, 3 Baruch);" and "Epistle of Jeremiah." Pages 541-43, 1052-54, and 2468-69 in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. Edited by Roger S. Bagnall, et al. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

(16-17) "Belshazzar: I. Ancient Near East and Hebrew Bible/Old Testament;" and "Belteshazzar." Pages 804-07, and 816 in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck, et al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2011.

(13-15) "2 (Syriac) Baruch," "Nebuchadnezzar," and "Syriac, Early Jewish literature preserved in." Pages 426-28, 992-93, and 1273-75 in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*. Edited by John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.

(12) "Dead Sea Scrolls." 2:361-63 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*. Edited by Michael Gagarin. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

(1-11) "Ahiqar," "Azariah, the Prayer of, and the Song of the Three Young Men," "Bel and the Dragon," "Daniel, Additions to," "Daniel, Apocalypse of," "Daniel, Apocryphon of," "Daniel, Book of," "Daniel, Pseudo," "Messianic Apocalypse," "Nabonidus, Prayer of," and "Susanna." Pages 28-29, 45, 52-53, 81-82, 82, 83-84, 84-85, 235, 249, and 400 in *Encyclopedia of Religious and Philosophical Writings in Late Antiquity: Pagan, Judaic, Christian*. Edited by Jacob Neusner and Alan J. Avery-Peck. Leiden: Brill, 2007.

#### Book Reviews and Book Notes

(23) Eva Mroczek, *The Literary Imagination in Jewish Antiquity*. In *AJS Review* 41 (2017): 9-11.

(22) Pauline A. Viviano, *Jeremiah, Baruch*. [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/9409\\_10387.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/9409_10387.pdf). (2015).

(21) Hindy Najman, *Past Renewals*. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* 22 (2015): 138-39.

(20) David Flusser, *Judaism of the Second Temple Period. Vol. 1. Qumran and Apocalypticism*. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* 18 (2011): 374-75.

(19) Liv I. Lied, *The Other Lands of Israel: Imaginations of the Land in 2 Baruch*. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 41 (2010): 407-08.

(18) Isaac Kalimi and Peter J. Haas, eds., *Biblical Interpretation in Judaism and Christianity*. In *Shofar* 28/3 (2010): 159-61.

(17) Lorenzo DiTommaso, *The Book of Daniel and the Apocryphal Daniel Literature*. In *Dead Sea Discoveries* 17 (2010): 120-22.

(16) Karina M. Hogan, *Theologies in Conflict in 4 Ezra: Wisdom Debate and Apocalyptic Solution*. In *Journal of Religion* 90 (2010): 65-66.

(15) Katharina Bracht und David S. du Toit, eds., *Die Geschichte der Daniel-Auslegung in Judentum, Christentum und Islam*. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 40 (2009): 86.

(14) Annette Y. Reed, *Fallen Angels and the History of Judaism and Christianity*. In *AJS Review* 32 (2008): 175-77.

(13) Annette Y. Reed, *Fallen Angels and the History of Judaism and Christianity*. In *Religious Studies Review* 33 (2007): 163.

(12) Reinhard G. Kratz, *Das Judentum im Zeitalter des Zweiten Tempels*. In *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 38 (2007): 122-124.

(11) Stefan Beyerle, *Die Gottesvorstellung in der antik-jüdischen Apokalyptik*. In *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69 (2007): 349-50.

(10) Rivkah Nir, *The Destruction of Jerusalem and the Idea of Redemption in the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch*. In *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 15.2 (2006): 145-48.

(9) Carol A. Newsom, *The Self as Symbolic Space: Constructing Identity and Community at Qumran*. In *Religious Studies Review* 31 (2005): 209.

(8) Choon L. Seow, *Daniel*. In *Hebrew Studies* 45 (2004): 101-03.

(7) Rivkah Nir, *The Destruction of Jerusalem and the Idea of Redemption in the Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch*. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2004 <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=3410>.

(6) Jörg Frey and Hartmut Stegemann. Editors. *Qumran kontrovers. Beiträge zu den Textfunden vom Toten Meer*. In *The Studia Philonica Annual* 16 (2004): 304-06.

(5) Klaus Koch and Martin Rösel. Editors. *Polyglottensynopse zum Buch Daniel*. In *Society of Biblical Literature: Review of Biblical Literature*, 2001 <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=927&CodePage=927>; and in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 120, 753-54.

(4) Shannon Burkes, *Death in Qoheleth and Egyptian Biographies of the Late Period*. In *Hebrew Studies* 42 (2001): 356-58.

