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Education:

- 2016–2023 **Ph.D.** in Assyriology, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Dissertation: *Namtar: Deity, Demon, Agent of Fate* (Advisor: E. Frahm)
Approved (with distinction): 15 April 2023
- 2023 Certificate of College Teaching Preparation - Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2021 Baden-Württemberg/Connecticut Exchange - University of Heidelberg, Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- 2016–2019 **M.Phil.** in Assyriology, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2012–2015 **M.A.** (*Magna cum laude*) in the Bible and the Ancient Near East, Rothberg International School of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2007–2011 **B.S.** in Biblical Studies, Cairn University, Philadelphia PA
- Study Abroad Semester - Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel

Publications:

Articles:

- Submitted “New Light on Sumerian **zi-pa₃** Incantations from Four Amulet Texts.” (34 pages)
- 2022 “The Son of King Kurigalzu on a Kassite Prayer Seal.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2022/2, #65
- 2021 “A Tale of Two Plague Gods.” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 47/4 (Winter 2021), 58-59.

Exhibition Catalog Entries:

- 2020 *Women at the Dawn of History*, Agnete Lassen and Klaus Wagensohnner (eds.), Yale Babylonian Collection
- Object numbers: 6, 9, 16, 26, 27, 28, 46

- 2018 *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*, Agnete Lassen, Eckart Frahm, and Klaus Wagensonner (eds.), Yale University Press
- Object numbers: 20, 30, 33, 42, 61, 99, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140

Online Publications:

- 2017 “Assmann’s *Of God and Gods*” (4 parts) George L. Mosse Program in History Blog, University of Wisconsin-Madison (<https://mosseprogram.wisc.edu/blog/>)

Teaching Experience:

- 2023 *Elementary Akkadian II* - Acting Instructor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department, Yale University
- 2022 *Six “Pretty Good” Visions* - Teaching Assistant for Riley Soles, Humanities Program, Yale University
- Hebrew Bible Interpretation II* - Teaching Assistant for Jacqueline Vayntrub, Yale Divinity School, Yale University
- 2020 *Old Testament Interpretation II* - Teaching Assistant for John Collins, Yale Divinity School, Yale University
- 2019 *From Gilgamesh to Persepolis: An Introduction to Near Eastern Literatures* - Teaching Assistant for Kathryn Slanski, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department, Yale University
- Elementary Akkadian II* - Acting Instructor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department, Yale University
- 2018 *Elementary Akkadian I* - Acting Instructor, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department, Yale University

Relevant Professional Experience:

- 2023–Present *Editorial Assistant* - Yale Babylonian Collection (Agnete Lassen, supervisor) - Nemet-Nejat, K. *Texts from the Time of Amēl-Marduk, Nergal-šarra-ušur, and Lâbâši-Marduk (562-556 BC)*. (Yale Oriental Series 16)
- Cleaning and processing line drawings of tablets, producing line drawings of seal impressions and an additional tablet, copyediting and proofreading manuscript drafts.
- 2017–Present *Collections Assistant* - Yale Babylonian Collection (Agnete Lassen, supervisor)

- Collection Experience: Handling, retrieving, and reshelving objects; Cataloging and rehousing objects; facilitating tours; cataloging new library books
- Digitization Project (Klaus Wagensohn, supervisor): HDR photography, flatbed scanning, RTI digitizing, image cleaning and processing
- Exhibition Experience: *Women at the Dawn of History* - Sterling Memorial Library, New Haven, CT (2020)
- Exhibition Experience: *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection* - Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, CT (2018)

2017 Graduate Assistant - Indexer for Frahm, E. (ed.) *A Companion to Assyria*. Wiley-Blackwell (2017)

Workshop and Conference Presentations:

Conference Papers Presented

- 2023 “The Wearers and Creators of Inscribed Amulets in Ancient Mesopotamia” in the workshop “Who is it (good) for? Ritual Texts and Ritual Performances” at *Inequality in the Ancient Near East, the 68th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*, Leiden, the Netherlands
- 2019 “Sumerian **zi--pa₃** Incantations in Light of Three Amulet Texts from the Yale Babylonian Collection” at *Religion and Ritual: First Graduate Symposium in Ancient Near Eastern Studies*, Yale University
- 2014 “Immanuel at Qumran: Selected Text-Critical Problems in Isaiah 7 Between the Masoretic Text and the Qumran Isaiah Scrolls” at the *National Association of Professors of Hebrew, 2014 International Conference On Hebrew Language, Literature, and Culture*, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Conference Panels Chaired

- 2023 Panel: “Arabic, Ethiopic, and Syriac” at the *Ninth North American Syriac Symposium: Syriac at the Center* (11-14 June 2023), Yale University
- Panel: “Forgotten Texts and Authors” at the *Ninth North American Syriac Symposium: Syriac at the Center* (11-14 June 2023), Yale University

Workshop Talks

- 2022 “The Beginning of the Bilingual Incantation Compendium *Lugal-Namtar*” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (2 Dec), Yale University

- “A Bilingual Namtar Incantation from Nineveh” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (23 Sept), Yale University
- 2020 “Namtar: Between God and Demon” at *The NELC Roundtable* (18 Nov), Yale University
- “The Middle Babylonian **zi--pa₃** litany text CBS 590” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (13 Nov), Yale University
- “Three Amulet Texts from the Yale Babylonian Collection” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (9 Oct), Yale University
- “A Neo-Babylonian Legal Document with an Aramaic Inscription” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (10 April), Yale University
- 2019 “A Sumerian Incantation against Lamashtu (YOS 11: 88)” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (30 Oct), Yale University
- “Two Isin II Administrative Texts in the Yale Babylonian Collection” at the *Yale Babylonian Collection Cuneiform* (12 April), Yale University

Academic Organizing:

- 2020–2022 Co-organizer for the *Assyriology Theory Reading Group* (an online reading group for Assyriology students becoming more acquainted with critical theory), Yale University.
- 2018–2020 Co-organizer of *The NELC Roundtable* (a departmental forum for graduate students sharing papers and presentations), Yale University.
- 2017–2018 Representative for the Department of Near Eastern Languages to the Yale Graduate Student Assembly.

Academic Awards:

- 2023 *The International Association for Assyriology Fund for Recent PhDs for Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale Attendance* - International Association for Assyriology
- The William J. Horwitz Prize for continuous excellence and distinction in a chosen field of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Yale University* - Yale University
- 2021 *Baden-Württemberg/Connecticut Exchange* - University of Heidelberg

2013

Dr. Sarah Mekler-Weisz Prize for Outstanding Students - Rothberg International School, Hebrew University

Languages:

Advanced: Akkadian, Sumerian, Hebrew (Biblical, Epigraphic, Qumran)

Intermediate: Aramaic (Old, Imperial, Biblical, Syriac, Mandaic), Phoenician, Ugaritic

Beginner: Middle Egyptian, *Koiné* Greek, Hittite, Hurrian, Old Persian

Modern Languages (Reading Proficiency):

German, French, Italian, Modern Hebrew

Modern Languages (Speaking Proficiency):

German (A 2.2), Modern Hebrew (ulpan level *heh*)

Research Interests:

Literature and Mythology of the Ancient Near East

Mesopotamian Gods and Demons

Mesopotamian Amuletic Texts and Incantations

The Hebrew Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern Context