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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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| 2007 | Postdoctoral lecture qualification (“Habilitation”) and conferral of the <i>venia legendi</i> for Assyriology at Heidelberg University. Thesis topic: “Origins of Interpretation: Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries.” |
| 1996 | PhD in Assyriology (Major), Egyptology (Minor), and Islamic Studies (Minor) at Göttingen University. Thesis topic: “Einleitung in die Sanherib-Inschriften” (<i>summa cum laude</i>). |
| 1989 | Intermediate Examination (“Zwischenprüfung”) in Assyriology (Major), Egyptology (Minor), and Semitic Studies (Minor) at Heidelberg University. |

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| Since 2023 | John M. Musser Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University. |
| 2013 | Acting Chair, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University. |
| Since 2008 | Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University. |
| 2002–2008 | Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University. |
| 2001–2002 | Assistant Professor (“Wissenschaftlicher Assistent”) of Assyriology, Heidelberg University. |
| 1998–2001 | Research Associate (“Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”) in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Heidelberg University, within a research project on Ashur directed by S. M. Maul realized within the Leibniz Program of the German Research Council. |

1997–1999	Lecturer for Akkadian at Mainz University, Fachbereich 15 (Philology).
1992–1996	Research Assistant (“Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft”) in the Department for Cuneiform Studies, Göttingen University.
1988–1989	Research Assistant (“Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft”) in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Heidelberg University.

PUBLICATIONS

A. BOOKS (AUTHOR OR CO-AUTHOR)

- *The Assyrians: The Rise and Fall of the World’s First Empire*, New York: Basic Books (April 2023) and London: Bloomsbury (July 2023) (xviii + 510 pp.). Also available as audiobook and as E-book.

Bloomsbury paperback edition March 2024; Basic Books paperback edition October 2024.

Italian translation: *Gli Assiri: Ascesa e caduta del primo impero al mondo*. Translated by Aldo Piccato. Milan: Mondadori, July 2024. Also available as E-book.

Chinese translation: 亚述：世界历史上第一个帝国的兴衰. Translated by Sinuo Zhai. Beijing: CITIC Press Group, November 2024.

Polish translation: *Asyria: Powstanie i upadek pierwszego imperium w historii świata*. Translated by Radosław Kot. Poznań: Rebis, January 2025.

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Reviews: K. Harper, [The Wall Street Journal, March 25, 2023](#); S. Donoghue, [Open Letters Review, April 8, 2023](#); A. Robinson, [Nature, May 15, 2023](#); P. Anil, [The Times, July 15, 2023](#); E. Brown, [Medium, August 11, 2023](#); A. Spawforth, [Literary Review, August 4, 2023](#); A. Nathan, [Yale Alumni Magazine September/October 2023](#); R. Tuttle, [World History Encyclopedia, September 1, 2023](#); E. Rostad, [Books of Titans Podcast, June 2023](#); N. Basbanes, *Fine Books & Collections*, Autumn 2023, 9–10 (author profile); D. Johnson, [BBC History Magazine, October 1, 2023](#); A. Webb, [Popular History Books, November 10, 2023](#); J. Valk, [World Archaeology, July 13, 2024](#); W. Moberly, [Church Times, August 9, 2024](#), L.R. Siddall, [Buried History: The Journal of the Australian Institute of Archaeology 60 \(2024\), 59–63](#).

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Excerpts published in [Lapham’s Quarterly, April 2023](#); [Rzeczpospolita, January 17, 2025](#); [Portal Historyczny HistMag, January 29, 2025](#); [WielkaHistoria, February 1, 2025](#).

Selected as one of the [Next Big Idea’s Club April 2023](#) must-read books and as one of The [Federalist Notable Books of 2023](#).

[Nancy Lapp Popular Book Award](#) from the American Society of Overseas Research (2024).

- *The Cuneiform Uranology Texts: Drawing the Constellations*, Transactions of the American Philosophical Society 107/2, Philadelphia: American Philosophical Society 2018 (122 pp.) [with Paul-Alain Beaulieu, Wayne Horowitz, and John Steele]. Also available as E-book.

Reviews: G. Breger, *Journal of Astronomical History and Heritage* 22 (2019), 196–98; M. Ossendrijver, *Archiv für Orientforschung* 55 (2022), 167–69.

- *Geschichte des alten Mesopotamien* (A History of Ancient Mesopotamia), Reclams Universal-Bibliothek Nr. 19108, Stuttgart: Reclam 2013 (296 pp.). Also available as E-book.

Reviews: E. Steinmetz, *EKZ Bibliotheksservice* 2013/40; H. Talkenberger, *Damals: Das Magazin für Geschichte* 02/2014; M. Streck, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 164 (2014), 825–26; A. Köhler, *Geschichte für heute: Zeitschrift für historisch-politische Bildung* 8 (2015), 96–97; Anonym., *Spiegel Geschichte* 2/2016, 137.

- *Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries: Origins of Interpretation*, Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Record 5, Münster: Ugarit-Verlag 2011 (xii + 484 pp.).

Reviews: A. Livingstone, *Theologische Literaturzeitschrift* 137 (2012), 1180; J. C. Gertz, *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 124 (2012), 137–38; E. Couto, *Historiae* 10 (2013), 149–51; J.-J. Glassner, *Archiv für Orientforschung* 53 (2015), 190–92; J. Oelsner, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 112 (2017), 318–20.

- *Neo-Babylonian Letters and Contracts from the Eanna Archive*, Yale Oriental Series – Babylonian Texts, vol. 21, New Haven: Yale University Press 2011 (Quarto, 226 pp.) [with Michael Jursa].

- *Die Obelikenfragmente aus Assur* (The Obelisk Fragments from Ashur), by Julia Orlamünde, with a contribution by Eckart Frahm, Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft 135, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2011.

Reviews: J. Reade, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 70 (2012), 218–22; R. Hempelmann, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 112 (2017), 40–41.

- *Keilschrifttexte aus Assur literarischen Inhalts III: Historische und historisch-literarische Texte* (Historical and Historical-Literary Texts from Assur), Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft 121, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2009 (Quarto, xii + 276 pp.). Available online at <http://digi.hadw-bw.de/view/kal3?sid=29eae5dc19e3534258165a341c3f92bd>.

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- *Einleitung in die Sanherib-Inschriften* (Introduction to the Inscriptions of Sennacherib), *Archiv für Orientforschung*, Beiheft 26, Vienna: Institut für Orientalistik 1997 (Quarto, viii + 318 pp.).

Reviews: O. Loretz, *Ugarit-Forschungen* 28 (1996), 787–90; J. Pecírková, *Archiv Orientální* (1999), 128–29; E. Cancik-Kirschbaum, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitschrift* 95 (2000), 377–86.

- *An Anthology of Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries*, Writings from the Ancient World, Society of Biblical Literature [with Mary Frazer and Enrique Jiménez] (nearly completed).

- *Middle Assyrian Economic and Administrative Texts from the 2001 Excavations at Ashur, Iraq* (working title), Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Harrassowitz [with Jacob de Ridder] (in preparation).

B. EDITED VOLUMES AND SPECIAL ISSUES

- *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*; companion book to an exhibition at the Yale Peabody Museum, New Haven: Peabody Museum / Yale University Press 2019 (xiv + 306 pp.) [with Agnete W. Lassen and Klaus Wagensonner].
Reviews: M. J. Geller, *The Historian* 82//2 (2020), 218–19; M. Stol, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 88 (2021), 670–73.
Choice’s Outstanding Academic Titles List 2019.
Excerpts published in [Lapham’s Quarterly, June 2019](#), and [Popular Archaeology, October 2019](#).
- *A Companion to Assyria*, Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World, Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley 2017 (xiv + 634 pp.). Also available as E-book.
Review: Y. Cohen, [Review of Biblical Literature Blog 2019/07/16](#).
- “Interpreting the Interpreters: Hermeneutics in Ancient Israel and Mesopotamia,” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*, volume 4/3 (2015 [appeared 2016]), Tübingen: Mohr (special thematic issue; guest editor, 137 pp.).

C. ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

- Cuneiform Commentaries Project website (CCP), created together with Enrique Jiménez, launched in 2015 and accessible at <http://ccp.yale.edu>. Offers an introduction to Babylonian and Assyrian text commentaries, a searchable catalog, photos of all the tablets, and (once the project is completed) a full set of lemmatized editions. Editions are also available through the Open Richly Annotated Cuneiform Corpus (ORACC), under the label CCPo, at <http://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/ccpo/>.

D. ARTICLES (many downloadable at <http://yale.academia.edu/EckartFrahm/Papers>):

- “Assyria Through the Looking-Glass: The Hebrew Bible as Opposition Literature,” in J. Cooley and R. Telle (ed.), *Jehu’s Tribute: What Can Biblical Studies Offer Assyriology*, University Park, PA, 2005, 135–51.
- 모호함의 힘: 아시리아-바빌로니아 주석과 쐩기문자 연구 / “The Power of Ambiguity: Assyro-Babylonian Commentaries and Cuneiform Writing,” in G. Kim and H. Kim (ed.) *The Dawn of Writing Systems: Cuneiform and Egyptian Hieroglyphs Through the Behistun Inscription and the Rosetta Stone*, Incheon (Korea) 2025, 145–64, 315–36.

