

## CV/Samuel L. Boyd

### **Educational Background**

2014 (May)	University of Chicago	Ph.D., Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East; Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC) and the Divinity School
	Dissertation Title: "Contact and Context: Studies in Language Contact and Literary Strata in the Hebrew Bible"	
	Committee Members: Dennis Pardee (NELC), chair; Jeffrey Stackert (Divinity School), co-chair; Rebecca Hasselbach (NELC); Lenore Grenoble (Department of Linguistics and Slavic Literature)	
2008	University of Chicago	M.A., Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East (NELC and the Divinity School)
	Thesis: "Egypt in Ezekiel's and Jeremiah's Oracles against the Nations: A Rhetorical Comparison"	
2006	Westminster Theological Seminary	M.Div., Biblical Studies
2001	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	B.A., double major in American History and Economics

### **Academic Employment History**

#### **University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)**

2015–2022	Assistant Professor, Religious Studies and Jewish Studies
2022–	Associate Professor, Religious Studies and Jewish Studies

### **Research**

### ***Publications***

### **Books**

## Monographs

1. *Language Contact, Colonial Administration, and the Construction of Identity in Ancient Israel: Constructing the Context for Contact*. Harvard Semitic Monographs 66. Boston: Brill. 2021.

Reviews: L. Jonker, *JNWSL* 47 (2021): 111–16; Hedy Hung, *The Society of Old Testament Study Book List* (2022).

2. *Babel: The Political Rhetoric of a Confused Legacy*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2023.
3. Book project in process on the concepts of law, covenant, and remnant in Israelite prophecy and in biblical interpretation. In conversation with Notre Dame Press. Provisional Title: “*Will You Annihilate Them?*” *The Concepts of Law, Covenant, and Remnant in Early Biblical Prophecy* (approximately 30,000 words drafted).

## Volumes Edited

1. Proposal accepted “Untimely Time: On History’s Instrumental Narratives,” *English Language Notes*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

### Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. Submitted “Female Agency and Pharaonic Genocide: Reading Exodus 1–2 without Enslavement in E and Integrating Approaches as a Smorgasbord,” *Metatron*.
2. Submitted “Prophetic Universalism, International Politics, and Judah in Egypt: A Verbal Pattern to Explain the Idiom שִׁפְתֵי כְנָעַן in Isa 19:18,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*.
3. Submitted “Isaiah’s Hebrew in Three Dimensions: Additional Evidence from the LXX Regarding a Contact-Induced Change in Isa 23:18,” *Hebrew Bible/Ancient Israel*.
4. Submitted “Of Sprouting Horns and Messianic Expectations: The Function of צִמָּח קֶרֶן in Ps 132:17 and Ezek 29:21 in Light of Cognate Evidence,” *Scandinavian Journal for the Old Testament*.
5. 2023 “Topoi and Toponyms: The Rhetoric of the City in Isa 1 and Assyrian Imperial Practices,” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 135: 211–29.
6. 2023 “To Catch a Bird: Proto-Semitic Voiced Dentals and the Phrase מִזְרָה הַרְשֵׁת in Prov 1:17,” *Revue Biblique* 130: 192–96.

