

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

2001 - Ph.D.: Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University in the field of Hebrew Bible / Northwest Semitic Philology. Dissertation topic: "The Private Life of Women in Persian Egypt." Advisors: Dr. Raymond Westbrook and Dr. P. Kyle McCarter Jr.

1989 - *Laurea* in Classical Literature: Istituto di Glottologia, *Università degli Studi* of Milan, Italy. Major: Hebrew and Semitic Languages. Dissertation topic: "L'onomastica dei papiri in scrittura aramaica di Saqqara Nord." Advisors: Prof. Maria Luisa Modena Mayer (*Università degli Studi* of Milan) and Prof. Frederick Mario Fales (University of Udine)

Professional Experience:

Currently (since September 2006) Assistant Professor (tenure-track) of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Divinity School/Graduate Department of Religion/Religious Studies Department, Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee)

2003-2006 Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and Near Eastern Cultures, Divinity School/Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University (Nashville, Tennessee)

a. Research

2000-03 Associate Research Scholar at *The Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon Project*. Under the direction of Dr. Stephen A. Kaufman at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH.

Responsibilities: Lexicography, CAL Website design, Bibliography, Text processing.

1993-94 Research Assistant at the Department of the History of the Jewish People, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Under the direction of Dr. Bezalel Porten

Responsibilities: analysis and database of onomastic data in the Aramaic documents from Egypt.

b. Teaching

- 2008 Spring Semester “Sexuality in the Bible and the Ancient Near East” at Vanderbilt University and “Wisdom Literature” at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville (with Vanderbilt University)
- 2007 Fall Semester “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (undergraduate level) and “The Book of Daniel” (graduate level) at Vanderbilt University
- 2006 Fall Semester “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible” at Vanderbilt University (undergraduate level)
- 2006 Spring Semester “Mishnaic Hebrew” and “Historical Aramaic Grammar” at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2005 Fall Semester “History of Ancient Israel” and “Jewish Life in Persian Egypt” at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2005 Spring Semester “Sexuality in the Bible and the Ancient Near East” and “The Book of Daniel” at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2004 Fall Semester “Wisdom Literature” and “The Targums” at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2004 Spring Semester: “Ezra-Nehemiah” and “Ugaritic” at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2003 Fall semester: “Biblical Aramaic” and “Women in the Ancient Near East” at Vanderbilt University (graduate level)
- 2003 Summer intensive course: “Semitic Philology” as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 2001 Summer intensive course: “Introduction to Akkadian - The Babylonian Version of the Behistun Inscription in comparison with the Aramaic Version” as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 2000 Summer intensive course: “Introduction to Akkadian - The legend of Sargon” as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 1999 Summer intensive course: “Women in the Bible and the Ancient Near East” as Visiting Professor at the *Università degli Studi* of Milan
- 1999 Spring semester: “Survey of Aramaic Texts (from Old Aramaic to Syriac)” as Instructor (graduate level) The Johns Hopkins University
- 1998 Fall semester: Dean’s Fellowship course entitled “Voices of Ancient Women” at The Johns Hopkins University
- 1997-98 Instructor of Elementary Biblical Hebrew at The Johns Hopkins University
- 1997 Spring semester: Instructor of Biblical Aramaic (graduate level) at The Johns Hopkins University

c. Workshops and Community Teaching

13, 20, 27 April, and 4, 11 May 2006 – “The Persian Empire and the Hebrew Bible” at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville

1 March 2007 Community Breakfast lecture “Betraying the Text: Creation Narratives in Their and Our Context” at the Vanderbilt Divinity School

21, 28 February and March 7 2007 – “Wisdom on Wednesdays” at Congregation Micah - Reform Jewish Synagogue in Nashville

23, 30 April 30, and 7 May 2006 – “Women in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East” at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville

23 March 2004 – “How to Be a Good Mentor: A Discussion with Faculty” (with other Vanderbilt Faculty) at the *Eighteenth Annual Graduate Student Research Week* (by invitation of the Graduate Student Council)

26 March 2003 – Graduate Workshop “Practical Tips for Writing and Completing a Rabbinic Thesis and a Doctoral Dissertation at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, in collaboration with Dr. H  l  ne Dallaire

23 January 2003 – Graduate Workshop “The Aramaization of Assyria” at the Oriental Institute/ Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago

Awards:

1998 Dean’s Teaching Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University

1997/98 Samuel Iwry Fellowship for graduate study at The Johns Hopkins University

