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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Hebrew Bible), Harvard University, 2007

M.A. (Northwest Semitics), University of Chicago, 2002

B.A. (Judaic Studies), Yale University, 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Authored)

1. *J, E, and the Redaction of the Pentateuch*. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 68. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009. Pp. xi + 339.
2. *The Composition of the Pentateuch: Renewing the Documentary Hypothesis*. Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012. Pp. x + 378.
3. *The Promise to the Patriarchs*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Pp. 228.
4. *The Historical David: The True Story of An Invented Hero*. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2013. Pp. 320.
5. *Reconceiving Infertility*. With Candida R. Moss. Princeton University Press. Under contract, expected 2015.
6. *Deuteronomy*. With Jeffrey Stackert. 2 vols. International Exegetical Commentary on the Old Testament. Stuttgart and Atlanta: Kohlhammer and Society for Biblical Literature. Under contract, expected 2020–22.
7. *Exodus*. 2 vols. Anchor Yale Bible. New Haven: Yale University Press. Under contract, expected 2025.

Books (Edited)

1. *The Strata of the Priestly Writings: Contemporary Debate and Future Directions*. Co-edited with Sarah Shectman. Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments 95. Zurich: TVZ, 2009.
2. *The Oxford Handbook of the Pentateuch*. Co-edited with Christophe Nihan. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Under contract, expected 2017.

3. *The Blind, the Deaf, and the Mute: Examining Categories of Disability in the Bible*. Co-edited with Candida R. Moss, Nicole Kelley, and Laura Zucconi. Semeia Studies. Atlanta: Society for Biblical Literature, under commission.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. “A Narrative Pattern and Its Role in Source Criticism.” *Hebrew Studies* 49 (2008): 41–54.
2. “The *Wəyiqtol* and the Volitive Sequence.” *Vetus Testamentum* 58 (2008): 147–58.
3. “The Tower of Babel: A Case Study in the Competing Methods of Historical and Modern Literary Criticism.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 128 (2009): 209–24.
4. “Hithpael and Niphal in Biblical Hebrew: Semantic and Morphological Overlap.” *Vetus Testamentum* 60 (2010): 33–44.
5. “The Morpho-Syntax of Genesis 12:1–3: Translation and Interpretation.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010): 223–37.
6. “The Original Place of the Priestly Manna Story in Exodus 16.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 122 (2010): 491–504.
7. “The Origin and Interpretation of *šāra ‘at* in Leviticus 13–14.” With Candida R. Moss. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 130 (2011): 643–62.
8. “1 Thess 4.13–18 in Rabbinic Perspective.” With Candida R. Moss. *New Testament Studies* 58 (2012): 199–212.
9. “From Joseph to Moses: The Narratives of Exodus 1–2.” *Vetus Testamentum* 62 (2012): 133–58.
10. “The Continuity of the Non-Priestly Narrative from Genesis to Exodus.” *Biblica* 93 (2012): 161–86.
11. “On Exodus 33:1–11.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 124 (2012): 329–40.
12. “The Structure and Substance of Numbers 15.” *Vetus Testamentum* 63 (2013): 351–67.
13. “The Narratives of Numbers 20–21.” Forthcoming in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

Essays

1. “Identifying the Original Stratum of P: Theoretical and Practical Considerations.” Pages 13–29 in *The Strata of the Priestly Writings: Contemporary Debate and Future Directions*. Edited by Sarah Shectman and Joel S. Baden. *Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments* 95. Zurich: TVZ, 2009.
2. “The Deuteronomistic Evidence for the Documentary Theory.” Pages 327–44 in *The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research*. Edited by Thomas

- B. Dozeman, Konrad Schmid, and Baruch J. Schwartz. *Forschungen zum Alten Testament* 78. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011.
3. "The Violent Origins of the Levites: Text and Tradition." Pages 103–16 in *Levites and Priests in Biblical History and Tradition*. Edited by Mark A. Leuchter and Jeremy M. Hutton. *Ancient Israel and Its Literature*. Atlanta: SBL, 2011.
 4. "The Nature of Barrenness in the Hebrew Bible." Pages 14–27 in *Disability Studies and Biblical Literature*. Edited by Candida R. Moss and Jeremy Schipper. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011.
 5. "Source Stratification, Secondary Additions, and the Documentary Hypothesis in the Book of Numbers: The Case of Numbers 17." Pages 233–47 in *Torah and the Book of Numbers*. Edited by Christian Frevel, Thomas Pola, and Aaron Scharf. *Forschungen zum Alten Testament* II/62. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.
 6. "Tradition History." Pages 396–404 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*, vol. 2. Edited by Steven L. McKenzie. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Reviews

