

Joseph Cross

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EDUCATION

- 2021
(Expected) Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Hebrew Bible and Egyptology)
University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Dissertation: Egyptian and Judean Novellas of the Achaemenid and Graeco-Roman Period.
Committee: Dennis Pardee, Robert Ritner (co-chairs), Simeon Chavel, Brian Muhs
- 2014 M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
University of Chicago
- 2011 M.A., Theology
University of Dallas
- 2006 B.A., Plan II Honors, Classics
University of Texas at Austin

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “The Corpus of Northwest Semitic in Egyptian Script,” in Susan Hollis, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Egypt and the Hebrew Bible*

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming Dina Serova, Burkhard Backes, Matthiew W. Götz, and Alexandra Verbovsek, *Narrative: Geschichte – Mythos – Repräsentation: Beiträge des achten Berliner Arbeitskreises Junge Aegyptologie (BAJA 8)*, 2019 (*Review of Biblical Literature*)
- 2020 Claudia Suhr, *Die Ägyptische "Ich-Erzählung": Eine Narratologische Untersuchung*, 2016 (*Review of Biblical Literature*, 3/2020).
<https://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=11560>

Other publications

- 2021 “The Teaching of Amenemope” and “Egyptian Love Poetry.” Introductory materials for “The Ancient World” student reader, Humanities Program, University of North Carolina Asheville
- 2019 “Missing Pages: Two Manuscripts of the Samaritan Torah in the Oriental Institute,” *Oriental Institute News & Notes*, Summer

AWARDS

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

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**University of Chicago**

2020-2021 Arnaldo Momigliano Dissertation Travel Grant, Division of the Humanities
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**Invited Papers**

2020 Finding God in Nineveh: A Case Study in Judean and Egyptian Prophetic
Imagination. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. (Nov. 21st-24th)

Papers

2020 The Visual Possibilities of Narrative in the Demotic *Battle for the Prebend of Amun*. Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities Scholars' Colloquium. (Nov 6th-8th)
2020 When Storytelling Becomes Canonical: Changing Fortunes of the Novella in Hellenistic and Roman Judea and Egypt. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. (Nov. 21st-24th)
2020 Cosmopolitan and the Vernacular: Private Literature in the Post-Iron Age Southeastern Mediterranean. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. (Nov. 18th-21st)
2020 The Interface of Public and Private in Demotic Literature: A Case Study from P. Spiegelberg. American Research Center in Egypt Annual Meeting (April 3rd - 5th; conference cancelled)
2020 Genre Matters: Jonah as Novella. Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion Annual Meeting (Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st)
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. Unit: joint session of Aramaic Studies and Egyptology and Ancient Israel, 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 Annual Meeting
(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 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 (Fall 2018, 2020, Spring 2019-2020, Maymester 2019)
Latin I-II (Fall 2018-Spring 2019)

Ancient Egyptian Magic and Medicine (Fall 2018)

University of Chicago

Middle Egyptian Texts II (Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistantships

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

Continuing Education

Jewish Scripts Through History (online) – Oriental Institute (August 2020)
 History through OI Objects: The Megiddo Gallery (online) – Oriental Institute (May 2020)
 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 North Carolina Asheville

2020	Cohort member, First Year Pilot program
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University of Chicago

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

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Lectures

- 2020 Who Are the Samaritans? Oriental Institute Sunday Seminar (online, August 16th)
- 2020 Biblical Hebrew. Oriental Institute Language Seminar (online, May 31st)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUB2LZj7rKQ>
- 2020 Novellas of the Hebrew Bible. Online speaker series, Am Yisrael Synagogue, Skokie IL (May 10th)
- 2020 Judean and Egyptian Novellas of the Achaemenid and Hellenistic Periods. Oriental Institute Online Members' Lecture (online, April 8th)
<https://youtu.be/1d9npCDAbE0>
- 2019 Who Wrote—and Read—the First Novels? Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina Asheville (February 14th)
- 2017 Ancient Persia: History of the Achaemenid Empire. Oriental Institute Docent Program (July 26th)
- 2017 Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Homewood Public Library, Homewood IL (June 20th)
- 2017 The First Biblical Manuscripts. Oriental Institute Gallery Talk (May 5th)
- 2017 Building the Pyramids. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, Itasca Public Library, Itasca IL (February 16th)
- 2016 Medicine and Magic of Ancient Egypt. Oriental Institute Public Scholars program, 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

- 2016-2017 Tutor, College Writing Program, University of Chicago

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/>

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

(* passed PhD comprehensive exam)

Aramaic (Old, *Biblical, *Imperial)

*Coptic

Egyptian (*Old, *Middle, *Late, *Ptolemaic, *Demotic)

Greek

*Hebrew

Latin

*Phoenician/Punic

*Ugaritic

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Research Center in Egypt

American Schools of Oriental Research

Catholic Biblical Association

Society of Biblical Literature