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WORK EXPERIENCE

2013-09 - PRESENT

● **Adjunct Lecturer**

[Maryland Institute College of Art \(Baltimore, MD\)](#)

Lecturer at the Department of Humanistic Studies

2008-09 - PRESENT

● **Lecturer**

[Morgan State University](#)

Lecturer at the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

2007-09 - 2008-05

● **Adjunct Lecturer**

[Eastern Michigan University](#)

Adjunct Lecturer at the History Department

2006-09 - 2008-05

● **Lecturer**

[University of Michigan](#)

Lecturer I in the Great Books Program

2006-06 - 2008-05

● **Academic Advisor**

[University of Michigan](#)

Academic Advisor in the Honors Program

2006-09 - 2008-05

● **Visiting Scholar**

[University of Michigan](#)

Visiting Scholar at the Department of Near Eastern Studies

2004-07 - 2004-08

● **Summer Language Institute Coordinator**

[University of Michigan](#)

Summer Language Institute Coordinator at the Slavic Department

2002 - 2003

● **Classics Department Mentor**

[University of Michigan](#)

Mentor at the Classics Department

1999 - 2005

● **Graduate Student Instructor**

[University of Michigan](#)

Graduate Student Instructor

1995 - 1999

● **Grading Assistant**

[New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

1991 - 1993

● **Teacher of English and German**

Kostroma High School #20, Russia

Teacher of English and German

EDUCATION

2000 - 2006

● **PHD Doctorate**

[University of Michigan](#)

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies Awarded. Ph.D. dissertation "Towards a Social History of the Phoenician City-States in the Achaemenid Empire"

1999 - 2000

● **M.A**

[University of Michigan](#)

M.A. Degree in Near Eastern Studies (Hebrew Bible/Ancient West Asia)

Advancement to PhD Program

1998 - 1999

● **Ph.D. Program in the Old Testament**

[New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

Studies toward Ph.D. in the Old Testament

1995 - 1997

● **Master of Divinity**

[New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary](#)

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages (Hebrew/Greek)

1986 - 1992

● **MA**

[Kostroma State University](#)

Master of Arts in English as a Second Language

(English and German and Language Teaching)

1986 - 1992

● **B.A**

[Kostroma State University](#)

B.A. in ESL

PUBLICATIONS

- Monograph "Lost Civilizations: The Phoenicians" at Reaktion Books, Ltd. (London, U. K.). Planned publication 2021.
- Chapter "Phoenicia under the Achaemenid Empire" in *Oxford Handbook of the Phoenician and Punic Mediterranean*. Oxford University Press (Oxford University Press, 2019).
- Leading author of a textbook "Scriptures of Ancient Judaism." Cognella Publishing. Finished two preliminary editions which are at use at three universities and colleges. First edition publication date August 2020.
- Book review of "Interpreting Exile: Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts." Edited by Brad E. Kelle; Frank Ritche Ames; and Jacob L. Wright. *Ancient Israel and Its Literature*, vol. 10. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*3 (2016): 625-27.
- Book review of "Ancient Phoenicia: An Introduction" by Mark Woolmer (London:

Bristol Classical Press, 2011). *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 3 (2015): 14-15.

