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EMPLOYMENT

2024–Present Professor of Hebrew Bible / Old Testament, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

2013–2024 Associate Professor Hebrew Bible / Old Testament, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

2013–Present Official Fellow and Tutor, St John’s College, University of Oxford

2011–2013 University Lecturer in Biblical Studies, St Mary’s University College

2010–2013 Kennicott Research Fellow, Oriental Studies, University of Oxford

2009–2010 Visiting Lectureships: – Heythrop College, University of London
– Kings College, London

EDUCATION

2015 Master of Arts, Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford, by resolution.

2005–2010 University of Oxford.
– DPhil in Oriental Studies (2010).
Dissertation: Ethnicity and the Mixed Marriage Crisis in Ezra 9–10: An Anthropological Approach.
Supervised: Professor Hugh Williamson (Oriental Studies, now AMES).
Dr Bob Parkin (Anthropology).
– MSt in Classical Hebrew (2006).
Examination Papers: Classical Hebrew Language; Aramaic; Prepared and Unprepared Texts; The History and Literature of Israel and Judah in the Biblical Period.

2006 Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Hebrew Ulpan (July–September).

2002–2005 University of Durham, BA (Hons): Theology, First Class.

RESEARCH

To engage with material from antiquity is to have the chance to exercise empathy that goes beyond the boundaries of time and culture, because it is an act of empathy to care about what we have been left by strangers who have long-since died. As a scholar of the Hebrew Bible, I am fascinated by issues that are profoundly embedded within the human condition, such as death, the value of the humanities, identity, illness, justice, and humour. I care about material within the Hebrew Bible as well as broader evidence from antiquity (manuscripts, inscriptions, artefacts, papyri, and ostraca etc), and I specialise in material dated to the Neo-Babylonian and Persian periods, because this is a formative period for much of the material within the Hebrew Bible. A key feature of my research is dialogue across disciplinary divides, which facilitates the emergence of deeper understandings of evidence, more sophisticated methodical frameworks, and more precise analytical language. Given the popularity and enduring relevance of the Biblical material it is urgently important to do this work.

BOOKS: MONOGRAPHS

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BOOKS: EDITED VOLUMES

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- *Reframing Jezebel: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Biblical Queen and Beyond*. Co-edited with Karina Atudosie and Laura Quick. Proposal accepted, contracted with Routledge: Classics, Ancient Near East, and Biblical Studies series.
- *Religion in Ancient Israel: Studies in Honour of John Day*. Co-edited with Stuart Weeks and Hugh Williamson. LBHOTS. London: T&T Clark, 2026.
<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/religion-in-ancient-israel-9780567713001/>
- *Does wisdom have a sense of humour?* Co-edited with Alex Kirk. Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel. 14/4 (2025), pp. 421-579.
<https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/article/does-wisdom-have-a-sense-of-humour-exploring-humour-in-proverbs-job-ecclesiastes-and-cognate-literatures-101628hebai-2025-0028/>
- *Pain in the Hebrew Bible*. Co-edited with Danilo Verde and Martina Weingärtner. *Biblische Notizen* 206/2025, 3-148.
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- *Death Imagined: Ancient Perceptions of Death and Dying*. Co-edited with Karolina Sekita. LSAH. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2025.
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- *Involuntary Migration in the Ancestral Narratives*. Co-edited with Casey Strine in *Hebrew Studies* 60 (2019), 39–106. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/e26833100>

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“Rehumanising women’s stories through narrative imagination Arranged marriage and migration in the Hebrew Bible” In *Rekindling Humanity: Seeing The Self And The Other Through Story*. Edited by Juliana Claassens, Rhiannon Graybill, Christl Maier, and Charlene van der Walt. SCM Press. In preparation.

“Loneliness as a Preview and Review of History in the Narrative Imagination of Daniel 10.” In *Loneliness in the Hebrew Bible*. Edited by Samuel Hildebrant and Ekaterina Kozlova. LHBOTS. London: T&T Clark. In preparation.

With Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg “Editorial Introduction” *Empathy and body-imagination in the study of the Hebrew Bible*. Co-edited with Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg. Biblical Interpretation series. Proposal accepted, Brill, in preparation.

With Karina Atudosie and Laura Quick “Editorial Introduction” *Reframing Jezebel: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Biblical Queen and Beyond*. Co-edited with Karina Atudosie and Laura Quick. Contracted, in Preparation.

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The motif of Joseph’s weeping: disenfranchised grief and ritually revisiting the past to reclaim the future, in *Unheard Voices Cultural Anthropological Approaches to Physical Suffering (Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East)* Ed. By Regine Hunziker-Rodewald, Andrei C. Aioanei AOAT series 2025. Submitted.

“The body in the book of Job.” *Themes and Issues in Biblical Studies*. Edited by James Harding. Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming. Accepted, contracted.

“The refusal to recognize Job as a reliable witness and the significance of epistemic and hermeneutical injustice for Wisdom and Law, in Beyond Influence: Expanding Conceptions of Wisdom & Law in Biblical Tradition.” Edited by Alexander T. Kirk and Rony Kozman. LHBOTS. London: T&T Clark, forthcoming. Accepted, contracted.

“Ethnic and marginal groups in the Hebrew Bible: A case for exploring human connections and belonging in Esther.” *Routledge Handbook of the Ancient Near East and the Social Sciences*. Edited by Jason Silverman and Emanuel Pföh. London: Routledge, forthcoming. Accepted, contracted.