(3) Michael Fishbane. *The Exegetical Imagination: On Jewish Thought and Theology*. In *Modern Theology* 16/2 (2000): 258-60.

(2) Andreas Wysny, *Die Erzählung von Bel und dem Drachen: Untersuchungen zu Dan 14*. In *Society of Biblical Literature: Review of Biblical Literature*, 1999 <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=2632&CodePage=2632>.

(1) G. Johannes Botterweck and Helmer Ringgren. Editors. *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament. Vol. VIII. Second edition*. In *Hebrew Studies* 39 (1998): 193-95.

#### Honors and Awards

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|-------|---|
| 2015  | Graduate Student Association Teaching/Mentoring Award, Rice University;<br>George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University |
| 2014- | Recipient and first holder of the Isla Carroll and Percy E. Turner Chair in Hebrew Bible and Early Judaism, Rice University             |

- 2010 George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University  
2009 George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University  
2003 Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Prize, Rice University  
2002-14 Recipient and first holder of the Watt J. and Lilly G. Jackson Chair, Rice University  
1996 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

#### Fellowships and Grants

- 2016 Mandelbaum Scholar in Residence, University of Sydney, Australia;  
Humanities Research Center Faculty Teaching Release Fellowship, Rice University  
2012 Sir Asher Joel Visiting Professor at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia  
2009-10 Fellow in Residence, The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS)  
2009 PI, Rice University Faculty Initiatives Fund Grant for Jewish Studies (\$43,795)  
2008 Humanities Research Center Faculty Teaching Release Fellowship, Rice University  
2006 NEH Visiting Lecturer on Ancient Judaism, Amarillo College, Texas  
2001 Junior Scholar Grant, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies  
1996 Nominee, Harvard University Merit Fellowship  
1994-96 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), Dissertation Fellowship  
1993-94 Quadrille Ball Scholarship Program, New York City  
1992-94 Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship  
1986 Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland, Hebrew University Fellowship

#### Academic Lectures and Panels

(74) "The Authority of Israel's Scriptures in Early Jewish Apocalypses." At the conference *Authoritative Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity: Their Origin, Collection, and Meaning*. Ateneu Universitari: Sant Pacià. Barcelona, Spain. May 25, 2017.

(73) "In the Company of Angels: The Resurrection of the Dead in Early Judaism and Christianity." *Collegium Judaicum*. MF Norwegian School of Theology. Oslo, Norway. April 6, 2017.

(72) "In the Company of Angels: The Resurrection of the Dead in Early Judaism and Christianity." The Lennox Seminar Series. Trinity University. San Antonio, Texas. March 2, 2017.

(71) "Textual History of the Bible (THB), Volume 2: The Deutero-Canonical Scriptures." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. November 19, 2016.

(70) "'Be silent and come out of him!' Demons and Unclean Spirits in Early Judaism and Christianity." Keynote at the Fellowship for Biblical Studies National Conference. Yarra Theological Union, Melbourne, Australia. September 26, 2016.

(67-69). "Torah and Jewish Identity in Ancient Judaism;" "Demons and Unclean Spirits in Ancient Judaism;" and "'You Revive the Dead with Great Mercy:' The Origins of the Resurrection of the Dead and the Angelic Afterlife in Judaism and Christianity." The Mandelbaum House at the University of Sydney, Australia. September 8, 15, and 22, 2016.

(66) "The Messiahs of Israel: The Origins of the Messianic Idea in Ancient Judaism." The Alan Crown Memorial Lecture. The Mandelbaum House at the University of Sydney, Australia. September 1, 2016.



(65) "The Christology of the Gospel of John: A Comparative Reading with 2 Baruch." The Nangeroni Meeting *John the Jew: Reading the Gospel of John's Christology as a Form of Jewish Messianism*. Camaldoli, Italy. June 21, 2016.

(64) "Genesis 1, Time, and the Sense of a Beginning." At the conference *It's About Time! Rethinking Temporality in Early Judaism*. University of Toronto, Canada. June 9, 2016.

(63) "The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha in Modern Research." Keynote at the 2016 Enoch Graduate Seminar. The University of Texas at Austin. May 24, 2016.

(62) "Undoing the Hegemony of the Bible? A Reconsideration of the Relationship between Canonical and Extra-Canonical Texts in Early Judaism." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta. November 22, 2015.