- Entries “Phoenicia,” “Astarte,” “Melqart,” “Eshmun,” “Tanit,” “Baalat Gebal/Gubal,” and “Baal Saphon/Zaphon” in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (Routledge, December 2015).
- Book review of “A Monetary and Political History of the Phoenician City of Byblos in the Fifth and Fourth Centuries B.C.E. (History, Archaeology, and Culture of the Levant)” by A. Elayi and J. Elayi (Eisenbrauns: 2014). [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2016)
- Book review of “Judah and the Judeans in the Achaemenid Period: Negotiating Identity in an International Context.” Edited by Oded Lipschits; Gary N. Knoppers; and Manfred Oeming . Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2011. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135.2 (2015): 365-68.
- Non-fiction book "A Record of Interesting Choices." Lulu Press, 2014.
- Articles “Colonization, Phoenician” and “Sidon” in Wiley-Blackwell's *Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (2013).
- Consultant and translator for the volume “The Story of a Life: Memoirs of a Young Jewish Woman in the Russian Empire” by R. Greene and Y. Avrutin (Northern Illinois University Press, 2012)
- Article “Administration of Achaemenid Phoenicia: A Case for Managed Autonomy” in *Exile and Restoration Revisited: Essays on the Babylonian and Persian Period in Memory of Peter R. Ackroyd*, edited by L. Grabbe, G. Knoppers, and O. Lipschits. T&T Clark (Edinburgh, UK) (2009): 138-51.
- Monograph “The Social History of Achaemenid Phoenicia: Being a Phoenician, Negotiating Empires” in the series *BibleWorld*, Equinox Publishing Ltd., London, UK (2010).
- Book review of “Judah and Judeans in the Persian period” edited by O. Lipschits and M. Oeming, eds. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2006 in *Journal of the American Oriental Society*. 127.2 (2007): 201-202.
- Article “The Phoenician City-States of Tyre and Sidon in Ancient Jewish Texts: Of Diachrony and Ideology” in *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 1 (2007): 73-105.
- Book review of “The Priest and the Great King: Temple-Palace Relations in the Persian Empire.” By L. S. Fried. Biblical and Judaic Studies from the University of California, San Diego, vol. 10. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2004 in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 2 (2005): 339.
- Book review of “Gottes Recht als Menschenrecht. Rechts- und literaturhistorische Studien zum Deuteronomium.” By. E. Otto. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte (BZAR Band 2). Herausgegeben von Eckart Otto. Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz Verlag, 2002 in *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* Volume 3 (2003): 107-117.
- Bibliography for “The Collections of the Romanovs. European Art from the State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg”, James Steward, ed. London: Merrell, 2003 (acknowledgment in the Introduction).
- A collection of translated short stories. Kostroma, Russia: “Molodoy Leninets Publishers,” Summer 1991.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013-present

Maryland Institute College of Art (Department of Humanistic Studies)

Greeks and Persians (seminar)

Foundations of Western History (seminar)

History of Western Religions

World Systems before Columbus

Academic Writing Workshop for ESL Students

World Systems before Columbus for ESL students

Eastern Religions and Philosophy (seminar)

2008-present

Morgan State University (Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies)

Introduction to the Old Testament (Tanakh)

Introduction to the New Testament

Introduction to World Religions (traditional and online)

Introduction to Western Religions

Introduction to Eastern Religions

2005-2018

Associate Faculty at the University of Phoenix (online)

Introduction to Sociology

Asian Cultures and Societies

Contemporary American Society

School of Advanced Studies

2007-2008

Eastern Michigan University (Department of History and Philosophy)

Lecturer in World Religions (History 100)

Fall 1999-May 2008

University of Michigan (Departments of Near Eastern Studies, Slavic Studies, Classical Studies)

English Bible as Literature 401 (English Department, Honors Program)

World Religions 101 (Judaism, Christianity, Islam)

Great Books 191 (Homer-Plato)

Great Books 192 (Plato-Dante)

Great Books 201 (Western canon)

Introductory Russian 103

Second-Year Russian 203

Modern Russian 303

Intensive Russian 303

Intro to Classical Hebrew 102

Introduction to the Old Testament (Tanakh)

1995-1998

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Biblical Hebrew 101

Biblical Greek 101

Historical Geography of the Bible Lands

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
- Deuteronomistic History
- Second-temple period studies; Persian- and Hellenistic-period Yehud
- Historiography; political and economic history of Persian-period Levant

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Ideological and historical criticism of the Hebrew Bible
- Social history of the Eastern Mediterranean region in the Persian Period
- Religions of the Mediterranean region in the first millennium BCE, especially under the Persian Empire
- Intersection of classical and biblical literary studies
- Teaching ESL

Summer 2016

External reviewer of "Responses to collapse: the transformation of the social and political structures in the Aegean and Levant from the 12th to 6th centuries BC" by Mat Kõiv.