7. 2022 "Intertextuality, Liturgy, and Prophetic Collections: A Study of the Relationship between Hab 3 and Pss 29, 77, and 18," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84: 566–87.
8. 2021 "Mirror Images: The Role of Egypt in Ezek 29–32," *Hebrew Studies* 62: 207–30.
9. 2021 "The Rhetoric of Memory and the Formation of Identity in Ps 78 and Deut 32," *Biblical Research* 66: 7–30.
10. 2021 "The Use of the Relative and Near Demonstrative Pronouns in the Introduction of Phoenician, Old Aramaic, and Sam'alian Dedication Inscriptions," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 141: 539–56.
11. 2020 "A Double-Plated Cosmos? Priestly Cosmology, the Baal Stele, and the Logic of a Firmament of the Earth," *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 20: 87–112 (appeared in 2021).
12. 2020 "A Prophetic Judgement without Reprieve: The Concepts of Remnant and Law in Amos 3:12," *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 11: 303–42.
13. 2020 "Applied Ritual: The Application of Blood and Oil on Bodies in the Pentateuchal Sources," *Biblical Interpretation* 28: 1–28.
14. 2020 "Ritual Shade: The Translation of Kirta's *hmt*," *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* 46: 21–38.
15. 2020 "Deuteronomy's Prodigal Son: Deut 21:18–21 and the Agenda of the D Source," *Biblical Interpretation* 28: 15–33.
16. 2019 "Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: The Problem of 'Abrahamic Religions' and the Possibilities of Comparison," *Religion Compass*.
17. 2019 "Two Instances of Language Contact in Isa. 45:14," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 64: 401–18.
18. 2019 "Sargon's Dūr-Šarrukīn Cylinder Inscription and Language Ideology: A Reconsideration and Connection to Gen 11:1–9," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 78: 87–111.
19. 2019 "Sennacherib's Successor: Titus and Anti-Roman Rhetoric in TgJon to Isa. 10:32," *Aramaic Studies* 17: 67–86.
20. 2018 "The Flood and the Problem of Being an Omnivore," *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 43: 163–78.

21. 2018 “Exodus 21:35 and the Composition and Date of the Covenant Code,” *Die Welt des Orients* 48: 9–23.
22. 2018 “What Were the Qualifications for Being a Leader in Ancient Israel? Revelation, Authority, and Philological Issues in Deut 1:13 and 1:15,” *Vetus Testamentum* 68: 173–96.

### **Co-authored Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

1. 2022 “Incidental Loaning and the Babylonian Context of Isa 47: The Case for an Akkadian Borrowing in Isa 47:2,” co-authored with Jeffrey Stackert (University of Chicago), *Vetus Testamentum* 72: 533–55.
2. 2009 “Two New Inscriptions from Zincirli and its Environs,” co-authored with Humphrey Hardy and Benjamin Thomas, *Bulletin for the American Society of Oriental Research* 365: 73–80.

### **Academic Articles in Editorially-Edited Journals**

1. 2022 “Room with a View: Interpreting the Figure in the Siege Engine in Room 14 of Sargon’s Dur-Sharrukin Palace,” *Archiv für Orientforschung* 55: 105–16.

### **Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes**

1. Submitted “Jerusalem, Performative Motifs, and the בנות ירושלים and בנות יהודה in Pss 48, 97, and the Song,” in *The Motif in Biblical Literature: Contours, Critiques, and New Horizons* (New York: T & T Clark/Bloomsbury)
2. In Press “Language Contact in and around the Bible.” *Language Contact, Volume 2*. Handbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft. Berlin: De Gruyter, in progress.
3. In Press “Source Criticism: Recent Developments, Valid Criticisms, and Abiding Misperceptions,” handbook volume for Baker Academic, *Current State of Biblical Studies*.
4. 2022 “A Brief Linguistic and Religious History of the Title ‘King of Kings,’” in “Like ‘Ilu Are You Wise’: Studies in Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures in Honor of Dennis G. Pardee, eds. Humphrey Hardy, Joseph Lam, and Eric Reymond (Chicago: Oriental Institute Press). 291–306.
5. 2019 “Place as Real and Imagined in Exile: Jerusalem at the Center of Ezekiel,” in *Next Year in Jerusalem: Exile and Return in Jewish History*, ed.

Leonard J. Greenspoon, *Studies in Jewish Civilization* (West Lafayette, IN: Perdue University Press), 1–27.

### **Co-authored Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes**

1. 2015 “Hebrew Adverbialization, Aramaic Language Contact, and *mpny šr* in Exodus 19:18,” in *Semitic Languages in Contact*, co-authored with Humphrey Hardy, Papers from the 2013 Proceedings of the North American Conference on Afro-Asiatic Linguistics at Yale University, ed. Aaron M. Butts (Boston: Brill), pp. 33–51.