- “*Enuma eliš* Outside the Cuneiform Tradition,” in: J. Haubold et al. (ed.), *Enuma Elish: The Babylonian Epic of Creation*, The Library of Babylonian Literature, Volume 1, London 2024, 151–65 (Open Access: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/enuma-elish-9781350297197/>).
- “The Protagonist of the *Underworld Vision of an Assyrian Prince*,” in: C. Ambos et al. (ed.), *kullat tupšarrūti: Festschrift für Stefan M. Maul*, Wiesbaden 2023, 207–20.
- “The Intellectual Background of Assyrian Colonists, Deportees, and Officials in the Levant,” in: I. Koch (ed.), *Mass Deportations – To and From the Levant during the Age of Empires in the Ancient Near East*, Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel 11, Supplement, Tübingen 2022, 56–82.
- “The Slave Girl’s Child: A ‘Literary’ Fragment from the Istanbul Sippar Archive,” *Aula Orientalis* 39 (2021), 5–17 [with Selim Adalı].
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- “Historia y Cultura de la Antigua Asiria” (History and Culture of Ancient Assyria), in: *Istor: Revista de Historia Internacional* 79 (special thematic issue, coordinated by C. Antaramián, on “Asiria: Una historia de cinco milenios”), Mexico City 2020, 35–49, 167–69.
- “Texts, Stories, History: The Neo-Assyrian Period and the Bible,” in P. Dubovský and F. Giuntoli (ed.), *Stones, Tablets, and Scrolls: Periods of the Formation of the Bible*, Tübingen 2020, 163–81.
- “Babylonische und assyrische Kommentartexte” (Babylonian and Assyrian Commentaries), in: B. Janowski and D. Schwemer (ed.), *Texte zur Wissenskultur*, Texte aus der Umwelt des Alten Testaments NF 9, Gütersloh 2020, 86–100.
- “Teaching Liturgical Lamentations in Hellenistic Uruk,” in: U. Gabbay and J. J. Pérennès (ed.), *Des polythéismes aux monothéismes: Mélanges d’assyriologie offerts à Marcel Sigrist*, Études Bibliques, Nouvelle Série 82, Leuven 2020, 189–220.
- “Dūr-Katlimmu, an Alleged Neo-Assyrian Library Text, Ḫana, and the Early History of Dura-Europos,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2020/17 (pp. 37–41).
- “From Sammu-ramat to Semiramis and Beyond: Metamorphoses of an Assyrian Queen,” in: A. Lassen and K. Wagensonner (ed.), *Women at the Dawn of History*, New Haven 2020, 46–53.
- “The Neo-Assyrian Royal Inscriptions as Text: History, Ideology, and Intertextuality,” in: G. Lanfranchi, R. Mattila, and R. Rollinger (ed.), *Writing Neo-Assyrian History: Sources, Problems, and Approaches*, State Archives of Assyria Studies 29, Helsinki 2019, 139–59.
- “Two Texts with the *hītu*-clause from the Time of Nebuchadnezzar II,” in: B. Wells, C. Wunsch, and F. R. Magdalene, *Fault, Responsibility, and Administrative Law in Late Babylonian Legal Texts*, Winona Lake 2019, 342–49.
- “Cuneiform-Savvy Princesses and Literate Brewers: Three Millennia of Intellectual Life in Uruk,” in: N. Crüsemann et al. (ed.), *Uruk: First City of the Ancient World*, The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles 2019, 290–97.
- “Keilschrift als Katalysator theologischen Denkens in Babylonien und Assyrien” (Cuneiform Writing as Catalyst of Theological Thought in Babylonia and Assyria), in: L. V. Schimmelpfennig and R. G. Kratz (ed.), *Zahlen- und Buchstabensysteme im Dienste religiöser Bildung*, SERAPHIM 5, Tübingen 2019, 246–67.
- “Textual Traditions in First Millennium BCE Mesopotamia between Faithful Reproduction, Commentary, and New Creation,” in: W. Bühner (ed.), *Schriftgelehrte Fortschreibungs- und Auslegungsprozesse*, FAT II/108, Tübingen 2019, 13–47.

- “Two Cylinder Fragments from Assur with a Late Assyrian Royal Building Inscription,” in: M. Karlsson (ed.), *The Rod and Measuring Rope: Festschrift for Olof Pedersén*, Wiesbaden 2019, 20–29 (bibliography pp. 198–234).
- “Preface,” in: A. Lassen, E. Frahm, and K. Wagensonner (ed.), *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*, New Haven 2019, viii–xi [with Agnete Lassen and Klaus Wagensonner].
- “History and Geography of Mesopotamia,” in: A. Lassen, E. Frahm, and K. Wagensonner (ed.), *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*, New Haven 2019, 12–21.
- “Cuneiform Writing: Origins, History, Decipherment,” in: A. Lassen, E. Frahm, and K. Wagensonner (ed.), *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*, New Haven 2019, 22–43 [with Klaus Wagensonner].
- “Scholars, Diviners, Learned Kings,” in: A. Lassen, E. Frahm, and K. Wagensonner (ed.), *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*, New Haven 2019, 156–67.
- (Twenty-six catalogue entries in A. Lassen, E. Frahm, and K. Wagensonner (ed.), *Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection*, New Haven 2019, 201–78.)
- “Samaria, Hamath, and Assyria’s Conquests in the Levant in the Late 720s BCE: The Testimony of Sargon II’s Inscriptions,” in S. Hasegawa et al. (ed.), *The Last Days of the Kingdom of Israel*, Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft 511, Berlin/Boston 2018, 55–86.
- “A Tale of Two Lands and Two Thousand Years: The Origins of Pazuzu,” in: S. V. Panayotov and L. Vacín (eds.), *Mesopotamian Medicine and Magic: Studies in Honor of Markham J. Geller*, Ancient Magic and Divination 14, Leiden/Boston 2018, 272–91.
- “The Perils of Omnisignificance: Language and Reason in Mesopotamian Hermeneutics,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History* 5 (2018), 107–30 (special issue on *Approaching a Critique of Mesopotamian Reason*, ed. G. Gabriel). DOI: 10.1515/janeh-2018-0008.
- “The ‘Exorcist’s Manual’: Structure, Language, ‘Sitz im Leben,’” in: G. Van Buylaere et al. (ed.), *Sources of Evil: Studies in Mesopotamian Exorcistic Lore*, Ancient Magic and Divination 15, Leiden/Boston 2018, 9–47.
- “QR Coded 3D Prints of Cuneiform Tablets,” *International Journal of Art, Culture and Design Technologies (IJACDT)* 6/2 (2017 [appeared 2018]), Article 1. DOI: 10.4018/IJACDT.2017070101 [with Eleni Kotoula, Kiraz G. Akoglu, and Stefan Simon].
- “Intellectual Life in Nineveh,” in: L. P. Petit and D. Morandi Bonacossi (ed.), *Nineveh: the Great City, Symbol of Beauty and Power*, exhibition catalog, Dutch National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden 2017, 205–07.
- “Introduction,” in: E. Frahm (ed.), *A Companion to Assyria*, Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World, Hoboken, NJ 2017, 1–10.
- “Political History of the Neo-Assyrian Period,” in: E. Frahm (ed.), *A Companion to Assyria*, Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World, Hoboken, NJ 2017, 161–208.
- “Assyria and the South: Babylonia,” in: E. Frahm (ed.), *A Companion to Assyria*, Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World, Hoboken, NJ 2017, 286–98.
- “Assyria and the Far South: The Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf,” in: E. Frahm (ed.), *A Companion to Assyria*, Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World, Hoboken, NJ 2017, 299–310.

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- “‘And His Brothers Were Jealous of Him’: Surprising Parallels between Joseph and King Esarhaddon,” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 42/3 (2016), 43–64.
- “Myth, Ritual, and Interpretation: The Commentary on *Enūma eliš* I–VII and a Commentary on Elamite Month Names,” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 4/3 (2015 [appeared 2016]), 293–343 [with Enrique Jiménez].
- “Editorial” (for a special thematic issue on “Interpreting the Interpreters: Hermeneutics in Ancient Israel and Mesopotamia,” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 4/3 (2015 [appeared 2016]), 231–33.
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- “Mensch, Land und Volk: Assur im Alten Testament” (Man, Land, and People: Assur in the Old Testament), in: J. Renger (ed.), *Assur: Gott, Stadt und Land*, CDOG 5, Wiesbaden 2011, 267–85.
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- “Gates for the God: Another Inscribed Door Socket from the Assur Temple,” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2009, no. 77.
- “Warum die Brüder Böses pflanzen: Anmerkungen zu einer alten *Crux* in Asarhaddons Ninive A-Inschrift” (Why the Brothers Planned Evil: Remarks on an Old *Crux* in Esarhaddon’s Nineveh A inscription), in: W. Arnold et al. (ed.), *Philologisches und Historisches zwischen Anatolien und Sokotra: Analecta Semitica In Memoriam Alexander Sima*, Wiesbaden 2009, 27–50.

