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EDUCATION

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, OH

Ph.D., Hebraic and Cognate Studies: April, 2013

Dissertation Topic: "When Foreigners Speak: Job—A Study in Dialectology"

Masters of Philosophy, Hebraic and Cognate Studies: January, 2004

4.0 cumulative G.P.A.

*Areas of Concentration: Comparative Semitic Linguistics
Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Literature
The Hebrew Scriptures*

Asbury College, Wilmore, KY — May, 1998

Bachelor of Arts in Classical & Biblical Languages (with Bible minor) *Summa cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spring 2014 – Present

Associate Professor, Biblical Studies, School of Theology and Ministry

Indiana Wesleyan University, College of Arts and Science

Assistant Professor *Fall 2007 – Spring 2014*

Instructor, *Fall 2005 – Spring 2007*

Summer 2013 – Summer 2014

Research Scholar, Student Mentor, Dead Sea Scrolls Research Group

The Green Scholars Initiative

September 2002-May 2003

Graduate Instructor, Biblical Hebrew Grammar

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Fall 2003; September 2001-May 2002

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Bible 401 and 402

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

SCHOLARSHIP, PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Winter 2017 (forthcoming)

Coauthor, *Numbers: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition* (New Beacon Bible Commentary; Beacon Hill Press, Kansas City)

Summer 2017 (forthcoming)

Contributor, "Image of God," *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*
(Beacon Hill Press, Kansas City)

Spring 2016 (forthcoming)

Author, the *Esther* portion of *Ruth, Esther, and Song of Songs: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition* (New Beacon Bible Commentary; Beacon Hill Press, Kansas City)

January 2014

Invited Attendee, Oikonomia Network Theological Faculty Retreat
Seeking to "equip pastors to connect biblical wisdom and sound theology to work and the economy"
Phoenix, AZ

November, 2014

Presenter, "Dialect Representation as a Marker of Job's Compositional Unity"
Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA)
OT Wisdom Literature Section

October, 2014

Copresenter, "Sin City: The Archaeological Treasure Trove of Tel Dan"
Passages Speaker Series—"History and the Bible: Evidence that informs our understanding of its background, transmission, survival and influence"
Springfield, MO

Summer 2014

Invited Attendee, Logos in Oxford: A summer workshop on Biblical texts, vocation, and the Christian mind (on behalf of the Green Scholars Initiative)
Oxford, England

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

Recipient, Lilly Faculty Scholarship Fund
Indiana Wesleyan University

Spring 2014

Recipient, Lilly Research Loading Award
Indiana Wesleyan University

Fall 2013

Presenter, The Green Scholars Initiative Research Group
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Baltimore, MD)

Summers 2013, 2012, 2009

Seminar Speaker, Church of the Nazarene District Camp Meeting
Northeastern Indiana District

Spring 2012 – Spring 2013

Cohort Member, Advancing Women's Leadership Program
Midwest CCCU Region

Fall 2010

Presenter, "Balaam and Job—A Study in Historical Dialectology"

Theological Research Seminar, Wesley Seminary and School of Theology & Ministry
Indiana Wesleyan University

Fall 2008

Contributor, Chapter 7 "Figurative Language"

Treasure the Word: A Layperson's Guide to Interpreting the Scripture

Ed. Joseph Coleson, Wesleyan Publishing House, 2009

Summer 2008

Ordained Deacon: The Church of the Nazarene, Northeastern Indiana District

Fall 2006, Publication

Contributor, *The Archaeological Study Bible* (ASB): Zondervan.

Contributed articles on the following topics: the Abecedaries, the Elephantine Community, Tablets from Ugarit and Canaanite Religion.

October 2003

Featured Graduate School Speaker: The annual Associates Tribute Dinner of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

November 2001

Recipient of the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities

"Celebration of Teaching" Award for Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. First student recipient of this honor.

Professional **Memberships**:

2009 – Present National Association of Professors of Hebrew

2003 – Present Society of Biblical Literature

2014 – Present Evangelical Theological Society

MINISTRY AND SERVICE: IWU Community and Local Community

Fall 2005 – Present

Active Member, Marion First Church of the Nazarene

Types of service include Director of Children's Bible quizzing, Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Board Member, Children's and Women's Ministry volunteer.

Fall 2012 – Present

Chair (beginning Spring 2013), General Education Committee

Indiana Wesleyan University, College of Arts and Science (IWU, CAS)

Spring 2013 – Present

Member, Curriculum Committee

Academic Affairs Council

Indiana Wesleyan University, College of Arts and Science (IWU, CAS)

Spring 2014 – Present

Faculty Representative, New Student Orientation Coordinating Team
IWU, CAS

Summer 2014

Faculty Host, IWU's Cultural Immersion Program

May 2014

Attendee, Wesleyan Church Doctrinal Symposium—"The Nature of Wesleyan Higher Education"
Wesleyan World Headquarters, Fishers, IN

Spring 2014, 2015

Leader, Faculty Workshop for First Year Experience Courses
IWU, CAS

Fall 2013

Invited Attendee, Wabash Graduate Teaching Initiative Seminar
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Hebrew Union College-JIR, Cincinnati, OH

Fall 2011 – Fall 2013

Member, Lakeview Christian School Advisory Committee
Lakeview Wesleyan Church

Fall 2012 – Summer 2014; Fall 2007 – Fall 2009

Senator, University Faculty Senate
IWU, CAS

Spring 2010

Co-faculty advisor, Women in Ministry student group, IWU
Hosted "I Wish They Had Told Me" Conference, March 20, 2010

Spring 2010

Member, School of Life Foundations Task Force, IWU, CAS

December 2008 – Spring 2009

Member, University Restructuring Task Force, IWU, CAS Working Group

Spring 2007

Presenter, Spring semester Faculty Conference, IWU, CAS
"Mentoring Midst the Madness," co-presenters, Mr. Michael Moffitt and Dr. David Smith

Fall 2005 – Present

Regular Speaker/Presenter: Venues have included, but are not limited to, UALC and CALC Retreats (devotional leader), Faculty Chapel, Student Chapel (Spg 2009), Resident Directors Professional Development, student Bible Studies, faculty and staff meetings and development seminars (IWU)

Fall 2005 – Present

Committee member, various committees within the School of Theology & Ministry, IWU
including Strategic Planning (chair, beginning Spring 2015)

Fall 2005 – Present

Active participant, Campus Events and Student Life, IWU
Student mentoring, Hall parent, New Student Orientation Host, etc.