### **Book Reviews**

1. In contract Aramaic Loanwords in Neo-Assyrian 911–612 B.C., by Zack Cheery, in *Biblica*.
2. 2023 New Perspectives on Ritual in the Biblical World, edited by Laura Quick and Melissa Ramos (by invitation from the Society of Biblical Literature), in *Review of Biblical Literature*.
3. 2022 Casting Down the Host of Heaven: The Rhetoric of Ritual Failure in the Polemic Against the Host of Heaven, by Cat Quine, in *Journal for Theological Studies*
4. 2022 “Wordplay” in Ancient Near Eastern Texts, by Scott B. Noegel, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.
5. 2021 Dead Sea Scrolls, Revise and Repeat: New Methods and Perspectives, edited by Carmen Palmer, Andrew R. Krause, Eileen Schuller, and John Srenock, in *Revue de Qumran*.
6. 2021 Dead Sea Media: Orality, Textuality, and Memory in the Scrolls from the Judean Desert, by Shem Miller, in *Revue de Qumran*.
7. 2021 Ethnicity in the Ancient World—Did it Matter?, by Erich S. Gruen, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.
8. 2021 Commentary and Authority in Mesopotamia and Qumran, by Bronson Brown-deVost, in *Revue de Qumran*.
9. 2021 The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Study of the Humanities, edited by Pieter B. Hartog, Alison Schofield, and Samuel I. Thomas, in *Revue de Qumran*.
10. 2021 Shifting Images of the Hasmoneans: Second Temple Legends and Their Reception in Josephus and Rabbinic Literature, by Vered Noam, in *Revue de Qumran*.

11. 2021 Translating Empire: Tell Fekheriyeh, Deuteronomy, and the Akkadian Treaty Tradition, by C. L. Crouch and Jeremy M. Hutton, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 83: 315–16.
12. 2021 Sargon II, King of Assyria, by Josette Elayi, (by invitation from the Society of Biblical Literature), in *Review of Biblical Literature*.
13. 2019 How Old Is the Hebrew Bible? A Linguistic, Textual, and Historical Study, by Ronald Hendel and Jan Joosten, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81: 709–11.
14. 2019 Intermediate Biblical Hebrew: A Student's Guide to Phonology and Morphology, by Eric D. Reymond, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81: 324.
15. 2018 Ancient Prophecy: Near Eastern, Biblical, and Greek Perspectives, by Martti Nissinen, in *AAR Reading Religion* (<http://readingreligion.org/books/ancient-prophecy>).
16. 2016 Text, Time, and Temple: Literary, Historical and Ritual Studies in Leviticus, edited by Francis Landy, Leigh M. Trevaskis, and Bryan Bibb (by invitation from the Society of Biblical Literature), in *Review of Biblical Literature*.
17. 2016 Envisioning Islam: Syriac Christians and the Early Muslim World, by Michael Penn, in *Mediaevistik*.

#### **Co-authored Peer-Reviewed Online Publications**

1. 2012 “Leviticus,” co-author with Jeffrey Stackert, Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies, New York: Oxford University Press.  
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0039.xml?rskey=I7IU2U&result=61&q=>
2. 2011 “Priestly/Holiness Codes,” co-author with Jeffrey Stackert, Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies, New York: Oxford University Press.  
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0182.xml?rskey=QDsals&result=101&q=>

#### **Invited Articles in Edited Volumes**

In Press “Nerab (KAI 225 and 226,” in *Prayer in the Ancient World (PAW)*. Brill.

- 2010 "Jonah and Janus: The Two Faces of Jonah in Biblical Interpretation" in *Ears to Hear and Eyes to See: Essays in Memory of J. Alan Groves*, edited by Peter Enns (Phillipsburg: P&R Publishing), 139-151.

