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## EDUCATION

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**The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, USA ■ ABD Candidate

**Ph.D.** in History, Expected Summer 2010

Doctoral Committee: Gary Knoppers, Baruch Halpern, Ann Killebrew, and Paul Harvey

Comprehensives:     Judaean Society and the History of the Near East, 625 – 333 B.C.E.  
                          Hebrew Bible: Text, Language, and Historiography  
                          Archaeology of the Levant, 625 – 333 B.C.E.  
                          Hellenistic and Early Roman Jewish Historiography to Josephus

Dissertation: "Reconstructing Jerusalem in the Achaemenid Persian Period"

Directed by Gary Knoppers, Readers: Baruch Halpern, Ann Killebrew, and Paul Harvey

**University of Alberta**, Edmonton, Canada ■ Degree Conferred 2005

**M.A.** in Religious Studies

Thesis: "Reading and Re-Reading Josiah: A Critical Study of Josiah in Chronicles"

Directed by Ehud Ben Zvi, Readers: Willi Braun, Francis Landy, and Steven Hijmans

**Taylor University College**, Edmonton, Canada ■ Degree Conferred "with Distinction" 2002

**B.A.** in Religion and Theology

Specialization: Biblical Studies, Minors: Biblical Languages, History

Senior Paper: "'In the house of Judah my father's house': The Character of Joab in Chronicles"

Directed by Tyler F. Williams

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## LANGUAGES

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Ancient Languages:

**Classical Hebrew** – advanced, HEB100A/B, 306, 495, private tutoring, CAMS 597B;

**Greek** – intermediate (exposure to Attic, Doric, Ionic, Koine), GRK100A/B, GREEK 301, 425, 596;

**Aramaic** – advanced (exposure to most ancient/classical dialects), CAMS 597B, 597C;

Modern Research Languages:

**English** – native language;

**German** – speak & read with competence, childhood second language, elementary & high school;

**French** – basic reading, junior high school, FREN 599, independent translation work;

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## RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Lecturer** at **The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, USA:

CAMS/RL ST/J ST 004: Jewish and Christian Foundations ■ Fall 2009; Spring 2008, 2009, 2010  
a survey of the Hebrew Bible and Christian New Testament

CAMS 015: The Wonders of the Ancient World ■ Fall 2009; Spring 2010

a survey of some of the architectural marvels of the ancient world

CAMS 044: Ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian Myth ■ Fall 2008

studies and readings of ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian myth in translation

HIST 001: Western Heritage I ■ Fall 2008 (x2), 2009; Spring 2009 (x2); Summer 2008, 2009

a survey of western civilization from ancient times to the high middle ages

HIST 010: World History I ■ Spring 2008; Summer 2008

a survey of the history of the world from the prehistoric age to the middle ages

**Teaching Assistant at The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, USA:

To Dr. Benjamin Hudson in HIST 001: Western Heritage I ■ Spring 2007

To Dr. Donald Redford in CAMS 020: Egyptian Civilization ■ Fall 2006; Spring 2005, 2006

To Dr. David Atwill in HIST 010: World History I ■ Fall 2005

To Dr. Daniel Berman in CAMS 045: Classical Myth ■ Fall 2004

**Guest Lectures at The Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, USA:

Contested Jerusalem in CAMS 090U: Archaeology of Jerusalem ■ Nov. 18, 2009

Reconstructing Jerusalem through Text and Archaeology, CAMS Lecture Series ■ Oct. 21, 2009

Jerusalem in the Persian Period in CAMS 090U: Archaeology of Jerusalem ■ Sept. 30, 2009

The Persians in CAMS 012U: Lands of the Bible ■ Oct. 10, 2006

The Assyrians and the Babylonians in CAMS 012U: Lands of the Bible ■ Oct. 5, 2006

CAMS 004: Jewish and Christian Foundations ■ Sept. 5 – 22, 2005

“The Exile” and “The Aliyah” in CAMS 134: Biblical Archaeology ■ Feb. 15 – 17, 2005

**Archaeological Research and Excavations at Ramat Rachel**, Israel:

Volunteer – to Dr. Oded Lipschits and Boaz Gross ■ Summer 2009

At **Tel Dor**, Israel:

Persian Period Pottery Analysis – for Ayelet Gilboa and Ilan Sharon ■ June 13 – 26, 2007

Volunteer – to Dr. Elizabeth Bloch-Smith in the Biblical Studies Group ■ June 27 – Aug. 5, 2006

**M.A. Program: Teaching and Research at The University of Alberta**, Edmonton, Canada:

Research Assistant – to Dr. Francis Landy in Hebrew Bible ■ July 2003 – July 2004