1. Review of J. Van Seters, "The Edited Bible." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 68 (2009): 129–31.
2. Review of David P. Wright, "Inventing God's Law: How the Covenant Code of the Bible Used and Revised the Laws of Hammurabi." *Review of Biblical Literature*, July 14, 2010.
3. Review of Krzysztof Sonek, "Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in Biblical Narratives." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 139–41.
4. Review of J. H. Walton, "Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament: Introducing the Conceptual World of the Hebrew Bible." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 70 (2011): 116–17.
5. Review of K. F. Kravitz and D. M. Sharon, eds. "Bringing the Hidden to Light: The Process of Interpretation: Studies in Honor of Stephen A. Geller." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 70 (2011): 303–4.
6. Review of Scott N. Callaham, "Modality and the Biblical Hebrew Infinitive Absolute." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131 (2011): 666–68.
7. Review of Ronald Hendel, ed., "Reading Genesis: Ten Methods." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131 (2011): 668–70.
8. Review of B. M. Levinson, "Legal Innovation and Religious Renewal in Ancient Israel." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 71 (2012): 155–57.
9. Review of Joseph Blenkinsopp, "Creation, Un-Creation, Re-Creation: A Discursive Commentary on Genesis 1–11." *Journal of Religion* 92 (2012): 551–52.
10. Review of Benno Jacob, "The First Book of the Bible: Genesis (Augmented Edition)." *Review of Biblical Literature*, November 22, 2012.

Popular Writing

1. “The Problem with Rationalizing the Bible.” Huffington Post, January 3, 2012:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joel-s-baden/rationalizing-the-bible_b_1161610.html
2. “The Re-Emergence of Source Criticism: The Documentary Hypothesis.” On the “Bible and Interpretation” website, May 8, 2012:
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/bad368008.shtml>.
3. “Connecting Literary-Historical and Final-Form Readings.” On the “Bible and Interpretation” website, March 8, 2013:
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/opeds/2013/bad378007.shtml>
4. “Against Consensus.” On the “Bible and Interpretation” website, April 11, 2013:
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/opeds/2013/bad378010.shtml>
5. “What Makes a Jew?” Huffington Post, October 9, 2013:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joel-s-baden/what-makes-a-jew_b_4073904.html
6. “How King David Predicted Modern Judaism.” CNN Belief Blog, October 12, 2013:
<http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2013/10/12/how-king-david-predicted-modern-judaism/comment-page-4/>
7. “The King David You Never Knew.” The Daily Beast, October 27, 2013:
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/10/27/the-king-david-you-never-knew.html>
8. “Slaying a Biblically Bad Idea.” With Candida Moss. Los Angeles Times Op-Ed, October 31, 2013: <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/commentary/la-oe-badenmoss-gladwell-goliath-20131031,0,267917.story>
9. “Polygamy: The Bible’s Family Value.” The Daily Beast, December 22, 2013:
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/12/22/polygamy-the-bible-s-ultimate-family-value.html>
10. “Understanding David and Jonathan.” On the “Bible and Interpretation” website, December 27, 2013:
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2013/12/bad378027.shtml>
11. “New Discovery Raises Flood of Questions about Noah’s Ark.” CNN Belief Blog, January 28, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/01/28/new-discovery-raises-flood-of-questions-about-noahs-ark/>
12. “Creationism Versus the Bible.” Huffington Post, February 6, 2014:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joel-s-baden/creationism-versus-the-bible_b_4733995.html

