

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Associate Researcher,
Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung (Berlin)

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (Bible and Ancient Near East),
Brandeis University.
Dissertation: "I Am Unable to Do My Job": Literary Depictions of the
Scribal Profession in the Story of Ahiqar and Jeremiah 36.
<https://search.proquest.com/docview/1969559051>
Exams: Hebrew, Akkadian, Northwest Semitic Languages.
Additional Study: Harvard University (2012–2014).
- 2011 M.A., Near Eastern and Judaic Studies (Bible and Ancient Near East),
Brandeis University.
Thesis: Writing Religion: A Comparative Study of Ancient Israelite Scribes,
their Writing Materials, and their Methods Used in the Writing of the
Hebrew Prophecies. [<http://bir.brandeis.edu/handle/10192/24427>]
- 2007 Certificate, Modern Hebrew. University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel.
- 2007 M.A., Religion (Biblical Languages), Vanguard University of Southern
California. Exams: OT Methodologies; NT Methodologies.
- 2005 B.A., Religion, Vanguard University of Southern California.

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Akkadian (in cuneiform), Arabic, Aramaic (Imperial/Egyptian, Targumic,
Old/Inscriptional, *et al*), Classical Hebrew, Greek, Hittite (in cuneiform), NWS
Dialects (Phoenician, Moabite, Nabatean, *et al*), Sumerian (in cuneiform), Syriac (all
scripts and periods), Ugaritic.

Modern/Research (Reading Fluency): French, German, Modern Hebrew, Spanish.

APPOINTMENTS

- 2019–2020 Lead Researcher, Grant Writer, and Grant Manager (status of Wissenschaftler/Post-doc). Humboldt University, Berlin. Project: “New Aramaic Papyri from Elephantine in Berlin,” Fritz-Thyssen Foundation. For courses taught see below.
- 2019–2020 Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection, Berlin. Stipendium. Semitic scholar on the ERC-Project “Localizing 4,000 Years of Cultural History” (ID 637692)
- 2017–2018 Post-doc (Wissenschaftler Mitarbeiter). Joint appointment: Humboldt University, Berlin (50%) and Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection, Berlin, ERC-Project “Localizing 4,000 Years of Cultural History” (ID 637692 (50%).
- 2013–2017 Instructor, University Writing Program, Brandeis University, Department of English.
- 2012–2017 Teaching Fellow, Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.
- 2016 Guest Researcher (Gastwissenschaftler-Status) with ERC-Elephantine Project, directed by Prof. Dr. Verena Lepper, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin.
- 2016 Associate Fellow W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel and at the École Biblique.
- 2008–2009 Instructor of Old Testament, Vanguard University of Southern California.

PUBLICATIONS / BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books

- Forthcoming *New Aramaic Papyri from Elephantine in the Berlin Museum*. Studies on Elephantine no. TBA, ed. Verena Lepper, Brill: Leiden. [Contracted as part (expected 2021) of Thyssen and ERC grants (above).] (Open access)
2015. *Leviticus*. With Syriac text prepared by G. Kiraz and J. Bali. The Antioch Bible. Gorgias Press.

Digital (Web) Editions

- Forthcoming “Localizing 4000 Years of Cultural History: Texts and Scripts from (launch 2021) Elephantine Island in Egypt.” ERC-project (ID 637692). Database repair and updates. Collation, Metadata, and Translations of Northwest Semitic sources from Elephantine: Unpublished, *TAD*, *Mémoires* 35, *DAI*, et al. (Open access)

Articles and Essays

- Forthcoming “‘Ahikariana’ at Elephantine: Berlin P. 13446 and New Developments in the History of the Ahikar Traditions.” In *Elephantine in Context*, eds. B. Schipper, R. Kratz, B. Becking, FAT no. TBA, Mohr Siebeck: Tübingen. [Editors’ book proposal accepted] (accepted)
- Forthcoming “Socio-Historical Insights into Women at Elephantine according to the Aramaic Documentary Sources.” Studies on Elephantine no. TBA/part 1, ed. Verena Lepper, Brill: Leiden. [Contracted as part of Thyssen and ERC grants (above).] (expected 2020/1)
- Forthcoming “Clermont-Ganneau Ostrakon 103 (CG no. 103): A Judean Amulet Pertaining to Offerings with an Reference to the Aramaic Sacrificial System.”

