

## Dr. Michael Graves Alumnus-in-Residence & Other News from the Director

by Richard S. Sarason, Ph.D.

Director, Pines School of Graduate Studies

Dear Students, Faculty, Alumni, and Friends of the Pines School of Graduate Studies,

As I write these lines, we are settling into the spring semester with many activities proceeding apace. We have just welcomed back Dr. Michael Graves ('06), our alumnus-in-residence for this year. Michael holds the Carl Armerding and Hudson T. Armerding Chair in Biblical Studies and is Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College. He delivered a lecture on "Latin Textual Criticism and the Hebrew Bible in the Middle Ages" to our College-Institute community and conducted two workshops for our graduate students, "Completing Your Dissertation in the Midst of a Complex Life" and "Connecting with HUC-JIR after Graduation for the Common Good." All presentations were very well received, and our current students had ample opportunity to interact with Michael and to benefit from his professional and academic experience.

We are anticipating a record-breaking year at graduation in June, awarding as many as nine Ph.D.'s, as well as six M.Phil.'s, and one MAJS. We also anticipate admitting four new Ph.D. students and having as many as three new MAJS students in course next year. Final numbers will not be known until mid-April, by which time offers of graduate school admission nationally have to be accepted or refused. As in years past, so many of our applicants this year credit their interest in studying here with us to the important influence in their undergraduate or seminary years of a teacher who is an alum of our Graduate School. So please know, dear alumni/ae, that you continue to have a huge impact on our students and their aspirations!

By the end of the academic year, we will have run a total of six professional workshops for our students, all conducted by our alumni/ae and members of our faculty. In the fall semester, Dr. Angela Erisman ('08) conducted



Dr. Michael Graves, center, and Dr. Richard Sarason, right, with PGS students.

a lunchtime workshop on preparing a manuscript for publication. This semester, she will be conducting one on preparing a conference paper.

Drs. Christine Palmer ('13) and David Musgrave ('10) conducted a workshop on online teaching. Later in the semester, faculty members Drs. Nili Fox and Jennifer Grayson will conduct a workshop on securing an academic position, based on the recent experiences of each on different sides of job searches. We want all our students to be well prepared for job searches and future employment possibilities.

Every other summer, we run a six-week program of study and archaeological fieldwork in Israel for our graduate students, in conjunction with members of our Jerusalem faculty. Seven students will be participating this summer. Our Los Angeles Bible colleague and PGS alumna Dr. Kristine Garroway ('09) will be traveling with them and teaching. Our Jerusalem colleague Dr. David Ilan will teach and work with them at the Tel Dan archaeological site. This program, which affords our graduate students the opportunity to study in Israel, continues to have a huge impact.

This year's alumni luncheon at the annual meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature was very special. Professor Emeritus Stephen A. Kaufman was presented with a Festschrift, "Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?": A

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## Governor's Report

by James E. Bowley, Ph.D., Governor, HUC-JIR

The Board of Governors met in Los Angeles February 11 and 12, and the meetings were very positive overall. I'm happy to report that the general financial strength of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is looking much better than even a few years ago, but don't stop giving to your alma mater!

There are several administrative transitions that will soon take place: Andy Berger of Cincinnati will be replaced as board chair by Sue Neuman Hochberg of Los Angeles in June. Andy has been an excellent leader in many ways, and also a great cheerleader and advocate for the Pines School of Graduate Studies and the Cincinnati campus. Provost Michael Marmor will be stepping down to return to full-time faculty work (on the Jerusalem campus), and Bible professor Dr. Andrea Weiss from New York will become the new Provost. This position is very important for all campuses, faculty, and students. In Cincinnati, Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, Dean of the Cincinnati campus, is leaving HUC-JIR to become the senior rabbi of The Temple-Tiferet Israel in Cleveland, Ohio. Academic institutions like HUC-JIR often experience these kinds of transitions, but we are always the alumni, and I hope each one of us will continue to be there for our beloved school in all the ways that we can.

## Your Support is Needed

Alumni support is vital for funding student fellowships. Our spendable annual endowment income does not fully cover the aggregate cost of tuition (which is rising) that the PSGS pays to the College-Institute each year. Additionally, student stipends are funded entirely out of annual fundraising and contributions. Our goal is to accept more qualified students to the PSGS, but without generous alumni support the number of students that we can fund remains limited.

As you know, we no longer ask you for annual dues. Please consider a gift specifically designated to the PSGS Scholarship Fund. Help us to invest in our current and future students, just as we have invested in each one of you. Every dollar that you contribute goes *directly* to student financial support. You can donate by mail or online at <https://donate.huc.edu/cngrad>. Please consider becoming a sustaining donor. You may now make a monthly contribution with your credit card.