**Public Scholarship on Topics of Primary Academic Research**

- 2023 "The Tree of Life has been a powerful image in Jewish tradition for thousands of years—signifying much more than immortality," The Conversation (appeared in Yahoo News and other media outlets)  
<https://theconversation.com/the-tree-of-life-has-been-a-powerful-image-in-jewish-tradition-for-thousands-of-years-signifying-much-more-than-immortality-207720>
- 2022 "Simchat Torah: A Jewish holiday of reading, renewal and resilience," The Conversation (appeared in Yahoo News and other media outlets)  
<https://theconversation.com/simchat-torah-a-jewish-holiday-of-reading-renewal-and-resilience-192244>
- 2022 "Russian church leader puts the blame of invasion on those who flout 'God's law,' but taking biblical law out of its historical context doesn't work," The Conversation (also appeared in Yahoo News and other media outlets)  
<https://theconversation.com/russian-church-leader-puts-the-blame-of-invasion-on-those-who-flout-gods-law-but-taking-biblical-law-out-of-its-historical-context-doesnt-work-178947>
- 2022 "Why translating 'God's law' to government law isn't easy," The Conversation (also appeared in Yahoo News and other media outlets)  
<https://theconversation.com/why-translating-gods-law-to-government-law-isnt-easy-177310>
- 2021 "What are the Jewish High Holy Days? A look at Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and a month of celebrating renewal and moral responsibility," The Conversation (also appeared in Yahoo News and other media outlets)  
<https://theconversation.com/what-are-the-jewish-high-holy-days-a-look-at-rosh-hashanah-yom-kippur-and-a-month-of-celebrating-renewal-and-moral-responsibility-166079>
- 2021 "This Passover, as in the past, will be a time to recognize tragedies and offer hope for the future," The Conversation (also appeared in AP News and Yahoo News)  
<https://theconversation.com/this-passover-as-in-the-past-will-be-a-time-to-recognize-tragedies-and-offer-hope-for-the-future-157087>
- 2020 "From Biden's giant flag to Christian flags waved by rioters, 'religion' means different things to different peoples and different eras," The Conversation (also appeared in YahooNews).

<https://theconversation.com/from-bidens-giant-bible-to-christian-flags-waved-by-rioters-religion-means-different-things-to-different-people-and-different-eras-153082>

- 2020 “COVID-19 has shone a light on the millennia-old balance between public and private worship,” The Conversation (also appeared in YahooNews).  
<https://theconversation.com/covid-19-has-shone-a-light-on-the-millennia-old-balance-between-public-and-private-worship-148302>
- 2020 “What are the origins of cathedrals and chapels?,” The Conversation.  
<https://theconversation.com/what-are-the-origins-of-cathedrals-and-chapels-143341>
- 2020 “Online Christian pilgrimage: How a virtual tour to Lourdes follows a tradition of innovation,” The Conversation. <https://theconversation.com/online-christian-pilgrimage-how-a-virtual-tour-to-lourdes-follows-a-tradition-of-innovation-142965>
- 2020 “A virtual Passover may be the first for many, but Judaism has a long history of ritual innovation,” The Conversation (updated version of the article below, republished in a variety of outlets, including NBC Chicago online).  
<https://theconversation.com/a-virtual-passover-may-be-the-first-for-many-but-judaism-has-a-long-history-of-ritual-innovation-135888>
- 2020 “Religious communities are offering baptism by Zoom—such innovation has deep historical roots,” The Conversation (republished in a number of online venues, including the Washington Post; published in print in the Jackson Sun and the Standard-Times, San Angelo). <https://theconversation.com/religious-communities-are-offering-baptism-by-zoom-such-innovation-has-deep-historical-roots-134183>
- 2012 “A Legacy Buried, But Not Gone: The Importance of the Ancient Near East for Modern Religious and Political Life,” Sightings, a publication of the Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion.  
[http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive\\_2012/1129.shtml](http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive_2012/1129.shtml)

### **Co-authored Public Scholarship on Topics of Primary Academic Research**

- 2020 “A justification for unrest? Look no further than the Bible and the Founding Fathers,” The Conversation (republished in a number of online venues, including Business Insider). Co-author with Samira Mehta (first author).  
<https://theconversation.com/a-justification-for-unrest-look-no-further-than-the-bible-and-the-founding-fathers-139742>

### **Reference Articles**



- 2009 “Arbatta,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Hans-Josef Klauck, et al, (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter).
- 2009 “Salim,” “Thassi,” “Zer,” and “Zerah” in *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfield, et al (Nashville: Abingdon Press).

