

Women in the Bible, Fall 2015, Spring 2019, Spring 2020
The Bible in Translation: Exodus, Spring
2016, Spring 2020
The Bible in Movies, Spring 2016, 2017, 2019
Independent Study: Reading Biblical Hebrew in Hebrew, Fall
2014, Spring 2016
Independent Study: Reading the Book of Kings in Hebrew, Fall
2019
Magic in the Bible, Spring 2017

RESEARCH

Papers presented

- “Priests, Pollution and the Demonic: Evaluating Impurity in the Hebrew Bible in Light of Assyro-Babylonian Texts” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2012, Chicago, IL
- “Priestly Piety versus Mesopotamian Magic? A Reevaluation of Priestly and Assyro-Babylonian Expiatory Rituals” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2013, Baltimore, MD
- “Of Women, Vessels and Journeys- Zechariah 5:5-11 as Elimination Ritual” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2014, San Diego, CA
- “The Autonomous Curse in Zechariah 5:1–4 and Assyro-Babylonian Incantations” Association for Jewish Studies Conference, December 2014, Baltimore, MD
- “Ben Sirach, Chronicles and the Legitimacy of the Physician” Annual Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, July 2016, Leuven, Belgium
- “Biblical Discourse on Divination: Deuteronomy and the Holiness Code as Case Study” CAS Symposium 2016 Divination in the Ancient World, University of Pennsylvania
- “The Writing and Recitation of Curses in Ritual, Vision and Incantations” Society of Biblical Literature, November 20, San Antonio 2016
- “Physicians and Temple Service in Ben Sira” Society of Biblical Literature, November 21, San Antonio 2016
- “Divination in the Priestly Source, Dec 20, AJS San Diego 2016
- “Atonement and Purification,” March 2, Beyond the Book Lecture Series, The University of Chicago 2017
- “Israelite Religion in Translation: Magic and Divination in Num 23:23,” EABS/ISBL

Aug 9, Berlin, Germany 2017

- “The Ritual Sprinkling of Water in the Priestly Source and the ancient Near East,” Nov 20, Boston, 2017
- “The Motif of Uzziah’s Sickness (צִרְעָתָה) in the Deuteronomistic History, Chronicles and Beyond,” Feb 2018. Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins.
- “Jehoram Spills his Guts (Literally),” Feb 2018. Columbia Hebrew Bible Seminar.
- “Diseased Leadership,” July 2018, EABS/ISBL, Helsinki.
- “Mad Kings in the Bible: Saul and Nebuchadnezzar,” October 2018, Research Tea University of Pennsylvania.
- “Ancient Israelite Healthcare, Ahaziah’s Ailing Body and the Ridicule of Baal in 2 Kgs 1,” November 2018, SBL, Denver.
- “Between Horror and Hopelessness: Stillborn Children in the Bible,” November 2018, SBL, Denver.
- “The Metaphor of Pregnancy Loss in the Bible,” December 2018, AJS, Boston.
- “Illness and Kingship in the Bible,” NELC Departmental Colloquium, Spring 2019.
- “Divine Courtroom and Exorcism in Zechariah 3,” August 12, EABS 2019, Warsaw.
- “Royal Illness and Historiography: Jeroboam’s Son and Hezekiah in the Book of Kings,” November 25, SBL 2019, San Diego.
- “The Motif of Uzziah’s “Sickness” (צִרְעָתָה) in the Deuteronomistic History, Chronicles and Beyond,” December 2019, Potsdam (invited lecture).

Publications

Books

- *Atonement and Purification: Priestly and Assyro-Babylonian Perspectives on Sin and its Consequences.* FAT 2.92; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.
- *Royal Illness and Kingship Ideology in the Hebrew Bible* under contract with the SOTS Monographs series, published by Cambridge University Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

- “Priests, Pollution and the Demonic: Evaluating Impurity in the Hebrew Bible in Light of Assyro-Babylonian Texts,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 14 (2014): 68-86. [18 pages]
- “The Ritual Elements in Zechariah 5:5-11,” *Biblica* 96.4 (2015): 586-598. [12 pages]
- “Magic and Maledictions: Zechariah 5:1-4 in its ancient Near Eastern Context,” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 128.3 (2016): 404-418. [14 pages]
- “Advice for a Successful Doctor’s Visit: King Asa Meets Ben Sira,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80.2 (2018): 231-246. [15 pages]
- “The Rhetoric of Prohibitions: Divination and Magic in Deuteronomy and Leviticus,” *Semiotica* 60 (2018): 139-158. [19 pages]
- “Naaman’s Healing and Gehazi’s Affliction: The Magical Background of 2 Kgs 5,” *Vetus Testamentum* 68.4 (2018): 540-555. [15 pages]
- “The Motif of Uzziah’s צרעת in the Deuteronomistic History, Chronicles and Beyond,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44:2 (2019): 233–249.

Articles in Edited Volumes

- “Diseased Leadership,” in *Concepts of Leadership in the Hebrew Bible* (under contract with de Gruyter in the series *Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*). Forthcoming.
- “Satan and the High Priest,” in *New Perspectives on Ritual in the Biblical World* (under contract with Bloomsbury and is set to appear in 2020). Forthcoming.

Translations

“Ben Sira 38:1-15,” in Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization series published by Yale University Press

Articles in Progress

- “Divination in the Priestly Source”
- “The Ritual Manipulation of Water in the Bible and the ancient Near East”
- “Israelite Religion in Translation: Numbers 23:23 and the Question of Magic”
- “Stillborn Children in the Bible and ANE”

Research Interests

- The Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern Context
- History of Biblical Interpretation and Comparative Religion

- Ancient Israelite Religion
- Medical Humanities

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair Israelite Religion in its West Asian Environment (SBL), 2015-2017

Chair Religions of Israel and Judah in Their West Asian Environment (SBL), 2017-

Steering Committee Member Ritual in the Biblical World (SBL), 2019-

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions, 2014

Humanities, 2017

Numen, 2017

Vetus Testamentum 2018

Undergraduate Advising

Pre-major advisor; University of Pennsylvania, 2015-2017, 2018-

Advisor for Hebrew Literature and Jewish Tradition concentration; University of Pennsylvania, 2019-

Editing

Editor of the Ancient Near East Section – Religion Compass

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS

Ramat Rahel, August 2008

HONORS AND AWARDS

Hortense G. Moses Fellowship for the Encouragement of Hebrew Learning, 2012-2013

Iwry Fellowship, JHU Department of Near Eastern Studies, 2010-2011

Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Jewish Studies Teaching Fellowship, 2010

Rothberg Family Scholarship, 2004-2006

DAAD-scholarship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2003

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

Association for Jewish Studies
European Association of Biblical Studies
Society of Biblical Literature

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic, Akkadian, Sumerian, Ugaritic, Latin and Greek
Modern: English, German, Modern Hebrew, French (reading)