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Education

- 2010 ***Certificate in Technical Communications***
Institute of Scientific and Technical Communications
Studied the intricate details of report writing, technical writing standards, and the publication process
- 2008 ***PhD, Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)***
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
My dissertation, *The Exodus Motif in the Psalms*, advances the field of Inner-Biblical Interpretation and Allusion, and Hebrew Poetry, exposing the creative literary skills of selected psalmists in their reworking of biblical traditions
- 2002 ***Master's Degree, The Bible and Its World***
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
My thesis, *Psalms 105's Reuse of the Exodus Tradition*, reveals poetic reinterpretation of ancient literary-historical accounts in the Old Testament
- 1998 ***Certificate in Judeo-Christian Studies***
Israel College of the Bible, Jerusalem
Studied modern and ancient Judaism, historical geography, and the Jewish backgrounds to the New Testament
- 1997 ***Master's Degree, Computer Science***
University of London
My thesis, *Problem Solving Tools for Network Managers*, developed a computer application containing utilities for data network managers



Teaching Experience

- 2025-Present ***Associate Professor, Hebrew Bible, Hebrew Language***
Westmont College
• Teaching undergraduate courses in the field of Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew
- 2012 -Present ***Academic Tour Guide***
Center For Holy Lands Studies
• Teaching educational tours onsite, in the lands of the Bible—currently Israel and Turkey, expanding to Greece, Egypt, and Rome in 2024
• Creating online teaching courses – Introduction to the Bible, Hebrew

2023 - Present	<i>Adjunct Professor, Old Testament</i> North Central University • Teaching Biblical Hebrew and OT courses for the Seminary • Mentoring students as they adjust to an academic environment
2010 - 2023	<i>Professor, Hebrew Bible, Hebrew Language</i> Nyack College / Alliance University and Seminary • Taught post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate courses related to the Old Testament, and Second Temple literature • Taught beginners to advanced biblical Hebrew for the graduate programs, the Hebrew of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Mishnaic Hebrew • Designed, created, and taught online course content for graduate and undergraduate students • Contributed towards the development and teaching of a new MA program, Ancient Judaism and Christian Origins • Served as department head from 2015 to 2017—reshaping the assessment rubrics and interviewing prospective faculty. Also functioned as chair of the undergraduate curriculum committee • Promoted twice (Assistant Professor → Associate Professor → Full Professor)
2009 - 2013	<i>Hebrew Content Writer/Narrator</i> BibleMesh • Authored articles on biblical Hebrew language—grammar, syntax, morphology, and poetry—for Bible Mesh’s online teaching platform. • Recorded audio Hebrew readings for online course content
2007 - 2016	<i>Hebrew Instructor</i> Eteacher, Tel Aviv • Taught intermediate to advanced Classical Hebrew and Aramaic grammar to students with varying backgrounds in Bible and Classical Hebrew • Delivered lessons in real-time over the internet using voice, video, and PowerPoint presentations • Developed and taught a successful three-week seminar on the Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls
2008	<i>Hebrew Instructor</i> Center for Bible Translators, Israel • Teaching intermediate Classical Hebrew grammar to Bible translators as part of a joint program with the Hebrew University’s Rothberg International School
2004 - 2006	<i>Bible Instructor, Adjunct</i> Hebrew University, Jerusalem • Prepared and taught an introductory undergraduate class (in English) on the Psalms and biblical Hebrew poetry. • Provided individual advisement for both undergraduate and graduate students • Conducted one-on-one tutorials to enhance students’ proficiency in reading and interpreting biblical texts.

- 2005 - 2008 ***Assistant Editor***
Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Edited articles for the *Encyclopaedia Aethiopica* and related periodicals in the field of Ethiopian Studies
 - Correcting articles by non-native English speakers
 - Formatting fonts—including Greek, Hebrew, Amharic, Arabic, and diacritics—converting them to house style
- 2001 - 2002 ***Web Content Manager [Part-time]***
Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Conducted research and updated web content for the Dead Sea Scrolls and Second Temple literature bibliography on the Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls' website
 - Provided technical support and performed general website maintenance.
 - Designed newsletters and reports



Awards and Achievements

- Recipient of the Centre for Transformative Work (CTW) research grant, 2015
- Elected to SBL's Biblical Hebrew Poetry Steering Committee
- Distinction awarded for a report on Elective Home Education in the UK, written for the ISTC
- Recipient of the annual Hebrew University's President's Award in 2004
- Represented England under 19s basketball team at the Albert Schweitzer tournament in Germany