- Studies on Elephantine no. TBA/part 1, ed. Verena Lepper, Brill: Leiden. [Contracted as part of Thyssen and ERC grants (above).] (expected 2020/1)
- 2020, forth. “The Persian Administrative Process in View of an Elephantine ²Aršāma Decree (TAD A6.2),” *Semítica et Classica*. (accepted)
- 2020 “Judeans in Elephantine and Babylonia: A Case Study on Rights and Tenancy Status,” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 131: 40–56.
- 2018 “Scribal Correction Dots on an Unpublished Elephantine Aramaic Papyrus Fragment,” *Aramaic Studies* 16/1, pp. 1–10.
https://www.academia.edu/36834920/Scribal_Correction_Dots_on_an_Unpublished_Elephantine_Aramaic_Papyrus_Fragment
- 2013 “Scribal Culture: A Thematic Guide” oxfordbiblicalstudies.com: Oxford University Press,
<http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/resource/scribal.xhtml>.
- 2013 “The Syriac’s Rendering of Hebrew Sacrificial Terminology in Lev 1-7 and Its Implications,” Pages 15–44 in *Bible, Qurʾān, and Their Interpretation: Syriac Perspectives I* (Ed. Cornelia B. Horn; Warwick, RI: Abelian Academic).

Dictionary / Encyclopedia Entries

- Forthcoming “Susa,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (de Gruyter).
- 2015 *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, entries: “Amurru”, “Balaam”, “Deir Alla”. Edited by Eric Orlin, Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, and Michael Satlow. New York: Routledge.
- 2014 Lexham Bible Dictionary entries: “Eridu”, “Ishtar”, “Kerak”, “Syene.”
<http://lexhambibledictionary.com/>.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Laura Quick, *Deuteronomy 28 and the Aramaic Curse Tradition. Review of Biblical Literature*. https://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/11977_13357.pdf

Published Transcriptions

- 2013 “Sara Japhet” An interview between Sara Japhet and Marc Brettler. Transcribed and annotated from a recording, Oxford University Press, http://oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/resource/interview_5.xhtml.
- 2013 “Shalom M. Paul” An interview between Shalom Paul and Marc Brettler. Transcribed and annotated from a recording, Oxford University Press, http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/resource/interview_4.xhtml.
- 2013 “Menahem Haran,” An interview between Menahem Haran and Marc Brettler. Transcribed and annotated from a recording, Oxford University Press, http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/resource/interview_6.xhtml.

Under Review

- Article Topic: Interpreting Ezra 4-5 in view of Aramaic documentary sources.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Research Grants Awarded

- 2019 German Research Council, Grant writer. Total, c. 308,000 EUR
2018 Fritz-Thyssen Foundation, Grant writer. Total c. 272,000 EUR.
2016 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, \$4,000
2016 Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, Research Travel Grant, \$4,000
2016 Center for German and European Studies, Research Grant, Brandeis University.
2016 Graduate Student Affairs Ph.D. Research Grant, Brandeis University.
2014–2016 Near Eastern Judaic Studies Graduate Student and Faculty Research Fund Grant, Brandeis University.
2011–2015 GSAS Ph.D. Travel Fund, Brandeis University.
2010, 2011 Brandeis University's Graduate Master's Research Fund, Brandeis University.

Scholarships

- 2011–2016 Bible and ANE Ph.D. Full Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Fellowship, Brandeis University.
2013–2014 Ruth Ann and Nathan Perlmutter Fellowship, Brandeis University.
2010–2011 Bible and ANE M.A. Full Tuition Scholarship, Brandeis University.
2009–2010 Bible and ANE M.A. Partial Scholarship, Brandeis University.
2007 Hymen Israel Academic Scholarship for Jewish Studies, Vanguard University.
2005–2007 Teaching and Research Assistant Fellowship, Vanguard University.
2006 Biblical Languages Scholarship, Vanguard University.
2001–2005 Academic Presidential Scholarship, Vanguard University.
2004, 2005 Vanguard Church Grant, Vanguard University.
2003–2005 Mary Grable Scholarship, Vanguard University.
2004 Excellence Fund Scholarship, Vanguard University.
2003 Academic Dean's Scholarship, Vanguard University.
2001 California Governor's Award, State of California.

Recognition

- 2007 Best Graduate Student Paper, Society of Biblical Literature, West Coast Regional Meeting.
2003, 2004 Outstanding Student in a Biblical Language Award, Vanguard University.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2020
2020 "Aramaic Scribal Culture in Egypt: Observations on and Implications of the Best Surviving Evidence of the Northwest Semitic Scribal Craft," Archaeology of Egypt Unit, Boston, MA (accepted)
2019 "New Papyri Letters and Contracts from Elephantine" SBL Annual Meeting, Aramaic Studies Unit, San Diego, CA
2019 "Newly Discovered Elephantine Aramaic Papyri in Berlin from the German Excavations of 1906–1907" ASOR Annual Meeting, Archaeology of Egypt Unit, San Diego, CA

