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### EDUCATION

#### **The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX**

Ph.D., 2016, Ancient Mediterranean Religions, Hebrew Bible track

Dissertation: “War, Kidnapping, Dismemberment, and Exchange:  
(Im)Proper Regulation of Bodies in Judges 19–21;” Supervisor: Jo Ann Hackett  
Women’s and Gender Studies portfolio

M.A., 2013, Ancient Mediterranean Religions, Hebrew Bible track

Master’s Report: “Sealed with a Virgin: Reconciliation through the Exchange of  
Women in Judges 21;” Supervisors: Jo Ann Hackett and John Traphagan

#### **Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY**

M.Div., 2011, Biblical Studies focus

#### **Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA**

B.A., 2006, *summa cum laude*, Anthropology and Religion (honors)

Phi Beta Kappa, May 2006 initiate

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

#### **Luther College, Decorah, IA**

2022–present Visiting Assistant Professor; Department of Religion

#### **Drury University, Springfield, MO**

2020–2022 Visiting Assistant Professor; Department of History, Philosophy & Religion

#### **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA**

2018–2020 Postdoctoral Fellow and Coordinator of Judaic Studies Minor, Department of  
Religion and Culture

#### **Elon University, Elon, NC**

2017–2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies

#### **The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX**

2016–2017 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies

### PUBLICATIONS

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

In Review “The Child in the Refrigerator: Narrative Death in 2 Kgs 4:8–37.”

- Accepted “Michal the Giver and Michal the Taker: The Systematic Misogyny of the Davidic Court.” *Biblical Interpretation*.
- 2022 “In the Intersectional Days of Delilah: Reclaiming (Again) the History of Women in Ancient Israel.” *Zimrat JAH: A Tribute to Jo Ann Hackett. MAARAV 25*: 31–48.
- 2020 “Procuring Virgins, Performing Peace: Reconciliation through the Exchange of Women in Judges 21.” *Vetus Testamentum 70*: 396–413.
- 2017 “Cunning Linguists: Oral Sex in the Song of Songs.” *Vetus Testamentum 67*: 171–86.

#### Peer Reviewed Edited Volume Articles:

- Submitted “‘Where You Go, I Will Go’: Female Friendship in the Hebrew Bible.” *Multi-Religious Reflections on Friendship*. Edited by Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, and Hussan S. Timari. Religion and Borders Series. Lexington Books.
- Accepted “The Perils of Prophetic Proximity: Violence against Children in the Elisha Narratives.” *Violence Against Women and Children in the Hebrew Bible: Between Trauma and Resilience*. Edited by Kristine Garroway, John Martens, and Paul Kim. The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies. London: Bloomsbury.
- 2020 “The Marriage Injunction of Num 36: Zelophehad’s Daughters and the Intersection of Land Inheritance and Sex Regulation.” Pages 194–216 in *Sexuality and the Law in the Torah*. Edited by Hilary Lipka, F. Rachel Magdalene, and Bruce Wells. The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies. London: Bloomsbury.

#### Other Publications:

- In Progress Editor, Poetical and Wisdom Books. *King James Version Study Bible*. Edited by Steven L. McKenzie and Beth Quitslund. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Accepted “Independent Women: Zelophehad's Daughters and the Threat to a (Male) Ordered Society.” In *Re-Imagining Reformed Traditions*. Edited by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Deborah Kapp, and Daniel Ott.
- 2019 “The Boy in the Refrigerator: 2 Kgs 4:8–37.” Page 55 in *2 Kings*. By Song-Mi Suzie Park. Vol. 12 of *Wisdom Commentary Series*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press.
- 2018 “Introduction to 2 Maccabees.” Pages 275–285 in *Jewish Fictional Letters from Hellenistic Egypt: The Epistle of Aristeeas and Related Literature*. By L. Michael White and G. Anthony Keddie. Writings from the Greco-Roman World 37. Atlanta: SBL Press.
- 2018 “Introduction to Greek Esther.” Pages 317–325 in *Jewish Fictional Letters from Hellenistic Egypt: The Epistle of Aristeeas and Related Literature*. By L. Michael

White and G. Anthony Keddie. *Writings from the Greco-Roman World 37*. Atlanta: SBL Press.