Lecture – “The Club of Powers” in RELIG 581: Directed Reading I ■ March 16, 2004

Lecture – “1 Kings 19” in RELIG 502: Biblical Narrative ■ Nov. 2002

At **Concordia University College**, Edmonton, Canada:

Guest Lecturer – REL 342: Early Christian Fathers ■ Oct. 23 – Nov. 6, 2002

**B.A. Program: Teaching and Research at Taylor University College**, Edmonton, Canada:

Research & Teaching Assistant – to Prof. Tyler Williams in Old Testament ■ 2002 – 2004

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## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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**Chair**, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Ancient Historiography Seminar ■ May 2004 – 2008

**Software Review Coordinator**, *Review of Biblical Literature* ■ Nov. 2005 – Nov. 2006

**Editor**, *Axis Mundi* (ISSN:1496-2798), Edmonton, Canada ■ Sept. 2003 – April 2004

**Library Assistant**, Schalm Memorial Library, Edmonton, Canada ■ Sept. 2001 – April 2002

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## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

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### Edited Volumes

- With Gary Knoppers (eds). *Community Identity in Judean Historiography: Biblical and Comparative Perspectives*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2009.

### Refereed Publications

- "Adami-Nekeb," "Affula, El," and "Arumah." In the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans Josef Klauck et. al. Berlin: de Gruyter. Forthcoming. Manuscript pp. 6.
- "Reading and Re-Reading Josiah: The Chronicler's Representation of Josiah for the Post-Exilic Community." Pp. 219-247 in *Community Identity in Judean Historiography: Biblical and Comparative Perspectives*. Edited by Gary Knoppers and Kenneth Ristau. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2009.
- (with Gary Knoppers) "Introduction." Pp. 1-8 in *Community Identity in Judean Historiography: Biblical and Comparative Perspectives*. Edited by Gary Knoppers and Kenneth Ristau. Winona Lake, IL: Eisenbrauns, 2009.
- "Rebuilding Jerusalem: Zechariah's Vision within Visions." Pp. 195-213 in *Exile and Restoration Revisited: Essays on the Babylonian and Persian Periods in Memory of Peter R. Ackroyd*. Edited by Deirdre Fulton, Lester Grabbe, and Gary Knoppers. Library of Second Temple Studies 73. London: T&T Clark, 2009.
- "Breaking Down Unity: An Analysis of 1 Chronicles 21.1–22.1." *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 30.2 (2005): 201-221.

### Conference Presentations

- "Land Tenure and Citizenship in Ezra-Nehemiah." Paper presented in the Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. New Orleans, LA. Nov. 22, 2009.
- "Finding History in Prophecy: A Diachronic Analysis of the Relationship of Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi." Paper presented in the Ancient Historiography Seminar at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Ottawa, Ont. May 25, 2009.
- "Inclusion and Exclusion in the Reconstruction of Jerusalem." Paper presented in the Formation of the Book of Isaiah Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Boston, Mass. Nov. 2008.

- "Nehemiah 5 and the Economic Conditions in Yehud." Paper presented in the Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, Calif. Nov. 2007.
- "Rebuilding Jerusalem: A Vision within Visions." Paper presented in the Literature and History of the Persian Period Group at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Washington D.C. Nov. 20, 2006.
- "Compositional Techniques in Post-Exilic Biblical Historiography: An Analysis of Ezra 2 and Nehemiah 7." Paper presented in the Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Philadelphia, Penn. Nov. 22, 2005.
- "Of Prophets and Monarchs: The Death of Josiah in Chronicles." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. London, Ont. May 29 – 31, 2005.
- "Breaking Down Unity: An Analysis of 1 Chronicles 21." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies. Groningen, Netherlands. July 25 – 28, 2004.
- "The Rebirth of Israel: Family and Children in Isaiah 1-11." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Winnipeg, Man. May 31, 2004.
- "Breaking Down Unity: An Analysis of 1 Chronicles 21." Winner of The Founders Prize and presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Winnipeg, Man. May 30, 2004.
- "'In the house of Judah my father's house': The Character of Joab in Chronicles." Paper presented in the Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Toronto, Ont. Nov. 24, 2002.

### **Invited Exhibitions**

- "Compositional Techniques in Post-Exilic Biblical Historiography: An Analysis of Ezra 2 and Nehemiah 7." Paper presented at the invitation of the Edmonton Hebrew Scriptures Satellite of the Pacific Northwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. Edmonton, Alta. March 9, 2005.

