### Curriculum Vitae May 2024

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#### **EDUCATION**

2019 Ph.D., Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitic Philology

Department of Near Eastern Studies

Johns Hopkins University

B.A. Hons, Theology

Faculty of Theology and Religion

University of Oxford

#### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021 – Aarhus University

Department of Theology, School of Culture and Society Assistant Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

2019 – 2021 Washington University in St. Louis

Department of Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies

Friedman Postdoctoral Fellow in Jewish Studies

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer-Reviewed Monographs**

Forthcoming Exile, Incorporated: The Body in the Book of Ezekiel.

Oxford University Press, expected 2024.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

Forthcoming	"Ezekiel's Confinement: From the Sublime to the Conspicuous."
	Ezekiel's Sign Acts: Method and Interpretation, ed. Penelope Barter and Tyler
	Mayfield. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft. Berlin:

De Gruyter, expected 2024.

Forthcoming "Pain and Suffering in the Hebrew Bible."

Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies, ed. Christopher Matthews. New York: Oxford University Press, expected 2024.

Forthcoming "Unravelling the Scarlet Thread: Women and Ritual Binding in the Hebrew

Bible."

Colour and Culture: Polychromy and Performance in the Hebrew Bible, ed. Ellena Lyell. The Hebrew Bible in Social Perspectives Series. London:

Bloomsbury T&T Clark, expected 2024.

2023 "Drinkable Ink or Womb-Destroying Words? The Solution for Suspected

Adultery in Numbers 5:11-31"

Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts, Cultural Histories, and Contemporary Contexts 14/1 (2023) 38-64.

Also forthcoming in Gender and Sacred Textures: Entanglements of Materiality, Embodiment, and Sacred Texts in Religious Identities, ed. Marianne Schleicher.

Sheffield: Equinox Publishing, expected 2024.

"Justice, Righteousness, and the Davidic Dispute in Jeremiah and Ezekiel"

Vetus Testamentum 73 (2023) 62-81.

"Clothing and Body Modification in the Hebrew Bible"

Religion Compass (2021) 1-15.

2020 "For-Profit Prophets? Ezekiel 13:17-23 and the Threat of Female Intermediaries"

Hebrew Studies 61 (2020) 213-34.

2020 "The Apparel Oft Proclaims the Man: Clothing and Identity in Ezekiel 23"

Die Welt des Orients 50/2 (2020) 234-53.

### **Manuscripts in Submission**

"Scents of Unease: Perfume and Power in the Hebrew Bible." Peer-reviewed book chapter for an edited volume produced by the research group for Dress and the Hebrew Bible, ed. Antonios Finitsis. London: Bloomsbury Academic, expected 2024. Received first round of peer review May 2023.

"John Donne and the Case of the Missing Body: Reading Resurrection into Job 19:26." Coauthored with Laura Yoder (New York University). Submitted to peer-reviewed journal *Literature and Theology*, November 2023.

"Divine Presence, Divinely Inflicted Pain, and Forced Migration in First Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel."

Submitted to special issue of NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion, December 2023.

"A Man of Pains, Acquainted with Illness': Narrative Medicine and Isaiah's Suffering Servant (Isa 52:13-53:12)"

Submitted to Journal of Biblical Literature, February 2024.

"Modgangen kom ind i verden ved Adam (og Eva): At læse 1 Mos 2-3 uden Rom 5."

"Hardship Came into the World Through Adam (and Eve): Reading Genesis 2-3 Without Romans 5."

Submitted to special issue of *Dansk Teologisk Tidsskrift*, May 2024.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

"Human Mobility and Identity Formation: Jewish and Christian Voices from Antiquity." Special issue of *NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion* co-edited with Eelco Glas (Aarhus University), expected February 2025. Proposal accepted by editorial board October 2023.

Ezekiels Bog i serien "Bibelen læst af..."

The Book of Ezekiel in the series "The Bible Read By..."

Copenhagen: Eksistensen, expected 2026. Under contract November 2023.

Material Girls: The Women Who Dress to Transgress in the Hebrew Prophets. Proposal submitted to Oxford University Press, April 2024.

Edited volume on the current state and future directions of social scientific approaches to the Old and New Testaments, co-edited with Marianne Bjelland Kartzow (Oslo University). Proposal to be submitted to the Society of Biblical Literature Press's *Semeia* series, February 2024.

Gods of the Ancient Near East: Essays in Honor of Theodore J. Lewis, co-edited with Andrew Davis (Boston College).

Proposal to be submitted to the Society of Biblical Literature Press, March 2024.