“Nobody is safe: Systems of Oppression, Ambiguity and the use of Violence in Judges, in The Bible and Violence.” *The Bible and Violence*. Edited by Johanna Stiebert, Chris Greenough, Mmapula Kebaneilwe, and Tinyiko Maluleke. London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming. Accepted, contracted.

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“‘This man has come into my house’: Hospitality in Genesis 19; 34; and Judges 19.” *Biblical Interpretation* 26.4–5 (2018): 469–84.

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- ‘Can body-imagination help us to overcome epistemic injustice when we encounter Job?’ 25th Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Berlin, July 2025. (Invited by Prof. Dr. Dr. Bernd U. Schipper).
- ‘The possibility of seeing comedy in Job: An exploration of the limitations of genre categories’ (International Jewish-Christian Bible Week, Osnabrück, July 2022. Invited by Dr Uta Zwingenberger)
- “‘But now ... do not let all this hardship seem insignificant before you’: Ethnic History and Nehemiah 9’ and Lund University, September 2013. Invited by the President of the Swedish Exegetical Society).

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANISATION (INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL)

- Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford Research Seminar Convenor as Faculty Research Director October 2025 – April 2026.
- Trauma in Hebrew Bible research. Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Seminar, Seminar Convened for Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, October-December 2025.
- Hebrew Reading Group, Trauma Texts (organised in conjunction with seminar, above) Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Seminar, Seminar speakers organised in conjunction with HOBT seminar (above) for Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, October-December 2025.
- Are empathy and body-imagination critical skills for the study of antiquity? Session co-organised with Prof. Dr. Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg (University of Marburg) for the 25th Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Berlin, July 2025.
- Does Wisdom have a Sense of Humour? Session co-organised with Alex Kirk (University of Durham) for the international SBL meeting in Denver 2022.
- Death Imagined: The Afterlives of Ancient Underworlds. This is a large international conference which is deliberately interdisciplinary. Co-organised with Karolina Sekita as part of the Large Grant project. (Event adapted because of covid-19 April 2021).
- Death and Dying in the Hebrew Bible (San Antonio, November 2021). Session organised Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’
- Religion and the Body in Ancient Israel and Judah (San Antonio, November 2021). Session organised Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’
- Review panel for the new monograph by Isabel Cranz, Royal Illness and Kingship Ideology in the Hebrew Bible (San Antonio, November 2021). Session organised Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’
- How can Medical Anthropology and Sociology be Used in Biblical Studies? (San Diego, November 2019). Session organised Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’

- Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture (San Diego November 2019). Session organised Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’
- The Personification of Pain in different Religions: Engaging with Religious Texts through Medical Anthropology. January 2019–March 2019. Co-convened with Elisabeth Hsu (School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford)
- Identities, Statuses, and Violence in the Hebrew Bible (Denver, November 2018). Session organised Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’
- Exile in Biblical Art (Co-convened with the ‘Bible and Visual Art’ Panel, Denver, November 2018). Session organised as Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Exile in Biblical Literature’.
- Accounts of Illness in Historical and Modern Texts: Exploring Methods in Medical Humanities Research Across Disciplines. Funded by Medical Humanities Award, TORCH. June 2017.
- Exile in Biblical Literature. Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA. Session organised as Programme Unit Chair for the ‘Exile in Biblical Literature’.

PAPERS PRESENTED:

International Conference Presentations: Invited Papers

- ‘Paper Title TBC’ International Colloquium: Trauma - Empathy - Body. Reading the Hebrew Bible in Contemporary Crises (Old University Marburg, Germany, November 2026). Invited by Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg.
- ‘Growing Your Network of Female Colleagues’ SBL Women’s Student Networking Lunch. A talk given in receipt of the SBL Women’s Mentor Award. (SBL Annual Meeting: San Diego, November 2024). Invited by Meria Kensky.
- ‘Return migration in Persian Period Yehud: Nostalgia, Hauntology and the importance of Home and Belonging in the narrative imagination’ in Transgressing Boundaries: Biblical and Social Scientific Studies of Migration: A Nils Klim Symposium (University of Copenhagen, September 2024). Invited by Frederick Poulsen, Ida Hartmann and Alexiana Fry.
- ‘The motif of Joseph’s weeping: disenfranchised grief and ritually revisiting the past to reclaim the future’ in Unheard Voices: Cultural Anthropological Approaches to Physical Suffering. Colloquium organized by Regine Hunziker-Rodewald (University of Strasbourg, May 2024). Invited by Regine Hunziker-Rodewald.
- ‘Pain in the book of Job: Review of Katherine Southwood Job’s Body and the Dramatised Comedy of Moralising’. Reviewers: Stuart Weeks; Katharine Dell; Jackie Vayntrub (The Language of Pain in Ancient Israel and Early Judaism programme unit, SBL International Meeting, Salzburg, July 2022). Invited by Danilo Verde and Martina Weingärtner.
- Review panel participant on ‘Laura Carlson Hasler’s Archival Historiography in Jewish Antiquity (OUP, 2020)’. (Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah program unit of the SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Nov. 2021). Invited by Philip Yoo and Aubrey Buster.
- Exile in Isaiah (Formation in the Book of Isaiah Panel, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2021), Invited by Dr Judith Gärtner.
- Interdisciplinary Approaches to Migration (“Social Scientific Theory and Applications” team of the Centre of Excellence in Ancient Near Eastern Empires, Helsinki, Finalnd, Oct. 2021). Invited by Professor Jason Silvermann.
- ‘For Moses “had indeed married a Cushite wife”: Metaphors, Power, and Ethnicity in Numbers 12’ (“Biblical Studies Research Seminar”, Department of Theology, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2020). Invited by Professor Göran Eidevall.