### **Book Reviews:**

- 2018      Review of Katherine E. Southwood, *Marriage by Capture in the Book of Judges: An Anthropological Approach* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017) for *Biblica* 99: 600–603.
- 2017      Review of L. Juliana M. Claassens, *Claiming Her Dignity: Female Resistance in the Old Testament* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2016) for *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 39: 101–104.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Papers:**

- 2022      “Writing Women in Patriarchal Texts: Trafficked Virgins and Instrumental Agency in Judges 21.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19–22.
- 2022      “Individual, Social, and Political Bodies: A Sociological Analysis of Judges 19.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19–22.
- 2021      “The Perils of Prophetic Proximity: Violence against Children in the Elisha Narratives.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20–23.
- 2020      “Good Women and Bad Women: Systematic Misogyny and the Marriage of Michal and David.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 21–24.
- 2019      “The Marriage Injunction of Num 36: Zelophehad’s Daughters and the Intersection of Land Inheritance and Sex Regulation.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 23–26.
- 2019      “The Child in the Refrigerator: Narrative Death in 2 Kgs 4:8-37.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 23–26.
- 2018      “Pre-monarchic Israel as a Somatic Society: Judges 19–21 and the Regulation of Bodies.” The Society of Biblical Literature, International Annual Meeting, Helsinki, Finland, July 30–August 3.
- 2017      “In the Intersectional Days of Delilah: Reclaiming (Again) the History of Women in Ancient Israel.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 18–21.

- 2016 “Qoheleth the Cyborg: Ecclesiastes in a Postgender World.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 19–22.
- 2016 “The Reframing of the Refrain: Reconsidering the Appendices to the Book of Judges.” The Society of Biblical Literature, International Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, July 2–7.
- 2015 “The Myth of the Good Victim: Reading the Hebrew Bible in Rape Culture.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 21–24.
- 2015 “Mapping Identities through Language: Gender(ing) Roles in Biblical Hebrew.” 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emerging Scholarship in Women’s and Gender Studies Conference, Feminist Geographies: Mapping Spaces, Nations, and States of Being, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, March 25–26.
- 2014 “Cunning Linguists: Oral Sex in the Song of Songs.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22–25.
- 2014 “The Chosen One in the *Genesis of Mary*: A Masterplot Methodology.” The Society of Biblical Literature, International Annual Meeting, Vienna, Austria, July 6–10.
- 2014 “Within and Without: Land Identity in Ancient Israel.” Oslo International Graduate Students Conference: Space, Culture, and Religion: Considering Implications of the ‘Spatial Turn’, Oslo, Norway, May 19–21.
- 2013 “Sacred, Yet Savory: Ostrich Iconography and Dietary Prohibitions in Ancient Israel,” with Aren Wilson-Wright. The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 23–26.
- 2013 “Sealed with a Virgin: Reconciliation through the Exchange of Women in Judges 21.” The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 23–26.

**Invited Lectures:**

- 2021 “Gender and Religion.” The Human Religious Experience, George Mason University, March 23.
- 2021 “Giving Women and Women Givers: Intersections of Gender, Sexuality and Society in the Hebrew Bible.” Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies, The University of British Columbia, March 1.
- 2019 “‘Where You Go, I Will Go’: Female Friendship in the Hebrew Bible.” The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 23–26.

- 2019 “Anti-Semitism and the Ancient Near East.” Panelist at Anti-Semitism Teach-In, Department of Religion and Culture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, May 6.
- 2019 “Writing Women in Patriarchal Texts: Trafficked Virgins and Instrumental Agency in Judges 21.” Faculty Research Colloquia, The Center for Humanities, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA, March 8.
- 2016 “Questions of Power and Sacredness in Religious Traditions.” Respondent to the G. Howard Miller Undergraduate Panel, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference: Magic, Miracles, and the Paranormal in Religious Imaginaries, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, April 9–10.
- 2016 “Biblical Women in the Jewish Tradition.” Crusader Bible Study Day, Blanton Museum of Art, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, March 21.