Paper Publications

Books

- *From Bards to Biblical Exegetes*. Pickwick Publications: Oregon, 2012
- *An Intertextual Commentary to the Psalter: Interpretation and Allusion in Book I*. Pickwick Publications: Oregon, 2022
- *A Primer for Hebrew Poetry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2025

Journal Articles

- "Orion Center Bibliography of the Dead Sea Scrolls (Nov 2000 – Sep 2001)." *Revue de Qumran* 20/2 (2001): 323–55
- "Orion Center Bibliography of the Dead Sea Scrolls (November 2001 – May 2002)." *Revue de Qumran* 20/3 (2002): 495–508
- "Orion Center Bibliography of the Dead Sea Scrolls (May 2002 – October 2002)." *Revue de Qumran* 20/4 (2002): 599–623
- "An Unrecognized Voice: Intra-textual and Intertextual Perspectives on Psalm 81." *Hebrew Studies* 50 (2009): 85–120
- "The Diachronic Order of Psalms 134–136," *Hebrew Studies* 54 (2013): 79–92

Book Reviews

- “Greco-Roman and Jewish Tributaries to the New Testament.” *CBQ* 82/3 (2021): 315

Book Chapters

- “Towards a Theology of (in)Justice in the Psalms of Lament.” In *Biblical Justice: Theology for the Unity of the Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, (forthcoming, 2027)
- “Poetry in Praise of Jerusalem: Poetics and Interpretation in Psalm 147.” In *Bring Them into the Land: Studies in Honor of R. Steven Notley*. Edited by Jeffrey P. García, Daniel Machiela, Chad Pierce, Benjamin Wold. Pickwick Publications, Oregon: (forthcoming, Fall 2024)
- “Matthew 21:16: ‘From the Lips of Infants and Babes’ – The Interpretation of Psalm 8:2 in Matt 21:16.” Pages 43–57 in *The Gospels in First Century Judea: Proceedings of the Inaugural Conference of Nyack College’s Graduate Program in Ancient Judaism and Christian Origins*. Edited by R. Steven Notley and Jeffrey P. Garcia. Brill, Leiden: 2015
- “The Elevation of God in Psalm 105.” Pages 49–64 in *Inner Biblical Allusion in the Poetry of Wisdom and Psalms*. Edited by Mark J. Boda, Kevin Chau and Beth LaNeel Tanner. Library of Biblical Studies. T&T Clark, London: 2019

Dictionary/Encyclopaedia Articles

- “Satan.” In *The Lexham Online Bible Dictionary*, 2016
- “Thinking.” In *The Lexham Online Bible Dictionary*, 2016
- “Obadiah (Book and Person) | Visual Arts.” In *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. DeGruyter, Berlin: 2021
- “Nehemiah (Book and Person) | Visual Arts.” In *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, DeGruyter, Berlin: 2021



Internet Articles

- “Is Yahweh’s Faithfulness Contingent upon Human Obedience? – Three Psalms Respond to an Age-old Question.” *Testamentum Imperium* 3, 2011, <http://www.preciousheart.net/ti/2011/index.htm>
- “Obadiah: Pride Comes Before the Fall.” In *The Virtual Commentary on Scripture, art display and commentary on Obadiah 1–9*, 2019, <https://thevcs.org/pride-comes-fall>
- “Ezra’s Exiles.” In *The Virtual Commentary on Scripture, art display and commentary on Ezra 7*, 2018, <https://thevcs.org/ezras-exiles>
- “Out of the Whirlwind.” In *The Virtual Commentary on Scripture, art display and commentary on Job 38*, 2019, <https://thevcs.org/out-whirlwind>



Conference Presentations

- “The Psalmists’ Use of the Exodus Motif.” Poster presentation at the SBL Annual Meeting in Washington, 2006
- “The Shavuot Scroll: A Response to a Biblical ‘Wanted’ Ad?” Paper presented at Christchurch Shavuot Lectures, Jerusalem, June 2008

