

Joseph Cross
Curriculum vitae
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Field: Egyptology and Hebrew Bible (dual program)
Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (ABD), University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.
Dissertation: Egyptian and Judean Novellas of the Achaemenid and Graeco-Roman Period.
Chairs: Dennis Pardee and Robert Ritner
M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, 2014
M.A., Theology, University of Dallas, 2011
B.A., Plan II Honors and Classics, University of Texas at Austin, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Submission

“Semitic Texts in Egyptian Script” (book chapter), in Susan Hollis, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Hebrew Bible* (expected 2020)

Book Reviews

2019 Claudia Suhr, *Die Ägyptische "Ich-Erzählung": Eine Narratologische Untersuchung*,
2016 (*Review of Biblical Literature*) (In submission)

Other publications

2019 “Missing Pages: Two Manuscripts of the Samaritan Torah in the Oriental Institute,”
News & Notes, Summer (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago)

AWARDS

2017 Karen Dinal Memorial Award for teaching undergraduate writing
The College, University of Chicago

FELLOWSHIPS

University of Chicago

2018-2019 Jacob Greenberg Memorial Dissertation Year Fellowship, Greenberg Center for

Jewish Studies

2016-2018 Cross/Rantz Fellowship, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
 2011-2016 University Graduate Fellowship, Division of the Humanities
 2012-2013 Cross/Rantz Fellowship, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**Papers presented**

2018 “Suit the action to the word, the word to the action”: A New Reading of a Northwest Semitic Incantation in Egyptian Script (P. BM 10042, col. XII). American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (Nov. 14th-17th)
 2018 Envisioning a Compiler at Work: Scribal Features of Papyrus Amherst 63. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Nov. 18th)
 2011 “The Earth from Which He Was Taken”: The Shift of Speaker in Genesis 3:22-23. Southwestern Conference on Religious Studies (March 5th)

Panels moderated

2018 Discussant, “Digital Humanities and Middle Eastern Studies” (Panel). Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago (May 5th)
 2018 Moderator, “Which Way Forward: Digital Humanities and Middle Eastern Studies” (Roundtable). Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago (May 4th)

Conferences organized

2018 Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference (co-organizer), Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago (May 4th-5th)

INSTITUTES AND COLLOQUIA**Invited participant**

2018 Digital Editions, Digital Corpora, and New Possibilities for the Humanities in the Academy and Beyond. 2018 NEH Institute for Advanced Technology in the Digital Humanities. Perseus Project, Tufts University (July 16th-27th)
 2018 Chicago-Yale Pentateuch Colloquium. Yale Divinity School (Feb. 25th-27th)

CAMPUS TALKS

2018 Books without Authors: Who Wrote—and Read—the First Novels? Brown Bag Talk, Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina Asheville (Feb 14th)
 2018 Text Criticism of the Hebrew Bible: A Manuscript-Based Overview.

- Critical Editions for Digital Analysis and Research Symposium, University of Chicago (May 4th)
- 2018 What Worked: Best Practices for Teaching Writing.
University of Chicago Writing Program Professional Development Series (January 24th)
- 2017 The Fictional Moment: Late Biblical Novellas in an International Context.
Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (June 5th)
- 2015 Does Deuteronomy 8:7-10 Allude to the Egyptian *Tale of Sinuhe*?
Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (May 4th)
- 2013 Psalm 45: Lineation Through Manuscript Analysis.
Hebrew Bible Workshop, University of Chicago (May 20th)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina Asheville

The Ancient World (Spring 2019, Maymester 2019)

University of Chicago

Middle Egyptian Texts II (Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistantships

Ancient Empires: Egypt (Spring 2016)
Intro to the Hebrew Bible (Fall 2014)
Intro to Middle Egyptian I-II (Fall 2013-Winter 2014)
The Bible and Western Culture (Fall 2013)

Continuing Education

The World of the Hebrew Bible (online and onsite) – Oriental Institute (2015-2018)

Writing Pedagogy

Undergraduate Writing Intern (2016-2018)
Pedagogies of Writing (Seminar Leader) (Summer 2017)

RESEARCH

Research projects

- 2017-2018 Database editor, Critical Editions for Digital Analysis and Research (CEDAR), OCHRE Data Systems, University of Chicago
- 2014-2018 Entry editor (Semitic words), Chicago Demotic Dictionary

Research assistantships

2017 Daniel Schwartz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 2016-2017 Steve Vinson, Indiana University at Bloomington

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Chicago

2017-2018 Coordinator, Hebrew Bible Workshop (Divinity School)
 2015-2016 Graduate Student Advisory Committee (Oriental Institute)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Public lectures

2017 Ancient Persia: History of the Achaemenid Empire
 Oriental Institute Docent Program (July 26th)
 2017 Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt
 Homewood Public Library, Homewood IL (June 20th)
 2017 The First Biblical Manuscripts
 Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (May 5th)
 2017 Building the Pyramids
 Itasca Public Library, Itasca IL (February 16th)
 2016 Medicine and Magic of Ancient Egypt
 Acorn Public Library, Oak Forest IL (November 11th)
 2016 What Can Ancient Egypt Tell Us About the Bible?
 Oriental Institute Volunteer's Day (March 14th)
 2016 Ancient Israel Outside the Bible
 Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (March 3rd)

Museum education

Oriental Institute, University of Chicago

2016-2018 Content creator, Teacher Cohort Academy summer program, "S.T.E.A.M. in the
 Ancient and Medieval Near East"
 2015-2018 Content Specialist (Egypt and Levant), Education Department
 2015-2019 Lecturer, Docent Program

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

University of Chicago

2016-2017 Tutor, College Writing Program

MEDIA COVERAGE

2017 Interviewee, “Fact-Checking the Bible—In Chicago’s Oriental Institute,”
forward.com (May 4th)
<http://forward.com/news/371033/fact-checking-the-biblein-chicagos-oriental-institute/>

LANGUAGES

Ancient

Aramaic (Old, Biblical, Imperial)
Coptic
Egyptian (Old, Middle, Late, Ptolemaic, Demotic)
Greek
Hebrew
Latin
Phoenician/Punic
Ugaritic

Modern

English (native)
French (read)
German (read)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Research Center in Egypt
American Schools of Oriental Research
Society of Biblical Literature