- Job ‘opened his mouth and cursed’: Job 3 as a Culturally Political Comedy (Political Theology, Society for Biblical Studies, Adelaide, July 2020). Invited by Professor Mark Brett.
- Respondant to John Ahn ‘Forced and Return Migrations Resulting in Political Poles: Babylon-Ezekiel and Egypt-Jeremiah’. (Political Theology, Society for Biblical Studies, Adelaide, July 2020). Invited by Professor Mark Brett.
- Critical Studies in Exile and Restoration. (Conference on Exile, McMaster University, Canada, October 2018). Invited by Professor Mark Boda.
- Migration, Illness, and Identity in Ancient Religious Texts. (Conference on Migration and Biblical Studies, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, April 2016). Invited by Dr David Shepherd.
- ‘Review of Laurie E. Pearce and Cornelia Wunsch, Documents of Judean Exiles and West Semites in Babylonia in the Collection of David Sofer, CUSAS 28; CDL Press, University Press of Maryland’ (Society for Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2014).
- Identity within the scrolls: methods of reconstruction (SBL IM, Tartu, Estonia, June 2010). Invited by Prof David Chalcraft.
- The Holy Seed and Foreign Women: Ethnic-intermarriage or intermarriage? (SBL IM, Tartu, June 2010). Invited by Prof Christian Frevel.
- An ethnic affair?: Ezra’s intermarriage crisis against a context of self-ascription and ascription of Others. (Intermarriage and Group Identity in the Persian and Hellenistic Period, SBL International Meeting, Rome, Italy, 2009, 07/2009) Invited by Prof Christian Frevel.
- The ‘intermingling’ of בְּנֵי הַגּוֹלָה: Ethnic-intermarriage and Assimilation in Ezra 9–10 (EABS conference, Lisbon, Spain, 08/2008).
- Foreign women’ (and their strange gods?): Religious and ethnic intermarriage in Ezra 9–10 and Neh.13: 23–27 post triple melting-pot (SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 11/2008).
- The Holy Seed: The Ethnic Significance of Endogamous Boundaries and their Transgression in Ezra 9–10 (Conference at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, entitled ‘The Judeans in the Achaemenid Age’ 04/2008).

Conference Presentations: Invited Papers.

- Arranged marriage and migration in the Hebrew Bible: Rehumanising women’s stories through narrative imagination. (Ehrhardt Seminar, University of Manchester, March 2026). Invited by Dr Holly Morse.
- The Crisis of the Humanities and OT/HB Studies in the context of Southwood, K. E., *The Civic Value of the Humanities: A Case for Compassion* by Southwood, K. E., 2025. (Society for the Study of Old Testament, University of Durham, January 2026). Invited by Professor Stuart Weeks, President of SOTS.
- Job 16 and its implications: Hebrew Reading Group (University of Gloucestershire, Department of History, Religion, and Philosophy, October 2025). Invited by Philip Esler.
- ‘The significance of Job’s capacity as a “knower”’ (Birmingham Biblical Studies Seminar in the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Birmingham, October 2024). Invited by Professor Candida Moss.
- Job 16 (Biblical Hebrew Reading Group, Centre for the Bible in the Humanities, Oriel College, Oxford, November 2024). Invited by Professor Hindy Najman.
- The refusal to recognize Job as a reliable witness and the significance of epistemic and hermeneutical injustice for Wisdom and Law (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Seminar, Centre for the Bible in the Humanities, Oriel College, Oxford, November 2024). Invited by Professor Hindy Najman.