### ***Grants, Awards, and Honors***

- Fall 2023–Spring 2024 Faculty Fellow, Office of Faculty Affairs, CU Boulder  
Organized and facilitated “Faculty SPACE,” CU’s version of a faculty club
- Fall 2022–Spring 2023 Faculty Fellow, Faculty Leadership Institute, CU Boulder
- Fall 2021 Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee for European Research Council grant titled “Ancient Language Contact in Transition: Aramaic and Multilingualism in Imperial Environments,” Louis Jonker and Angelika Berlejung, co-PIs. Project duration: 60 months (2023–2027). Proposal submitted August 2021 (not funded).
- Fall 2019 Center for Humanities and the Arts Special Event Grant, funding the Lester Lecture with Professor Elaine Pagels of Princeton University, October 24, 2019  
Award: \$2850
- Spring 2018 Center for Humanities and the Arts Fellowship  
Awarded fall 2017 for a teaching leave during the spring 2018 semester
- Fall 2017 Jewish Studies Faculty Grant  
Grant awarded to fund student field trips to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to see the exhibit on the Dead Sea Scrolls  
Award: \$1000
- Fall 2017 Research and Innovation Office  
Faculty Conference Award, funding a conference pertaining to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science  
Award: \$3000
- Fall 2017 Center for Western Civilization, Thought, and Policy  
Grant for a funding a conference pertaining to the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Award: \$3000

Fall 2017–Spring 2018	Faculty Fellow, Research and Innovation Office University of Colorado Boulder
Fall 2015	Regional Scholar Award, Society of Biblical Literature (awarded on a national competition to two emerging biblical scholars)
Fall 2013–Spring 2014	University of Chicago, Chicago Center for Jewish Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship
Fall 2012–Spring 2013	University of Chicago, Martin Marty Junior Dissertation Fellowship 2012–2013 (Divinity School)
Summer 2010	Ryerson Travel Grant, Summer 2010 (Classical Archaeology)
2007–2014	University of Chicago, Cross/Rantz Scholar 2007–2014 (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)

***Academic Presentations (Papers accepted on a competitive basis)***

November 2023	Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, San Antonio, “Female Agency and Pharaonic Genocide: Reading Exodus 1–2 without Enslavement in E,” in the session on the Pentateuch.
December 2021	Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Chicago. Paper in a panel on the Bible and Nationalism.
November 2021	Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, “Urban Transformations: The Changing Role of Jerusalem in Isa 1,” in the session on Assyriology and the Hebrew Bible.
August 2021	“The Making of Multiple Metaphors: Sacrifice and Gender in Hosea,” European Association of Biblical Studies, paper session in “Deconstructive Poetics,” Wuppertal, Germany (delivered virtually).
March 2021	Book review panel, <i>Creation and Ecology: The Political Economy of Ancient Israel and the Environment Crisis</i> , by Prof. Ronald A. Simkins, Regional SBL annual meeting (held virtually).
November 2020	“This or That?” American Society of Oriental Research. Delivered virtually.
April 2020	Paper accepted for conference at University of Chicago on nationalism and the Bible. Conference cancelled due to Covid.

March 2020	Regional Society of Biblical Literature conference, “The Tower of Babel: The Rise of a Nationalistic Narrative” (Conference cancelled due to Covid)
November 2019	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Intertextuality and Liturgy: A Study of the Relationship between Hab 3 and Pss 29, 77, and 18,” in the session on Israelite Prophetic Literature
November 2019	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “The Meaning of <i>hmt</i> in KTU 1.14 ii 12 and 1.14 iii 55: Contextual and Comparative Considerations,” in the session on Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy
November 2018	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Pattern (PAT) Loans and Hebrew in Isa 40–66,” in the session in linguistics and Biblical Hebrew
November 2018	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “A Firmament of the Earth: The Logic of Gen 1:20 and a Visual Representation in the Baal Stele,” in the session on Genesis
March 2018	Regional Society of Biblical Literature conference, “Ritual and the Role of Sources in the Sinai Narratives”
November 2017	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Revisiting Royal Rhetoric and Fractured Politics in Sargon II's Dûr-Sharrukîn Cylinder Inscription and Gen 11,” in the session on Genesis
November 2017	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Is there a Remnant of Israel in the Book of Amos? Amos 3:12 as a Test-Case and a Connection to Hos 5:14,” in the session on Israelite Prophetic Literature
October 2017	Thirtieth Annual Symposium on Jewish Civilization. Conference theme: “Next Year in Jerusalem: Exile and Return in Jewish History.” Paper title: Place as Real and Imagined in Exile: Jerusalem at the Center of Ezekiel”
November 2016	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Israel in Egypt, Egypt in Israel: Ezekiel’s Use of Egypt as a Message to Israel,” in the session on the development of the book of Ezekiel (did not attend due to birth of my daughter)
March 2016	Panelist and presenter for a session at the regional Society of Biblical Literature conference on the “Current State of the Study of the Pentateuch” (paper title: “Source Criticism according to the Bible”)

