

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: British and Canadian

Degrees

DPhil, 1991, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford
MPhil, 1988, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford
GradDipl, 1986, Ancient History, Macquarie University
MCS, 1985, Regent College
BA, 1982, University of British Columbia

Positions

2005 to present: Professor of Hebrew Bible & Second Temple Judaism,
University of Edinburgh.
1998-2005 Reader, Hebrew and Old Testament Studies, University of
Edinburgh.
1994-1998: Lecturer in Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins,
University of Edinburgh.
1991-1993: Kennicott Junior Fellow, Faculty of Oriental Studies,
University of Oxford, and Junior Research Fellow, Oxford Centre
for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

Awards

2018: Seymour Gitin Distinguished Professorship, W. F. Albright
Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem.
1998: BP Prize Lectureship in the Humanities, Royal Society of
Edinburgh.
1993-94: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities
Research Council of Canada.
1991-93: Kennicott Junior Research Fellow, the Oriental Institute,
Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies and St. Hugh's
College, Oxford.
1990-91: Junior Research Fellowship, Wolfson College, University of
Oxford.
1989-90: Lady Davis Doctoral Fellowship at the Hebrew University of
Jerusalem, Department of Bible.
1988-90: Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research
Council of Canada.
1988-89: Pusey and Ellerton and Kennicott Grant, Oriental Institute,

University of Oxford.
1986-89: Overseas Research Scheme Award, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom.
1985: Board of Governors' Prize for Proficiency in the Master of Christian Studies Program.

Classical languages

Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Coptic, Greek and Latin.

Modern languages

English, French, German, Modern Hebrew, Spanish and Chinese.

Teaching Responsibilities

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The Pentateuch and other Hebrew Bible Texts (Leviticus, Habakkuk, Song of Songs)

Early Judaism: Judaism in the Graeco-Roman Period, Studies in Ancient Judaism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Early Jewish Texts.

Languages: Advanced Hebrew, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, and Aramaic

Learned Societies and Editorships

General editor of the *Oxford Commentary on the Dead Sea Scrolls* (Oxford University Press; 2012-)

The Dead Sea Scrolls Editorial Team, *Discoveries in the Judaean Desert* series.

The Journal of Biblical Literature Editorial Board (1 January 2002-2008)

International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament (2004)

Association for Jewish Studies

Society of Biblical Literature

European Association for Biblical Studies

American Schools of Oriental Research

Society for Old Testament Studies

Centre for Christian Origins (<http://www.christianorigins.div.ed.ac.uk>)

Invited Lectures

Guest Lectures:

Plenary paper, The 23rd Congress of the International Organization for Old Testament Study, 4-9 August 2019, University of Aberdeen.

Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 27 November 2018.

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Theologisches Seminar, Altes Testament (2017).
Judaic Studies Program and Yale Divinity School, Yale University (2016)
Chuen King Memorial lectures, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China (2016)
Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (2015)
Marvin A. Drimer Foundation Lecture, Jewish Public Library/La Bibliothèque Publique Juive, Montréal, Canada (1997).

Invited Seminars, Conferences, and Public lectures:

University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Chicago, University of St. Andrews, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), Wilfrid Laurier University, McMaster University, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Israel Museum, Roehampton Institute London, European Association for Jewish Studies (Berlin 1988), University of Glasgow, Kelvingrove Museum & Art Gallery, Royal Philosophical Society (Glasgow), Royal Society of Edinburgh, University of Manchester, Trinity Western University, University of Dundee, University of Aberdeen, Second Enoch Seminar (Venice), Chinese University of Hong Kong; Society for Old Testament Studies, Society of Biblical Literature, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, University of Sheffield, Durham University, Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (Vienna 2009), British Association for Jewish Studies (Southampton 2010), and Université Paul Verlaine, Metz (2011), King's College London, the School of Oriental and African Studies (2013), Tel Aviv University (2014), European Association for Biblical Studies (Leuven 2016), European Association for Biblical Studies (Berlin 2017), and British New Testament Conference (Dublin 2017), W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, and Tel Aviv University.