### **Book Reviews**

Forthcoming Hans J. Lundager Jensen. *Religion og teologi i Det Gamle Testamente – en indføring*. København: Eksistensen, 2021. 266 s. 299,95 kr. *Dansk teologisk tidsskrift*.

2023	Carly Crouch, <i>Israel and Judah Redefined: Migration, Trauma, and Empire in the Sixth Century BCE.</i> Society for Old Testament Study Monograph Series (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2021), ISBN 978-1-108-47376-7; xi + 180 pp., £75. <i>NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion.</i>
2021	Brian R. Doak. <i>Heroic Bodies in Ancient Israel</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019. Pp. xv + 200. <i>Ancient Jew Review</i> (Mar 22).
2021	Jeanette Mathews. <i>Prophets as Performers: Biblical Performance Criticism and Israel's Prophets</i> . Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2020. Pp. 247. <i>Review of Biblical Literature</i> (Dec 2).
2021	Jan Christian Gertz, Corinna Körting, and Markus Witte, eds. <i>Das Buch Ezechiel: Komposition, Redaktion und Rezeption</i> . Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft 516. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020. Pp. xii + 337. <i>Review of Biblical Literature</i> (May 2).
2015	Ernest Nicholson. <i>Deuteronomy and the Judaean Diaspora</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. Pp. xi + 196. <i>Biblical Interpretation</i> 23/3 (2015) 461-63.
Web-Based	Publications
Web-Based 2023	Publications  "Samfundet styrkes gennem adskillelse: Profeten Ezekiel i karantæne."  "Community Strengthened via Separation: The Prophet Ezekiel in Quarantine."  Bibliana 2/2023. Det Danske Bibelselskab.
	"Samfundet styrkes gennem adskillelse: Profeten Ezekiel i karantæne." "Community Strengthened via Separation: The Prophet Ezekiel in Quarantine."
2023	"Samfundet styrkes gennem adskillelse: Profeten Ezekiel i karantæne." "Community Strengthened via Separation: The Prophet Ezekiel in Quarantine." Bibliana 2/2023. Det Danske Bibelselskab.  "Den røde tråd mellem Tamar og Rahab." "The 'Red Thread' Between Tamar and Rahab."
2023 2023	"Samfundet styrkes gennem adskillelse: Profeten Ezekiel i karantæne." "Community Strengthened via Separation: The Prophet Ezekiel in Quarantine." Bibliana 2/2023. Det Danske Bibelselskab.  "Den røde tråd mellem Tamar og Rahab." "The 'Red Thread' Between Tamar and Rahab." Bibliana 1/2023. Det Danske Bibelselskab.  "The Protective Red Thread."
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2020	"On Bread, Books, and Bodies in Ezekiel."  Ancient Jew Review (Mar 11).
2020	"Introduction to Prophetic Literature." Point of View Publishing: Customized Course Readings.
2019	"Ezekiel's Unruly Women." Point of View Publishing: Customized Course Readings

## EXTERNAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND AWARDS

2023	Travel Grant (10,500 DKK) H.P. Hjerl Hansen Mindefondet for Dansk Palæstinaforskning
2018-19	George A. Barton Fellowship (3000 USD) The W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem

### INTERNAL FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018-19	The Dean's Teaching Fellowship Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University
2018	Stulman Research Award Stulman Program in Jewish Studies, Johns Hopkins University
2013-18	Ray Westbrook Award Stulman Program in Jewish Studies, Johns Hopkins University
2017	Faculty Support Award Adjunct Faculty Advisory Committee, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
2016-17	Alvin H. Blum Fellowship Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University
2014-15	Mellon Grant for Summer Research Johns Hopkins University
2014	Hodson Fellowship in the Humanities Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University
2013-14	William S. Rayner Fellowship for Semitic Studies Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2014	Ellerton Theological Essay Prize
	University of Oxford

2013 Senior Pusey and Ellerton Hebrew Prize

University of Oxford

### **INVITED TALKS**

2024	"Pain Narratives in the Hebrew Bible." University of Bonn (May 27).
2023	"It's a Pain to be a Prophet! Prophetic Vocation and the Embodiment of Suffering in the Hebrew Prophets." University of Aberdeen (Mar 29).
2023	"Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good Prophets?" Oslo University (Mar 28).
2022	"Asceticism and Migration in the Book of Ezekiel." Copenhagen University (Nov 11).
2020	"Feeling Blue: Israel, Assyria, and the History of a Color." Baltimore Society of Design Arts (June 3).

