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Education

Ph.D.	Harvard University, 1980 (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)
M.A.	Indiana University, 1975 (Religious Studies)
B.A.	DePauw University, 1970 (Mathematics)

Professional Experience

2009–present	Professor, Department of Middle Eastern Studies and Department of Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
1990–2009	Professor of the Practice of Biblical Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University
1986–90	Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (tenure awarded spring 1990, and promotion to associate professor would have been effective July 1, 1990)
1985–86	Mellon Scholar, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University
1984–85	Visiting Lecturer on the Hebrew Bible, Weston School of Theology and Harvard Divinity School
1979–84	Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Occidental College

Administrative Experience/University Service

2011–	Member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts, the University of Texas at Austin
2010–2011	Member of the Post-Tenure Review Committee, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin
	Member of the Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin
2010–	Graduate Advisor, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

2003–04	Director of Ph.D. Studies, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University
1990–2009	Director of Biblical Hebrew program, Harvard University
1991–92, 1998–2001	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University
1988–89	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University

Publications

Books:

2010	*A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew* (Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers); 2nd printing, October 2010
1984	*The Balaam Text from Deir ʿAllā* (Chico, Calif.: Scholars Press)

Articles or Book Chapters:

2011	Adviser to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, 5th ed., on its alphabet chart; author of alphabet history within the chart
	"Commentary: Don't Close Book on Humanities," with John Huehnergard, in *Austin American-Statesman*, Sunday, May 15. Section D, pages 1, 8. Online: "Two Texas Professors on Why Academic Research Matters." http://www.statesman.com/opinion/insight/two-texas-professors-on-why-academic-research-matters-1475412.html.
	"From Havard [*sic*] to Austin, but now . . .," with John Huehnergard, op-ed in the Houston *Chronicle*, May 16. http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7567537.html#ixzz1MdPVre7E.
2008	"On Revising and Updating BDB," with John Huehnergard, *Foundations for Syriac Lexicography III: Colloquia of the International Syriac Language Project* (ed. Janet Dyk and W. Th. van Peursen; PSL 4; Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias) 227–33
	"Phoenician and Punic" (revised); Ch. 4 in *The Languages of Syria-Palestine and Arabia*, ed. Roger Woodard (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
2007	Obituary for Michael Patrick O'Connor, with John Huehnergard, published in the *Society of Biblical Literature Forum*
2005	"Semitic Languages," "Phoenician," and "Ugaritic," *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd ed., ed. Keith Brown, et al. (Amsterdam; London: Elsevier)
2004	"Violence and Women's Lives in the Book of Judges," *Interpretation* 58: 356–64
	"Phoenician and Punic," *Cambridge Encyclopedia of the World's Ancient Languages*, ed. Roger Woodard (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) 365–85

2002 "The Hebrew and Aramaic Languages," co-author with John Huehnergard, *The Biblical World*, ed. John Barton (London: Routledge) II, 3–24

"The Study of Partially Documented Languages," *Semitic Linguistics: The State of the Art at the Turn of the Twenty-first Century*, Shlomo Izre'el, ed. (Israel Oriental Studies 20; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns) 57-75

"Hebrew (Biblical and Epigraphic)," *Beyond Babel: A Handbook for Biblical Hebrew and Related Languages*, ed. Steven McKenzie (Atlanta: SBL Press) 139–56

2000 Short articles for *Women in Scripture*, Carol Meyers, Toni Craven, and Ross Kraemer, ed. (Boston/New York: Houghton Mifflin)

1999 Review of Phyllis Bird, *Missing Persons and Mistaken Identities*, in *JBL* 118 357-58

1998 "The Era of the Judges," *Oxford History of the Biblical World*, Michael D. Coogan, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press) 177-218

"Frank Moore Cross," *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*, John H. Hayes, ed. (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic) 233–34

"1 & 2 Samuel," *Women's Bible Commentary*, expanded paperback, Carol A. Newsom and Sharon Ringe, ed. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox) 91–101

1997 "Spelling Differences and Letter Shapes Are Telltale Signs," *Biblical Archaeology Review* 23/2 (March/April) 42–44

