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Curriculum Vitae, 2020

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### Academic Posts and Education

2018-Present: Belzberg Lecturer of Jewish Studies. University of Alberta

2017-18: Lecturer in Religious Studies. University of Alberta

2016-17: Lecturer in English Studies. MacEwan University

**Ph.D.** (2017) Religious Studies, University of Alberta

Supervisor: Francis Landy (Professor Emeritus)

### Publications

#### Books

2020 Co-editor with Rhiannon Graybill. *Who Knows What We'd Make of It, If We Ever Got our Hands on It?: The Bible and Margaret Atwood*. Piscataway: Gorgias Press.

2018 Co-editor with Andrew Gow. *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof: Poetry, prophecy, and justice in Hebrew Scripture: Essays in honour of Francis Landy on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday*. Boston: Brill.

#### Refereed Journal Articles

2021 "Exploring the Human and Animal Relationship in the Hebrew Bible Through the Blood Prohibition." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Forthcoming.

2021 "Testifying Bodies: The Bible and Margaret Atwood's *The Testaments*." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. Forthcoming.

2020 "The Monstrous-Feminine, The Abject, and the Book of Lamentations," *The Bible and Critical Theory*. Forthcoming

2020 "Moabite Women, Transjordanian Women, and Incest and Exogamy: The Gendered Dimensions of Boundaries in the Hebrew Bible." *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*. 45.1: 93-110.

2018 "Food for Thought: The Question of the Animal and Gil Anidjar's *Blood*." *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*. Special Advance Issue. June. 1-17.

2018 "Caves of the Hebrew Bible: A Speleology." *Biblical Interpretation*. 26.1: 1-22.

2016 "Of Squawking Seagulls and the Mutable Divine in Karl Ove Knausgaard's *A Time for Everything* (With Reference to *My Struggle*)." *The Bible and Critical Theory*. 12.1: 109-116.

#### Book Chapters

- 2020 “‘You Should Not Take Baths Outside in the Garden’: *Alias Grace*, the Male Gaze, and Susanna and the Elders,” in *Who Knows What We’d Make of It, If We Ever Got our Hands on It?: The Bible and Margaret Atwood*. Edited by Peter Sabo and Rhiannon Graybill. Piscataway: Gorgias Press.
- 2018 “The Bible and Literature (in Secret),” in *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof: Poetry, prophecy, and justice in Hebrew Scripture: Essays in honour of Francis Landy on the occasion of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday*. Edited by Peter Sabo and Andrew Gow. Boston: Brill.
- 2015 “Surpassing (the Love of) Women: Homosociality, Homosexuality, and the ‘Sacrifice’ of Women in the Bible and Borges,” in *Borges and the Bible*. Edited by Jay Twomey and Richard Walsh. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press.
- 2015 “Poetry Amid Ruins,” in *Poets, Prophets, and Texts in Play: Studies in Biblical Poetry and Prophecy in Honour of Francis Landy*. Edited by Ehud Ben Zvi, Claudia V. Camp, David M. Gunn, and Aaron Hughes. New York: T & T Clark.
- 2015 “Blurred Boundaries in the Lot Story,” in *History, Memory, Hebrew Scriptures*. Edited by Ian D. Wilson and Diana Edelman. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns.
- 2014 “Drawing out Moses: Water as a Personal Motif of the Biblical Character,” in *Thinking of Water in the Early Second Temple Period*. Edited by Ehud Ben Zvi and Christoph Levine. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft. Berlin: de Gruyter.
- 2013 “Seeking Saul in Chronicles,” in *Chronicling the Chronicler: The Book of Chronicles in Early Second Temple Historiography*. Edited by Paul S. Evans and Tyler F. Williams. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns.