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- Reviewer for the *Oxford Classical Dictionary* (2023).
- Ad hoc referee for various journals and publishing houses, including the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History*, *IRAQ*, *Religion Compass*, *Oxford University Press*, *State Archives of Assyria Bulletin*, *University of Chicago Press*, *Wiley-Blackwell*, and *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* (since 2005).
- Consulting editor for Mesopotamia-related entries for *World Book Encyclopedia*, Chicago (2008, 2009).
- Reader for the *Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia: Assyrian Periods* project, directed by Grant Frame, Philadelphia (2009–2011). Work on the volumes *The Royal Inscriptions of Esarhaddon, King of Assyria (680–669 BC)* (Winona Lake, 2011), by E. Leichty, and *The Royal Inscriptions of Tiglath-pileser III (744–727 BC) and Shalmaneser V (726–722 BC), Kings of Assyria* (Winona Lake, 2011) by H. Tadmor and S. Yamada.
- Reader for the *Mesopotamian Civilizations* series (Winona Lake) (2011–2012).
- Reader for the *Archaeology and Biblical Studies* series (Society of Biblical Literature) (2017–2018).
- Consulting editor for the September 2004 issue of *CALLIOPE* (on ancient Assyria).
- Member of the committee on the selection of papers at a *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale* for the International Association of Assyriologists (2010, 2011).
- Referee for
 - *European Research Council* (Brussels)
 - *Agence nationale de la recherche* (Paris)
 - *Centre national de la recherche scientifique* (Paris)
 - *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (Bonn)
 - *Humboldt-Stiftung* (Bonn)
 - *Academy of Finland* (Helsinki)
 - *Israel Science Foundation* (Jerusalem)
 - *Center for Advanced Studies*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (Munich)
 - *Gerda-Henkel-Stiftung* (Düsseldorf)
 - *Volkswagen-Stiftung* (Wolfsburg)
- Expert comments solicited by *Harper’s Magazine*, *Newsweek*, and *The New Yorker*.

- Reviewer in numerous tenure and appointment cases at universities in the United States and abroad.
- Reader and reviewer of numerous PhD dissertations (and habilitation theses) in the United States and abroad.

SERVICE AS EXPERT WITNESS

- Expert witness for various US government agencies in several cases involving looted antiquities (since 2016).
- Expert witness in a restitution case involving the Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin (2006-2011).

MUSEUM WORK, EXHIBITIONS ORGANIZED, FIELDWORK, TRAVELING

2023–2024	Curator, together with Agnete Lassen, of the exhibition “Cyrus: Conqueror, Liberator, Superstar” at the Yale Peabody Museum, New Haven, spring 2024.
Since 2023	Epigrapher for some of the cuneiform texts found during the excavations at Nineveh (Iraq) conducted by the Penn Museum and the Iraqi <i>State Board of Antiquities and Heritage</i> under the direction of Michael Danti.
2017–2020	Curator, together with Agnete Lassen and Klaus Wagensonner, of the exhibition “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks: Highlights of the Yale Babylonian Collection” at the Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, April 6, 2019 – June 20, 2020.
Since 2018	Faculty Affiliate of the Anthropology Division with Responsibility for Research on Cuneiform Tablets, Yale Peabody Museum
2017	Creation of an audio version of the Babylonian cookbooks for the exhibition “I cook, therefore I am” at the Wereldmuseum Rotterdam (The Netherlands), February to July 2017.
Fall 2001	Epigrapher of the German archaeological mission at Ashur (Qal'at Sherqat), Iraq.
Since 1993	Several month-long stays in the British Museum, London and the Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin. Shorter work periods in the Iraq Museum, Baghdad, and the Princeton Theological Seminary.
Since 1987	Extensive travels in Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Cambodia, China, and the former Soviet Union.

MEMBERSHIP IN SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

- Member of the American Society of Overseas Research (since 2024).
- Member of the American Oriental Society (since 2011).
- Member of the International Association of Assyriologists (since 2009).
- Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute (since 2007).
- Member of the Society of Biblical Literature (2003/04, 2023).

- Member of the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft (since 1998).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	Invited Visiting Scholar, Institute for Assyriology and Hittite Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich (May 1 to August 30).
2015–2019	Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the Cuneiform Commentaries Project.
2014–2015	Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University.
2013–2016	Grant to initiate a project on cuneiform text commentaries from Yale’s Office of the Provost.
2007	Elected Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute.
2005–2006	Morse Fellowship, Yale College.
1996–1998	Grant from the German Research Council for a post-doctoral position in the research group “Religion and Normativity” (founded by Prof. J. Assmann and Prof. Th. Sundermeier) at Heidelberg University.
1993	Grant from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service) for a three-months period of work at the British Museum, London.
1988–1993	Full scholarship and stipend from the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German National Merit Foundation).

MEDIA

Interviews with or quoted by various media outlets in the US, Abu Dhabi, Brazil, Britain, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Iraq, the Republic of Ireland, Norway, Romania, Russia, and Sweden, including:

- *Ancient Origins Magazine*, [special issue on ancient Mesopotamia, September/October 2022](#).
- *AOL News*, [on looted art, April 12, 2010](#).
- *The Arts Paper*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, June 11, 2019](#).
- *Atlas Obscura*, [on “How to calm a crying baby like a Mesopotamian,” April 24, 2019](#).
- *Bayerischer Rundfunk*, [on the *electronic Babylonian Library* project, February 22, 2023](#).
- *BBC World News Afrique*, [on the invention of money, January 24, 2023](#).
- *BBC News Mundo*, [on the invention of money, January 12, 2023](#).
- *BYU Radio*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, April 29, 2019](#).
- *CNN*, [on the origins of cuneiform writing, November 5, 2024](#).
- *Connecticut Magazine*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, November 20, 2019](#).
- *Dagens Nyheter* (Sweden), [on Babylonian lullabies, May 4, 2019](#).
- *The Daily Beast*, [on looted cuneiform tablets and Hobby Lobby, August 27, 2020](#).
- *The Daily Telegraph*, [on looted clay tablets from Irisagrig, May 6, 2018](#).
- *Daily Nutmeg*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, April 7, 2019](#).
- *Descopera.ro*, [on Assyria, July 17, 2022](#).
- *Deutsche Welle*, [on Syria’s and Iraq’s “Monuments Men,” March 20, 2015](#).
- *Deutschlandfunk*, [on the symbolic meanings of the number forty, February 24, 2021](#).
- *Financial Times*, [on preserving world heritage, May 22, 2015](#).

- *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, [on the international response to the looting of the Iraq Museum, April 17, 2003](#).
- *Galileu* (Brazil), [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, April 29, 2019](#).
- *Göttinger Tageblatt*, on the Assyrian king Sennacherib and his inscriptions, August 15, 1995.
- *Hartford Courant*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, April 11, 2019](#).
- *HowStuffWorks* [on the world’s first king, February 27, 2024](#)
- *HowStuffWorks*, [on Nebuchadnezzar’s madness, July 14, 2020](#).
- *International Business Times*, [on Arabic education on college campuses amid ISIS news, January 9, 2016](#).
- *Jane’s Defence Weekly*, on legal and military action to prevent the destruction of cultural sites in the Middle East, October 26, 2017.
- *Koran Jakarta* (Indonesia), [on Assyria, August 30, 2022](#).
- *LiveScience*, [on the lost city of Irisagrig, May 30, 2018](#).
- *LiveScience*, [on stolen clay tablets from Irisagrig, January 7, 2020](#).
- *LiveScience*, [on archaeological traces of Assyrian military camps in Israel, June 19, 2024](#).
- *The Media Line*, [on tourism in Palmyra in times of crisis, September 12, 2018](#).
- *Mar Shiprim*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, December 1, 2019](#).
- *Mogensbladet* (Norway), [on the “Tower of Babel” stela, July 29, 2022](#).
- *The Moncrieff Show on Newstalk* (Ireland), [August 9, 2021](#).
- *The National* (Abu Dhabi), [on the USA returning thousands of artifacts to Iraq, May 2, 2018](#).
- *National Geographic*, [on the history of New Year's resolutions, December 27, 2024](#).
- *National Public Radio*, [on Hobby Lobby, looted antiquities, and Irisagrig, June 28, 2018](#).
- *National Public Radio*, [on solar eclipses now and then, April 7, 2024](#).
- *New Haven Independent*, [on “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks,” May 30, 2019](#).
- *New Haven Register*, [on “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks,” April 10, 2019](#).)
- *New Scientist*, [on searching for Irisagrig, October 17, 2019](#).
- *News Channel 8*, on the looting of the Iraq Museum, April 2003.
- *Republican American*, [on “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks,” April 28, 2019](#).
- *Российская газета* (Russia), [on the cuneiform texts from Irisagrig, May 31, 2018](#).
- *Rudaw English* (Iraqi Kurdistan), on clay tablets returned to Iraq by the US, February 2020.
- *Science*, [on ISIS attacking cultural sites in Iraq, March 10, 2015](#).
- *ScienceBlog*, [on the earliest descriptions of celestial constellations, February 25, 2019](#).
- *Slate*, [on nostalgia and the “good old days,” November 30, 2016](#).
- *Der Spiegel*, [on ISIS and its destruction of the Iraqi cultural heritage, March 13, 2015](#).
- *Spiegel Geschichte*, [on the origins of civilization in ancient Mesopotamia, March 28, 2016](#).
- *Südwestfunk*, on cultural memory and *damnatio memoriae*, 2015.
- *Time: Travel and Leisure*, [on Karkemish, 2021](#).
- *To Βήμα* (Greece), [on the destruction of Assyrian sites under ISIS, March 18, 2015](#).
- *TriCurioso*, [on the first king, December 15, 2019](#).
- *Vice*, [on looted clay tablets, Hobby Lobby, evangelical Christians, and the city of Irisagrig, May 3, 2018](#).
- *Washington Post*, [on the USA returning clay tablets to Iraq, May 2, 2018](#).
- *Washington Post*, [on the “Gilgamesh Dream Tablet, July 29, 2021](#).
- *Yale Alumni Magazine*, [on reading looted clay tablets from Irisagrig, September/October 2018](#).
- *Yale Daily News*, some twenty articles, many of which can be found [here](#).
- *Yale Herald*, [on the Cyrus Cylinder exhibition at the Peabody, April 21, 2024](#).
- *YaleNews*, [on ISIS and the destruction of cultural sites in Iraq and Syria, March 16, 2015](#).
- *YaleNews*, [on the Cuneiform Commentaries Project, April 10, 2015](#).
- *YaleNews*, [on the lost city of Irisagrig, June 26, 2018](#).
- *YaleNews*, [on the earliest descriptions of the celestial constellations, February 22, 2019](#).
- *YaleNews*, [on the “Ancient Mesopotamia Speaks” exhibition, April 2, 2019](#).
- *YaleNews*, [on September 11 and the loss of history, September 9](#).

