

**Contact Information**

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**Education**

Ph.D. University of Georgia – Religion: Hebrew Bible, Fall 2014 – Present (May 2020)

Dissertation: *Judah's Mythographer: A New Model for the Priestly Text*

Comprehensive exams in Hebrew Bible, Northwest Semitic Languages, Ancient Near Eastern History & Religion

Advising Professors: Dr. Richard E. Friedman, Dr. Baruch Halpern, Dr. W. Randall Garr, Dr. Jared Klein

M.A. University of Georgia – Religion: Hebrew Bible, Fall 2012 – Spring 2014

Thesis: *"It is Commonly Thought and Widely Accepted": A Reevaluation of the Holiness Code*

Advising Professors: Dr. Richard E. Friedman, Dr. Baruch Halpern, Dr. Carolyn Medine

B.A. University of Georgia – Religion, Spring 2011

Focus: Hebrew Bible and Judaism

**Teaching Experience**

University of Georgia, Graduate Instructor: Fall 2013 – Spring 2021

Religion 1001: Introduction to Christianity, Judaism, and Islam (16 sections)

Religion 1008: Introduction to Reading the New Testament (1 section)

Religion 4001: Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (1 section)

University 1201: Learning for Success at the University (1 section)

University 1204: Preparing for Peer Learning (1 section)

**Other University Positions**

University of Georgia, Department of Academic Enhancement

Graduate Assistant with Reacting to the Past: August 2019 – Present

Co-organizer for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Reacting to the Past Winter Conference (2020 & 2021)

**Ancient Languages**

Literacy & Teaching Competence: Hebrew, Phoenician, Aramaic (several dialects), Akkadian (several dialects), Ugaritic, Greek (several dialects)

Introductory knowledge: Syriac, Hittite, Egyptian, Latin

**Modern Languages**

Reading knowledge: Hebrew, French, German

## **Publications**

2017 Associate Editor with B. Halpern and K. Sacks, eds. *Cultural Contact and Appropriation in the Axial-Age Mediterranean World: A Periplos*. CHANE 86. Leiden: Brill.

Press “‘After such knowledge, what forgiveness?’: The Polemic against the Wealthy and Zephaniah’s Day of Yhwh.” *Vetus Testamentum*.

Accepted “Isaac and Iphigenia: Portrayals of Child Sacrifice in Israelite and Greek Literature.” Co-written with Raleigh Heth. *Biblica*.

## **Papers Presented**

South Eastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Nashville, Tennessee, 2015:

“Were the Shilonite Priests Mushite? A Critique of Cross’s ‘Priestly Houses of Early Israel’”

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Atlanta, Georgia, 2016:

“Finding the Lay of the Land: An Oblique Approach to the Composition of Joshua”

Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, Florida, 2016:

“‘After such knowledge, what forgiveness?’: The Polemic against the Wealthy and Zephaniah’s Day of Yhwh”

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies, Oxford, England, 2016 (co-written & presented with Joshua Patterson):

“Teaching Islam to Non-Muslims in the American South: Normative Challenges and Creative Pedagogy”

International SBL Meeting, Berlin, Germany 2017 (co-written with & presented by Raleigh Heth):

“Child Sacrifice and Substitution in Biblical Law and Its Relation to Ancient Greek Myth”

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Atlanta, Georgia, 2018:

“Imagining the Priestly Bureaucracy”

Department of Religion Seminar, Athens, GA, 2019:

“Don’t Eat Dogs: Forays into the Priestly Author’s Method”

Midwest SBL & AAR Regional Meeting, Southbend, Indiana, 2020:

“The Writing on the Scroll: Historical Limits on Compositional Models of the Pentateuch”

## **Awards and Grants**

University of Georgia’s Office of Vice President for Research Foreign Travel Assistance Award, 2016

**Invited Lectures**

- “Galatians and the Rhetoric of Paul” for Dr. Foster, RELI 4082 (Fall 2018)
- “The Great Schism and the Eastern Perspective” for Dr. Foster, RELI 2001H (Fall 2018)
- “Homosexuality in the Hebrew Bible” for Dr. Lyon, RELI 4602 (Spring 2019)
- “Jewish-Christian Relations in the Early Centuries” for Inter Belief Works (Fall 2019)
- “Student Motivation and Peer Education” for Dr. Hagood, UNIV 1204 (Spring 2020)

**Memberships**

Society for Biblical Literature, 2014-Present