(60-61) "'What's in a Name?' Naming and Renaming in *Joseph and Aseneth*;" and "How Can the Old Testament Pseudepigrapha Change the Way We Read Early Jewish Literature? Some Programmatic Considerations." Universidade Metodista de São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil. August 4 and 6, 2015.

(59) "Dimensions of Time in Jewish Apocalyptic Thought: The Case of 4 Ezra." At the conference *The Figure of Ezra between Early Judaism and Ancient Christianity*. University of Regensburg, Germany. June 25, 2015.

(58) "Demons and Evil Spirits in Early Judaism and Christianity." The Arizona Center for Judaic Studies. University of Arizona, Tucson. March 30, 2015.

(57) "The *Textual History of the Bible* (THB): Introducing A New Handbook." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX. March 15, 2015.

(56) "The Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel." Humboldt University. Berlin, Germany. November 15, 2014.

(53-55) "Dimensions of Time in the Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel;" "Of Prophets and Scribes: Jeremiah, Baruch, and the History of their Friendship;" and "The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and Christian Origins: 2 Baruch and the New Testament." Universidade de Brasília. Brasília, Brazil. August 18-22, 2014.

(52) "Jeremiah and Baruch in 2 Baruch." Joint paper with Liv I. Lied. At the conference *Jeremiah's Scriptures: Production, Reception, Interaction, Transformation*. Ascona, Switzerland. June 24, 2014.

(51) "King Manasseh of Judah in Early Jewish and Christian Literature." Brite Divinity School. Fort Worth, Texas. May 14, 2014.

(50) "The Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls." Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti, Mich. October 7, 2013.

(49) "Egypt in the Bible." The Houston Museum of Natural Science. October 1, 2013.

(48) "Cyrus, the Anointed of the Lord: The Cyrus Cylinder and the Bible." The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX. May 19, 2013.

(47) "Toward a History of Early Jewish Literature: 2 *Baruch* in the Context of Early Jewish and Early Christian Literature." Yale University. April 28, 2013.

- (46) "Jewish and Christian Responses to the Roman Destruction of the Temple." Brite Divinity School. Fort Worth, TX. April 24, 2013.
- (45) "Response." Review panel of Matthias Henze, *Jewish Apocalypticism in Late First Century Israel: Reading Second Baruch in Context*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 19, 2012.
- (44) "Christian and Jewish Responses to the Roman Destruction of the Temple." University of Queensland. Brisbane, Australia. September 21, 2012.
- (43) "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible." The Council of Christians and Jews. The Great Synagogue, Sydney, Australia. September 13, 2012.
- (42) "Paul's Messianic Expectations: Christ's Parousia in *1 Corinthians* and the Messiah in *2 Baruch*." Macquarie University. Sydney, Australia. September 12, 2012.
- (41) "A Dead Sea Scroll on Stone? The *Gabriel Revelation* and Its Significance." Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Fort Worth. July 24, 2012.
- (40) "Eschatological Perspectives: Resurrection in *Second Baruch*." *Anthropologie und Ethik im Frühjudentum und im Neuen Testament*. Heidelberg University, Germany. May 19, 2012.
- (39) "The Gabriel Revelation: A Recently Discovered Inscription." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX. March 10, 2012.
- (38) "The Covenant with the Gibeonites in Joshua 9: On the Aesthetic and Theological Significance of Biblical Violence." *Violence in the Name of God? Joshua in Changing Contexts*. Conference by the World Council of Churches/Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum. Hofgeismar Academy, Germany. February 26, 2012.
- (37) "Jewish Apocalypticism in Ancient Israel." The *Tolle Lege* Lecture Series in the Department of Religious Studies, Rice University. January 31, 2012.
- (36) "Daniel's First Readers." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco. November 21, 2011.
- (35) "*Second Baruch* and *Fourth Ezra*: The *Status Quaestionis*." Keynote Address at *The Sixth Enoch Seminar*, Gazzada, Italy. June 26, 2011.
- (34) "The Conceptualization of Time in Early Jewish Apocalyptic Literature: Four Observations." Seminar for Culture and Religion in Antiquity. The University of Toronto, Canada. March 7, 2011.
- (33) "Qumran Wisdom, Post-Qumran Apocalyptic: The *Book of Mysteries*, *4 Ezra*, and *2 Baruch*." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta. November 22, 2010.
- (32) "Der neugefundene Gabrieltext und seine Bedeutung für die zwischentestamentliche Literatur." 40. Internationale Ökumenische Konferenz der Hebräisch-Dozenten/innen. University of Rostock, Germany. May 1, 2010.