- *YaleNews*, [on Assyria, the world's first empire, May 26, 2023.](#)
- *YaleNews*, [appointment as Musser Professor, March 21, 2024.](#)
- *YaleNews*, [on receiving ASOR's Nancy Lapp Popular Book Award, December 18, 2024.](#)
- *The Yale Politic*, [on ISIS attempting to erase history, spring 2016.](#)

Consultant and interviewee for the *Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen*, a major German television station, for a program on the Assyrian king Sennacherib ("[Sturm auf Jerusalem](#)") aired for the first time on 04/03/2011.

PODCASTS AND VIDEO INTERVIEWS

- "[The Rise and Fall of the Assyrian Empire](#)," *History Hits* Podcast with host Dan Snow; posted June 1, 2025.
- "[Assyria and Mesopotamian Secrets](#)," *Ancient Origins* Podcast with host Ioannis Syrigos; posted March 17, 2025.
- "[Notes on Assyria](#)," Presentation for the Mountain View Public Library, Mountain View, CA; posted August 2024.
- "[Assyria and Its Empire](#)," *Foreign Exchanges* Podcast with host Derek Davison; posted July 1, 2024.
- "[The World's First Empire](#)," *Ancient Heroes* Podcast with host Patrick Garvey; posted June 22, 2024.
- "[Assyria: The Rise and Fall of the World's First Empire](#)," *Christian Humanist* Podcast with host Nathan P. Gilmour; posted January 14, 2024.
- "[The First Empire](#)," *Law & Liberty* Podcast with host Rebecca Burgess; posted December 18, 2023.
- "[A Beginner's Guide to Ancient Assyria](#)," *Modern Ancients* Podcast with host Erica Stevenson; posted December 15, 2023.
- "[Enuma elish and Genesis: Origin Stories](#)," *What Your Pastor Didn't Tell You* Podcast with host Zach Miller; posted November 11, 2023.
- "[Is Jonah the Weirdest Book in the Bible?](#)," *Biblical Time Machine* Podcast with hosts Helen Bond and Dave Roos; posted October 16, 2023.
- "[Cuneiform Tablets as Cultural Heritage](#)," *The Intangible* Podcast with host Nicholas Sikellis; posted October 15, 2023.
- "[The Babylonian Creation Story](#)," *National Review Great Books* Podcast with host John J. Miller; posted June 6, 2023.
- "[Five Key Insights from Assyria: The Rise and Fall of the World's First Empire](#)," *Next Big Idea Club* Podcast with host Michael Kovnat (audio and magazine essay); posted May 5, 2023.
- "[A New History of Assyria, the World's First Empire](#)," *The Thin End of the Web* Podcast with host Jon Taylor, episode 54; posted May 4, 2023.
- "[The Assyrians](#)," *Western Civ* Podcast with host Adam Walsh; posted April 7, 2023.
- "[Rise of the Assyrians](#)," *The Ancients* Podcast with host Tristan Hughes; posted April 6, 2023.
- "[The World's First Empire](#)," *Converging Dialogues* Podcast with host Xavier Bonilla; posted April 3, 2023.

- “[‘In the Beginnings’: Origins of the Creation Story](#),” *Biblical Time Machine* Podcast with hosts Helen Bond and Dave Roos; posted January 2, 2023.
- “[The Bible’s Ancient Near Eastern Context](#),” *Digital Hammurabi* Podcast with host Megan Lewis; posted October 10, 2020.
- “[The Bible – Vindicated by Scholarship?](#)” *Yale–National University of Singapore After Hours* podcast with host Alson Ng; posted March 2019.
- “[When Exactly Where the Good Old Days?](#)” *Build for Tomorrow* Podcast with host Jason Feifer; originally posted in 2016.
- “[The Psychohistory of an Assyrian King](#),” interview with *The Macmillan Report* host Marilyn Wilkes; posted March 2015.

INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND RESPONSES

- “The Political, Economic, and Cultural Significance of Jerusalem in the Late Eighth Century BCE According to Assyrian Written Sources,” lecture at the conference “Jerusalem through the Ages: New Perspectives,” Schloss Beuggen, Rheinfelden (Germany), April 28, 2025.
- “Peter Machinist: An Appreciation,” special panel in honor of Peter Machinist, 235th Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Boston, April 11, 2025.
- “When The Angel of Death Spread His Wings: Plague as a Possible Cause for the Assyrian Retreat from Jerusalem in 701 BCE,” opening lecture at the symposium “Sennacherib’s Campaign Against Judah: The Assyrian Perspective,” Lanier Theological Library, Houston, February 28, 2025.
- “When Everything Was Over, Everything Went on: Assyria (and Babylonia) after 1177 BC,” panel discussion “What Happened after Collapse? On Eric Cline’s book ‘After 1177 BC,’” *ASOR Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, November 21, 2024.
- 모호함의 힘: 아시리아-바빌로니아 주석과 쐐기문자 연구 / “The Power of Ambiguity: Assyro-Babylonian Commentaries and Cuneiform Writing,” *Second Conference of the National Museum of Writing Systems*, Incheon, Korea, October 11, 2024.
- Chair of two workshops and participant in the final panel of the [First Annual Conference of the Ukrainian History Global Initiative \(Українська історія: глобальна ініціатива\)](#), Kyiv, Ukraine, September 10–12, 2024.
- “Notes on Assyria,” Mountain View Public Library, Mountain View, CA, August 15, 2024 (via Zoom).
- Respondent to papers by Guido Pfeifer and Dylan Johnson at the symposium *Divine Laws in the Ancient World: A Comparative Approach*, Istituto Svizzero, Rome, March 14, 2024.
- “The Cyrus Cylinder and Its Message,” lecture at the symposium *Cyrus: Conqueror, Liberator, Superstar*,” Yale Peabody Museum, New Haven, March 2, 2024.
- “The Cyrus Cylinder in the Past and in the Present,” presentation for various Yale classes (taught, inter alia, by Timothy Snyder, Molly Zahn, Noel Lenski, and Kathryn Slanski), Yale Peabody Museum, New Haven, spring 2024.
- Response to Karen Radner, “Lessons from the Pathfinder Empire: Framing Conquest as Salvation in 9th-century-BC Assyria” (<https://www.discoursesofmassviolence.komparatistik.uni->

muenchen.de/events/lecture-series1/radner-lecture/index.html), LMU and University of Innsbruck lecture series *Empire and Violence*, LMU Munich, January 10, 2024 (via Zoom).

- “Between Propaganda, Polemics, and Philosophy: The Babylonian Epic of Creation Inside and Outside of Mesopotamia,” *Religious Authority and the Power of the Written Word* lecture series, Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Penn State University, December 1, 2023.
- “On Cornelia Wunsch’s *Judaeans by the Waters of Babylon* and the Locations of the ‘Judaean’ towns,” *Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature* Seminar at the Annual Meeting of the *Society for Biblical Literature*, San Antonio, November 20, 2023.
- “[Notes on Assyria](#),” lecture and discussion with Chris Bowen, Minister for Climate Change and Energy of Australia, and members of the Assyrian community in Australia, Sydney, Australia, November 7, 2023 (via Zoom).
- “Trade in the Neo-Assyrian Empire: Remarks on Merchants (*tamkāru*) and Trading Posts (*kāru*),” *Yale Ancient Trade Seminar*, Yale University, November 3, 2023.
- “The Babylonian Epic of Creation Outside Babylon: Assyrian, Syrian, Greek, and Biblical Perspectives,” *Biblical Studies Research Seminar*, St Andrews University, School of Divinity, November 2, 2023 (via Zoom).
- “Plague, Climate Change, and the Birth of Empire: Assyria in the Mid-eighth Century,” Department of History, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, October 13, 2023 (via VooV).
- “The First Half of History: A Virtual Tour of the Yale Babylonian Collection,” lecture for the Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia, August 23, 2023 (with Agnete W. Lassen, via Zoom).
- “Der Fürst der Finsternis: Ein Rebellenkönig in Assur und die Transformation des assyrischen Staates in der Mitte des achten Jahrhunderts v. Chr.” (The Prince of Darkness: A Rebel King in Ashur and the Transformation of the Assyrian State in the Mid-eighth Century). Keynote lecture on the occasion of the farewell celebrations for the *Forschungsstelle Edition literarischer Keilschrifttexte aus Assur*, Heidelberg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, June 2, 2023.
- “Armies, Plagues, and Politics: Explaining the Rise and Fall of the Assyrian Empire,” *New York Military Affairs Symposium* lecture, May 12, 2023 (via Zoom).
- “The Prince of Darkness and the Birth of Empire: Assyria in the Mid-eighth Century BCE,” *A Virtual Visit to the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Yale*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 4, 2023 (via Zoom).
- “Finding Stuff,” lecture on the occasion of the launch of the *Electronic Babylonian Library* platform, LMU Munich, February 3, 2023 (via Zoom)
- “Diplomatic Correspondence in the Ancient Near East,” guest lecture for John Darnell and Nadine Möller’s class “The Age of Akhenaton,” Yale University, October 27, 2022.
- “Seuchen und andere Katastrophen: Krisen als Geburtshelfer des assyrischen Imperiums im achten Jahrhundert v. Chr.” (Plagues and Other Disasters: Crises as Incubators of the Assyrian Empire in the Eighth Century BCE,” Research Seminar, University of Würzburg, July 7, 2022.
- “Cuneiform Law Collections in Their Political and Cultural Contexts,” lecture at the ERC-funded Conference *How God Became a Lawgiver*, University of Zürich, June 15, 2022.