### **CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

## **Co-Organized Conferences and Seminars**

2024	Old Testament Studies: Epistemologies and Methods Annual Meeting (Sandbjerg Gods, Aug 23-25)
2023	Collegium Biblicum Annual Meeting (Aarhus, Jan 30-31)
2022	Migration Seminar for the Theology Department Research Program (Aarhus, Dec 21)
2022	Hamburg-Aarhus-Rostock-Kiel-København Network Symposium (Aarhus, May 20-21)

# **Co-Organized Panels**

2024	Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Program Unit for the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (San Diego, Nov 23-26)		
2023	Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Program Unit for the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (San Antonio, Nov 18-21)		
2023	Mobility and Identity Formation: Judaean/Jewish and Christian Voices from Antiquity Panel for The Dutch Association for the Study of Religion Biennial Conference (Nijmegen, Nov 1-3)		
2022	Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Program Unit for the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Denver, Nov 19-22)		
Papers Preser	Papers Presented		
2024	"The Human, the Dehumanizing, and the Post-Human in the Psalms of Lament." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (San Diego, Nov 23-26)		
2024	"Like a little owl of the waste places' (Ps 102:7b): Dehumanizing and Humanizing Responses to Pain in the Psalms of Lament." International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture (Rebild Bakker, Sep 5-8)		
2024	"Does Yhwh Go into Exile in Egypt According to the Book of Jeremiah? A Text-Critical and Comparative Study."  Workshop on Judean Diaspora and Biblical Texts in Achaemenid Egypt (Copenhagen, Aug 19-20)		
2024	"Biblical Texts as 'Narrative Medicine" Hamburg-Aarhus-Rostock-Kiel-København Network Symposium (Copenhagen, May 31-June 1)		
2024	"Perfume and Promiscuity: The Hebrew Bible's Use of Feminine Imagery to Symbolize Religious Unfaithfulness." Seminar on "Women as a Code": Cultural Paradigms of the Feminine in Antiquity (Aarhus, May 6)		
2023	"Reading Prophetic Pain in Light of Mesopotamian City Laments." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (San Antonio, Nov 18-21)		
2023	"Drinkable Ink or Womb-Destroying Words? The Solution for Suspected Adultery in Numbers 5:11-31."  American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (San Antonio, Nov 18-21)		

2023	"Divine Presence, Divine Pain, and Forced Migration in the Hebrew Prophets." The Dutch Association for the Study of Religion Biennial Conference (Nijmegen, Nov 1-3)
2023	"The Painful Theodicies of the Hebrew Prophets." Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting (Pretoria, Jul 3-7)
2023	"Material Girls? The Hebrew Bible's Ambiguous Portrayal of the Feminine Use of Cosmetics." Hamburg-Aarhus-Rostock-Kiel-København Network Symposium (Hamburg, Jun 2-3)
2023	"Scents of Unease: Perfume and Power in the Hebrew Bible." Pacific Northwest Regional Conference on Religion and Biblical Studies (Online, May 19-21)
2022	"The Withdrawal of the Prophet Ezekiel." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Denver, Nov 19-22)
2022	"Bound to Transgress? 'Scarlet Women' and the Verb <i>qšr</i> in the Hebrew Bible." Hamburg-Aarhus-Rostock-Kiel-København Network Symposium (Aarhus, May 20-21)
2022	"The Threatening and Threatened Womb in the <i>Sotah</i> Ritual of Numbers 5." Aarhus-McMaster Workshop on Ancient Perspectives on Health and Illness (Online, Apr 27)
2021	Respondent: Review Panel, <i>Royal Illness and Kingship Ideology in the Hebrew Bible</i> by Isabel Cranz.  Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (San Antonio, Nov 20 – 23)
2021	"And Though Worms Destroy My Text: Donne's Reading of Job 19:25-26" (with Laura Yoder, New York University). The Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting (Online, Apr 13 – 22)
2020	"A Sprout or a Sprig? Davidic Descendants in Jeremiah and Ezekiel." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Online, Nov 29 – Dec 10)
2020	"The Word Inchoate: John Donne's Sermon on Job 19:25-26" (with Laura Yoder, New York University). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Online, Nov 29 – Dec 10)
2020	"Kings Who Sit on the Throne of David: Doing Justice and Righteousness in Jeremiah and Ezekiel." Society of Biblical Literature Central States Meeting (St. Louis, March $7-8$ )

2018	"Brides, Prostitutes, and Witches: Gendered Identities in the Book of Ezekiel." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Denver, Nov $17-20$ )
2017	"Assyrians in Blue, Babylonians in Red: Clothing and Acculturation in Ezekiel 23." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Boston. Nov 18 – 21)
2017	"The Apparel Oft Proclaims the Man (or Woman): Clothing and Identity in the Book of Ezekiel." Symposium on the Construction of Identity in the Ancient Near East (Helsinki, August $24-25$ )
UNIVERSITY TALKS	
2024	"Drinkable Ink or Womb-Destroying Words? The Solution for Suspected Adultery in Numbers 5:11-31."