13. “Is Camel Discovery the Straw that Broke the Bible’s Back?” CNN Belief Blog, February 11, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/02/11/is-camel-discovery-the-straw-that-broke-the-bibles-back/>
14. “‘Noah’: The Bible vs. the Blockbuster.” The Daily Beast, March 30, 2014: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/03/30/what-noah-gets-right.html>
15. “Sorry, Darren Aronofsky, God Is Not a Vegetarian.” Politico Magazine, April 2, 2014: http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2014/04/noah-bible-darren-aronofsky-god-is-not-a-vegetarian-105283.html?ml=m_t2_2h#.UzzQ7RCQmM0
16. “When God Plays the Villain.” CNN Belief Blog, April 5, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/04/05/when-god-plays-the-villain/>
17. “Five Things You Didn’t Know About Moses.” CNN Belief Blog, April 14, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/04/14/five-things-you-didnt-know-about-moses/>
18. “New Evidence Casts Doubt on ‘Gospel of Jesus’ Wife.’” With Candida Moss. CNN Belief Blog, April 29, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/04/29/new-evidence-casts-doubt-on-gospel-of-jesus-wife/>
19. “Eye for an Eye: The Bible’s Role in Revenge Attacks.” CNN Belief Blog, July 8, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/07/08/eye-for-an-eye-the-bibles-role-in-revenge-attacks/>
20. “Does Jonah’s Tomb Signal the Death of Christianity in Iraq?” With Candida Moss. CNN Belief Blog, July 25, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/07/25/jonahs-tomb-and-the-collapse-of-christianity-in-iraq/>
21. “Blood Libel: The Myth that Fuels Anti-Semitism.” With Candida Moss. CNN Belief Blog, August 6, 2014: <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2014/08/06/blood-libel-the-short-history-of-a-dangerous-myth/>
22. “Ebola Is Not God’s Wrath.” With Candida Moss. Slate, August 20, 2014: http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/medical_examiner/2014/08/ebola_is_not_god_s_wrath_religious_leaders_say_disease_is_caused_by_sin.html; Reprinted in New Scientist, August 22, 2014: http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn26092-blaming-ebola-on-gods-wrath-is-worse-than-you-think.html#.U_uaxCQn5w

LECTURES

Invited Lectures

1. “Law and the Purpose of the P Narrative.” Mini-conference on “The Strata of the Priestly Writings: Contemporary Debate and Future Directions.” Annual Meeting of the European Association of Biblical Studies, Vienna, July 2007.
2. “The Concept of the ‘Renewed Covenant’ of Exodus 34.” University of Texas at Austin, March 2009.
3. “The ‘New Covenant’ of Exodus 34: Its Source-Critical Origins.” Emory University, April 2009.
4. “All the King’s Horses: Fragmentation and Methodological Problems in the Composition of the Torah.” 15th World Congress of Jewish Studies, “The Bible and Its World” Plenary Session, Jerusalem, August 2009.
5. “Who Wrote the Bible? 150 Years of the Documentary Hypothesis.” Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, November 2009.
6. “The Deuteronomic Evidence for the Documentary Model.” Conference on “The Pentateuch: International Perspectives on Current Research.” University of Zurich, January 2010.
7. “Jacob Came (Back) to Bethel: The Composition of Genesis 35.” University of Notre Dame, February 2010.
8. “Jacob Came (Back) to Bethel: The Composition of Genesis 35.” University of Chicago Divinity School, February 2010.
9. “A Discussion of Source Criticism.” Brandeis University, March 2011.
10. “Source Stratification, Secondary Additions, and the Documentary Hypothesis in the Book of Numbers: The Case of Numbers 17.” Conference on “Torah in the Book of Numbers.” Ruhr-University of Bochum, April 2011.
11. “The Theology of the Redaction of the Pentateuch.” University of Notre Dame, February 2012.
12. “The Composition of the Pentateuch: Introducing the Documentary Hypothesis.” Temple University, March 2012.
13. “Of Ornaments and Tents: Exodus 33:1–11.” Columbia Hebrew Bible Seminar, March 2012.
14. “Layers and Unities in Biblical Texts.” UCLA, February 2013.
15. “The Documentary Hypothesis: What It Is, How It Works, and Why It Matters.” Harvard-Yale-Brown-Brandeis Day, Brown University, April 2013.
16. “Why is the Pentateuch Unreadable; or, Why Are We Doing This Anyway?” Conference on “Convergence and Divergence in Pentateuchal Theory: Bridging the Academic Cultures of Israel, North America, and Europe.” Institute for Advanced Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 2013.
17. “Stratification and Unity in the Priestly Writings of the Pentateuch.” Conference on “Textual Unities.” Yale University, October 2013.
18. “Leviticus 16: What’s in a Layer?” University of Chicago, October 2013.

19. “The Literary Connection between Genesis 50 and Exodus 1.” Conference on “Buchnähte im Hexateuch.” Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, March 2014.
20. “The Transitions between the Books of Joshua/Judges and Genesis/Exodus and Their Interconnections.” Conference on “Buchnähte im Hexateuch.” Georg-August Universität, Göttingen, March 2015 (forthcoming).

