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### EDUCATION

Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
Ph.D., Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitics, 2014

Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2001

Fulbright Fellowship, University of Tokyo, 1994–1995

Smith College, BA *magna cum laude*, highest departmental honors, 1994  
Women's Studies, Japanese Language and Literature

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible, Joint Appointment, Xavier University and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, August 2018–present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Bible and Cognate Languages  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, July 2013–June 2018

### TEACHING

#### **Xavier University**

- “Theological Foundations,” Fall 2018, Spring 2019–2022
- “Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures,” Spring 2019, Fall 2019–2021

#### **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion**

##### Biblical Literature and Exegesis

- “Biblical Prophecy,” Spring 2014–2022
- “Women, Gender, and Biblical Narrative,” Fall 2014, 2016, 2020
- “The Drama of King David,” Fall 2016, 2018
- “The Book of Judges,” Spring 2014, 2016
- “The Joseph Cycle,” Summer 2015

##### Language

- “Biblical Aramaic,” Fall 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021

- “Introduction to Ugaritic,” Fall 2017
- “Aramaic Targums,” Spring 2014, 2016
- “Akkadian Imperial Verdicts from Ugarit,” Fall 2013

### History

- “Jewish History: from the Judges to the Rabbis,” Fall 2014

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Royal Women at Ugarit: Reconceiving the House of the Father*, under contract with Routledge Press.

“Samson Went Down to Timnah: Gender and Borders in Judges 14-15.” *Maarav*, in Press.

“Gender and Politics at Ugarit: The Undoing of the Daughter of the Great Lady.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*. 139.2 (2019): 287-305.

“Daughter Zion,” in Song-Mi Suzie Park. *2 Kings*. Wisdom Commentary, Vol. 12. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019.

Review of *Baal and the Politics of Poetry*. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2019.

Review of Patricia K. Tull and Jacqueline E. Lapsley, *After Exegesis: Feminist Biblical Theology, Essays in Honor of Carol A. Newsom* (Baylor University Press, 2015). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, Volume 70, Number 4 (October 2017): 734-737.

“Women in the Ancient Near East,” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2009.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

#### The Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meetings

- “Baal and the Politics of Poetry, Review,” November 2018
- “To the Queen, My Mother: Royal Women and their Sons at Ugarit,” November 2017
- “A Delight to the Eyes, Desired to Make One Wise: Facilitating Independent Language Acquisition,” National Association of Professors of Hebrew Panel, November 2011
- “Samson Went Down to Timnah: Ethnicity, Kinship and Sexual Relations in Judges 14,” Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section, November 2006
- “Adjuring the Angels: The Uses of Genesis 38 in Late Antiquity,” History of Interpretation Section, November 2002

#### The American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meetings

- “Stepping Outside of the Palace and Over the Edge: The Divorce of the Daughter of the Great Lady” Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages II Session, November 2012
- “Women on the Verge of the Hittite Empire: Circulating Imperial Subjects at Ugarit,” Imperial Peripheries Session, November 2011

## **INVITED LECTURE**

Tsevat Memorial Lecture, Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion: “Gender and Politics in Late Bronze Age Syria: The Undoing of the Daughter of the Great Lady,” April 21, 2020

## **AWARDS**

### **Xavier University**

Province Ignatian Educator of Distinction, 2020

### **Harvard University**

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2012-2013

Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship, 2008–2012

Rabinowitz Fellowship for Jewish Studies, 2004–2008

Harvard Graduate Student Council Conference Grant, 2006

Center for Jewish Studies Summer Research Grant, 2005

Leo Flax Fellowship for Jewish Studies, 2003–2004

### **Princeton Theological Seminary**

Presidential Fellowship, 1998-2001

Maitland Prize in English Bible, 2001

Gehman Award in Old Testament, 2000

Alexander Hodge Prize in Systematic Theology, 2000

## **SERVICE**

Program Director, Jewish Studies Program, Xavier University, 2018–present

Steering Committee, Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Society of Biblical Literature, January 2017–2019, Co-Chair 2019-present

Rabbinical Student Sermon Advisor, Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, 2015–present

Second Reader, Dissertation Committees, Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, 2018–present

Diversity and Inclusion Teaching Academy, Xavier University, Fall 2021 Semester

Interfaith Working Group, Xavier University, Spring–Fall 2020

Ignatian Mentoring Program, Xavier University, Fall 2019–Spring 2020