- Preview of Understanding the Bible: Essays by Members of SOTS, Ed John Barton. Contributor presentation (invited by John Barton, Society for Old Testament Study, Oxford, September 2024).
- Round table discussion of ‘Lisa Miller’s The Awakened Brain’ Oxford (invited by Dr Thea Gomelauri, Oxford Interfaith Forum, April 2023).
- ‘Metaphor, Illness, and Identity in Psalm 88 and 102’ an online talk for the Psalms in Interfaith Contexts Series (invited by Dr Thea Gomelauri, Oxford Interfaith Forum, June 2023)
- ‘Critical empathy and reading Judges 21: A self-critical corrective.’ (invited by Johanna Stiebert, The Shiloh Project research day University of Leeds 31st January 2023).
- ‘How to engage with disturbing texts in the Hebrew Bible, and why we should not ignore them’ (invited by Johanna Stiebert, The Shiloh Project Community Engagement day, ‘Scholars as Living Books’ University of Leeds 30th January 2023).
- ‘Trauma, brokenness, and pain in the Book of Lamentations: Empathetic attention as a hermeneutic for thinking about rehabilitation of health’ (Post Graduate Diploma in Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, December 2022). Invited by Steven Firmin.
- ‘The social dynamics surrounding Yahwistic women’s supposed ritual deviance in Ezekiel 13:17–23’ (University of Cambridge October 2022). Invited by Katharine Dell.
- ‘Research talk, on the implications of God: An Anatomy.’ (University of Exeter May 2022). Invited by David Horrell.
- ‘God-talk: An introduction to Theology’ (Talk for The Journal of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society, Oxford, February 2022). Invited by Natasha Chawla.
- ‘Necromancy and misogyny in 1 Sam 28 and Ezekiel 13:17–23’ (Talk for ‘Womxn in Theology’, Oxford, Spring 2022). Invited by Alexandria Green and Mary Whittingdale.
- ‘Comedy in Theology?: A case study with the book of Job’ (PGDip Research Seminar, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford, October 2021). Invited by Dr Ashley Moyse.
- ‘Muted Group Theory and Esther’ (Biblical Studies Research Seminar, Edinburgh University, September 2021). Invited by Dr Susanne Miller.
- ‘Can we talk of comedy in Job?’ (Summer Meeting, Society for Old Testament Study, Sheffield University, July 2021). Invited by Professor Hugh Pyper, President of SOTS.
- ‘Illness in the Book of Job and the Health Advice of Job’s Friends (Centre for Jewish Studies, SOAS, November 2020). Invited by Professor Catherine Hezser.
- ‘When Friends Moralize: Job’s Body and the Dramatized Comedy of “Advice”’ (Department of Theology and Religion, University of Exeter, November 2020). Invited by Dr Andrew Jones.
- ‘Illness and responsibility in Job 19’ (‘The Boundaries and Meaning of Illness’, Collaborating Centre for Values-Based Practice Advanced Studies Seminar, St Catherine’s College, Oxford October 2019). Invited by Dr Andrew Papanikitas.
- Challenging material in the Hebrew Bible: The difficulties involved in communicating with a non-specialist audience. (Centre for the Bible in the Humanities, Oriel College, Oxford, May 2019). Invited by Professor Hindy Najman.
- ‘“And then I was attacked by the Almighty”: The description of somatic pain in Job 6 as symbolic protest’ (Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies, Sheffield University, March 2019). Invited by Dr Meredith Warren.
- ‘Illness and the quest for “meaning”: moralising explanations of bodily dysfunction in Job’ (Reading Classical Association, University of Reading, February 2019). Invited by Martin Hughes.
- ‘Illness metaphors in Job and the Psalms: Socio-cultural meanings attributed to the dysfunction of the body’ (Department of Theology and Religion, University of Durham, December 2018). Invited by Drs David Janzen and Andrew Mein.

- ‘The “innards” in the Psalms and Job as Metaphors for Illness’ (Centre for the Bible, Ethics, and Theology, Nottingham University, October 2018). Invited by Dr Carly Crouch.
- ‘When an illness is viewed as resulting from carelessness … the ill person becomes treated with moral opprobrium’ (Lupton 2012:50): Job’s body as “sin visualised”. (Centre for Humanities and Health, King’s College London, September 2018). Invited by Dr Neil Vickers.
- The dark side of the Hebrew Bible: Challenging topics in “sacred” texts. (Research soiree, introductory talk for non-specialists, Oxford, March 2018). Invited by St John’s College, Fellow for Research.
- Job’s rejection of “illness as punishment” (Diaconia Workshop, Oxford, February 2018). Invited by Dr Joshua Hordern.
- What light do the medical humanities shed on the Book of Job? And what can Job contribute to the medical humanities? (Seminar in University of Edinburgh, New College, February 2017). Invited by Dr Matt Novensen
- Metaphor, Illness, and Identity in Psalm 88 and 102. (Conference on Concepts of Disease between Dysfunction, Responsibility, Failure and Sin. ROQ site Oxford. January 2017). Invited by Dr Joshua Hordern.
- Marriage by capture in Judges 21: Intermarriage and ethnicity in Ezra 9–10 and Judges 21. (Oxford Old Testament Seminar, October 2015). Invited by Professor Hindy Najman.
- Virginity, Marriage, and Male ethnic honour: Judges 21 as an example of Marriage by capture. (International Centre for Biblical Interpretation, May 2015). Invited by Dr Pekka Pitaken, University of Gloucestershire.
- Panel discussion ‘Still Searching for Ancient Israel: A Debate Revisited’ with Jim Aitken and Hans Barstad. (Society of Old Testament Study Summer Meeting, July 2013). Invited by Dr Hilary Marlow.
- Judges 19–21, Ezra, and the “internal outsider” (Cambridge OT Seminar, February 2012). Invited by Dr Katharine Dell.
- Marriage by Capture and Virginity in Judges 21 (St. Mary’s University College, January 2012). Invited by Professor Philip Esler.
- The impact of the second-generation returnees as a model for understanding the post-exilic context. (UCL, workshop on Exile and Return, 2012). Invited by Dr Jon Stökl and Dr Caroline Waerzeggers.
- Post-exilic Yehud and ancestral return migration: Ethnic responses to the return from exile. (SBL IM, London July 2012). Invited by Professor John Ahn.
- Ethnicity and the Mixed Marriage Crisis in Ezra 9–10. (Summer Meeting of the Society for Old Testament Study, St Hilda’s College, Oxford, July 2011). Invited by Professor John Sawyer, President SOTS.
- Wives for the Benjamites: The Significance of Bride Abduction and Virginity within Judges 21 (Oriental Institute, Oxford, June 2011). Invited by Dr Alisen Salvesen.
- There’s no place like home?: Perceived, created and exacerbated ethnic differences in Ezra’s intermarriage crisis. (Oxford Old Testament Seminar, November 2010). Invited by Dr John Jarick.
- “And they could not understand Jewish speech”: Language, ethnicity, and Nehemiah’s intermarriage crisis (KCL Seminar, London, Michaelmas 2010). Invited by Dr Edward Adams.
- Longing, Belonging or Despair: Return Migration as a Tool For Understanding Ezra’s Intermarriage Crisis. (Social Sciences and Biblical Studies Symposium University of Derby, April 2010). Invited by Prof David Chalcraft.