### **Conference Organization:**

- 2017 SBL Session in Honor of Jo Ann Hackett, The Society of Biblical Literature, North American Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 18–21, with Jonathan Kaplan and Na’ama Pat-El.
- 2013 Beyond Binaries: Toward a Continuum Model of Religious Normativity, Graduate Student Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, March 22–24, with Benjamin Cox and Aren Wilson-Wright.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Luther College**

#### Visiting Assistant Professor:

Introduction to Biblical Studies

Fall 2022,  
Spring 2023  
January Term 2023  
Spring 2023

Bible and Film

Sex in the Bible and the Quran

### **Drury University**

#### Visiting Assistant Professor:

Introduction to the Bible

Fall/Spring 2020/21,  
Spring 2022  
Spring 2021, 2022  
Fall 2020, 2021  
Fall 2020, 2021  
Spring/Fall 2021  
Spring 2022

Middle Eastern Religions

Introduction to the Study of Religion

First Year Seminar, Semester One

First Year Seminar, Semester Two

### **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

#### Postdoctoral Fellow:

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Spring 2020

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	Fall 2018, 2019
Religion and Violence	Spring 2019
Judaism: History, Culture, Heritage	Fall 2018

**Elon University**Visiting Assistant Professor:

Biblical Sex and Violence	Spring 2018
Religion in a Global Context	Fall 2017, Spring 2018
Jewish Traditions	Fall 2017

**The University of Texas at Austin**Instructor:

The Bible and Its Interpreters: Creation	Spring/Fall 2016, Spring 2017
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Supplemental Instructor:

Introduction to the New Testament	Fall 2014
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Lead Graduate Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to the New Testament	Fall 2014
Religion, Science, and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence	Fall 2012

Graduate Teaching Assistant:

The Bible and Its Interpreters: Genesis	Fall 2015
The Rise of Christianity	Spring 2012, 2014
Biblical Women in Ancient Israel and Today	Spring 2013
Introduction to the New Testament	Fall 2011

**Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary**Instructor:

Introduction to the Old Testament	Fall 2015
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**Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary**Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Old Testament Exegesis	Spring 2011
Elements of Biblical Hebrew	Fall 2010
Elements of New Testament Greek	Fall 2010

**FELLOWSHIP AND HONORS**

2016	Institute for the Study of Antiquity and Christian Origins Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
2015	David Bruton, Jr. Graduate School Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
2015	Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin

- 2014 G. Howard Miller Graduate Student Excellence Fund Grant, The Department of Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 Oslo-Austin Fellowship, Academic and Scientific Cooperation and Exchange Agreement, The University of Oslo and the University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 Institute for the Study of Antiquity and Christian Origins Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2012 Fellowship for Greek Language Study, Institute for the Study of Antiquity and Christian Origins, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2011 Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2011 The Joseph T. Sudduth Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2011 The Esther Horner Award for Contributions to Campus Community, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2008–2011 Presidential Scholar Fellowship, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- 2018–2022 Contributing Editor, Religion and Borders Series, Lexington Books/Fortress Press
- 2018–2020 Judaic Studies Program Coordinator, The Department of Religion and Culture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- 2018 Alternative Spring Break Adviser, Hurricane Disaster Relief in Houston, Elon University
- 2015 Graduate Student Representative, The Department of Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2014–2015 Director of the Professionalization Committee, The Graduate Committee for the Study of Religion, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2012–2014 Co-Founder and Chair, The Graduate Committee for the Study of Religion, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2008–2011 Student Representative, Secretary of Student Body, Seminary Council, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2008–2011 Student Associate, The Women’s Center, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Aramaic  
Akkadian  
Classical Hebrew  
Greek (Attic, Koinē)  
German (reading)  
French (reading)  
Spanish (reading)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society of Biblical Literature

## **REFERENCES**

- Dr. Jo Ann Hackett, The University of Texas at Austin, [hackett@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:hackett@austin.utexas.edu)  
Mentor, Dissertation Advisor
- Dr. Jonathan Kaplan, The University of Texas at Austin, [jonathan.kaplan@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:jonathan.kaplan@austin.utexas.edu)  
Advisor, Member of Dissertation Committee
- Dr. Ted Vaggalis, Drury University, [tvaggalis@drury.edu](mailto:tvaggalis@drury.edu)  
Former Supervisor, Chair of Department
- Dr. Kristin A. Swanson, Luther College, [swansokr@luther.edu](mailto:swansokr@luther.edu)  
Current Supervisor, Chair of Department
- Dr. Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, [jbos@lpts.edu](mailto:jbos@lpts.edu)  
Mentor, Advisor