November 2015      Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Abraham and the Rhetoric against Titus in an Expansion of Tg. Isa. 10:32” in the Aramaic section

March 2015      Regional Society of Biblical Literature conference, “The Flood and the Problem of Being an Omnivore”

### *Invited Talks*

Fall 2022      “Sacred Responses to Climate Change: Seeking Common Ground,” sponsored by the Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies and the Department of Religious Studies, September 23, 2022

Spring 2021      Guest classroom lecture, seminar titled “God and Satan, Goddesses and Monsters,” Princeton University. Class taught by Elaine Pagels. Lecture on the Bible, Christian nationalism, the Tower of Babel, and monster making. February 18, 2021.

Fall 2020      Mediterranean Studies, CU Boulder. Workshop on future project on the relationship between law, covenant, and the concept of a remnant in prophetic and post-biblical discourse.

May 2020      Hebrew Bible Workshop, Divinity School at the University of Chicago (delivered virtually). Topic: “A Firmament of the Earth? Reading Genesis 1 in Light of Evidence from Ugarit.”

Spring 2020      Mediterranean Studies, CU Boulder. Workshop on *Babel Without Babel* project.

October 2013      Chicago Society for Biblical Research, “Language Contact and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible.”

May 2013      Department of Linguistics Language Variation and Change Workshop, University of Chicago, “Contact Linguistics and Data From Bygone Eras: A Case Study in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible.”

April 2013      Harvard University, Graduate Student Philology Workshop, “Language Contact and the Comparative Method: Bringing Theory and Data Together.”

### *Community Talks*

Kavod Senior Life: “The Historical Roots of the Shmita,” September 2021

St. John’s Episcopal: “How to Read the Gospel of John,” March 2019

Panel Series, in conjunction with the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Talks presented at: St. John's Episcopal Church, Boulder, CO; Boulder Jewish Community Center; Temple Emanuel, Denver, CO; Boulder Islamic Center. June, 2018

Bonai Shalom Synagogue, "The Exodus in Critical and Rabbinical Thought," January, 2018

Embodied Judaism: Symposium on the Shekinah, talk concerning the biblical and ancient Near Eastern backgrounds of the *shekinah* in Jewish thought. November 2017

Conference on World Affairs, Moderator for Professor Elaine Pagels' talk "Apocalypse: How the Book of Revelation Haunts Contemporary Politics." April 13, 2017

Carbondale Arts Center, Carbondale, Colorado

Talk scheduled April 21–22, 2017 on magic in Judaism

Meet-and-greet local high school students to promote the study of religion, Jewish history, and the ancient Near East

Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

Talk in March, 2017 on language, writing, and Jewish identity

Miramontes Arts and Science Program, October 4, 2016

Student-nominated speaker as a part of a colloquium series to promote the humanities among underrepresented populations at the University of Colorado Boulder

United Nations Association, Boulder, May 3, 2016

Paper presentation on the topic of extremism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, co-organized through the Islamic Center of Boulder

CU Boulder Lutheran/Episcopalian Campus Ministry Group, April 12, 2016

Informal talk promoting the critical study of the Bible to undergraduate students

Boulder Jewish Community Center, April 14, 2016

"Magic in Jewish Texts and Tradition"

United Nations Association, Boulder, February 29, 2016

Panel moderator for a discussion regarding Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, co-organized through the Islamic Center of Boulder

## **Teaching and Advising**

### ***Courses Taught***

#### **University of Colorado Boulder**

*1000-level*

HIST/JWST 1818 Introduction to Jewish History, Bible to 1492 (Spring 2016)