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([Pandemics, Climate Change, and the Birth of Empire: Assyria in the Mid-eighth Century](#)), Baghdad University, College of Arts, May 31, 2022.

- “Der erste Mord: Zum mesopotamischen Hintergrund der Geschichte von Kain und Abel” (The First Murder: The Mesopotamian Background of the Cain and Abel Story), Research Seminar, Institute for Assyriology, LMU Munich, May 3, 2022 and Tübingen University, June 20, 2022.
- “Pandemics, Climate Change, and the Birth of Empire: Assyria in the Mid-eighth Century,” Conference on *Infecting the Ancient Mesopotamian Cosmos*, Wolfson College, Oxford University, April 30, 2022.
- “Art, Archaeology, and the Cultural Heritage Crisis in the Middle East,” guest lecture for Nadine Möller and Kathryn Slanski’s class “Art and Visual Culture in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia,” Yale University, April 19, 2022.
- “[Tales from the Temple of Ishtar](#),” National Arts Club, New York, March 4, 2022 [with Raymond Dowd].
- “Magic in Mesopotamia: Sages, Scholars, and Kings,” guest lecture for Jessica Lamont’s class “Ancient Greek Magic,” Yale University, February 16, 2022.
- “Investigating the First Murder: The Mesopotamian Background of the Cain and Abel Story,” Thematic Seminar *Comparative Philology – Talking Across Cultures*, Oriel College, Oxford University, November 8, 2021 (via Zoom).
- “Pandemie, Imperium und ein unbekannter König: Assyrien in der Mitte des achten Jahrhunderts v. Chr.” (Pandemics, Empire, and an Unknown King: Assyria in the Mid-Eighth Century BCE), Altorientalisches Institut, Leipzig University, October 25, 2021 (via Zoom).
- “Commentary Tablets from Nineveh and Their Colophons,” *International Library of Ashurbanipal Colophon Workshop*, LMU Munich, September 29, 2021 (via Zoom).
- Respondent: “How God Became a Lawgiver: The Place of the Torah in Ancient Near Eastern Legal History,” International Workshop of the ERC Research Project, University of Zürich, June 9, 2021 (via Zoom).
- “Through Two World Wars and Three Continents: The Intercontinental Travels of the Flamenbaum Gold Tablet,” meeting of the Yale–Harvard–Chicago–Berlin–Paris–London *Gold and Silver Tablet Working Group*, May 20, 2021 (via Zoom).
- “Assyria Through the Looking-Glass: The Hebrew Bible as Opposition Literature,” Virtual Conference *Jehu’s Tribute: What Can Biblical Studies Offer Assyriology?*, Boston College, April 13, 2021 (via Zoom).
- “Im (Zerr)Spiegel der Patriarchen: Das Bild des Alten Orients in Thomas Manns Josephsroman” (Through the Patriarchs’ (Distorted) Reflection: The Ancient Near East in Thomas Mann’s Joseph Novel), Ruperto-Carola-Symposium *Wiederentdeckt und nacherzählt – Die Rezeption des Alten Orients in der deutschsprachigen Literatur des ausgehenden 19. und frühen 20. Jahrhunderts*, Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg, March 25, 2021 [cancelled due to the Covid crisis].
- “A ‘Useless Science’? Cuneiform Philology in the Ancient Near East and Today,” 231st Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society (held virtually): Plenary Session on “Philology,” March 17, 2021 (via Zoom).
- “Personal Reflections: Studying and Teaching the Ancient Near East in Europe, the US, and Asia” (open conversation with graduate students). The Ancient Studies Initiative, Harvard University, September 18, 2020 (via Zoom).

- “A Divine Murder Story from Mesopotamia and its Background: Greek, Lydian, or Biblical?” (workshop). The Ancient Studies Initiative, Harvard University, September 16, 2020 (via Zoom).
- “Changing Perspectives in Studying the Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern Setting” (lecture). The Ancient Studies Initiative, Harvard University, September 16, 2020 (via Zoom).
- “From Sammu-ramat to Semiramis and Beyond: Metamorphoses of an Assyrian Queen,” Symposium *Women at the Dawn of History*, New Haven, Yale Peabody Museum, February 29, 2020.
- “Mesopotamian Mathematics,” guest presentation for I. Adelstein’s class “The Shape of Space,” Yale University, January 29, 2020.
- “The Intellectual Background of Assyrian Officials and Assyrian Deportees in the Levant,” Workshop *Assyrian Deportations and their Impact on the Levant*, Tel Aviv University, January 8, 2020.
- “The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease: Learning how to Lament in Late Babylonian Uruk,” Keynote Lecture at the annual meeting of the Israel Society for Assyriology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv, January 7, 2020.
- “Magic and Ritual in Mesopotamia: Sages, Scholars, and Kings,” guest lecture for John Darnell’s class “Magic and Ritual in Ancient Egypt and the Near East,” Yale University, October 22, 2019 (repeated October 20/22, 2020; March 1, 2023).
- “Cuneiform Tablets in the 21st Century: Scholarly, Political, and Legal Perspectives,” Workshop “Ethics and the Preservation of Cultural Heritage,” Yale Law School, May 15, 2019.
- “Ancient History, Modern Identities, and the Cultural Heritage Crisis in Iraq and Syria,” Yale–NUS, Singapore, March 12, 2019.
- “Mesopotamian Magic,” guest lecture for A. Bellusci’s class “Jewish Magic,” Yale University, February 14, 2019.
- “[Ancient History, Cultural Heritage, and Modern Identity in Mosul \(Iraq\): Why Does It Matter?](#),” panel discussion with Yale World Fellow Omar Mohammed, Yale University, December 4, 2018.
- “The Cultural Heritage Crisis in the Middle East and the Role of Western Universities,” presentation for a meeting at the Yale Club, New York, in the framework of the International Visitor Leadership Program on “Preserving Endangered Cultural Heritage Sites,” organized by the U.S. Department of State, New York, September 27, 2018.
- “Keilschrift als Katalysator theologischen Denkens in Babylonien und Assyrien” (Cuneiform Writing as Catalyst of Theological Thought in Babylonia and Assyria), conference *Zahlen und Buchstabensysteme im Dienste religiöser Bildung*, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, SFB Bildung und Religion, July 5, 2018.
- “Textual Traditions in First Millennium BCE Mesopotamia between Reproduction, Commentary, and New Creation,” Autorenkonferenz *Textgeleitete Fortschreibungs- und Auslegungsprozesse*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät, February 22, 2018.
- “Cuneiform Tablets as Historical Sources, Archaeological Artifacts, and Cultural Heritage,” guest lecture for S. Simon’s class “The Sustainable Preservation of Cultural Heritage,” Yale University, January 25, 2018.
- “The Cultural Heritage Crisis in the Middle East: Scholarly Perspectives,” presentation for a meeting at the United States Mission to the UN in the framework of the International Visitor Leadership Program on “Combatting Looting and Trafficking in Conflict Antiquities,” organized by the U.S. Department of State, New York, July 17, 2017.