#### Book Reviews, Dictionary Articles, and Miscellanea

- 2020 “Messenger.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Steven McKenzie et al. De Gruyter.
- 2020 Review of *The Bible in Crime Fiction and Drama: Murderous Texts*. Edited by Caroline Blyth and Alison Jack. *Review of Biblical Literature*. March 5.
- 2019 “Marriage.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Steven McKenzie et al. De Gruyter.
- 2018 “Lips.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Steven McKenzie et al. De Gruyter.
- 2018 Review of Dolores G. Kamrada. *Heroines, Heroes, and Deity: Three Narratives of the Biblical Heroic Tradition*. *Review of Biblical Literature*. August 9.
- 2017 Review of Gil Anidjar. *Blood: A Critique of Christianity*. *The Bible and Critical Theory*. 13.2: 83-85.
- 2016 Review of Aaron Gross. *The Question of the Animal and Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications*. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 45.4: 629-30.
- 2015 Online Lesson Plan. “Introduction to Biblical Narrative in Genesis.” *Oxford Biblical Studies Online*.
- 2014 Review of Robert Alter. *Pen of Iron: American Prose and the King James Bible*. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 43.3: 516-17.
- 2014 Review of Thalia Gur-Klein. *Sexual Hospitality in the Hebrew Bible: Patronymic, Metronymic, Legitimate and Illegitimate Relationships*. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. 43.2: 335-37.

- 2013 Review of Julia Kristeva. *This Incredible Need to Believe*. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 42.4: 544-45.
- 2013 Review of R.B. Salters. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Lamentations*. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 42.3: 414-15.
- 2013 Review of Dawne McCance. *Derrida on Religion: Thinker of Difference*. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 42.2: 272-73.

## Academic Presentations

### Conference Presentations

- 2019 "The Abject Body of Daughter Zion in Lamentations." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego. November 23-26.
- 2019 "Animals and Blood in the Hebrew Bible: Between Kinship and Kindness." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego. November 23-26.
- 2019 "'Am I a Bad Feminist': Issues of Intersectionality and Margaret Atwood." Intersections of Gender Conference University of Alberta. October 2-4.
- 2019 "Fake News and the Abrahamic Moment." European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Conference. Warsaw. August 12-14.
- 2019 "Animals and Blood in the Hebrew Bible." European Association of Biblical Studies Annual Conference. Warsaw. August 12-14.
- 2018 "Do Not Take Baths Outside in the Garden: *Alias Grace*, the Male Gaze, and Susannah and the Elders." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Denver. November 17-21.
- 2018 "Lot's Daughters and Moabite Women." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Denver. November 17-21.
- 2017 "Food for Thought: The Question of the Animal in Gil Anidjar's *Blood: A Critique of Christianity*." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Boston. November 18-21.
- 2017 "Go and Lie in Wait in the Vineyard: The Exchange of Daughters in the Book of Judges." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Literature. May 27-29.
- 2016 "What it is to Decompose a Book." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Antonio, Texas. November 19-22. Presented with Francis Landy.
- 2016 "Cannibalism and the Animal: The Bible in Gil Anidjar's *Blood*." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. May 28-30.
- 2015 "Seagulls and the Bible: Karl Ove Knausgaard's *A Time for Everything and My Struggle*." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. November 13-15.
- 2014 "Borders and Blurred Boundaries in the Lot Story." European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium. Thessaloniki, Greece. April 12.
- 2013 "Like a Dream, Like a Vision of the Night." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Baltimore, Maryland. November 23-26. Presented with Francis Landy.
- 2013 "Remembering Lot's Wife in the Film *The Last Days of Sodom and Gomorrah*." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Victoria, British Columbia. June 1-4.
- 2012 "Death, Ghosts, Exile, and Repetition: Reading for the Uncanny in Lamentations." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Chicago, Illinois. November 16-20.