Tartu Ülikool, Humanitaarteaduste ja kunstide valdkond, Ajaloo ja arheoloogia instituut. Estonian Research Council.

Winter 2012-Spring 2014

Lecturer for the series *Muslim Journeys. Reisterstown branch of the Enoch Pratt Library*

September 2012-Present

BlackBoard Faculty Task Group. *Morgan State University*

September 2011

A radio presentation "*Rosh Hahanah and Tashlik,*"
"*Midday with Dan Rodricks,*" 88.1 FM WYPR, Baltimore

November 2009

A paper presentation "*Greeks Bearing Gifts: Issues of Cultural Exchange in the Persian-Period Mediterranean.*" *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*

July 2009

A seminar "East Meets West: Contemporary American English through Current Social, Political, and Cultural Contexts." *Kostroma State University, Kostroma, Russia*

November 2007

A paper presentation: "*Administration of Phoenicia in the Achaemenid Empire: A Case for Managed Autonomy.*" *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*

November 2007

A paper presentation: "*Money Talks: Sidonian Coinage and its Connections with Persian Imperial Iconography.*" *The American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting*

February 2007

A discussion of the book "David and Solomon: In Search of the Bible's Sacred Kings and the Roots of the Western Civilization" by I. Finkelstein and N. A. Silberman. The Honors Program, the University of Michigan

October 2006

A lecture on archaeology and the Bible. *The Socratic Club*, the University of Michigan

February 2006 A Seminar "*The Bible and Archaeology: Current State of Research and Debate.*" The Honors Program, the University of Michigan

September 2005

Conference paper "*Hooray to Hiram: Phoenicia as an Ideological Construct of Biblical Writers.*" The Conference *The Bible in the Near East*. Department of Near Eastern Studies, the University of Michigan.

Summer, 2004

Investigative research on epigraphic finds from the Persian period housed in Cypriot and Lebanese museums.

The Cyprus Museum, Nicosia. The Regional Archaeological Museum, Larnaca. The Episkopi Archaeological Museum, Episkopi. The National Museum of Lebanon, Beirut.

2002-2003

Curatorial work and tour guide for the exhibition "Romanovs Collect" under the supervision of Director James Stewart. University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor. (40 weeks, 20 hours per week).

Summer 2001

Participation in excavations at Tel Rehov, Israel. Project Director: Professor Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University.

Summer 2000

Participation in excavations at Tel Rehov, Israel. Project Director: Professor Amihai Mazar, Hebrew University.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Center for community Integration, Inc. (a non-profit organization)-*Chairman of the Board of Directors.*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2013 Certification for teaching ESL from Maryland Board of Education
- 2011 Awarded "Certified Advanced Facilitator" Certification University of Phoenix
- 2008 Ruth Sinclair Advising Award Nominee. The University of Michigan [university wide competition]
- 2006 Literature, Science, and Arts College Honors Fellowship. The University of Michigan [university wide competition]
- 2005 Literature, Science, and Arts College Honors Fellowship. The University of Michigan [university wide competition]
- 2005 Rackham PhD Dissertation Fellowship. The University of Michigan [university wide competition]
- 2005 Wallace Radcliffe and Margaret Kraus Ramsdell Fellowship. The University of Michigan [university wide competition]
- 2002 Paul and Margaret Lurie Prize for Excellence in Teaching. *The Honors College. The University of Michigan.*
- 1997-1998 Recipient, the American Bible Society Scholarly Achievement Award.
- 1990-1991 Recipient, the Lenin Stipend for Academic Excellence. Kostroma State University, Russia.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Biblical Literature

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

- Modern: *English, German, French, Russian*
- Ancient: *Classical Hebrew, Classical Greek, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Phoenician, Akkadian, Latin*