Conference Lectures

1. “A Narrative Pattern and Its Role in Source Criticism.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Philadelphia, November 2005.
2. “The Tower of Babel: A Critique of the Methodology of Literary Analysis.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Washington, D.C., November 2006.
3. “The Patriarchal Promises Revisited.” Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Pentateuch Section, Boston, November 2008.
4. “Births and Deaths and Pentateuchal Redaction.” International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Rome, July 2009.
5. “The Violent Origins of the Levites: Text and Tradition.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Levites and Priests in History and Tradition Section, New Orleans, November 2009.
6. “The Priestly Etiology of Skin Disease.” With Candida Moss. Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Joint Session of the Levites and Priests in History and Tradition and the Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East, Atlanta, November 2010.
7. “Back to the Sources: The Revitalization of the Documentary Hypothesis.” National Association of Professors of Hebrew special session on “The Future of Biblical Scholarship.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2010.
8. “The Composition of Exodus 3.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Text Workshop, San Francisco, November 2011.
9. “The Narratives of Numbers 20–21.” International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Amsterdam, July 2012.
10. “Seeing Is Believing: Sight and Knowledge in the Yahwist.” International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section, Amsterdam, July 2012.
11. “Fear, Trust, and Test: Genesis 22 in Its Original Context.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Chicago, November 2012.
12. “How Theory Affects Analysis: The Case of Genesis 12.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Pentateuch Section, Baltimore, November 2013.

Non-Academic Lectures

1. “What Use Is the Bible?” Nantucket Project, Nantucket, September 2013. Available online: <http://www.nantucketproject.com/joel-baden-what-use-is-the-bible>
2. “The Historical David.” Trinity Church, Boston, January 12, 2014. Available online: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpzrgbWsFD8>

Media

1. Radio interview with WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio, “Afternoon Shift,” October 18, 2013: <https://soundcloud.com/afternoonshiftwbez/joel-baden-on-the-historical>
2. Interview with Jonathan Merritt, Religion News Service, October 31, 2013: <http://jonathanmerritt.religionnews.com/2013/10/31/king-david-misunderstood-baden/>
3. Radio interview with “Interfaith Voices,” November 1, 2013: http://interfaithradio.org/Archive/2013-October/Challenging_the_Legend_of_King_David__The_Bishop_of_Bling__and__More
4. Interview with the New Haven Register, November 9, 2013: <http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20131109/david-didnt-kill-goliath-yale-profs-book-says-but-he-was-still-great-king>
5. Interview with the Boston Globe, November 17, 2013: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/11/17/king-david-vile-human-being/oLnDTofJsDAYmAlUEBzPCK/story.html>
6. Interview with the Huffington Post, December 6, 2013: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/danielle-tumminio/what-do-we-really-know-ab_1_b_4394081.html
7. Feature in Publisher’s Weekly, December 18, 2013: <http://www.publishersweekly.com/paper-copy/by-topic/industry-news/religion/article/60399-joel-baden-king-david-s-feats-of-clay.html#path/paper-copy/by-topic/industry-news/religion/article/60399-joel-baden-king-david-s-feats-of-clay.html>
8. Interview with The Jewish Channel’s “Up Close,” January 24, 2014: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0V8ln6dvhs&feature=player_embedded
9. Guest on NPR’s “On Point,” March 31, 2014: <http://onpoint.wbur.org/2014/03/31/noah-darren-aronofsky-religious-conservatives>
10. Radio interview with “Religion for Life,” August 20, 2014.
11. Radio interview with “Too Jewish,” August 20, 2014.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Junior Faculty Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, 2012–13, 2014–15

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer, Princeton University Press

Manuscript Reviewer, Oxford University Press

Manuscript Reviewer, Yale University Press

Manuscript Reviewer, *Vetus Testamentum*.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Religion*.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.

Book Proposal Reviewer, Wiley-Blackwell Press.

Book Proposal Reviewer, Yale University Press.

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section,
International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2010–13.

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section,
National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2011–present.

COURSES TAUGHT

Reading Course: Festival Calendars in the Hebrew Bible

Jews, Christians, and Bibles in the Renaissance

Ancient Hebrew Inscriptions

Composition of the Pentateuch

Reading Course: Lamentations

History and Methods of Old Testament Interpretation

Advanced Biblical Hebrew: Poetry

Advanced Biblical Hebrew: Prose

Reading Course: Numbers

Hebrew Exegesis: Leviticus

Old Testament Interpretation

Reading Course: Hosea and the Pentateuch

English Exegesis: The Book of Joshua

Hebrew Exegesis: Genesis 1-11

Methods of Reading the Pentateuch

Elementary Hebrew

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2014–

Search Committee, Director of Communications, Yale Divinity School, 2014.

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2010–13.

Long-Range Planning Committee, Outreach Task Force, Yale Divinity School, 2010–11.

Professional Studies Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2008-09.

Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School, 2007-08.