- 2012 "Isaiah: Blind Prophet, Blind Text and Blind Readers." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Waterloo, Ontario. May 27-29.
- 2012 "Water and Poetic Imagination." Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and University of Alberta Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Workshop: Thinking of Water in the Persian/Early Hellenistic Period in Judah. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. May 7-11.
- 2012 "Bat-Zion and Metaphor." European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium. Hamburg, Germany. March 31 [presented via video conference at the University of Alberta].
- 2011 "Is Phaedrus Also Among the Prophets?" Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Francisco, California. November 19-22. Presented with Francis Landy.
- 2011 "Death and Life in Isaiah 66:17." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Fredericton, New Brunswick. May 29-31.
- 2011 "The Speaking Voices in the Book of Lamentations." Pacific Northwest regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Spokane, Washington. May 13-15.
- 2010 "Maher-Shallal-Hash-Baz: Writing and Other Rebellious Sons in Isaiah 1-12." European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate and Post Graduate Symposium. Drongen, Belgium. April 23-25 [presented via video conference at the University of Alberta].
- 2010 "To be, or not to be (King Saul), that is the question: Conjuring up the Problem of the Saul Narrative in Chronicles." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Montreal, Quebec. May 29-31.

#### Public Lectures

- 2018 "The Literary Study of the Hebrew Bible." Public Lecture for the Wirth Institute at the University of Alberta. November.
- 2017 "Food for Thought: The Bible, Animals, and Gil Anidjar's *Blood: A Critique of Christianity*." University of Alberta Religious Studies Colloquium. October.
- 2016 "Atwood's Bible in the *MaddAddam* Trilogy." University of Alberta Religious Studies Spring Symposium. April.
- 2012 "Freud and the Bible: A Kind of 'Credo Quia Absurdum.'" University of Alberta Religious Studies Doctoral Seminar. Response from Francis Landy. September.
- 2009 "The Mother's Body, Mother(land), and Mother(tongue): A Kristevan Reading of Lamentations." University of Alberta Religious Studies Graduate Seminar. February.

#### Guest Lectures

- 2019 AUREL 290 (Augustana University). Selected Topics in Religion: Sex & Gender in Ancient Religions. "Gender and the Bible." January.
- 2017 Sociology 271 (University of Alberta). *Introduction to the Family*. "The Bible and the Family." February.
- 2016 Religion 205 (University of Alberta). *Introduction to Judaism*. "The Origins of the Bible." January.
- 2016 Religion 202 (University of Alberta). *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*. "Narrative Art in the Bible." January.

- 2014 Classics 376 (University of Alberta). Early Civilization I. "The Epic of Gilgamesh: Literary Themes." February.
- 2012 Comparative Literature 100 (University of Alberta). *World Literature*. "The Bible as Literature." September.
- 2012 Religion 475/575 (University of Alberta). *Special Topics in Religious Studies: Psychoanalysis and Religion*. "Freudian Jargon and Religion." February; "Mourning, Melancholia, and Religion." March.

## Teaching and Researching Experience

### Core Courses

- Introduction to Hebrew Bible (Religion 202)  
 Introduction to Judaism (Religion 205)  
 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (Hebrew 201/202)  
 Ancient Near Eastern and Israelite Religion and Myth (Religion 309/Classics 399)  
 Approaches to Religion (Religion 375)  
 Second Temple Period: Cyrus to Jesus (Religion 308)  
 Literary Theory and Studies in the Hebrew Bible (Religion 404)  
 \*Topics in Jewish Studies (Religion xxx, to be added in 2021/2022)

### Other Courses Taught

- The Bible as/and Literature (Religion 397)  
 Contemporary Theories of Religion (Religion 475)  
 Approaches to the Study of Religion (Religion 375)  
 Classic Theories of Religion (Religion 200)  
 Introduction to Western Religious Traditions (Religion 102)  
 Introduction to Eastern Religious Traditions (Religion 103)

### New Courses Scheduled to Teach

- Antisemitism (Religion 397) (Winter 2021)

### Teaching and Research Assistant

- Introduction to Judaism* (Religion 205). Teaching Assistant. University of Alberta. Fall 2014, Fall 2013.
- Kabbalah* (Religion 307). Teaching Assistant. University of Alberta. Fall 2014.
- Introducing Islam* (Religion 220). Teaching Assistant. University of Alberta, Fall 2010.
- Studies in Witchcraft and the Occult* (Religion 274). Teaching Assistant. University of Alberta. Winter Fall 2009 and 2011.
- Psalms in the Septuagint Project. Research Assistant for Professor Tyler Williams. Taylor University. Full Academic Year 2007.