Grants Awarded

2015: Gunning Trust for the conference on "Power, Authority & Canon".

2012: Fondation Catholique Ecosaise, Institut Catholique de Paris.

2009: British Academy Conference Grant for presenting at the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* (Vienna 2009).

2003: British Academy Conference Grant for presenting at the *Society of Biblical Literature Conference* in Atlanta, November 2003.

2002, Autumn Term: UK Socrates-Erasmus Council, Marc Bloch Université, Strasbourg, France.

2001: British Academy Conference Grant and Faculty Group of Arts, Divinity and Music International Conference Grant for presenting at the *International Organization for Qumran Studies*, Basel, Switzerland, 5-7 August 2001.

1998: Faculty of Law, University of Edinburgh, award for Edinburgh Symposium on "Scrolls, Artefacts and Intellectual Property".

1998: Faculty Group of Arts, Divinity and Music, University of Edinburgh, award for Edinburgh Symposium on "Scrolls, Artefacts and Intellectual Property".

1997: Moray Endowment Fund, award for research on "the Qumran Community".

1997: Award from the Interdisciplinary Symposium Fund, University of Edinburgh, for "The Dead Sea Scrolls in their Historical Context" conference.

1997: University of Edinburgh Faculty Group of Arts, Divinity and Music Research Fund award for "The Dead Sea Scrolls in their Historical Context" Conference.

1997: Hayter Fund for Travel and Field Research and Munro Travel Grant for a visit to recent excavations at Khirbet Qumran and Mt. Zion.

1995-1996: Two University of Edinburgh Faculty Group of Arts, Divinity and Music Research Fund Awards for the CD Rom project, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Electronic Reference Library*.

Research Supervision and Examination

PhD supervisees: 15 (past), 4 (present)

Master degree supervisees: 14 (past)

PhD dissertation examiner, University of St. Andrews, 2013

MTh dissertation examiner, University of Aberdeen, 2011

Official Opponent of the PhD dissertation: Faculty of Theology,
University of Helsinki, 2005;

Internal PhD examinations: 19 PhD dissertations.

External Examiner, University of Aberdeen (2012-2016).

External Examiner: King's College London (2007-2011).

Visiting Professorships

School of Philosophy, Renmin University, Beijing, China, July 2014.

Department of Religion, Dartmouth College, Hanover, USA, Summer Term 2013.

Department of Religion, Dartmouth College, Hanover, USA, Summer Term 2007.

Faculté de théologie protestante, Université Marc Bloch, Strasbourg, France, Autumn Term 2002.

Publications

Authored Books

- 1) *The Earliest Commentary on the Prophecy of Habakkuk (1QpHab)*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).
- 2) *The Formation of the Jewish Canon*. Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library Series (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013).
- 3) *The Dead Sea Scrolls. A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: OUP, 2005). Translated into Bulgarian, Chinese, Arabic, Dutch, Korean and Portuguese. Audio Book published by Audible.com (Amazon). Second edition (2017), translation into French and Italian.
- 4) *Pesharim*. Companion to the Qumran Scrolls (London: Bloomsbury, 2002).
- 5) *Holy Scripture in the Qumran Commentaries and Pauline Letters* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997).

Principal Editions and Electronic Database

- 1) Editor of 4Q306-4Q307 in *Qumran Cave 4. XXVI. Cryptic Texts and Miscellanea, Part I*. Discoveries in the Judaean Desert series XXXVI. (Oxford Clarendon Press, 2000).
- 2) Editor of 4Q303-305 in *Qumran Cave 4: XV Sapiential Texts, Part 1*. Discoveries in the Judean Desert series XX (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1997).
- 3) Principal Editor, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Electronic Reference Library, Volume 1: The Dead Sea Scrolls on CD ROM* (Oxford/Leiden: Oxford University Press & Brill Academic Publishers, 1997).

Edited Books and Journal

- 1) *Normativity of the Torah*, special issue of the *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*.