For questions contact Shelly Goldfarb, PSGS Administrative Assistant, at 513.487.3230 or [sgoldfarb@huc.edu](mailto:sgoldfarb@huc.edu).

*We need your support!*

## Graduate Student Association

by Chelsea Simon, President,  
Graduate Student Association

Almost halfway through the 2018 spring semester, the graduate students are having a busy school year. Fall semester included a workshop with Dr. Angela Erisman and the Tribute Dinner celebrating Cincinnati's interfaith community, which featured several graduate students. Our four new graduate students have become an integral part of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion community on the Cincinnati campus, and teachers and fellow students have enjoyed their contributions in classes and scholarly discussions.

January began for HUC-JIR students as quickly as the fall semester ended; within the first couple weeks we were meeting candidates for a new Xavier University/HUC-JIR professorship. Throughout March and April, four students will take comprehensive examinations; we also anticipate a large number of Ph.D.'s to be awarded at this year's graduation. We enjoyed celebrating Purim and are preparing for Passover. We are volunteering with Jewish Family Service (alongside rabbinical students) and have participated in workshops: online teaching with Dr. David Musgrave and Dr. Christine Palmer; the alumnus lecture and workshops with Dr. Michael Graves; and a writing workshop with Dr. Angela Erisman. We look forward to the workshop about the hiring process with Drs. Nili Fox and Jennifer Grayson.

Finally, seven graduate students will travel to Israel this summer, most of them for the first time, to participate in a two-week tour and four-week excavation at Tel Dan. We are looking forward to learning from them upon their return!

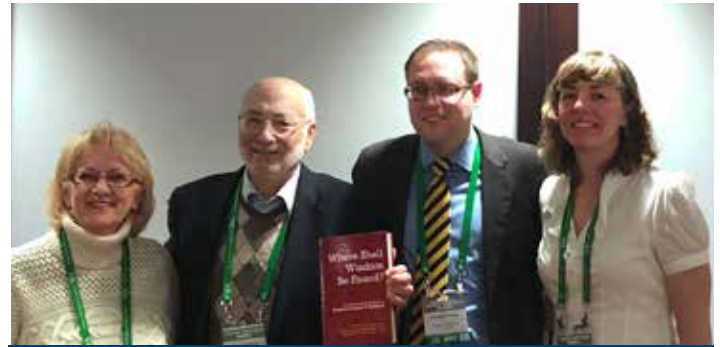


Drs. David Musgrave and Christine Palmer, workshop presenters, are pictured here with PSGS students, from left: Jordan Jones, Ryan Replogle, Drs. Palmer and Musgrave, Steven Donnally, Eric Barrios, and Adam Rosenthal.

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*Grammatical Tribute to Professor Stephen A. Kaufman* (Eisenbrauns, 2017), written and edited entirely by his former students. The presentation, by editors H el ene M. Dallaire, Benjamin Noonan, and Jennifer E. Noonan, was extremely moving. Seventy-three people in all attended the luncheon and expressed their appreciation to Prof. Kaufman. A special session at the SBL was devoted to the Festschrift, and Prof. Kaufman had an opportunity to respond to the papers.

And finally, we will continue to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Graduate School at our Founders' Day ceremonies in late March. We will be joined on that occasion by Mrs. Joan Pines, whose generosity and interest makes so much of our work possible.



Prof. Stephen A. Kaufman was honored with a Festschrift, written and edited by his former students. He is pictured above with the book editors. From left: H el ene M. Dallaire, Prof. Kaufman, Benjamin J. Noonan, and Jennifer E. Noonan.

## Publications, Promotions

### Publications

#### Bill T. Arnold

"The Holiness Redaction of the Primeval History," *Zeitschrift f ur die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 129.4 (2017): 483-500.

"A Singular Israel in a Pluralistic World." In *Distinctions with a Difference: Essays on Myth, History, and Scripture in Honor of John N. Oswalt*. Edited by Bill T. Arnold and Lawson G. Stone. Wilmore, KY: First Fruits Press, 2017. 1-17.

"The Holiness Redaction of the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 17)." In *Partners with God: Theological and Critical Readings of the Bible in Honor of Marvin A. Sweeney*. Edited by Shelley L. Birdsong and Serge Frolov. Claremont Studies in Hebrew Bible and Septuagint, 2. Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2017. 51-61.

"The Book of Deuteronomy: Pseudepigraphy, Pseudonymity, or Something Else Altogether?" In *Sefer Torah Mosheh: Studies in the Composition and Interpretation of Deuteronomy*. Edited by Daniel I. Block and Richard L. Schultz. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2017. 139-160.