- (31) "Die Parousie Christi im Ersten Korintherbrief und der Messias in der syrischen Baruchapokalypse." University of Greifswald, Germany. April 28, 2010.
- (30) "Why Should We Read the Old Testament Pseudepigrapha? The Case of the *Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch*." University of Groningen, The Netherlands. March 15, 2010.
- (29) "Messianic Endings: Christ's Parousia in I Corinthians and the Messiah in *Syriac Baruch*." University of Durham, UK. February 17, 2010.
- (28) "The Conceptualization of Time in Jewish Apocalyptic Literature." The Honours Class 'Time and the Divine' at Leiden University, The Netherlands. February 9, 2010.
- (27) "The *Gabriel Revelation* Reconsidered." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans. November 22, 2009.
- (26) "Why Should We Read the Old Testament Pseudepigrapha? The Case of the *Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch*." University of Chicago. The Divinity School. January 20, 2009.
- (25) "The Other Synoptic Problem? 2 *Baruch* and 4 *Ezra*." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston. November 22, 2008.
- (24) "Jewish and Christian Responses to the Roman Destruction of the Temple." St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas. March 25, 2008. The 2008 *Nostra Aetate* Lecture Series.
- (23) "Apocalyptic Appropriation of ancient Near Eastern Mythology in Daniel 7-12." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego. November 20, 2007.
- (22) "Daniel and Jubilees." The Fourth Enoch Seminar, Camaldoli, Italy. July 9, 2007.
- (21) "'A Lamp Lit at Sinai': Torah and Eschatology in 2 *Baruch*." *Giving the Torah at Sinai*. Conference at the University of Durham, UK. July 4, 2007.
- (20) "Baruch and the Decline of Apocalypticism." *Apocalypticism and Crisis in Ancient Judaism*. Conference at Rice University. October 13, 2006.
- (19) "Ancient Judaism in History and Literature." Lecture Cycle. NEH Faculty Seminar at Amarillo College. October 4-7, 2006.
- (18) "The Literary Prophets and the Para-Prophetic Texts from Qumran." International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland. July 3, 2006.
- (17) "The Parables of Enoch in Second Temple Jewish Literature: A Response to Gabriele Boccaccini." The Third Enoch Seminar, Camaldoli, Italy. June 7, 2005.
- (16) "Apocalyptic Thought in Early Syriac Literature: The Place and Context of 2 *Baruch*." *Apocalyptic Themes in Early Eastern Christianity*. The inaugural conference at The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Brookline, Mass. October 16, 2004.
- (15) "Reading the Prophets in the Second Temple Period: The Appeal to the Prophets in Deutero-Zechariah and Ben Sira." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta. November 24, 2003.

- (14) "Enoch's Dream Visions and the Visions of Daniel." And "The *Apocalypse of Weeks* and the Architecture of the End Time." The Second Enoch Seminar, Venice, Italy. July 1–5, 2003.
- (13) "The Use of Earlier Scripture in Zechariah 9-14: A Study in Early Apocalyptic Exegesis." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. November 25, 2002.
- (12) "Psalm Superscriptions in Pre-Modern and Modern Biblical Interpretation." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Irving, Texas. March 9, 2002.
- (11) "The Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver. November 19, 2001.
- (10) "The Reception History of the Biblical Psalter at Qumran." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Irving, Texas. March 18, 2001.
- (9) "The Offering of the Lips: Psalms at Qumran." The Rockwell Colloquium *The Dead Sea Scrolls: The Bible and Biblical Interpretation at Qumran*, Rice University. February 10, 2001.
- (8) "Patristic Interpretations of the Composition of the Psalter." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nashville. November 20, 2000.
- (7) "Psalm 90 in Gregory of Nyssa's *Inscriptions of the Psalms*." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Irving, Texas. March 4, 2000.
- (6) "'With the Kisses of His Mouth': The Song of Songs in Early Christian Literature." The Candler School of Theology, Emory University. January 27, 2000.
- (5) "The Ideology of Rule in the Narrative Frame of Daniel (Daniel 1-6)." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston. November 22, 1999.
- (4) "The Epistemology of Wisdom: Paradox as Paradigm in Qohelet, the Papyrus Insinger, and Ben Sira." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston. November 22, 1999.
- (3) "A Syriac Apocalypse of Daniel (Harvard Ms Syriac 42, fols. 117a–122b)." Syriac Symposium III, Notre Dame University. June 18, 1999.
- (2) "Authoritative Literature at Qumran: Daniel Revisited." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Orlando. November 23, 1998.
- (1) "Nebuchadnezzar in Exile: Dan 4:25-30 in Rabbinic and Syriac Interpretation." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans. November 24, 1996.