- (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2020).
- 2) *When Texts are Canonized* with Kengo Akiyama. Brown Judaic Studies. (Atlanta: SBL, 2017)
 - 3) *The Oxford Handbook of the Dead Sea Scrolls* with John J. Collins (Oxford: OUP, 2010)
 - 4) *Reflection and Refraction: Studies in Biblical Historiography in Honour of A. Graeme Auld* with Robert Rezetko and Brian Aucker. Supplements to Vetus Testamentum (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2007).
 - 5) *On Scrolls, Artefacts, and Intellectual Property* with Hector MacQueen, Calum Carmichael (London: Bloomsbury, 2001).
 - 6) *The Dead Sea Scrolls in their Historical Context* with Larry Hurtado, A. Graeme Auld, Alison Jack (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, June 2000). Reprinted 2004.

Articles and Chapters

- 1) "The Idealization of the Ptolemaic Kingship in the Legend of the Origins of the Septuagint" in *Times of Transition: Judea in the Early Hellenistic Period* ed. Sylvie Honigman, Oded Lipschits, Christoph Nihan, and Thomas Römer. Mosaic Studies on Ancient Israel. Tel Aviv: Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology, 2020. Pp. 1-9.
- 2) "The Grain of the Kittim in Habakkuk Peshar. A New Reading of ומאכלו ברו (1QpHab 6:5)" in *Scribal Practice, Text and Canon in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Essays in Memory of Peter W. Flint* ed. Ananda Geyser-Fouché and John J. Collins et al. Leiden: Brill, 2019. Pp. 205-209.
- 3) "The Tetragrammaton in the Habakkuk Peshar" in *Strength to Strength. Essays in Appreciation of Shaye J. D. Cohen* ed. Michael Satlow. Atlanta: Brown Judaic Studies, 2018. Pp. 157-168.
- 4) "The Writings in the Hellenistic-Roman Period" in *The Oxford Handbook of the Writings of the Hebrew Bible* ed. Donn Morgan. Oxford: OUP, 2018. Pp. 33-48.
- 5) "Rabbinic Concept of Holy Scriptures as Sacred Objects" in *Scribal Practices and the Social Construction of Knowledge in Antiquity, Late Antiquity and Medieval Islam* ed. Myriam Wissa (Leuven: Peeters, 2018), pp. 127-142.
- 6) "The Emergence of the Samaritan Pentateuch" in *Reading the Bible in Ancient Traditions and Modern Editions: Studies in Textual and Reception History in Memory of Peter W. Flint*, eds. Andrew Perrin, Kyung Baek, and Daniel Falk, Early Judaism and its Literature (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2017), pp. 89-104.

- 7) "An Indicative Definition of the Canon" in *When Texts are Canonized* ed. Timothy H. Lim (Atlanta: Brown Judaic Studies, 2017), pp. 1-24.
- 8) "Covenantal Nomism and the Hebrew Bible" in *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls: John Collins at Seventy* ed. Joel Baden, Hindy Najman, and Eibert Tigchelaar (Leiden: Brill, 2016). Vol. 2. Pp. 868-79.
- 9) "Hosea, Book and Person. III. Judaism A. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism" in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016), vol. 12: 429-30.
- 10) "Qumran Scholarship and the Study of the Old Testament in the New Testament" *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 38.1 (2015): 68-80.
- 11) "Peshet" in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* eds. Eric Orlin, Lisbeth Fried, Michael Satlow and Jennifer Kunst (London: Routledge, 2015), p. 711.
- 12) "Habakkuk (Book and Person). III. Judaism. A. Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism" in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2015), vol. 10: 1042-46.
- 13) "A New Solution to an Exegetical Crux (CD IV 20-21)" *Revue de Qumrân* 102.7 (2013): 275-84.
- 14) "A Theory of the Majority Canon" *Expository Times* 124.8 (2013): 365-373.
- 15) "How Good was Ruth's Hebrew? Linguistic 'Otherness' in the Book of Ruth" in *The 'Other' in Second Temple Judaism. Essays in Honor of John J. Collins* eds. M. Goff, Daniel Harlow, Karina Hogan, and Joel Kaminsky (Cambridge: Wm B. Eerdmans, 2011), pp. 101-115.
- 16) "Multilingualism" in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism* John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011), pp. 973-5.
- 17) "The Defilement of the Hands as a Principle Determining the Holiness of Scriptures" *Journal of Theological Studies* 61.2 (2010): 501-15
- 18) "Authoritative Scriptures and the Dead Sea Scrolls" in *The Oxford Handbook of the Dead Sea Scrolls* ed. Timothy H. Lim and John J. Collins (Oxford: OUP, 2010), pp. 303-322.
- 19) with John J. Collins, "Current Issues in Dead Sea Scrolls Research" in *The Oxford Handbook of the Dead Sea Scrolls* ed. Timothy H. Lim and John J. Collins (Oxford: OUP, 2010), pp. 1-18.
- 20) "All these he composed through prophecy" in *Prophecy after the Prophets? The Contribution of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Understanding of Biblical and*