1993-94 “Borsa di studio per Ricerca e Perfezionamento all’Estero” from the *Universit   degli Studi* of Milan for research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

1992 “Borsa di studio” from the Italian Foreign Ministry for research at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Publications:

Monographs:

The Private Life of Women in Persian Egypt [in preparation, for Eisenbrauns]

Aramaic Legal Texts from the Neo-Assyrian to the Roman Empire [in preparation, for SBL publications]

Articles:

“The Bowman MS and the Aramaic Tablets” in P. Briant et al., eds., *Les archives des fortifications de Persépolis dans le contexte de l’Empire achéménide et de ses prédécesseurs*, Persika 12 (Paris, in press)

“Women and Property in Persian Egypt and Mesopotamia” in the *Conference Proceedings of the Colloquium on Women and Property in ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean Societies* at the Center for Hellenic Studies – Harvard University, held in Washington, DC, 21-25 August 2002 [electronic publication (2003) available at: http://zeus.chsdc.org/chs/files/women_property_azzoni.pdf]

“Un giuramento ebraico ad Elefantina d’Egitto” *ACME. Annali della Facoltà di Lettere e Filosofia dell’Università degli Studi di Milano* 53/2 (2000) 265-271

“An Achaemenid Loanword in the Legal Code of Hermopolis: *3bykrm*” *ENCHORIA* 26 (2000), 20-30 [in collaboration with Sandra Lippert]

Book Reviews:

Review of B. Chiesa, *Filologia Storica della Bibbia Ebraica*, (Brescia: Paideia, 2000) *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 67 (2005) 679-681

Review of R. Katzoff and D. Schaps, *Law in the Documents of the Judaeen Desert* (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2005) for *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (in preparation)

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles:

“Elephantine Papyri” in the *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon, 2006)

“Women in the Ancient Near East” (in preparation)

Public Lectures:

November 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Sand Diego. Title of the paper: “Evidence of Foreigners from the Persian Heartland”

3-4 May 2007 “The Women of Elephantine” at the GSAS sponsored Conference on "Women in the Field: Gender and Research in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East" at Harvard University

16 November 2006 - Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Washington. Title of the paper: "Persian Period Administration: Aramaic Evidence"

3 November 2006 - " The Bowman MS and the Aramaic Tablets " at the *Table Ronde* on the Persepolis Fortification Texts and Other First Millennium Archives (Paris, November 2-3, 2006)

28 September 2006 - “Jewish Marriage in Persian Egypt” at the Frist Center for Visual Arts, Nashville, TN

17 November 2005 - Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Philadelphia.
Title of the paper: “Yehoishma's Document of Wifehood”

- 5 October 2005 - "Against 'Nature'? Homosexuality in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East" Lavender Lunchtime Conversation at the Vanderbilt Divinity School
- 4, 18, 25 October 2004 "The Surprising Women of the Ancient Near East: What You Need to Know" at the Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville TN
- 14 July 2004 "The Da Vinci Code: the Point of View of a Scholar" at the Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, TN
- 17 March 2004 - "Life in a Jewish Colony in Elephantine, Egypt" at the Department of Classics, Vanderbilt University
- 12 January 2004 - Respondent in the Symposium "Does Biblical History have a Future? King David as a Test Case" Vanderbilt University
- 20 November 2003 - Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Atlanta. Title of the paper: "On Rock, Papyrus, and Potsherd: Towards a Corpus Inscriptionum Nabataearum"
- 22 January 2003 - "*The Aramaic Papyri from Egypt: Continuity and Change in the Persian Empire*" at the Oriental Institute/ Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago
- 21 -25 August 2002 - Colloquium on "Women and Property in ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean Societies" at the Center for Hellenic Studies – Harvard University (Washington, DC). Title of the paper (by invitation) "Women and Property in Persian Egypt and Mesopotamia"
- 15 March, 2000 - 210th International Meeting of the *American Oriental Society* in Portland, paper entitled "An Oath Came Upon You and You Swore by Sati the Goddess: a Reexamination of Papyrus Cowley 14"

Professional Committees and Editorial Boards:

- Member of the Steering Committee of the *Palaeography* Session for the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2008-.
- Editor of the Aramaic Tablets in the *Persepolis Fortification Archive Project*, 2006-.
- Co-Chair (with Dr. Christopher A. Rollston) of the *Ancient Inscriptions* Session for the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2005-.
- Member of the Editorial Board of *Maarav, a Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures*. 2004-.