1996 Articles "Canaan" and "Canaanites" in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*, ed. Eric Meyers, vol. 1, 408-14

1993 Annotations to the book of Numbers, in *The HarperCollins Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version* (New York: HarperCollins)

Articles "Dinah," "Jezebel," "Leah," "Methuselah," "Miriam," "Shibbloeth," and "Zadok, Zadokites" in *The Oxford Companion to the Bible* (New York: Oxford); Editorial Adviser for the volume

1992 Articles "Balaam" and "Deir ᶜAllā, Tell: Texts" in the *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday)

"1 & 2 Samuel," *Women's Bible Commentary*, Carol A. Newsom and Sharon Ringe, ed. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox) 85–95

1991 Response to papers on general interpretation of the Deir ᶜAllā plaster texts, in *The Balaam Text from Deir ᶜAlla Re-evaluated: Proceedings of the International Symposium held at Leiden, 21–24 August 1989*, J. Hoftijzer and G. van der Kooij, ed. (Leiden: Brill) 73–84

1989 "Rehabilitating Hagar: Fragments of an Epic Pattern," *Gender and Difference in Ancient Israel*, Peggy Day, ed. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress) 12–27

"Can a Sexist Model Liberate Us? Ancient Near Eastern 'Fertility' Goddesses" (revised and expanded), *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 5: 65–76

1988 "Can a Sexist Model Liberate Us? Ancient Near Eastern 'Fertility' Goddesses," *Neo-Paganism: A Feminist Search for Religious Alternatives* (Women's Studies Program, Indiana University, Occasional Series Number 3) 77–92

1987 "Women's Studies and the Hebrew Bible," *The Future of Biblical Studies*, Richard E. Friedman and H. G. M. Williamson, ed., *Semeia* Supplement Series (Atlanta: Scholars Press) 141–64

"Religious Traditions in Israelite Transjordan," *Ancient Israelite Religion: Essays in Honor of Frank Moore Cross*, Patrick D. Miller, Jr., Paul D. Hanson, and S. Dean McBride, ed. (Philadelphia: Fortress) 125–36

1986 "Some Observations on the Balaam Tradition at Deir ᶜAllā," *Biblical Archaeologist* 49 216–22

"On Breaking Teeth," with John Huehnergard, *Harvard Theological Review* 77: 259–75

Review of Phyllis Trible, *Texts of Terror*, *Pacific Theological Review* 19: 70–71

1985 "In the Days of Jael: Reclaiming the History of Women in Ancient Israel," *Immaculate and Powerful: The Female in Sacred Image and Social Reality*, Clarissa Atkinson, Constance Buchanan, and Margaret Miles, ed. (Boston: Beacon) 15–38

1984 "The Dialect of the Plaster Text from Tell Deir ᶜAlla," *Orientalia* 53: 57–65

In Press

Revision of "1st and 2nd Samuel" for the 20th-anniversary edition of the *Women's Bible Commentary*

"On Canaanite and Historical Linguistics: A Rejoinder to Anson Rainey," with Na'ama Pat-El, *Maarav*

"*yaqtul* and a Ugaritic Incantation Text," *Language and Nature: Papers presented to John Huehnergard on the occasion of his 60th birthday*, Rebecca Hasselbach and Na'ama Pat-El, ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press)

In Progress

A companion book of annotated biblical readings, to follow the Introductory Biblical Hebrew textbook

Editor, with Walter Aufrecht and Christopher Rollston, *An Eye for Form: Paleographical Essays in Honor of Frank Moore Cross*

Editor, with John Huehnergard, of an update of the Brown-Driver-Briggs *Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*

4 *Festschrift* articles

Oral Presentations (selection)

2011 "A New Interpretation of the Melqart Stele (*KAI 201*)." Cambridge, MA. Harvard University Semitic Philology Workshop

"A New Interpretation of the Melqart Stele (*KAI 201*)." Boston. American Oriental Society annual meeting

"On Canaanite and Historical Linguistics: A Rejoinder to Anson Rainey," with Na'ama Pat-El. Austin. North American Conference on Afro-asiatic Linguistics