Conference Presentations

- ‘Job’s tortured body and the language of divine assault’ (Conference on Illness and Language, organised by Katherine Southwood (Oxford, March 2018).
- “What shall we do for wives for those who are left?”: Reactions to Judges 21 when placed within an analytical framework informed by modern social-anthropological theories of marriage (SBL IM, London July 2012).
- Comparative Review of Mark Brett’s Decolonizing God and David Goodblatt’s Elements of Ancient Jewish Nationalism (Oxford Graduate Seminar, Oriel College, Hilary 2009).
- Not ‘Fitting In’?: Ethnic Intermarriage, Power, and Anomalies in Ezra 9–10 (Oxford Graduate Seminar, Oriel College, Michaelmas 2009).
- The paradoxical “diasporic space” of the Holy Seed: Viewing Ezra’s mixed marriage crisis through the lens of return migration and of ethnic-intermarriage. (Oxford Graduate Seminar, Oriel College, 02/2009).
- Intermarrying the Disciplines: Ethnic-endogamy in Ezra 9–10 and Genesis and the use of Models from Anthropology and Sociology (Pre-circulated paper, Graduate Conference, Kings College London, 05/2008).
- Abraham’s Seed and Strange Women: Endogamous Boundaries in Ezra-Nehemiah and Genesis (Oxbridge Joint Graduate Conference, Oxford, 05/2008).
- Ezra 9–10: The abominable ethos of the ethnos? (Old Testament Graduate Seminar, Oxford, 04/2007).
- Review, prior to publication, of Diana Lipton’s Longing for Egypt and Other Tales of the Unexpected (Old Testament Graduate Seminar, Oxford, 11/2007).

AWARDS

- Research Fellow, Department of Old and New Testament Studies, University of the Free State (2025-2028).
- Recognition of distinction conferring the Title full Professor, University of Oxford, 2024.
- Society for Biblical Literature. Status of Women in the Profession Outstanding Service in Mentoring Award (2024).
- Humanities Research Support Fund. £3,275 (2022).
- Large Grant, PI, with Dr Karolina Sekita as CI. St John’s College, Oxford. ‘Death Imagined: The Afterlives of Ancient Underworlds’ £55,000 (2019–2021).
- Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Public Engagement with Research Fund. “Illness as a Moral Event” Research Project, £2,350 (2017/18).
- REF Strategic Fund. Teaching buyout, £400 (2017).
- Medical Humanities Award, TORCH, University of Oxford. Interdisciplinary workshop, £450 (2016).
- Humanities Division, University of Oxford. Returners’ Award, £3,302 (2016).
- Arts and Humanities Research Council. Doctoral Award, approx. £46,740 + fees (2006–2009).
- Arts and Humanities Research Council. Research Preparation Masters Award, approx. £11,580 + fees (2005–2006).
- Oriental Institute, University of Oxford. Segal Fund, £800 (2006)
- British Friends of the Hebrew University. Ulpan scholarship, £1,129 (2006).
- UK Ecclesiological Society. Special commended essay prize, £250 (2005).
- Durham University, Theology Department. Jewish Studies Prize, £500 (2005).
- Durham University, Theology Department. Capel-Cure Prize for Undergraduate Dissertation, £70 (2005).
- Durham University, Theology Department. Waterstone’s Prize, £50 (2004).
- St Mary’s College, University of Durham. Jean Cowling Prize in Theology, £140 (2003).

ESTEEM

Series Editor Brill Biblical Interpretation Series (2025-).

Research Council of Finland: Philosophy & Theology and the Study of Religions review panel (2024-).

Editorial board of the Library of Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Studies, T&T Clark (2025-).

Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft Reviewer (2025).

Advisory Board: Renewed Philology (2025-).

Society of Biblical Literature:

- Programme Unit Chair ‘Social Sciences and the Interpretation of Hebrew Scripture’ (2017–2021).
- Programme Unit Chair for the unit ‘Exile in Biblical Literature’ (2015–2020).
- Steering Committee for the ‘The Language of Pain in Ancient Israel and Early Judaism’ (2022–).
- Steering Committee for the ‘Metacriticism’ (2017–).
- Steering Committee for the ‘Levites’ (2010–2013).
- Steering Committee for the ‘Exile as Forced Migrations in Biblical Literature’ (2011).

Society of Old Testament Studies: Steering Committee, Ordinary Member (2022-2023).

Co-editor of The Journal of Theological Studies (09/2012–06/2014).

Review and Editorial boards:

- Editorial Board of The Journal of Theological Studies (2021–).
- Editorial Board of Journal of Biblical Literature (2021–2023).
- Review Board Horizons in Biblical Literature (2016–).