- 2019 “Persian Period Aramaic Genres and the Study of Material Features: Socio-historical and Literary Implications” International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Ancient Near East Unit, Rome, Italy
- 2019 “Socio-Historical Insights into Women at Elephantine according to the Aramaic Documentary Sources”, GeMANE 3, Ghent. Available at <https://hu-berlin.academia.edu/JamesMoore>.
- 2019 (invited) “Aspects of Judean Life in the Persian Period: New Insights on the Social Status of Judeans at Elephantine in Light of Judeans in Babylonia” Fachgruppe Altes Testament in der Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft für Theologie, Berlin, Germany
- 2018 “Who Gave You a Decree? Anonymity as a Scribal Technique in Ezra-Nehemiah and Persian Period Sources” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2018 (invited) “Unpublished Aramaic Papyri from Elephantine: A Description of Rediscovered Documents and Fragments in the Berlin Museum” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2018 (invited) Invited Workshop on Egypt and Assyria in View of Aramaic Sources from Egypt. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. DFG-funded project, „Elephantine in Kontext,“ 26.05.2018.
- 2017 (invited) "Sacrificing Biases about Syriac Leviticus: Insights from the Translation of the Antioch Bible" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2017 (invited) “Die Legende von Ahiqar, dem assyrischen Weisen: Die berühmteste Geschichte von der niemand hörte,“ Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung. Berlin. November 7th.
- 2017 “Narrative Depictions of the Acquisition of Knowledge and the Process of Intellectual Reasoning: A Study of the Educational and Professional Interactions in the Story of *Ahiqar* and Jeremiah 36” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Berlin, Germany. August 8th.
- 2017 “Calling all Cards a Spade?: Reflections on the Story of Ahiqar and the Different Editions of the Tale that Go by the Same Name” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Berlin, Germany. August 10th.
- 2016 “Jeremiah the Scribe: A Socio-historical Study of the Scribal Milieu Portrayed in Jeremiah 36” Association of Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. December 18th–20th.
- 2016 “‘Don't Tell your Secrets to your Friends’: Literary Depictions of the Scribal Profession in the Aramaic and Syriac Versions of the Legend of Ahiqar” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. November 20th.
- 2016 “Psalm 116 in Comparative Perspective: Mesopotamian *rab-šāqê* and the ‘Cup of Salvation’” Harvard Semitic Philology Workshop, Cambridge, MA. April 27th.
- 2015 “‘Pure and Peshiṭta:’ Leviticus and a Possible Proto-Syriac Dead Sea Scroll Manuscript” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 22nd.
- 2015 “Pouring Out an Old Reading and Toasting to a New: Reinterpreting Ps 116 and the Meaning of the ‘Cup of Salvation’” Society of Biblical Literature

- Annual Meeting of the New England and Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Newton, MA. April 24th.
- 2013 “Penurious Penman or Scriveners of Scions? Reconsidering the Social Classes of Biblical Hebrew Writers in an Ancient Near Eastern Context” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 23rd.
- 2012 “The Waxing of Archaeological Evidence: A Study of Ancient Near Eastern Writing Materials and What they Mean for the Production of Biblical Hebrew Texts.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 19th.
- 2011 “The Syriac's Rendering of Hebrew Sacrificial Terminology in Lev 1–9.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 20th.
- 2011 “The Function of the *nota accusativi* in Moabite and the Question of Case” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 21st.
- 2010 “Reexamining the Priestly use of the verb *kipper*” Society for Biblical Literature, New England Meeting, Newton, MA. April.
- 2010 “‘Wiping Away’ the Oversights of Previous Scholarship: Redefining the Meaning and Function of *kipper* (כפר) in P.” Brandeis University, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies’ Graduate Colloquium. Spring semester.
- 2009 “Delimiting the Acrostic of Nahum 1:3–8 in Light of its Wordplays and Rhetorical Devices.” Society for Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Meeting, Santa Rosa, CA. Won “Best Graduate Student Paper.”

INVITED LECTURES

- 2021 (scheduled) with Prof. Maria Gorea. “Les papyri sémitiques en provenance d’Égypte du Cabinet du *Corpus inscriptionum semiticarum* (AIBL)” Institut de France, Paris.
- 2019 “New Aramaic Papyri in the Berlin Museum: Rethinking Persian Period Judean History and Religion.” Charles University in Prague
- 2019 “Unpublished Elephantine Aramaic Papyri in the Berlin Museum: Rethinking the History of Judeans in Egypt in the Digital Age” Trinity College Dublin.
- 2015 “The Temple Scroll.” Course: Dead Sea Scrolls, Brandeis University.
- 2012 “The Peshiṭta: Its History and Grammar” Course: Aramaic Bible, Brandeis University.
- 2009 “An Introduction to the Ancient Near East and the Text of 2 Samuel” and “The Promise of David and its Historical Reception.” Course: BOLLI (Life Long Learning Center)

PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY (FOR UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM)

Writings

- 2016 “Practical Strategies for Composing and Editing,” Brandeis Writing Program Manual for Instructors.
- 2016 “Research Paper Handout,” Brandeis Writing Program “Teaching Notes.”