- “Kommentartexte aus Assur im Spannungsfeld assyrischer und babylonischer Gelehrsamkeit” (Commentaries from Assur between Assyrian and Babylonian scholarly practices), conference *Assur und Assyrien: Neue Funde und Forschungen*, Heidelberg, Akademie der Wissenschaften, May 23, 2017.
- “Texts, Stories, History: The Neo-Assyrian Period and the Bible,” International Conference on *Stones, Tablets and Scrolls: Four Periods of the Formation of the Bible*, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, May 11, 2017.
- “The Perils of Omnisignificance: Language and Reason in Mesopotamian Hermeneutics,” Volkswagen Fellowship Symposium *Approaching a Critique of Mesopotamian Reason*, Mahandra Humanities Center, Harvard University, April 22, 2017.
- [“The Rape of Clío: History, Memory, and the Cultural Heritage Crisis in the Middle East,”](#) 14th Annual Casper Lecture, Marquette University, Department of History, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 3, 2017.
- “Samaria, Hamath, and the Assyrian Western Campaign of 720 BCE,” conference *The Last Days of Israel*, Carl-Friedrich von Siemens Foundation, Munich, March 15, 2017.
- “Cuneiform Commentaries on *Šumma ālu*: History, Typology, Editorial Challenges,” conference “*Si un homme est à la taverne avec sa femme et qu’il urine*”: *Transmission et herméneutique du traité divinatoire mésopotamien Shumma alu*, University of Geneva, Switzerland, February 17, 2017.
- “Between Microphilology, Academic Politics, and the Aryan Jesus: Paul Haupt, Hermann Hilprecht, and the Birth of American Assyriology,” Symposium *Edward Salisbury and the Ancient Near East*, Yale University, November 4, 2016.
- “The Neo-Assyrian Period: History, Languages, Sources, and Perspectives for Future Research,” Skype presentation for G. Barjamovic’s class “Assyrian Dialects,” Harvard University, November 2, 2016
- “Revision, Relocation, and Reinterpretation: Remarks on the Ritual Dynamics of the Babylonian *Akitu* Festival in the Seventh Century BCE,” *Ritual Landscape and Performance* conference, organized by C. Geisen, Yale University, September 24, 2016.
- “Cuneiform Commentaries on Medicine and Astrology in Their Institutional, Geographical, and Diachronic Contexts,” *Commentaries* workshop organized by K. Chemla, L. Daston, M. Geller, and G. Most, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, August 25, 2016.
- “Current Concerns on the Ground” (Session One of the Workshop “Culture in Crisis,” hosted by the IPCH (Yale) and the Victoria & Albert Museum under the patronage of UNESCO), chair and presenter of a paper by Abdulameer al-Hamdani (later Minister of Culture of the Republic of Iraq), Yale University, April 11, 2016.
- “An Assault on History: Cultural Heritage Sites in Syria and Iraq in the Age of ISIS,” Hagaman Memorial Library, East Haven, April 7, 2016.
- “Historical Horizons in Ancient Mesopotamia,” *Mesopotamian History and Historiography* workshop, Brown University, Providence, March 3, 2016.
- “Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries: History, Typology, Comparative Perspectives,” The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, February 22, 2016.
- “Cultural Heritage and Terrorism” (panel discussion with Amr al-Azm, Michael Danti, and Stefan Simon), moderator; Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, November 12, 2015.

- “Von Tauben, Fischen und Göttinnen: Gedanken über den historisch-literarischen Hintergrund des Jona-Buches im Lichte altorientalischer und griechischer Quellen” (Of Doves, Fish, and Goddesses: Thoughts on the historical and literary background of the book of Jonah in the light of ancient Near Eastern and Greek sources), symposium in honor of Professor Hermann Spieckermann, University of Hamburg, November 7, 2015.
- “Metamorphosen: Kubaba, Semiramis, Jona” (Metamorphoses: Kubaba, Semiramis, Jonah), Schleswig-Holsteinische Landesbibliothek, Kiel, November 5, 2015.
- “Philology, Politics, Performance, and Natural Philosophy: Interpretations of the Babylonian Epic of Creation in the 1st Millennium BCE,” Keynote Lecture for the Summer School *Ideology, Power and Religious Change in Antiquity*, Graduiertenschule für Geisteswissenschaften, Göttingen University, July 21, 2015.
- “The ‘Exorcist’s Manual’: Structure, Language, ‘Sitz im Leben,’” conference *Sources of Evil: Complexity and Systematization, Differentiation and Interdependency in Mesopotamian Exorcistic Lore*, Würzburg University, April 16, 2015.
- “[Assyrian Sites and Monuments under ISIS: A Provisional Assessment of the Current Situation and Future Risks](#),” conference *Culture in Crisis*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, April 14, 2015.
- “‘And the Idols Are Broke in the Temple of Baal’: Assyrian Archaeological Sites under ISIS,” panel discussion *Decapitating the Past: ISIS and the Destruction of Cultural Heritage in Syria and Iraq*, Yale University, March 31, 2015.
- “Origins of Interpretation: Cuneiform Text Commentaries from Assyria and Babylonia,” lecture series *What is Commentary?*, Yale Initiative for the Study of Antiquity and the Premodern World, Yale University, March 27, 2015.
- “Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries: History, Typology, and Structure,” Dahlem Seminars for the History of Science in Antiquity, Berlin, Freie Universität, December 16, 2014.
- “Texts and Textiles: On Some Philological Terms in Ancient Mesopotamia,” *Textile Colloquium* organized by Agnete Lassen, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University, November 13, 2014.
- “Of Fish and Doves: Some Thoughts on Assyrian Motifs in the Book of Jonah,” Yale, Whitney Humanities Fellows Lunch, October 8, 2014.
- “The Neo-Assyrian Royal Inscriptions as Text: History, Ideology, and Intertextuality,” international conference *Writing Neo-Assyrian History*, Helsinki University, September 23, 2014.
- “*Ex oriente*: The Mesopotamian Background of Moses, Joseph, and Jonah,” public lecture, Howard University, Washington, DC, November 7, 2013.
- “Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean World: Cultural Encounters,” workshop, Howard University, Washington, DC, November 6, 2013.
- “Mesopotamian Divination and Prophecy,” guest presentation for the interdisciplinary Mellon core seminar for graduate students on “Technologies of Knowledge,” taught by Emily Greenwood, Tamar Gendler, and Francesco Casetti, Yale University, September 17, 2013.
- “Uruk Urbs Aeterna: Reflections on the ‘Longue Durée’ of Cuneiform Scholarship in the City of Gilgamesh,” 8th Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, *Uruk: Altorientalische Metropole und Kulturzentrum*, Berlin, April 26, 2013.
- “Assyrian Literature: A Very Brief Introduction,” guest lecture for the Mesopotamian literature class taught by Benjamin Foster, Yale University, April 16, 2013.

- “History Repeating Itself? Tukulti-Ninurta I, Sennacherib, and the ‘Babylonian Problem,’” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, April 4, 2013, and Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, April 18, 2013.
- “A Tale of Two Lands and Two Thousand Years: The Origins of Pazuzu,” *Demonology in Egypt and Mesopotamia* workshop, The Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York, April 23, 2012.
- “Historiography in the Ancient World” (panelist), Ancient Societies Workshop, Yale University, April 20, 2012.
- “Ancient Kings and Youthful Demons: Reflections on the Origins of Pazuzu,” 222nd Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society: Special Session in Honor of Andrew R. George, Boston, March 17, 2012.
- Respondent in the panel discussion following Pierre Briant’s Department of Classics Rostovtzeff lecture at Yale University, November 11, 2011.
- “Politics, Religion, and the Rise and Fall of Cuneiform Hermeneutics in 1st Millennium Mesopotamia,” Annual Conference of the Käte-Hamburger-Kolleg *Dynamiken der Religionsgeschichte zwischen Asien und Europa*, Bochum, Situation Kunst, July 25-28, 2011.
- “Reflections on Babylonian Text Commentaries from the Achaemenid Period,” *Encounters by the Rivers of Babylon: Scholarly Conversations between Jews, Iranians, and Babylonians* conference, The Mandel Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, May 25, 2011.
- “671 BCE: The Microhistorical Dimensions of Neo-Assyrian Royal Letters,” *Official Epistolography and the Language of Power* conference, University of Vienna, November 11th, 2010.
- “Counter-Texts, Commentaries, and Adaptations: Politically Motivated Responses to the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” Ancient Societies Workshop, Yale University, October 2, 2009.
- “The Many Faces of an Assyrian Royal Advisor: Observations on the Scientific, Literary, and Political Texts of Nabû-zuqup-kenu,” one-day conference on *The King and the Gods: The Interplay of Power, Propaganda, Scholarly Learning, and Religion in Ancient Assyria*, Brown University, Department of Egyptology and Western Asian Studies, Providence, April 27, 2009.
- “The Reception History of the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” Working Group *Memory and Identity in the Ancient World*, Department of Near Eastern Studies, The University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, March 11, 2009.
- “Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, The University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, March 11, 2009.
- “The Hermeneutics of Cuneiform Signs in Divination and Text Commentaries,” *Science and Superstition: The Interpretation of Signs in the Ancient World* symposium, The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, March 6, 2009.
- “The Epic of Gilgamesh,” World Performance program, Yale University, February 16, 2009 (repeated February 15, 2010, February 6, 2012).
- “Interpreting the Interpreters: The Cuneiform Commentary Tradition,” conference on *Evidence and Inference in Ancient Near Eastern Studies*, University College London, December 17, 2007.
- “New Light on a Dark Age: Assurnasirpal I, the White Obelisk, and the Bed of Ishtar,” Harvard GSAS Workshop on the History and Historiography of the Ancient Near East,” Harvard

University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Cambridge, MA, December 5, 2007.