- Extra-Biblical Prophecy* ed. Armin Lange and Kristin de Troyer (Louvain: Peeters, 2010), pp. 61-76.
- 21) "Towards a Description of the Sectarian Matrix" in *Echoes from the Caves: Qumran and the New Testament* ed. Florentino García Martínez (Brill Academic Publishers, 2009), pp. 7-31.
- 22) "Deuteronomy in the Judaism of the Second Temple Period" in *Deuteronomy in the New Testament* ed. Maarten J. J. Menken and Steve Moyise, (London/New York: T&T Clark International, 2007), pp. 6-26.
- 23) "The Book of Ruth and its Literary Voice" in *Reflection and Refraction: Studies in Biblical Historiography in Honour of A. Graeme Auld* ed. Robert Rezetko, Timothy H. Lim and Brian Aucker (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2007), pp. 261-282.
- 24) "The Enochic Circles, the Hasidim and the Qumran Community" in *Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection* ed. G. Boccaccini et al, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005), pp. 291-3.
- 25) "The Translation of *NDMW* and its Significance for the Groningen Hypothesis" in *Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection* ed. G. Boccaccini et al (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005), pp. 204-6.
- 26) "The Origins and Emergence of Midrash in Relation to the Hebrew Scriptures" in *The Midrash. An Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation in Formative Judaism* eds. Jacob Neusner and Alan J. Avery-Peck (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004), Vol. 2: 595-612.
- 27) "The Legal Nature of PYadin 19 and Galatians 3:15" in *When Judaism and Christianity Began: Essays in Memory of Anthony J. Saldarini* eds. Daniel J. Harrington, Alan J. Avery-Peck and Jacob Neusner (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004), volume 2, pp. 361-376.
- 28) "Intellectual Property and the Dead Sea Scrolls" *Dead Sea Discoveries* 9.2 (2002): 187-198.
- 29) "Studying the Qumran Scrolls and Paul in their Historical Context" in *The Dead Sea Scrolls as Background to Postbiblical Judaism and Early Christianity* ed. James R. Davila (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2002), pp. 135-156.
- 30) "Biblical Quotations in the Pesharim and the Text of the Bible—Methodological Considerations" in *The Bible as Book: The Hebrew Bible and the Judaean desert Discoveries* eds. E. Herbert and Emanuel Tov (London: The British Library, 2002), pp. 71-79.
- 31) "An Alleged Reference to the Tripartite Division of the Hebrew Bible" *Revue de Qumrân*. 77 (2001): 23-37.