Leadership

- 2016 “How to Teach Researched Writing,” Brandeis University Writing Program Instructor Meeting. [Invited presentation]
- 2016 Peer Observer for New Instructors, Brandeis University Writing Program.

- 2016 Leader of Grading Group for New Instructors, Brandeis University Writing Program.
- 2016 Mentor to New Instructor, Brandeis University Writing Program.

COURSES TAUGHT

As a Lecturer / Instructor

- Aramaic and Digital Editions. Summer 2020 (planned) HU Berlin. [Graduate and undergraduate]
- Einführung in das Syrische und Aramäische / Introduction to Syriac and Aramaic. Summer 2018, HU Berlin. [Graduate level]
- Craftsmanship and Secrecy: Ancient Near Eastern Scribal Culture and the Hebrew Bible, Winter 2017, HU Berlin. [Graduate and undergraduate]
- Beyond the Grave: The Afterlife in the Ancient Near East, Spring 2017, Brandeis.
- Don't Tell Your Secrets to Your Friends: A Social History of Writing in Antiquity, Brandeis, 2016.
- Chaos, War, and Sex: Ancient Myths and Legends Then and Now, Brandeis, 2013–2016.
- Literacy and Legends: Scribes and Writing in the Ancient World, Brandeis, 2014–2015.
- Old Testament Survey, Vanguard University of Southern California, 2008–2009.

As a Lecturing and Grading Teaching Fellow

- Introduction to World Religions, Brandeis University, 2016.
- Ritual and Cult, Brandeis University, 2013.
- Introduction to Judaic Studies, Brandeis University, 2013.
- Evil and Human Destiny, Brandeis University, 2013.
- Law and the Bible in the Ancient Near East, Brandeis University, 2012.
- The Western Canon, Brandeis University, 2012.
- Current Issues in Old Testament Studies (Graduate Level), Vanguard University, 2007.
- Old Testament Life and Literature, Vanguard University, 2006.
- Beginning Hebrew I, Vanguard University, 2005.
- Beginning Hebrew II, Vanguard University, 2006.
- Intermediate Hebrew I, Vanguard University, 2006.
- Intermediate Hebrew II, Vanguard University, 2007.
- Foundations of a Christian Life, Vanguard University, 2006.

MUSEUM, LIBRARY, AND ARTIFACT EXPERIENCE

- 2017–2020 Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung. Working with conservator on unpublished Elephantine Aramaic Papyri.
- 2019–2020 Académie des Inscriptions et Belle-Lettre, Cabinet du CIS. Researching and photographing the Semitic collection (Ostraca, papyri, squeezes). September 2019; February 2020.
- 2018 Brooklyn Museum. Researching and photographing Aramaic, Greek, and Egyptian papyri. November (invited)
- 2016 Israel Antiquities Authority, Jerusalem Museum Campus. Collating Dead Sea Scroll Manuscripts. July–August.
- 2016 Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung. June. [Ph.D. research]
- 2016 Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin. June. [Ph.D. research]
- 2016 Cambridge University Manuscript Reading Room. May. [Ph.D. research]

- 2016 British Museum / British Library. May. [Ph.D. research]
- 2016 Houghton Library, Harvard University. March. [Ph.D. research]
- 2015 Brandeis University Classical Artifact Research Collection (CLARC). Fall.
- 2012–2014 Harvard Museum of Ancient Near East (formerly Harvard Semitic Museum).
Research and reading on cuneiform tablets (as part of coursework).
- 2012 Museum of Science, Boston (in collaboration with the Israel Antiquities
Authority). Fall. Exhibit preparation and conference organization.
- 2012 Museum of Fine Arts Boston. August.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS

- 2016 Tel Burna, Israel. Conducted under Itzick Shai, Bar-Ilan University.
- 2013 Tel Burna, Israel. Conducted under Itzick Shai, Bar-Ilan University.

SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- TBA (postponed) Workshop: New Elephantine Papyri in Berlin. Humboldt University June
2020. Organizer.
- TBA (postponed) Texts and Scripts from Elephantine. Conference. Staatliche Museen zu
Berlin. July 2020. Co-organizer.
- 2013 Graduate Symposium on the Dead Sea Scrolls hosted by Brandeis University
in conjunction with the Museum of Science, Boston (a national conference).
Lead Organizer. October. <http://dssgradconference.wix.com/2013>
- 2013 Harvard, Yale, Brown, Brandeis Day: Faculty and Graduate Symposium for
the Study of the Hebrew Bible, Brandeis University Delegate. April.

*** A list of editorial and consultation work can be made available upon request. ***

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- American Schools of Oriental Research (2011-present)
- American Oriental Society (2011–2012)
- Association for Jewish Studies (2015)
- Society of Biblical Literature (2009-present)