RLST/JWST 1900 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Fall 2016, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

*2000-level*

RLST/JWST 2600 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

RLST/JWST 2600 ONLINE: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (Summers 2016–2022)

*3000-level*

RLST 3000 Christian Traditions (Fall 2015, Fall 2017)

RLST/JWST 3150 Jerusalem: The Holy City (Spring 2020, 2022, 2023)

RLST/JWST 3820 Magic in Judaism and Christianity (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

*4000/5000-level*

RLST/JWST 4260 Seminar: Advanced Topics for the Study of the Hebrew Bible (Spring 2016)

RLST/JWST 4/5820 Seminar: Magic and Religion in Judaism and Christianity (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)

RLST 4830 Seminar: Senior Seminar in Religious Studies, on the history and future of the discipline (Spring 2022)

*Independent Studies*

Guiding an independent study for Jason Lansing, an MA student in Religious Studies (Fall 2021)

Guided an independent study for Hannah Griffin, an MA student in Religious Studies (Spring 2019)

Guided independent studies for Paden (now Bel) Unruh and Nicholas Johnson, MA studies in Religious Studies (Spring 2018)

Guided an independent study for Jeffrey Baron, an MA student in Religious Studies (Fall 2017)

Guided an independent study for Ahmet Cem Durak, an MA student in Religious Studies (Spring 2016)

## *Advising*

### **Religious Studies**

Advisor for Paden (now Bel) Unruh, an MA student (graduated 2020), admitted to the PhD program in religious studies at the University of Ottawa

Advisor for Hannah Griffin, an MA student (graduated 2021), now an MA student in Egyptology at the University of Chicago

Advisor for Brian Johnson, an MA student in both RLST and the School of Education

Advisor for Suzanne Ackley, an MA student in RLST

*Committee Member for MA Theses in RLST:* Jeffrey Baron, Michael Connolly, Claudia Toledo, Jonathyn Zapf.

### **History**

Honors Committee Member for Amelia Kate Chouinard (graduated *summa cum laude*)

### **Jewish Studies**

Senior Capstone Project for Gavin Coulson: “A Parashah on Exodus 21:1–10” (committee member)

Honors Committee Member for Natania Bloch-Smith (graduated in 2021)

Honors Committee Member for Regina Saad (graduated 2023, *summa cum laude*)

### **Philosophy**

Honors Committee Member for Toby Eugene Bollig (graduated *summa cum laude*, currently a PhD student at Rutgers University in philosophy)

Honors Committee Member for Elliott Spears (graduated *magna cum laude*), “A Defense of Divine Command Theory”

## **Service**

### ***Department of Near Eastern Language and Civilizations, University of Chicago***

Spring 2017–pres.      Second, external reader for comprehensive exams in Classical Ethiopic/Ge‘ez (in support of Professor Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee, first reader)

***Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado Boulder***

Fall 2016–2018	Executive Committee
Spring 2016–2017	Regional Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Conference Planning Committee
Spring 2016	Graduate Funding Committee
Fall 2015–2018	Library Liaison
Spring 2019–2020	Organizer for annual Lester Lecture, Elaine Pagels (scheduled for October 24, 2019)
Spring 2022–Pres.	Associate Chair of Undergraduate Studies

***Program in Jewish Studies, University of Colorado Boulder***

Fall 2018–2021	Director for Undergraduate Studies
Fall 2018–2021	Executive Committee
Fall 2015–2018	Graduate Studies Committee

***Program for Mediterranean Studies, University of Colorado Boulder***

Fall 2015–pres.	Board Member
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***Center for the Study of Origins, University of Colorado Boulder***

Fall 2016–2021	Executive Committee and Core Faculty Member
Fall 2019–2020	Co-organizer for year-long themed conference on the origins of writing
Fall 2017–2018	Co-organizer for symposium on the 536 CE event and the role of climate change in human history

***Research and Innovation Office, University of Colorado Boulder***

Fall 2021–pres.	Faculty Fellows Advisory Board
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***Harvard Semitic Studies/Harvard Semitic Monographs/Brill***