Senior Fellow: Oxford Interfaith Forum (2023).

Research Centre: While in post at St Mary’s University College, Twickenham, I worked with Philip Esler and Chris Keith to set up the ‘Centre for the Social Scientific Study of the Bible’.

Memberships:

- Catholic Biblical Association.
- Society of Old Testament Studies.
- Society of Biblical Literature.
- European Association of Biblical Studies.
- European Academy on Religion and Society Network.
- Oxford Migration and Mobility Network.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

Course Co-ordinator for Hebrew Bible/Old Testament for Graduates MSt/MPhil/DPhil (2025).

Former supervision:

- Dr Trevor Pomeroy (DPhil Theology, Rothermere funded) ‘Towards a Warfare Hermeneutic: A Sociological Analysis of Hebrew Biblical War Narrative in its Ancient Near Eastern Context’.
- Dr Marten Krijgsman (DPhil Theology) “Creation and chaos: myth and ideology in the ancient Near East and the Bible” (supervised with John Barton).
- Dr Shannon Parrott (DPhil Theology) ‘Dressed to the nines, stripped to the bones: the symbology and rhetoric of YHWH’s acts of investiture and divestiture of dress in prophetic literature’ co-supervised with Hindy Najman. Shannon holds a tenure track job with Trinity western university in Vancouver Canada.

- Dr Steven Donnally ‘Beyond Ethnicity: Belonging In The Former Prophets’, Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, (supervised with Dr Nilli S. Fox, (HUC).
- Dr Julian Thompson (DPhil Theology, AHRC funded) ‘Orality, Meaning, and the Rhetorical Persistence of Traditional Forms in Ancient Hebrew Poetics’. Julian holds the permanent academic post of Senior Lecturer in Theology, Newbold College.
- Dr Susanna Rees (MPhil Theology) ‘Cosmetics and the Old Testament’. Susy completed a PhD at KCL where she was awarded AHRC funding.
- Ffion Jones (MSt Theology) ‘The use of the Bible in present-day American politics’
- Sorrell Wood (MPhil Theology) ‘Writing Esther: how do writing, power and gender intersect in the Megillah and its literary afterlife?’
- Laurence Lamonde-Mercier (MPhil Theology) ‘The Ecological Significance of Sin: An Analysis of the Land’s Agency in Ezekiel’
- Hannah Grey (MSt Oriental Studies). Supervision for dissertation ‘Jephthah’s anonymous daughter’
- Elizabeth Sherwood (MSt Theology). Supervision for essay ‘Marriage terminology in Hosea’
- Isabella Copleston (MSt Theology). Supervision for essay ‘The Portrayal of Women in the KJV Bible’

Current supervision:

- Herald Gandi (DPhil Theology) ‘Jonah’s Psalm as a Pastiche of Righteous Sufferer Psalms’
- Judith Gretton-Dann (DPhil Theology) ‘Skills and Crafts in the Hebrew and ANE world’
- Karina Atudosie (DPhil Oriental Studies Wolfson Postgraduate Scholarship in the Humanities and Clarendon Scholarship) ‘The gaze in the Song of Songs’. Co-supervised with Laura Quick, with the advice of Paul Collins
- Karl Hood (DPhil Theology) Psalms of Trauma
- Abby Pasiuk (DPhil Theology) ‘The Old Testament and Mass Incarceration: A Feminist Approach to the Question of Justice’
- Addison Schievelbein (DPhil Theology) ‘Texts of Male Terror: Sexual Violence Against Males in the Hebrew Bible’. Co-supervised with Laura Quick.
- Molly Drake (DPhil Theology, Open Oxford Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership) ‘Crafting Judea Pillar Figurines’. Co-supervised with Laura Quick.
- Elisabeth Wouters (MPhil Theology) ‘Arboreal conceptualizations in the Hebrew Bible’

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL MENTORING

- Alexiana Dawn Fry, Postdoctoral researcher, University of Copenhagen. Visit to Oxford to engage with my work and mentorship (Spring 2025).
- F. Victor Moulder, Graduate at Leeds University. Mentoring for the chapter ‘Violence in the book of Daniel’ in the volume on The Bible and Violence (Spring 2024).
- Mentoring: Laura Flannigan (JRF History); Joseph Justiss (DPhil Theology); Un Sung Kwak (DPhil Theology).
- Former and current college advisees: Andrew Karpinski (DPhil Theology); Scott Maybell (DPhil Theology); Ruthanne Brooks (DPhil Theology) Alexander McLaren (DPhil Theology) Abigail Hayton (DPhil Theology); Muhammed Ikramul Hoque Miah (DPhil Theology); Victoria Davies (DPhil Theology); Jelle Verburg (DPhil Oriental Studies); Dritero Demjaha (DPhil Theology); Szilvia Szanyi (DPhil Theology); John Haglund (DPhil Theology); Un Sung Kwak (DPhil Theology); Alexander McLaren (MPhil Theology); Ffion Jones (MSt Theology).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH RESEARCH: CONFERENCES WITH OXFORD NHS CHAPLAINS

- On “meaning”, “value”, and training in the context of illness and caring for those who are ill. Funded by Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Public Engagement with Research Fund. September 2018.
- Illness and Language. Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Public Engagement with Research Fund. CPD approved (4 credits). Code 117128. March 2018.
- Illness as a Moral Event. Wellcome Institutional Strategic Support Public Engagement with Research Fund. November 2017.