- “The Relative Dating of Psalms 134-136.” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting in Atlanta, 2010
- “The Elevation of God’s Role in Psalm 105.” Paper presented at the ETS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2011
- “Psalm 106: A Precursor to the New Testament’s Use of the Old Testament.” Paper presented at the ETS Regional Meeting, Boston, 2012
- “Did Lemuel’s Mother Know Ruth?” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, 2013
- “From the Mouths of Infants and Babes.” Paper presented at the Ancient Judaism and Christian Origins Inaugural Seminar, August 2013
- “Rembrandt: A Biblical Interpreter?” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting in San Diego, 2014
- “Towards an Old Testament Theology of Work,” ETS Regional Meeting, Boston, 2015
- “Chiasmus as a Vehicle for Meaning in Psalm 78,” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting in Denver, 2018
- “Towards a Methodology for Dating Psalms,” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting in San Diego, 2019
- “Psalm 106 and the Poetics of Narrative Lament,” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting in San Diego, 2019
- “Close Juxtaposition Strategies in Book I of the Psalter,” Paper presented at the SBL Annual meeting in Denver, 2022
- “Reading Psalm 82 in Its Biblical Context.” Paper presented at the SBL Annual meeting in San Antonio, 2023



Current Research Projects

- Towards a Methodology for Dating Psalms—currently writing up SBL presentation—received an invitation to submit for publication with *Hebrew Studies*
- “Book II of the Psalter,” in *Commentary on the Old Testament Use of the Old Testament*, Baker Academic, manuscript due 2025
- *Forty Days in the Desert*, a forty-day technical devotional on Exodus 15–20; currently in discussion with IVP
- ZECOT 2-volume commentary on the Psalms for Zondervan Academic
- *A Strange Man in a Strange Land*, book manuscript, personal memoirs that address the question, “What is it like for a black Englishman to live and study abroad in Israel.”—in progress, no publisher currently



Foreign Languages

Ancient Languages

- Classical Hebrew – 3 years of study plus 10 semesters of text courses in Hebrew Bible
- Ancient Greek – 3 semesters of study plus 2 semesters of using Greek in Textual Criticism classes
- Aramaic – 1 year of study plus 1 year of exegesis in the Targums
- Akkadian – 1 year of study plus 1 year of text readings
- Ugaritic – 1 year of study (grammar and reading text)
- Ge'ez – 1 Semester
- Classical Arabic – 1 Semester

Modern Languages

- English – Native fluency
- Hebrew – Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking (completed exemption exam at the Hebrew University)
- German – able to translate texts



Teaching Portfolio

- Old Testament Survey (at Graduate and Undergraduate levels)
- Psalms: Poetics and Interpretation (Graduate and Post-Grad levels)
- The Texts of the Old Testament: Ancient and Modern
- Early Biblical Interpretation
- Elementary Biblical Hebrew
- Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
- Readings in Biblical Hebrew (Advanced Hebrew)
 - Diachronic Readings in the Hebrew Bible
 - Hebrew Poetry
 - Studies in Old Testament Genres
 - The Art of Biblical Narrative
- Readings in Post-biblical Hebrew I: The Dead Sea Scrolls
- Readings in Post-biblical Hebrew II: Tannaitic Literature
- History of the Second Temple Period: 333BCE to 142AD
- 1&2 Samuel – Close Reading and Interpretation
- Biblical Aramaic
- Second Temple Literature
- Jerusalem through the Ages: From Biblical to Modern Era
- A History of Israel: From the Exodus to the Second Revolt
- Bible Translations: Ancient and Modern
- The Pentateuch
- Wisdom Literature
- The Minor Prophets
- Isaiah



Other Interests

- Personal health and fitness—resistance training, swimming, and hiking.
- Computers—exploring computer programming languages, Excel, and new applications



Internship/Voluntary Work

- Board member of Keren Sheba, a non-profit organization that provides financial and educational assistance to Ethiopian Jews living in Israel
- STEP (Scripture Tools for Every Pastor), Tyndale House, Cambridge, from 10/2009-4/2010, developing and implementing the biblical geography module



References

- Dr. Benjamin Sommer → besommer@jtsa.edu
- Dr. Jeffrey Leonard → jmleonar@samford.edu
- Dr. Amy Davis Abdallah → amyfdavisa@gmail.com



Memberships and Affiliations

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research
- Evangelical Theological Society
- American Scientific Affiliation
- National Association for Professors of Hebrew
- Senior Research Fellow at the Dallas Willard Research Center: Martin Institute
- Fellow→ Every Voice: A Center for Kingdom Diversity in Christian Theological Education