Fall 2019–pres.	Manuscript reviewer for monographs
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***Aramaic Studies***



Spring 2018–pres. Article reviewer for the journal

***Vetus Testamentum***

Spring 2021–pres. Article reviewer for the journal

***Scientific Reports***

Spring 2023–pres. Article reviewer for the journal

***Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics***

Spring 2023–pres. Article reviewer for the journal

***Avar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Life and Society in the Ancient Near East***

Fall 2020–pres. Editorial board

***Life and Society in the Ancient Near East Book Series***

Fall 2020–pres. Editorial board

***Community Service***

2017–2018 Advisory Committee for the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Co-organizer for conference, "Inscribing the Sacred" held between Denver University, University of Colorado Boulder, and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

**Media Appearances**

Bible for Normal People, podcast (recorded February 2023; release date March 20, 2023).  
<https://thebiblefornormalpeople.com/episode-237-sam-boyd-what-the-tower-of-babel-is-really-about/>

Common Threads, Michigan Public Radio (local affiliate of NPR in Western Michigan). Podcast on the Bible and its uses (and abuses) in the public square.

<https://www.wgvunews.org/post/samuel-l-boyd>  
<https://www.wgvunews.org/post/samuel-l-boyd-part-ii>

On the Media, NY Public Radio (NPR), "Virtual Worship Is Older Than You Think," April 15, 2020. <https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/otm/episodes/virtual-worship-older-you-think>

Newsweek, "Biblical King Balak was 'Very Likely' a Historical Figure, Ancient Stone Tablet Reveals"

<https://www.newsweek.com/bible-king-mesha-stele-moabite-stone-moab-jordan-history-archaeology-1411453>

Newsweek, “Who Was Apollonius? Controversial ‘Bible Conspiracies’ Documentary Claims Jesus Was Really Greek Philosopher”

<https://www.newsweek.com/jesus-conspiracy-theory-greek-philosopher-bible-conspiracies-1330418>

Daily Camera Coverage of RIO TED talks, featuring my presentation:

[http://www.dailycamera.com/cu-news/ci\\_32214491/cu-boulder-research-and-innovation-get-airing-at](http://www.dailycamera.com/cu-news/ci_32214491/cu-boulder-research-and-innovation-get-airing-at)

TED-style talk, CU Boulder, October 17, 2018: Bible and Politics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uB2eKgmhrog>

CU Science Buffs Podcast: Buffs Talk Science, Spring 2018

Podcast on the science of preserving ancient texts, the science of forgeries, and science in the ancient world

<https://buffstalkscience.com/2018/06/06/episode-4-whats-your-opinion-on-free-will/>

The Coloradan, Spring 2018

Podcast on the Dead Sea Scrolls

<https://www.colorado.edu/coloradan/2018/05/01/podcast-dead-sea-scrolls>

Dash of Drash: Podcast Musings

Episode 52: Exodus- Narrative and Law

<https://soundcloud.com/user-685353444/episode-52-exodus-narrative-and-law-with-special-guest-professor-sam-boyd>

The Coloradan, Fall 2017

“Better than Babel”

Full Article on my Biblical and Linguistic Research

<https://www.colorado.edu/coloradan/2017/09/01/better-babel>

The Coloradan, Fall 2016

Campus News Briefs

<http://www.colorado.edu/coloradan/2016/09/01/campus-news-briefs-fall-2016>

Colorado Arts and Science Magazine, April 2016

“CU-Boulder prof employs 23 ancient Near East languages in a quest for biblical understanding”

<http://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2016/04/27/biblical-scholar-explores-power-babel>

Boulder Weekly, 2016

“Report shows increase of anti-Semitism in CO”

<http://www.boulderweekly.com/news/report-shows-increase-of-anti-semitism-in-co/>

Vice News, December 2015

“Would Jesus Celebrate Christmas?”

Scholarly perspective interviewed for and quoted in the online article

<http://www.vice.com/read/would-jesus-celebrate-christmas>

“CU Science Update 36- The Gluten-Free Trend”

Academic consultant and talking head regarding the history of grains in the ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bibles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkdqDWUjs2g>