- 32) Authorized English translation of the Hebrew original of 'the Judgment' (on the MMT case) by Justice Dalia Dorner in *On Scrolls, Artefacts and Intellectual Property* eds. Timothy H. Lim, Hector L. MacQueen and Calum M. Carmichael (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001), pp. 26-62.
- 33) "Introduction" in *On Scrolls Artefacts and Intellectual Property* eds. Timothy H. Lim, Hector L. MacQueen and Calum M. Carmichael (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001), pp. 16-19.
- 34) "Dead Sea Scrolls" in *Concise Encyclopedia of Language and Religion* eds. John F. A. Sawyer and S. Simpson (Oxford: Elsevier, 2001).
- 35) "The Qumran Scrolls, Multilingualism, and Biblical Interpretation" in *Religion in the Dead Sea Scrolls* ed. John J. Collins and Robert A. Kugler (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000), pp. 57-73.
- 36) "The Wicked Priest or the Liar" in *The Dead Sea Scrolls in their Historical Context* eds. Timothy H. Lim with Larry Hurtado, A. Graeme Auld, Alison Jack (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2000), pp. 45-51.
- 37) "Introduction" in *The Dead Sea Scrolls in their Historical Context* eds. Timothy H. Lim with Larry Hurtado, A. Graeme Auld, Alison Jack (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2000), pp. 1-4.
- 38) "Liar" in *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (New York: OUP, 2000), pp. 493-494.
- 39) "Wicked Priest" in *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls* eds. Lawrence H. Schiffman and James C. VanderKam (New York: OUP, 2000), pp. 973-976.
- 40) "Kittim" in *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls* eds. Lawrence H. Schiffman and James C. VanderKam (New York: OUP, 2000), pp. 469-471.
- 41) "Paul, Letters of" in *Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls* eds. Lawrence H. Schiffman and James C. VanderKam (New York: OUP, 2000), pp. 638-641.
- 42) "Midrash Peshar in the Pauline Letter" in *The Scrolls and Scriptures* ed. S. E. Porter and C. A. Evans (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997), pp. 280-91.
- 43) Dictionary articles for *The Oxford Dictionary of the Jewish Religion* (New York: Oxford University Press USA, 1997) edited by R. J. Zwi Werblowsky and Geoffrey Wigoder: "Copper Scroll", "Damascus Document", "Miqsat Ma'asei Hatorah" and "Teacher of Righteousness".
- 44) "The Wicked Priests of the Groningen Hypothesis" *Journal of Biblical Literature* 112 (1993): 415-25.
- 45) "The 'Psalms of Joshua' (4Q379 fr. 22 col. 2): A Reconsideration of its Text" *Journal of Jewish Studies* 44 (1993): 309-12.

- 46) "Notes on 4Q252 fr. 1 cols. i-ii" *Journal of Jewish Studies* 44 (1993):121-126.
- 47) "The Qumran Scrolls: Two Hypotheses" *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 21 (1992): 455-66.
- 48) "A Chronology of the Flood Story in a Qumran Text (4Q252)" *Journal of Jewish Studies* 43 (1992): 288-98.
- 49) with Geza Vermes and Robert Gordon, "The Oxford Forum for Qumran Research: Seminar on the Rule of War from Cave 4 (4Q285)" *Journal of Jewish Studies* 43 (1992): 85-94.
- 50) "Eschatological Orientation and the Alteration of Scripture in the Habakkuk Peshar" *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 49 (1990): 185-94.
- 51) "Nevertheless these were men of piety (Sir xliv 10)" *Vetus Testamentum* 38.3 (1988): 338-41.
- 52) "Not in Persuasive Words of Wisdom, but in the Demonstration of the Spirit and Power" *Novum Testamentum* 29 (1987): 137-49.

Forthcoming

- 1) "The Literature of Early Judaism:" in *Early Judaism and Its Modern Interpreters: Second Edition*. Edited by Matthias Henze and Rodney Werline. Atlanta: SBL. Forthcoming 2020.
- 2) "The Prophecy of Habakkuk" in *The Oxford Commentary on the Bible* eds. Katherine Dell and David Lincicum (Oxford: OUP).
- 3) "Contextual Readings of the Song of Songs in the Pre-Modern Period" *Supplements to Vetus Testamentum, Aberdeen Congress Volume* ed. Joachim Schaper, Grant MacAskill and Christl Maier (Leiden: Brill).
- 4) "Implicit Criticism of Scriptures and Josephus' Rewritten Bible" in *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*.