## **Administration and Organization**

2015-16 Religious Studies Graduate Student Society. President. University of Alberta.  
2014-15 Religious Studies Graduate Student Society. Vice-President. University of Alberta  
2013-15 Koine Greek Club. University of Alberta.  
2012-Present Biblical Hebrew Club. University of Alberta.

### Organization of Conferences and Academic Lectures

2020 Belzberg Annual Lecture. Rhiannon Graybill (Rhodes College). "A Feminist Approach to Rethinking Biblical Sexual Violence: Fuzzy, Messy, Icky." January 17.  
2018 Belzberg Annual Lecture. Aaron Gross (University of San Diego). "Jews, Ethical Omnivores, Vegans, and Other Curious Animals." April 17.  
2014-15 Co-organizer of video conference session for the European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium.

### Academic Supervision

2019-20 Undergraduate Honours Thesis. Aidan Oswald. "Imagining Sally: Deconstructing Race and Gender in the Early Mormon Archive."

### Community Lectures

2020 "The Prophet Miriam." Temple Beth Ora. January.  
2019 "The Binding of Isaac." Beth Shalom Synagogue. October.  
2019 "The Dead Sea Scrolls." Jewish Senior Citizen Centre. August.  
2019 "The Blood Prohibition in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond." Temple Beth Ora (Edmonton, AB). March.  
2018 "Blood, Humans, and the Soil in Genesis 1-11." Beth Shalom Synagogue (Edmonton, AB). October.  
2018 "The Literary Art of the Hebrew Bible." Lendrum Mennonite Community (Edmonton, AB). September.  
2017 "Lot's Daughters, Tamar, and Ruth." Beth Shalom Synagogue (Edmonton, AB). October.

## **Professional Involvement**

### Professional Service

2017-Present Steering Committee Member. *Reading, Theory, and Bible*. Society of Biblical Literature.  
2016-Present Steering Committee Member. *Deconstructive Poetics*. European Association of Biblical Studies.  
2015-17 Student Liaison Officer. Canadian Society of Biblical Studies.  
2012-13 Steering Committee Member. *Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism*. Society of Biblical Literature.

### Editorial Assistant

2008-10 *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.

2008-09 *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*.

### Review Editor

2008-14 *Axis Mundi*. Online Journal of Religious Studies.

2011-13 *Inquire*. Online Journal of Comparative Literature.

### **Select Awards and Scholarships**

- 2017 Graduate Student Teaching Award
- 2016 Office of Interdisciplinary Excellence Award
- 2015 Friends of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Scholarship
- 2014 Graduate Students' Association Professional Development Award
- 2014 Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Travel Award
- 2013 President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction (equivalent of yearly tuition and fees)
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- 2012 Religious Studies Travel Grant
- 2011 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, CGS Doctoral Scholarship (\$35,000/year, 3 years, \$105,000)
- 2011 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (declined)
- 2011 President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction (\$10,000)
- 2010 Provost Doctoral Entrance Award (equivalent of yearly tuition and fees)
- 2009 Social Sciences and Research Council, CGS Master's Scholarship (\$17,500)
- 2009 Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship (equivalent of yearly tuition and fees)
- 2008 Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship (\$10,800)
- 2007 Dean Scholarship Award
- 2007 Faculty Scholarship Award
- 2006 Louise McKinney Scholarship

### **Professional Associations**

- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (CSBS)
- Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR)
- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- European Association of Biblical Studies (EABS)

### **Languages**

Classical/Biblical Hebrew (Advanced)

Koine Greek (Intermediate)

German (academic reading)

French (academic reading)