#### Kristine Garroway

"2 Kings 6:24-30: A Case of Unintentional Elimination Killing," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 137.1 (2018): 51-68.

"Children and Religion in the Archaeological Record of Ancient Israel," *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* (2017) 17: 116-39.

Kristine Garroway also organized "Listening to and Learning From Children in the Biblical World," an international conference hosted by HUC-JIR in Los Angeles February 17-18, 2018, for scholars to discuss the future direction of childist interpretation.

#### John Kampen

"The Puzzle of Torah and the Qumran Wisdom Texts." In *H A- ISH M OSHE: Studies in Scriptural Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature in Honor of Moshe J. Bernstein*. Edited by Binyamin Y. Goldstein, Michael Segal, and George J. Brooke. STDJ 122. Leiden: Brill, 2017. 190-209.

#### Tarsee Li

*From Ancient Manuscripts to Modern Dictionaries: Select Studies in Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek*. Edited by Tarsee Li and Keith Dyer. PLAL 9. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2017.

#### Michael D. Matlock

"The Perfect (Qatal)." In *Where Shall Wisdom Be Found? A Grammatical Tribute to Professor Stephen A. Kaufman*. Edited by H el ene M. Dallaire, Benjamin J. Noonan, and Jennifer E. Noonan. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2017. 127-37.

"The Function of Psalmic Prayers in Chronicles: Literary-Rhetorical Method in Conversation with Ritual Theory." In *Distinctions with a Difference: Essays on Myth, History, and Scripture in Honor of John N. Oswalt*. Edited by Bill T. Arnold and Lawson Stone. Wilmore, KY: First Fruits, 2017. 119-39.

#### Kery M. Olitzky

*The Book of Job: A Modern Translation and Commentary* (with Leonard S. Kravitz). Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2017.

*Welcome to the Seder: A Passover Haggadah for Everyone*. Springfield, NJ: Behrman House, 2018.

#### John C. Reeves

*Enoch from Antiquity to the Middle Ages, Volume I: Sources from Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (with Annette Yoshiko Reed). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

#### Andrew Riley

*Divine and Human Hate in the Ancient Near East: A Lexical and Contextual Analysis*. Perspectives on Hebrew Scriptures and Its Contexts 25. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2017.

#### Justin M. Rogers

*Didymus the Blind and the Alexandrian Christian Reception of Philo*. Studia Philonica Monographs 8. Atlanta: SBL, 2017.

### Promotions

**Will Thomas Dilbeck** has been hired as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Florida College in Tampa, FL.

**Andrew Riley** has a new position as Director of College and Career at Cornerstone Christian Schools in San Antonio, TX.

## A Message from the Alumni Association

by Nancy Erickson, Ph.D., President, PSGS Alumni Association

### Annual Academic Conferences

A group of us gathered at the Evangelical Theological Society conference in Providence, RI, in November, connecting over coffee and cookies. This was a time to catch up on how we are doing at our various work places, to talk about the Pines School of Graduate Studies, and to share stories of our time while we were students at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Many thanks to Michael Thigpen for organizing this event. A number of you expressed the desire to continue meeting, but scheduling was problematic, so please keep the ETS event in mind as you plan for next fall. The opportunity to gather at ETS is important, and it provides a great chance to establish connections for those unable to attend the Society of Biblical Literature luncheon. Stay tuned for more information!

The annual luncheon at SBL was especially sweet this year as we honored Prof. Stephen Kaufman with a Festschrift. I'd like to comment on the joy I sensed from those of you who attended the luncheon. It's heart-warming to watch you all chat and reconnect. These moments are important and speak to the rich tradition that we carry as alumni of HUC-JIR.

### Alumni Association Update

Many of you know H el ene Dallaire. She is Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old Testament Semitic Languages at Denver Seminary and an esteemed and accomplished colleague. I am

delighted to inform you that H el ene has kindly accepted the position of vice president of the PSGS

Alumni Association for this coming year. Her enthusiasm for the PSGS and her reach will be a great contribution to our leadership group. Welcome, H el ene!

### Productivity

I am reminded of something that comes up over and over as I meet with PSGS alumni and as I work in academic publishing. Friends, we are a productive crowd! We are publishing in academic journals and with academic publishers; we are speaking at academic conferences and volunteering in the academy; we are located across the globe and in some places clustered in the same institution; we are consulted for all types of projects that find their way into the mainstream; and we are distinguished leaders in our various fields. So be encouraged this day as you work in the classroom, as you minister, and as you continue to pursue academic excellence in your research and writing. You are in good company!



Alumni enjoyed reconnecting at the SBL luncheon.