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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*

MINISTERIAL ORDINATION

Summer 2008

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE—Teaching

Spring 2014 – Present

Professor, Biblical Studies and Ancient Languages, School of Theology and Ministry

Associate Professor, Spring 2014 – Spring 2018

Assistant Professor Fall 2007 – Spring 2014

Instructor, Fall 2005 – Spring 2007

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

Spring 2021 – Present

Adjunct Professor, Old Testament

Primarily online, with in-person teaching at international intensives (Manila, Philippines)

Every Nation Seminary

Summer 2013 – Summer 2014

Research Scholar and Student Mentor, Dead Sea Scrolls Research Group

The Green Scholars Initiative

September 2001-Fall 2003

Instructor, Biblical Hebrew Grammar

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Bible 401 and 402

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbinic School

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and SERVICE

Fall 2025 – Present; Spring 2013 – Summer 2017

Chair, General Education Committee (IWU, CAS)

Fall 2016 – Present

Trustee, Asbury University Board of Trustees (Wilmore, KY)
Service as officer and on multiple committees

Spring 2014 – Spring 2025

FYE Faculty Coordinator (IWU, CAS)

FYE Assessment Committee: Member (2021 – 2025)

Fall 2018

Member, HLC Subcommittee on General Education (IWU)

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Mentor, Women's Leadership Development Program (IWU)

Fall 2007 – Present (varying)

Elected Committee Memberships (IWU)

University:	University Assessment Council
	UAC's Faith Integration Task Force
	Faculty Senate
CAS:	General Education Committee, including revision subcommittee (Chair beginning Fall 2025)
	CAS Faculty Vice Chair (2021 – 22)
	Academic Policies Committee (through Spring 2025)
	Nominating Committee (through Spring 2023)
	Academic Affairs Council
	Curriculum Committee (previous)
School of Theology and Ministry:	Scholarship & Admissions committee (<i>chair, 2023-2025</i>)
	Retreats committee
	Marketing Committee
	Search committees—multiple
	Innovations Committee
	Strategic Planning (<i>chair, Spring 2015 – Fall 2019</i>)
	Admissions Committee
	Consecration Service Coordinating Committee

Fall 2008 – Current

Appointed Task Force and Committee Memberships (IWU)

Residential Student Engagement & Retention Committee (2021 – 2026)
FYE Coordinating Committee and NSO Programming Team (2014 – 2025)
Seminary Presidential Search Committee (2016 – 2017)
Shared Governance Task Force (CAS, 2016)
University Strategic Planning (2015)
School of Life Foundations Task Force (CAS, 2010)
University Restructuring Task Force, CAS Working Group (2008 – 2009)

SCHOLARSHIP and PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Spring 2021 – present

Seminar presenter and course professor—multiple opportunities to present in global contexts for Every Nation Seminary and Every Nation family of churches (both online and in person)

Spring 2024; Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Chapel speaker—several Old Testament sermon series, IWU

Multiple contributions

Contributor, *Illustrated Bible Life*, adult Bible study curriculum. The Foundry Publishing, Kansas City.

Summer and Fall 2019

Chapel speaker, IWU and Asbury University

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Faculty Mentor, Lilly Student Research Assistant Award ("Developing a Course to Teach Biblical Languages for Ministry") IWU, CAS

Fall 2014 – Fall 2021

Presenter, Liberal Arts Main Session, CAS NSO, IWU

Spring 2018

Presenter, Sabbatical research (book of Numbers and trip to Jordan)
IWU, CAS

2018

Contributor, "Image of God." In *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*
Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press.

2018

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

2016

Contributor, "Genesis 31:23-25?, 32:3-6 (Inv.MOTB.SCR.000124)." Pages 73-89 in *Dead Sea Scrolls Fragments in the Museum Collection*. Edited by Emanuel Tov, Kipp Davis, and Robert Duke. Leiden: Brill, 2016. (with student researchers)

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

Co-presenter, "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

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (past and present)

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

Society of Biblical Literature

Evangelical Theological Society

Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy

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, occasional pulpit supply.

Fall 2005 – Present

Regular Speaker/Presenter: Venues have included, but are not limited to, church and campus events in conjunction with the Every Nation family of churches (Manila, Philippines), Campus-wide Day of Courageous Conversations (Presentations on Biblical languages; Women in Ministry); Mentoring seminar for faculty; Current research presentations; Devotional leader for various Administrative offices (Retreats and meetings); Faculty Chapel; Student Chapel; Resident Directors Professional Development; Preaching coach for Festival of Preaching; student Bible Studies; faculty and staff meetings/development seminars (IWU).

Fall 2017 – Fall 2021

Ministerial Representative, District Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Committee
Northeast Indiana District, Church of the Nazarene