2024	"Drinkable Ink or Womb-Destroying Words? The Solution for Suspected Adultery in Numbers 5:11-31." Research Program in the Study of Religion, Aarhus University (Feb 7)
2024	"Narrativer om smerte – et perspektiv fra Herrens lidende tjener" "Narratives of Pain: A Perspective from the Suffering Servant" Tekst og Teologi, Aarhus University (Jan 8)
2023	"Ville Paulus kunne bestå eksamen i Det Gamle Testamente? Den såkaldte syndefaldsberetning i 1 Mos 3 og Rom 5" "Would Paul Be Able to Pass an Exam in Old Testament? The So-Called 'Fall' in Genesis 3 and Romans 5" Symposium on the Letter to the Romans, Aarhus University (Oct 30)
2023	"Prophets in Pain." Mediterranean Antiquity Lunch, Aarhus University (Oct 6)
2023	"Hvorfor lider de hebraiske profeter?"  "Why Do the Hebrew Prophets Suffer?"  Teologisk Forening (Theological Society), Aarhus University (Sep 26)
2022	"The Move Towards Materiality in Studies of the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israelite Religion." Theology Department Research Program, Aarhus University (May 18)
2022	"Toxic Scripture? The Ritual of the Suspected Adulteress in Numbers 5." Theology Department End of Semester Celebration, Aarhus University (May 6)
2021	"Ezekiel, Exile, Embodiment." Theology Department Brown Bag Lecture, Aarhus University (Nov 3)

#### TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

(I am the primary instructor for all courses unless otherwise noted)

### **Aarhus University**

PhD Course: Bodies and Religion (Guest lecturer Summer 2024)

MA Thesis Supervision (Spring 2024)

MA Project-Oriented Course Academic Supervision (Fall 2023)

MA Old Testament Theologies: Pain and Suffering in the Hebrew Bible (Spring 2022; 2023; 2024)

BA Optional Subject: The Bible with and without Jesus (Co-taught with Jacob Mortensen Spring 2023; 2024)

BA Introduction to the Bible (Co-taught with Louise Helgaard Bylund Fall 2022)

BA Thesis Supervision (Spring 2022; 2023)

BA Old Testament II: Prophets, Psalms, and Wisdom (Fall 2021; 2022)

### Washington University in St. Louis

BA Gender and Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible (Spring 2020; 2021)

BA/MA The Hebrew Prophets: Voices of Social Justice? (Fall 2019; 2020)

### **Johns Hopkins University**

BA The Development of Jewish Identity in the Ancient World (Spring 2019)

BA/MA Hebrew Prose Reading (Fall 2016)

BA/MA Elementary Hebrew II (Spring 2016)

BA/MA Elementary Hebrew I (Fall 2015)

### **University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

BA Judaism in the Time of Jesus and Hillel (Spring 2018)

BA Israel and the Ancient Near East (Fall 2017)

### SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Study Board for Theology, Aarhus University Alternate Representative for Biblical Studies (2024-)

Presentation to Diversity and Equality Committee for Arts, Aarhus University (2023)

"At være international medarbejder på AU"

Teologisk Forening (*Theological Society*), Aarhus University Board Member (2023-)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Being an international staff member at AU"

### SERVICE TO PROFESSION

### **Society of Biblical Literature**

Member (2013-)

Co-chair: Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Program Unit (2022-

2024)

Steering Committee Member: The Book of Ezekiel Program Unit (2022-2024)

### **Collegium Biblicum** (*The Danish Exegetical Society*)

Member (2022-)

Board Member (2023-)

### **Manuscript Review**

Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament (2022-2023) Hebrew Studies (2020)

### **Proposal Reviews and Book Endorsements**

Smith & Helwys (2022)

Bloomsbury Academic: The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies (2021)

### **EXTRA TRAINING**

2023	Studieprøven i dansk  Danish language examination corresponding to Common European Framework  of Reference (CEFR) C1 level.  CLAVIS sprog og kompetence
2022	University Pedagogical Programme Centre for Educational Development, Aarhus University
2020	Online Course Design Institute: Designing an Adaptable Course The Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis
2020	Course Design Institute The Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis
2015-16	Preparing Future Faculty Teaching Academy Center for Educational Resources, Johns Hopkins University
2015	School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University Seminar: "The Story of Reason in Islam," Sari Nusseibeh (Al-Quds University)

2014	Tayinat Lower Town Project Archaeological Survey, Hatay Province, Turkey Director: James Osborne (University of Chicago)
2011	Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) C2 level in German University of Bonn