EXAMINING

External Examining:

- Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2013–2017).
- Exeter University (2022–2024).

Doctoral Exams:

- *Viva* David Gray, ‘Ancestor veneration in ancient Israel’ Gloucester University (2025).
- *Viva* Yannis Ng ‘Ecclesiastes and trauma reading’ Leeds University (2025).
- *Viva* Diana Paulding ‘A trauma-informed reading of the Book of Job’ Exeter University (2025).
- *Viva* Dr Wing Kwan Fiona Lau ‘The Re-imagination of the House of God in the Book of Ezra-Nehemiah’ Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2022).
- *Viva* Dr Un Sung Kwak ‘Rhetoric in 1 Esdras 3:1–5:6 (The Story Of The Three Bodyguards)’ Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford (2022).
- *Viva* Dr Holly Thompson ‘The Reception History of Esther: Genderqueer/Non-Binary Readings of the Ancient Texts and in Modern Scholarship’ Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford (2020).
- *Faculty Opponent* Dr Karin Tillberg ‘The Outsider in Our Midst: A Study of Language and Norms Concerning the “Outsider” in Persian Period Yehud’. Uppsala University, Sweden (2020).
- *Viva* Dr Catherine Quine, ‘Ritual, Rhetoric, and the Polemic against the Host of Heaven’. Theology and Religious Studies, University of Nottingham (2018).
- *Viva* Dr Bruno Clifton, ‘Family and Identity in the book of Judges’. Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2018).

Confirmation of Doctoral Status (Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford):

- Jonathan Teram “Biblical Poetry from the Perspective of Music and Music Theory” May 2025.
- Seth Cole “From the Belly of Sheol: An Examination of the Hebrew Term Sheol, Burial Practices in the Ancient Levant, and the Belief in a World to Come” October 2016.
- Johanna Vitale “A comparative analysis of depictions of female beauty in the Hebrew Bible and the Jewish Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha” October 2013.

Transfer of Doctoral Status (Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford):

- Major Alex Fogassy “Is Second-Person Relatedness A Factor In Understanding?: A Philosophical, Scientific, And Theological Study” February 2023.
- Andrew Langley “An assessment of the value of Leo Treitler’s reflections on musical meaning for understanding biblical meaning with special reference to the book of Ezekiel”, April 2014.

Graduate Examining (Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford):

- Exam Board, MPhil, Mst examiner, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford (2024–2028).
- MPhil, Mst assessor, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford (2013–).

Undergraduate Examining (Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford):

- Chair of Theology and Religion Prelims (2021, 2022, 2023).
- Chair of Philosophy and Theology Prelims (2021, 2022, 2023).
- FHS exam board, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford (2016–2021);
- Assessor: Prelims; FHS; Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford (2013–present).

ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**Bodleian Libraries:**

- Bodleian Curators (2018–2023).
- Chair of Humanities Committee for Library Provision and Strategy (2018–2023).
- Chair of The Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities Library Users Group (2019–2023).
- The Stephen A. Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities Library Strategic Group (2019–2023).
- Resource Discovery User Group (2019–2023).
- Advisory Board ‘We are our history’ funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2022–2023).

Humanities Division, University of Oxford:

- Humanities Research Committee (2025-2026).
- Humanities Divisional Board (2018–2023).
- Application Review Panel for John Fell Fund (10k); and Research Support fund (2025-2026)

Conference of Colleges, University of Oxford:

- Welfare Forum (2023–2024).

Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford:

- Research Director (2025-2026).
- Chair of Research Committee (2025-2026).
- Faculty Board (2016–2017, 2021–2023, 2025-2026).
- Planning and Resources Committee (2025-2026).
- Faculty Review Committee (2025-2026).
- People, Culture, and Environment Working Group (2025-2026).
- Huffington Prize Working Group (2025-2026).
- Squire and Marriott Bursary Committee (2024–).
- Committee for Library Provision and Strategy (2013–2018, Chair from 2016–2018; 2024-2025).
- Joint committee of the Faculties of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Theology and Religion (2024–2025).
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (2016–2024).
- Old Testament Subject Group (2013–2023).
- Standing Committee for Equality and Diversity (2019–2021).
- Admissions Committee (2019–2020, 2023).
- Programme Committee, Centre for the Bible in the Humanities (2018–2020).
- Harassment adviser (2018–2020).

St John's College, Oxford:

- Governing Body (2013–).
- Research Committee (2025–)
- Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions (2013–).
- Fellow for Welfare (2023–2024).
- Fellow for Women (2018–2020).
- Student Case Panel (2024).
- Chair of Student Financial Assistance Committee (2023–2024).
- Decanal Committee (2023–2024).
- Equality Committee (2023–2024).
- Welfare Committee (2023–2024).
- Long Vacation Committee (2023, 2024).
- General Purposes Committee (2014–2018, 2021–2022).
- Women's Network Steering Committee (2018–2020); Vice Chair from (2019–2020).
- Ball Steering Committee (2019–2020).
- Hardship Committee (2018–2020).
- Equality Committee (2018–2020).
- Decanal Committee (2018–2020).
- Harassment adviser (2018–2020).
- Director of Bainton Road Nursery (2016–2019).
- College Nursery working party (2015–2016).
- Working party for Diversity (2015).
- Chapel and Patronage Committee (2013–2014).