- “Rising Suns and Falling Stars: Assyrian Kings and the Cosmos,” UPenn International Conference 2007: *Experiencing Power – Generating Authority: Cosmos and Politics in the Ideology of Kingship in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia*, Philadelphia, University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, November 6, 2007.
- “Origins of Interpretation: Babylonian and Assyrian Commentaries,” Seminar at the University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, October 15, 2007.
- “City Beloved of Ishtar: Nineveh in the Age of Sennacherib,” 2007 Symposium of the Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies: *Nineveh and Babylon: Imperial and Symbolic Capitals*, Toronto, October 13, 2007.
- “Vom Tod des Königs zur Geburt des Teufels: Anmerkungen zum altorientalischen Hintergrund der Lucifer-Gestalt” (From the Death of the King to the Birth of the Devil: Remarks on the Ancient Near Eastern Background of Lucifer), Faculty of Philosophy, Heidelberg University, July 18, 2007.
- “New Light on Syrian and Assyrian History: Observations on Some Unpublished Texts from Assur,” Middle Eastern Culture Center, Tokyo, March 29, 2005.
- “High Treason in Assur,” Chuo University, Department of Western History, Tokyo, March 28, 2005 (repeated on May 12, 2005, at the Oriental Club of New Haven).
- “Revision, Commentary, and Counter-text: Politically Motivated Interpretations of the Babylonian Epic of Creation,” Annual Meeting of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, March 25, 2005.
- “The Splendor and the Misery: New Light on the Reign of Esarhaddon, King of Assyria,” University College London, Department of History, February 4, 2005.
- “A New Generation of Iraqi Scholars,” lecture given at the panel discussion *Iraq Beyond the Headlines III*, Yale University, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, October 19, 2004 [with Kathryn Slanski].
- “Babylonian Scholarship in the Achaemenid Period,” Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Department of Near Eastern Studies, March 5, 2004.
- “Mensch, Land und Volk: Assur im Alten Testament” (Man, Land, and People: Ashur in the Old Testament), V. Internationales Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Berlin, February 20, 2004.
- “Celebrating Atrocities: The Assyrian Rhetoric of War,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, January 9, 2004.
- “Images of Assyria in the 19th and 20th Centuries, and their Hidden Agendas,” lecture given at the *Assyriology and the Bible Consultation*, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, November 23, 2003.
- “Art, Architecture, War,” lecture given at the panel discussion *Iraq beyond the Headlines II*, Yale University, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, October 28, 2003 [with Karen Foster].
- “Bombs over Babylon,” lecture given at the panel discussion *Iraq beyond the Headlines*, Yale University, Sudler Hall, April 1, 2003.
- “The Arabs in Cuneiform Sources: New Perspectives and Old Problems,” Oriental Club of New Haven, February 13, 2003.

- “Intertextualität und Re-enactment: Überlegungen zur Rezeptionsgeschichte der mittelassyrischen historischen Epen” (Intertextuality and Re-enactment: Reflections on the Reception History of the Middle-Assyrian Historical Epics), Berlin, Freie Universität, May 3, 2002.
- “The Transfer of Knowledge and the Recruitment of Scholars in Assyria and Babylonia,” Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Yale University, February 28, 2002.
- “Headhunter, Tafelräuber und wandernde Gelehrte: Anmerkungen zum altorientalischen Wissenstransfer im ersten Jahrtausend v. Chr.” (Headhunters, Tablet Robbers, and Ambulating Scholars: Remarks on the Transfer of Knowledge in First Millennium Mesopotamia), IV. Internationales Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Münster, February 21, 2002.
- “Alles wimmelt von Kommentaren: Anmerkungen zu den pragmatischen und esoterischen Dimensionen der assyrisch-babylonischen Hermeneutik” (Commentaries Everywhere: Remarks on the Pragmatic and Esoteric Dimensions of Assyrian and Babylonian Hermeneutics), Altorientalisches Seminar der Freien Universität, Berlin, February 1, 2001.
- “Sanheribs Kampf mit Babylon und das Tukulti-Ninurta-Epos: Anmerkungen zu den politischen und literarischen Dimensionen einer *imitatio*” (Sennacherib’s Babylonian War and the Tukulti-Ninurta Epic: Remarks on the Political and Literary Dimensions of an *imitatio*), Mainz University, Fachbereich 15, January 5, 2000.
- “Die Entzifferung der Keilschrift und die Wiederentdeckung der ersten Hälfte der Geschichte” (The Decipherment of Cuneiform Writing and the Rediscovery of the First Half of History), lecture given on the occasion of an “open house” at Heidelberg University, November 9, 1999 (repeated June 20, 2000).
- “Die Vorteile der babylonischen Sprachverwirrung” (The Advantages of the Babylonian Confusion of Tongues), invited lecture in an interdisciplinary series of talks (“Ringvorlesung”) on *Language, Script, Writing*, Göttingen, December 1, 1998.
- “Zwischen Philologie und Kabbalistik: Anmerkungen zu den babylonischen und assyrischen Textkommentaren” (Between Philology and Kabbalah: Remarks on Babylonian and Assyrian Text Commentaries), Seminar für Orientalistik, Vienna, June 8, 1998.
- “Zwischen Tradition und Neuerung: Babylonische Priestergelehrte im achämenidenzeitlichen Uruk” (Between Tradition and Innovation: Babylonian Scholars and Priests in Achaemenid Uruk), invited lecture given at the conference *Mesopotamien in der Achämenidenzeit*, organized by the association “Altorientalisch-hellenistische Religionsgeschichte des ersten Jahrtausends v. Chr.” of the Wiss. Ges. f. Theologie, Sektion AT, Göttingen, Theologicum, April 25, 1998.
- “Liebling des Marduk – König der Blasphemie. Große babylonische Herrscher in der Sicht der Babylonier und in der Sicht anderer Völker” (Favourite of Marduk -- King of Blasphemy: Great Babylonian Rulers in Babylonian and Foreign Perspectives), II. Internationales Colloquium der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, Berlin, March 24, 1998 [with Eva Braun-Holzinger, Mainz]

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “New Cuneiform Texts from Nineveh’s Mashqi Gate,” session on “Ritual, Power, and the Power of Ritual in the Ancient Near East,” *ASOR Annual Meeting*, Boston, November 22, 2024.
- “Tiglath-pileser 2.5: A New Neo-Assyrian King,” 69th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Politics, Peoples, and Politics in the Ancient Near East*, Helsinki, July 9, 2024.

- “‘Dig Up All the Tablets’: Observations on an Assyrian Royal Letter from Borsippa,” 65th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Gods, Kings, and Capitals in the Ancient Near East*, Paris, Collège de France, July 9, 2019.
- “The Protagonist of the Underworld Vision of an Assyrian Prince,” 64th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *The Intellectual Heritage of the Ancient Near East*, Innsbruck, July 19, 2018.
- “Cuneiform Commentaries: New Discoveries,” Intertextuality in Cuneiform Scholarship Workshop, 62nd Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Ur in the 21st Century*, Philadelphia, July 15, 2016 [with Enrique Jiménez].
- “Turning the Wheel of Fortune: Interpretations of Omen Apodoses in Assyrian and Babylonian Commentaries and Letters,” 60th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Fortune and Misfortune in the Ancient Near East*, Warsaw, July 22, 2014.
- “New Discoveries Related to the Inscriptions of Sargon II,” 59^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Law and (Dis)order in the Ancient Near East*, Ghent, July 17, 2013 [with Grant Frame].
- “Contemporizing Tendencies in Text Commentaries from Seventh Century Assur,” 56^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Time and History in the Ancient Near East*, Barcelona, July 27, 2010.
- “New Light on a Dark Age: Assurnasirpal I, the White Obelisk, and the Bed of Ishtar,” 54^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Organization, Representation and Symbols of Power in the Ancient Near East*, Würzburg, July 22, 2008.
- “Bruderkriege im Vergleich: Asarhaddons Thronfolgeerzählung und die biblische Josefsgeschichte” (Wars Between Brothers in Comparative Perspective: Esarhaddon’s Succession Account and the Biblical Story of Joseph), 52^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *War and Peace in the Ancient Near East*, Münster, July 20, 2006.
- “Commentaries, Lexicography, and Cuneiform Quotation Marks,” 51^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Lexicography*, Chicago, July 21, 2005.
- “Royal Hermeneutics: Observations on the Commentaries from Ashurbanipal’s Library at Nineveh,” 49^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Nineveh*, London, July 8, 2003.
- “The Hermeneutics of Cuneiform Signs in Divination and in Text Commentaries,” paper given at the conference *The Fifth Millennium for the Invention of Writing in Mesopotamia* [sic], Baghdad, March 25, 2001.
- “Images of Ashurbanipal in the 19th and 20th Century,” 45^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Historiography*, Cambridge, MA, July 7, 1998.
- “Wenn der König im Feindesland fällt. Zur religiös-literarischen Bewältigung eines historischen Unglücksfalls” (When the King Dies in Enemy Country: Religious and Political Strategies to Overcome a Historical Calamity), 44^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Landscapes – Territories, Frontiers and Horizons in the Ancient Near East*, Venice, July 9, 1997.
- “Humor in assyrischen Königsinschriften” (Humor in Assyrian Royal Inscriptions), 43^e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Intellectual Life of the Ancient Near East*, Prague, July 4, 1996.
- “Ägyptische Hieroglyphen und babylonisch-assyrische Keilschrift – Warum komplexe Graphiesysteme ‘leistungsfähiger’ sind als Alphabetschriften” (Egyptian Hieroglyphs and Babylonian-Assyrian Cuneiform Writing: Why Complex Writing Systems are More Productive than Alphabetic Scripts), 18. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, panel: *Multiliteralismus: fremde Schriften, Fremdes schreiben und Schriftwechsel*, Freiburg, February 28, 1996 [with Carsten Peust].

- “Sabäische Schätze am assyrischen Hof” (Sabaeen Treasures at the Assyrian Court), 42e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Languages and Cultures in Contact – At the Crossroads of Civilizations in the Syro-Mesopotamian Realm*, Leuven, July 6, 1995.
- “Sanheribs agrarische Aktivitäten nach veröffentlichten und unveröffentlichten Inschriften” (Sennacherib’s Agricultural Projects According to Published and Unpublished Inscriptions), poster presented at the 41e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, *Landwirtschaft im Alten Orient*, Berlin, July 4-8, 1994.