#### Conferences Organized

- (8) *It's About Time! Rethinking Temporality in Early Judaism*. Jointly organized with Judith H. Newman. University of Toronto, Canada. June 2016.
- (7) *The Rest is Commentary: New Work on Ancient Jewish Texts 2*. Sponsored by the Program in Jewish Studies. Rice University. April 2014.

(6) *Second Baruch and Fourth Ezra: Jewish Apocalypticism in Late First Century Israel*. The Sixth Enoch Seminar. Jointly organized with Gabriele Boccaccini. Milan, Italy. June 2011.

(5) *The Gabriel Revelation: A Dead Sea Scroll on Stone?* Sponsored jointly by the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Program in Jewish Studies, Rice University. February 2009.

(4) *Apocalypticism and Crisis in Ancient Judaism*. Sponsored by the Humanities Research Center, Rice University. October 2006.

(3) *Abraham's Conversion to Judaism and Christianity*. Sponsored by the Rockwell Colloquium, the Center for the Study of Cultures, and the Department of Religious Studies, Rice University. March 2002.

(2) *The Dead Sea Scrolls: The Bible and Biblical Interpretation at Qumran*. Sponsored by the Rockwell Colloquium, the Center for the Study of Cultures, and the Department of Religious Studies, Rice University. February 2001.

(1) *Text and Commentary*. Organized jointly with Michael Maas. Sponsored by the Program in Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations, and funded by the Center for the Study of Cultures. Rice University. March 1999.

#### Founding Director: Program in Jewish Studies at Rice University

2009- Founding Director of the Program in Jewish Studies.  
Created the Minor in Jewish Studies, built the program's infrastructure, created new positions and made several hires, raised funds and built the endowment.

#### Research Languages

Modern: French, German (native), Hebrew

Ancient: Aramaic, Ethiopic (Ge'ez), Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Syriac, Ugaritic

#### Museum Curator

Visiting Curator, *The Birth of Christianity: A Jewish Story*. An exhibition at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, December 12, 2008-April 12, 2009

#### Boards and Steering Committees

Editor, *Handbuch Altes Testament*, 2016-

Editor (Deutero-Canonical Studies), *Supplements to the Textual History of the Bible*, 2013-

Board of Directors, The Enoch Seminar, 2010-2015

HENOCH (director of the German board), 2006-2009

*Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2005-2014

National SBL Pseudepigrapha Section, Co-Chair, 2011-

National SBL Wisdom and Apocalypticism Section, Steering Committee, 2009-2014

National SBL Pseudepigrapha Section, Steering Committee, 2007-2011

#### Areas of Academic Interest

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: Literature and Theology  
Early Judaism (Judaism of the late Second Temple period)  
Apocalyptic Literature  
The Pseudepigrapha  
Syriac Language and Literature  
The Dead Sea Scrolls

Current Teaching

Undergraduate

FWIS 125	Lethal Religion: When Faith Hurts [freshman seminar on religion and violence]
HUMA 101	From Ancient Greece to Medieval Islam [an introduction to the Humanities]
RELI 122	The Bible and Its Interpreters [introduction to the Hebrew Bible]
RELI 125–28	Biblical Hebrew [four semesters]
RELI 213	The Prophet Jeremiah
RELI 243	The Book of Genesis
RELI 313	Classical Syriac
RELI 326	Angels, Powers, and Monsters
RELI 339	The Apocalypse: Then and Now
RELI 381	The Messiah
RELI 382	Lost Judaisms: Early Jewish Apocryphal Writings
RELI 383	The Dead Sea Scrolls
RELI 392	Jerusalem: Holy City in Time and Imagination [with trip to Jerusalem]

Graduate

RELI 509	Lost Judaisms: Early Jewish Apocryphal Writings
RELI 513	Classical Syriac
RELI 553	The Dead Sea Scrolls
RELI 510	The Apocalypse: Then and Now
RELI 507–508	Biblical Hebrew

Master of Liberal Studies (at the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies)

MLSC 501	The Shaping of Western Thought
MLSC 542	The Shaping of Western Thought: The Epic Journey
MLSC 606	The Bible and Its Interpreters
MLSC 612	The Dead Sea Scrolls