### **Commissioned, Juried, and/or Invited Book Reviews**

- Review of Dirksen, Peter. *1 Chronicles*. Historical Commentary on the Old Testament. Leuven: Peeters, 2005. *Bulletin of Biblical Research*: forthcoming.
- Review of Middlemas, Jill. *The Troubles of Templeless Judah*. Oxford Theological Monographs. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 8 (2008): [<http://purl.org/jhs/>] <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review296.htm>.
- Review of Lipschits, Oded. *The Fall and Rise of Jerusalem: Judah under Babylonian Rule*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2005. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 7 (2007): [<http://purl.org/jhs/>] <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review270.htm>.
- Review of Hjelm, Ingrid. *Jerusalem's Rise to Sovereignty: Zion and Gerizim in Competition*. JSOTSS 404. Copenhagen International Seminar 14. London: T&T Clark International, 2004. *Biblica* 88 (2007): 139-144.
- Review of Lipschits, Oded and Manfred Oeming (eds). *Judah and the Judeans in the Persian Period*. Winona Lake, Eisenbrauns, 2006. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 7 (2007): [<http://purl.org/jhs/>] <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review262.htm>.

- Review of Kalimi, Isaac. *An Ancient Israelite Historian: Studies in the Chronicler, His Time, Place and Writing*. Studia Semitica Neerlandica. Assen: Van Gorcum, 2005. *Review of Biblical Literature* (April 22, 2006): <http://bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=4847>.
- Review of Kalimi, Isaac. *The Reshaping of Ancient Israelite History in Chronicles*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2005. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 5 (2004-2005): [<http://purl.org/jhs/>] <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review196.htm>.
- Review of Fried, Lisbeth. *The Priest and the Great King: Temple-Palace Relations in the Persian Empire*. Biblical and Judaic Studies 10. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2004. *Review of Biblical Literature* (May 14, 2005): <http://bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=4481>. Repr. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 124 (2005): 546-548.
- Review of McKenzie, Steven. *1-2 Chronicles*. Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2004. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 5 (2004-2005): [<http://purl.org/jhs/>] <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review171.htm>.

## AWARDS

Name of Scholarship or Award	Date Awarded	Name of Institution
Travel Grant	2009/11	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Knoppers Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Abroad Endowment Award	2009/05	Penn State (Dept. of CAMS)
Robert G. Price (Travel) Award	2009/05	Penn State (Dept. of CAMS)
Stitzer Endowment (Travel) Award	2009/05	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Travel Grant	2009/05	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Memorial Stipend	2009/03	Catholic Biblical Association
Travel Grant	2008/11	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Memorial Stipend	2008/01	Catholic Biblical Association
Travel Grant	2007/11	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Archaeology Research Stipend	2007/04	Catholic Biblical Association
Travel Grant	2006/11	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Robert G. Price (Travel) Award	2006/04	Penn State (Dept. of CAMS)
Stitzer Endowment (Travel) Award	2006/04	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Scheuer Scholarship	2006/03	Biblical Archaeology Society
Archaeology Research Stipend	2006/03	Catholic Biblical Association
Travel Grant	2005/11	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Travel Grants (3)	2005/04	Penn State (Dept. of History)
Social Sciences Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship	2004/05	SSHRC, Government of Canada
Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Scholarship	2004/05 Declined	SSHRC, Government of Canada
Mary Louise Imrie/J Gordin Kaplan Graduate Student (Travel) Award	2004/08	University of Alberta (FGSR)
Travel Grant	2004/08	University of Alberta (Dept.)
Travel Grant	2004/04	European Association of Biblical Studies
Graduate Student Scholarship	2004/04	Alberta Learning, Government of Alberta
Graduate Scholar Award	2004/03	Penn State (College of Liberal Arts)
Graduate Assistantship	2004/03	Penn State (Dept. of History)
The Founders Prize	2004/02	Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
Walter Johns Graduate Fellowship	2003/09	University of Alberta (FGSR)

Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's Scholarship	2003/09	SSHRC, Government of Canada
Travel Grant	2002/11	University of Alberta (Dept.)
The Award in Sr. Old Testament	2002/04	Taylor University College
The Award in History	2001/04	Taylor University College
The Award in Sr. Old Testament	2001/04	Taylor University College
The Award in Theology	2001/04	Taylor University College
Dean's Scholarship	2001/04	Taylor University College
The Award in Sr. Old Testament	2000/04	Taylor University College
William & Lillian Goltz Scholarship	2000/04	Taylor University College
The Award in Introductory English	1999/04	Taylor University College

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### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Schools of Oriental Research (Since 2006)  
Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (Since 2002)  
Catholic Biblical Association (Since 2005)  
Israel Exploration Society (Since 2006)  
Society of Biblical Literature (Since 2000)

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### REFERENCES

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