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Research Director**, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford 2025-.
I am involved in strategic meetings with Michael Huffington and several senior figures across the university in relation to a sizeable financial gift to the university which the Faculty of Theology and Religion are accommodating and curating.
- **Chair of Humanities Committee for Library Provision and Strategy**, University of Oxford 2018-2023.

I steered the libraries in the Humanities through the difficult period of the movement towards Open Scholarship, while simultaneously ensuring that libraries stayed operational for readers during the Covid-19 pandemic. I was also heavily involved with the planning for the library aspect of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Humanities Building new humanities building following a generous donation of £150 million towards the building.

- **Fellow for Women**, St John's College, Oxford 2018-2020.

I oversaw £30,000 to direct a series of events in 10/19–09/20 which marked the 40th anniversary of the admission of women to St John's College, Oxford. This was entitled '40 years of women: Aspiring towards equality and diversity at St John's College'.

Events organised as Fellow for Women:

- History of Women at St John's 10/2019.
- Black History Month Lecture 10/2019.
- Women in Science 11/2019.
- Sidney Ball Memorial Lecture 11/2019.
- Feminism at Oxford: The Next Forty Years 11/2019.
- Ford Lecture 11/2019.
- The Elizabeth Fallaize Seminar: The future of feminism, equality and diversity 02/2020.
- Exhibition of Women's Portraits, with artist Chloe Matthews 02/2020.

- Equality in Elite Higher Education: A Contradiction in Terms? 03/2020.
- Disability and Education 04/2020.
- International Development: Issues of Diversity 05/2020.
- LGBTQ+ Lecture 06/2020.
- **Fellow for Welfare**, St John's College, University of Oxford (2023-2024).

I worked closely with the college bursary to completely revise the system for applications and allocations of Financial Assistance funding.

- **Director of Bainton Road Nursery** (2017–2019).

A purpose-built nursery for St John's College, Oxford. I co-directed the project from planning stages, to its OFSTED 'outstanding' review.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TEACHING

- **Director of Studies in Theology**, St John's College, University of Oxford

As organizing tutor at St John's College, I direct and oversee all of the Theology undergraduates in college. I assign tutorials, liaise with tutors, set college exams, undertake admissions interviews, attend all open days, and organise subject-specific events. I report on their progress, through termly meetings, to the Senior Tutor, Vice President, and the College President.

- **Syllabus design**: I single-authored and created the following papers for the New Syllabus in Oxford's Faculty of Theology and Religion:

- 2101 The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible.
- 3103 Biblical Interpretation: Perspectives from the Social Sciences.

- **Regular teaching**:

- The Narrative World of the Hebrew Bible.
- The Poetic World of the Hebrew Bible.
- Introduction to the Bible.

PUBLIC RESEARCH-LED ENGAGEMENT, ACCESS, AND OUTREACH

- Women's Leadership talk, St John's College Women's Leadership Programme, Oxford (2024).
- "Ask a scholar any question you want to ask about the Bible," Living Library Book Day, Bridge St Church, Oatley, Shiloh Project (31/01/2023).
- Post for the Shiloh Project advertising a new article on Judges 21 (2022): <https://www.shilohproject.blog/introducing-contributors-to-the-bible-and-violence-katherine-southwood-and-dominic-irudayaraj/>
- 'College Values' research talk, St John's College, Oxford (May 2022).
- 'God Talk,' seven talks published on YouTube organised by the Journal of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society, <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2rdi11wdWGpp69yFiMhJLCw3INRR3Tq>
- Religion Media Press Briefing on the book: *God: An Anatomy* by Francesca Stavrakopoulou, Picador: London, 2021 (December 2021).
- 'Biblical Women in Crisis' event led in my role as Fellow for Women for the St John's College Women's Network (July 2020).
- "Illness as a Moral Event: Exploring the Theme of Blame and Identity in Illness." Principal Organiser, involving three large international conferences (Nov. 2017; March 2018; September 2018), working with the chaplaincy team at Oxford University Hospitals.
- Blog post in the Shiloh Project: <http://shiloh-project.group.shef.ac.uk/> (2018–). This project relates directly to my second monograph on Marriage by Capture (2017).
- Post in an AHRC funded project, the 'Healthcare Values Partnership': <http://www.healthcarevalues.ox.ac.uk/team/katherine-southwood> (2018–).

- Participant in Migration and Mobility Network (funded by TORCH): http://torch.ox.ac.uk/migration-and-mobility#quicktabs-theme_term_quicktab=0 (2018–).
- Participant in Babel documentary: The Secrets of the Bible. <http://www.worldmediarights.com/> (2016).
- Theology Essay Competition and Study Day, St John's College (annual).
- Theology faculty Open day (triannual); St John's College Open day (triannual).
- UNIQ summer school, Lecture on Hebrew Bible and tour of Ashmolean Museum (2019); Lecture on the Hebrew Bible (2018); Hebrew Classes Oxford (2014).
- 'The Creation Narratives in Genesis,' Malborough College (2014).
- 'Social sciences and Biblical criticism,' Bishop Ramsey School, this was the comprehensive secondary school I attended as a child (2013).