TEACHING

Yale University

Spring 2025	The Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting Magical and Medical Texts from Ancient Mesopotamia
Spring 2024	Women in Ancient Mesopotamia The Babylonian Erra Epic Directed Readings: Mesopotamian Commentaries
Fall 2023	Ancient Mesopotamia: The First Half of History Historical and Archival Texts from First Millennium BCE Assyria
Spring 2023	Assyria: The First Empire Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts
Fall 2022	Elementary Akkadian Intermediate Akkadian: Babylonian Literary Texts
Spring 2022	The Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts
Spring 2021	Historical and Archival Texts from First Millennium Assyria Assyria: The First Empire
Fall 2020	Mesopotamian Humorous Texts
Spring 2020	Women in Ancient Mesopotamia Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts Directed Readings: Assyriology
Fall 2019	The Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting Advanced Akkadian: Akkadian Literary Texts
Spring 2019	Religion and Politics in the Ancient Near East Neo-Assyrian Letters
Spring 2018	Yale Babylonian Collection Exhibition Seminar (with Agnete Lassen) Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts
Fall 2017	Neo-Babylonian Historical and Archival Texts Assyria: The First Near Eastern Empire

Spring 2017	Fakes, Forgeries, and the Making of Antiquity (Archaia Core Seminar, with Irene Peirano-Garrison)
	Assyrian Historical and Archival Texts
Fall 2016	The Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting
	The Babylonian Erra Epic
Spring 2016	Myth and Ritual in Ancient Mesopotamia
	Mesopotamian Humorous Texts
Fall 2015	The Neo-Babylonian / Late Babylonian Period
	Prophecy in Mesopotamia
Spring 2015	Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts
	Assyria: The First Near Eastern Empire
Fall 2014	Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts
	Advanced Akkadian: Akkadian Literary Texts
Fall 2013	Intermediate Akkadian
Spring 2013	Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts
	Elementary Akkadian II
Fall 2012	Women in Ancient Mesopotamia
	Elementary Akkadian I
Spring 2012	Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts
	Advanced Akkadian
Fall 2011	Mesopotamian Prophecy
	Assyria: The First Near Eastern Empire
Spring 2011	Beginning Sumerian II
	Assyrian Historical Texts
	Mesopotamian Commentaries
Fall 2010	Beginning Sumerian I
	Historical Horizons in Ancient Mesopotamia
	Directed Readings: Neo-Babylonian Texts
Spring 2009	The Bible in Its Ancient Near Eastern Setting
	Mesopotamian Literary Predictive Texts
	Elementary Akkadian II
Fall 2008	Assyrian Historical Texts
	Elementary Akkadian I
Spring 2008	Myth and Ritual in the Ancient Near East
	Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts
Fall 2007	Prophecy in the Ancient Near East
Spring 2007	The Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern Setting
	Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts
Fall 2006	Assyrian and Babylonian Texts from First Millennium Assyria

	Neo-Assyrian History
Spring 2005	Mesopotamian Mythology
	The Neo-Babylonian Period
Fall 2004	Parallel Worlds: Egypt and Mesopotamia [with John Darnell]
	Prophecy in Ancient Mesopotamia
	Directed Studies: History and Politics (interdisciplinary study of western civilization, with readings from Herodotus, Thucydides, Plato, Aristotle, Polybius, Cicero, Livy, Tacitus, Augustine, and Aquinas)
Spring 2004	Religion and Politics in the Ancient Near East
	Mesopotamian Scholarly Texts
Fall 2003	Tales from Before Homer: Sumerian and Babylonian Literature
	Neo-Assyrian History
Spring 2003	Assyrian Historiography
	Assyrian Letters
Fall 2002	Sumero-Akkadian Bilingual Texts: Problems of Translation in Lugal-e
	Divination in Assyria and Babylonia

Olympiad Academia (individual instruction, via Zoom)

Summer 2023	Love, Death, and Trauma in the Gilgamesh Epic, the Biblical story of David, and the Iliad
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Singapore, Yale NUS

Spring 2019	The Bible in its Ancient Near Eastern Setting
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Amman, Jordan, American Center of Oriental Research

Summer 2004	Instructor in a USAID-sponsored training program for Iraqi Archaeologists and Assyriologists.
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Heidelberg University

Spring 2002	Akkadian I
	The Arabs in the First Millennium BCE [with Alexander Sima]
Fall 2001	Cuneiform Text Commentaries
	Sumerian City Laments
Spring 2001	The Babylonian Erra Epic
Fall 2000	Assyrian Royal Inscriptions: A Survey
Spring 2000	The “Harem” in the Ancient Near East [with Nils Heessel]
Spring 1999	Ishtar’s Descent to the Netherworld
Fall 1998	Babylonian Hermeneutics: Dream Interpretation, Divination, and Commentaries
Spring 1998	The Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic
Fall 1997	Mesopotamian Social Values as Reflected in Humorous Cuneiform Texts

Spring 1997 The Death of Kings

Mainz University

Spring 1999 The Babylonian Epic of Creation
Fall 1998 Letters Written by Women from Mari and Tell al-Rimah
Spring 1998 Akkadian II
Fall 1997 Akkadian I

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- Co-organizer, with Agnete Lassen, of the symposium *Cyrus: Conqueror, Liberator, Superstar*, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, March 2, 2024.
- Co-organizer, with Beatrice Baragli and Peter Zilberg, of *A Virtual Visit to the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Yale*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, May 4, 2023 (via Zoom).
- Co-organizer, with Agnete Lassen and Klaus Wagensonner, of the symposium “Women at the Dawn of History,” Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, February 29, 2020.
- Co-organizer, with Irene Peirano-Garrison, of a Yale lecture series, with numerous outside speakers, on “Fakes, Forgeries, and the Making of Antiquity” (2016-2017).
- Co-organizer, with Enrique Jiménez, Mary Frazer, and Klaus Wagensonner, of the bi-monthly Yale Cuneiform, Yale University (since 2014).
- Co-organizer, with John Collins and Joe Manning, of the monthly interdisciplinary Ancient Societies Workshop, Yale University (2009-2014).
- Co-organizer (initially with Benjamin Foster) of the (bi-)monthly Yale Assyriological Seminar, Yale University (since 2003).
- Co-organizer of the panel discussion “Iraq Beyond the Headlines,” Yale University, April 1, 2003.
- Co-organizer of the conference “Occidentalism? Appropriation, Modification and Rejection of Western Models of Thought and Action in Non-Western Cultures,” Heidelberg, June, 27–28, 1998.
- Co-organizer of the workshop “Commentaries Compared: Forms and Techniques of Commentaries in the Middle East and China,” Heidelberg, October 17–18, 1997, with a contribution of my own.
- Co-organizer of the international conference “New Beginnings: The Staging of Cultural and Religious Innovations,” Heidelberg, November 9–11, 1997.

ACADEMIC SERVICE TO YALE

- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2008/2009, 2010-2013, 2014-2018, 2019, 2020–2021, 2023, 2025).
- Chair of the Wrexham Prize in the Humanities Committee (2025).
- Member of the Fulbright Grants Committee for English Teaching Assistantships (2025).

- Member of the Rosenthal Lecture Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2024–).
- Member of the search committee for a tenure track position in Egyptology (2023–2024).
- Co-chair of ARCHAIA, the Yale Program for the Study of Ancient and Premodern Cultures and Societies (2019–2021).
- Co-chair of ARCHAIA’s Dura Europos Advisory Board (2020–2021).
- Member of the Humanities Tenure and Appointments Committee (2015–2017; 2019–2020).
- Member of the search committee for a Postdoctoral Associate for the seals-related component of the project “Digitizing the Yale Babylonian Collection” (2019).
- Co-chair of the Yale Babylonian Collection Publication Committee (since 2019).
- Member of the Yale Babylonian Collection Sub-committee on Research on Cuneiform Tablets (since 2019).
- Member of the Yale Babylonian Collection Advisory Board (2016–2017).
- Member of the search committees for various senior positions in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2015–2017).
- Member of the search committee for the position of Postdoctoral Associate in Heritage Sciences (Anqa Project) at the Yale Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (2016).
- Member of the search committee for the position of Associate Curator of the Yale Babylonian Collection (2015).
- Member of the search committee in Northwest Semitics, Department of Religious Studies (2014–2016).
- Acting Chair, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (spring and fall 2013).
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Yale Initiative for the Study of Antiquity and the Premodern World / ARCHAIA (2013–2022).
- Member of the Arabic Language Committee (fall 2013).
- Member of the Simpson Egyptology Fund Committee (2013).
- Member of the Dean’s Research Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences Committee (2006/07, 2007/08).
- Member of the Libby Rouse/Ganzfried Fellowships Committee (2007/08).
- Member (and chair) of the Humanities Degree Committee, Yale Graduate School (2004, 2012).
- French and German language examiner, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (since 2003/04).
- Member of the Viscusi Endowment Committee (since 2003).
- Member of various promotion and reappointment committees.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- *Mesopotamian Metamorphoses* (working title for a book-length study of the impact of Mesopotamian history and literature on the Primeval History in Genesis).
- *Babylonian Cat Omens* (short monograph).

- *Historical Horizons in the Assyrian Empire: The Historical Texts from Ashurbanipal's Libraries at Nineveh* (monograph).
- A book-length history of the year 671 BCE.