2010	"The Language of the Book of Job." Austin. Hoxie Thompson Lecture, Austin Presbyterian Seminary
	"*yaqtul* and a Ugaritic Incantation Text." Austin. North American Conference on Afro-asiatic Linguistics
2009	"What Did the Canaanites Know and When Did they Know it?" Boston. Northeastern Regional Society of Biblical Literature Plenary Address
2004	"The Editing of the Book of Judges." Bloomington, IN. Colloquium for Biblical Research paper
	"The Early West Semitic Alphabet." Oxford. Oxford University Conference, "The West Semitic Influence on Early Greek Alphabets"
2002	One of two scholars featured in the South Korean Public Television series on the Alphabet
	"Layers in the Language of the Deuteronomistic History." Jerusalem. Hebrew University Institute for Advanced Studies seminar
	"Judges 20—NOT by the Book." Jerusalem. Hebrew University Institute for Advanced Studies conference
	"The Semitic Alphabet and Trade." Los Angeles. California Museum of Ancient Art. Public lecture
2000	"The Syntax of Several Difficult Passages in the Book of Judges." Princeton. Biblical Colloquium paper
1999	"The Tribe of Ephraim." Ring Lake Ranch, Wyoming. Colloquium for Biblical Research paper
	"The Study of Partially-Documented Languages." Tel Aviv. Conference on The Study of Semitic Languages in the Twenty-first Century
1997	"The Nature of Child Sacrifice." Oxford University. Old Testament Seminar presentation
	"Method in the Study of Goddesses." Oxford University. Ancient Near Eastern Seminar presentation
	"Child Sacrifice in the World of the Hebrew Bible." Utrecht. Presentation to students and faculty of the university
1996	"Portrayals of Women in the Books of Samuel." Cheltenham, England. Presentation to students and faculty of the university
1994	"Punic Child Sacrifice Inscriptions." Princeton. Biblical Colloquium paper
1993	"Phoenician and Punic Goddesses." Society of Biblical Literature paper
	"'Strange' Women in the Hebrew Bible." New York University. Public lecture
1989	"Ducks' Bodies and Ravens' Faces: The Polemic Against Foreigners in the Ancient Near East." Bloomington, IN. Lilly Fellowship lecture
1988	"Rehabilitating Hagar: Fragments of an Epic Pattern." Colgate University. Invited lecture to students and faculty
1987	"The Polemic against Foreigners." Baltimore. Biblical Colloquium paper

Professional Activities

Member of the American Oriental Society; the American Schools of Oriental Research; the Society of Biblical Literature; North American Council on Afro-asiatic Linguistics; reserve member of the Biblical Colloquium and the Colloquium for Biblical Research

Member of the Board, *qol qore*, Advanced Summer Program for the Study of Jewish-Christian Encounters, Tel Aviv University

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature Council, 1990–95; 2004–06

President of the Colloquium for Biblical Research, 1999–2000

Member of the Board, American Schools of Oriental Research, 1990–95

Section Chair, SBL Hebrew Scriptures and Cognate Literatures, 1980–86

Editor, Harvard Semitic Studies

Editorial Board, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, 2006

Editorial Board, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2005–06

Member of the Committee on Publications, American Schools of Oriental Research, 2002–06

Editorial Board, Writings from the Ancient World, 1991–97, 2001–06

Editorial Board, *Biblical Archaeologist*, 1988–92

Participant in Wabash Center Consultation on Teaching Biblical Hebrew, 2000–2001

Advisory Committee, Harvard Divinity School Women's Studies in Religion Program, 1990–97

Awards and Grants (selection)

2009	Invited plenary address at the Northeast Regional Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (April)
2006	Everett S. Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award from the Harvard University Graduate Student Council
2002	Institute for Advanced Studies Seminar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1996-97	Hugh Pilkington Research Fellowship in Biblical Studies, Christ Church, Oxford University
1987–88	Lilly Endowment Research Fellowship
1985–86	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University
1983	Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities
1981–82	Research Grant in Women's Studies in Religion, Harvard Divinity School
1981	Research grant from the American Schools of Oriental Research, for study of inscriptions in Jordan and Syria
1978–79	Mrs. Giles Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities