

CV/Samuel L. Boyd

Educational Background

2014 (May)	University of Chicago	Ph.D., Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East; Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (NELC) and the Divinity School
Dissertation Title: "Contact and Context: Studies in Language Contact and Literary Strata in the Hebrew Bible"		
Committee Members: Dennis Pardee (NELC), chair; Jeffrey Stackert (Divinity School), co-chair; Rebecca Hasselbach (NELC), Lenore Grenoble (Department of Linguistics and Slavic Literature)		
2008	University of Chicago	M.A., Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East (NELC and the Divinity School)
Thesis: "Egypt in Ezekiel's and Jeremiah's Oracles against the Nations: A Rhetorical Comparison"		
2006	Westminster Theological Seminary	M.Div., Biblical Studies
2001	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	B.A.. double major in American History and Economics

Academic Employment History

University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO)

Fall 2015- Assistant Professor, Religious Studies and Jewish Studies, specializing in the Bible and the Ancient Near East in Religious Studies

Research

Publications

Books

Monographs

The Borrowed Bible: Colonial Administration, Language Contact, and the Construction of Identity in Ancient Israel and Judah
(currently editing seven out of projected seven chapters; publisher to be sought in 2017)

Edited Volumes

On the editorial committee for the *Oxford Handbook for the Study of Origins* (Oxford University Press has invited the Center for the Study of Origins at the University of Colorado Boulder, where I am on the executive committee, to submit a proposal); status: volume book proposal in external review

Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Submitted “Exodus 21:35 and the Composition and Date of the Covenant Code,” *Die Welt des Orients*
- Submitted “A Prophet's Message to Israel via Egypt in Ezek 29,” *Journal of Biblical Literature*
- Accepted “Deuteronomy’s Prodigal Son: Deut 21:18-21 and the Agenda of the D Source,” *Biblical Interpretation*
- Accepted “Two Instances of Language Contact in Isa. 45:14,” *Journal of Semitic Studies*
- Accepted “The Flood and the Problem of Being an Omnivore,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*
- Accepted “What Were the Qualifications for Being a Leader in Ancient Israel? Revelation, Authority, and Philological Issues in Deut 1:13 and 1:15,” *Vetus Testamentum*
- 2009 "Two New Inscriptions from Zincirli and its Environs," co-authored with Humphrey Hardy and Benjamin Thomas, *Bulletin for the American Society of Oriental Research*: 73-80

Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

- Accepted “Place as Real and Imagined in Exile: Jerusalem at the Center of Ezekiel,” to be published in the proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Symposium on Jewish Civilization
- 2018 “A Brief Linguistic and Religious History of the Title ‘King of Kings’,” in “*Like ‘Ilu Are You Wise’*”: *Studies in Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures in Honor of Dennis G. Pardee*, eds. Humphrey Hardy, Joseph Lam, and Eric Reymond (Chicago: Oriental Institute Press)
- 2015 “Hebrew Adverbialization, Aramaic Language Contact, and *mpny šr* in Exodus 19:18,” in *Semitic Languages in Contact*, co-authored with Humphrey Hardy,

Papers from the 2013 Proceedings of the North American Conference on Afro-Asiatic Linguistics at Yale University, ed. Aaron M. Butts (Boston: Brill), pp. 33-51

In Preparation (with anticipated submission date and journal indicated)

- Spring 2018 “The Use of the Relative and Near Demonstrative Pronouns in the Introduction of Phoenician, Old Aramaic, and Sam’alian Dedication Inscriptions,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*
- Spring 2018 “Pentateuchal Sources and Prophetic Rhetoric: An Examination of the Influence of the Decalogue and the Prophetic Rhetoric of Hos 4:1-2,” *Biblica*
- Spring 2018 “Is there a Remnant of Israel in the Book of Amos? Amos 3:12 as a Test-Case and a Connection to Hosea,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*
- Spring 2018 “Sargon’s Dūr-Šarrukīn Cylinder Inscription and Its Supposed Language Ideology: A Reconsideration and Connection to Gen 11:1-9,” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*
- Summer 2018 “Additional Evidence from the LXX in Isa 23:15,” *Journal of Septuagint and Cognate Studies*
- Fall 2018 “A Possible Seventh Century BCE Background for a Title of Yahweh in Isa 13:14,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*
- Spring 2019 “Layered Cosmology, a רקיע הארץ, and Evidence from the Baal Stele,” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*
- Summer 2019 “Rahab Versus the Judeans in Judges 1:19: A Note on non-Israelite Deities in the LXX,” *Journal of Septuagint and Cognate Studies*
- Summer 2019 “The Role of Verbal Aspect in the Themes of Presence and Absence in the Song of Songs,” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*
- Fall 2019 “Wheat Dealing and דמי: Navigating Doubtful Purity in Tannaitic Literature in Light of Greek Sources,” *Journal for the Study of Ancient Judaism*
- Spring 2020 “The Development of Isa 2: *Status Questionis* and a New Proposal,” *Biblical Interpretation*
- Summer 2020 “Abraham and the Rhetoric against Titus in an Expansion of Tg. Isa. 10:32,” *Aramaic Studies*

Invited Book Reviews

- 2016 Text, Time, and Temple: Literary, Historical and Ritual Studies in Leviticus, eds., Francis Landy, Leigh M. Trevaskis, and Bryan Bibb (by invitation from the Society of Biblical Literature), in *Review of Biblical Literature*
- 2016 Envisioning Islam: Syriac Christians and the Early Muslim World, by Michael Penn, in *Mediaevistik*

Peer-Reviewed Online Publications

- 2012 “Leviticus,” co-author with Jeffrey Stackert, Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies, New York: Oxford University Press
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0039.xml?rkey=I7IU2U&result=61&q=>
- 2011 “Priestly/Holiness Codes,” co-author with Jeffrey Stackert, Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies, New York: Oxford University Press
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0182.xml?rkey=QDsa1s&result=101&q=>

Invited Articles in Edited Volumes

- 2010 "Jonah and Janus: The Two Faces of Jonah in Biblical Interpretation" in *Ears to Hear and Eyes to See: Essays in Memory of J. Alan Groves*, edited by Peter Enns (Phillipsburg: P&R Publishing), 139-151

Public Scholarship on Topics of Primary Academic Research

- 2012 “A Legacy Buried, But Not Gone: The Importance of the Ancient Near East for Modern Religious and Political Life,” Sightings, a publication of the Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion
http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive_2012/1129.shtml

Reference Articles

- 2009 “Arbatta,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, ed. Hans-Josef Klauck, et al, (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter)
- 2009 “Salim,” “Thassi,” “Zer,” and “Zerah” in *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfield, et al (Nashville: Abingdon Press).

Grants, Awards, and Honors

Fall 2017-Spring 2018	Faculty Fellow, Research and Innovation Office University of Colorado Boulder
Fall 2015	Regional Scholar Award (awarded on a national competition to two emerging biblical scholars)
Fall 2013-Spring 2014	University of Chicago, Chicago Center for Jewish Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship
Fall 2012-Spring 2013	University of Chicago, Martin Marty Junior Dissertation Fellowship 2012-2013 (Divinity School)
Summer 2010	Ryerson Travel Grant, Summer 2010 (Classical Archaeology)
2007-2014	University of Chicago, Cross/Rantz Scholar 2007-2014 (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)

Academic Presentations (Papers accepted on a competitive basis)

November 2017	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Revisiting Royal Rhetoric and Fractured Politics in Sargon II's Dûr-Sharrukîn Cylinder Inscription and Gen 11,” in the session on Genesis
November 2017	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Is there a Remnant of Israel in the Book of Amos? Amos 3:12 as a Test-Case and a Connection to Hos 5:14,” in the session on Israelite Prophetic Literature
October 2017	Thirtieth Annual Symposium on Jewish Civilization. Conference theme: “Next Year in Jerusalem: Exile and Return in Jewish History.” Paper title: Place as Real and Imagined in Exile: Jerusalem at the Center of Ezekiel”
November 2016	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Israel in Egypt, Egypt in Israel: Ezekiel’s Use of Egypt as a Message to Israel,” in the session on the development of the book of Ezekiel (did not attend due to birth of my daughter)
March 2016	Panelist and presenter for a session at the regional Society of Biblical Literature conference on the “Current State of the Study of the Pentateuch” (paper title: “Source Criticism according to the Bible”)
November 2015	Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, “Abraham and the Rhetoric against Titus in an Expansion of Tg. Isa. 10:32” in the Aramaic section

March 2015 Regional Society of Biblical Literature conference, “The Flood and the Problem of Being an Omnivore”

Invited Talks

October 2013 Chicago Society for Biblical Research, “Language Contact and the Formation of the Hebrew Bible”

May 2013 Department of Linguistics Language Variation and Change Workshop, University of Chicago, “Contact Linguistics and Data From Bygone Eras: A Case Study in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible”

April 2013 Harvard University, Graduate Student Philology Workshop, “Language Contact and the Comparative Method: Bringing Theory and Data Together”

Community Talks

Bonai Shalom Synagogue, talk title to be determined. January, 2018

Embodied Judaism: Symposium on the Shekinah, talk concerning the biblical and ancient Near Eastern backgrounds of the *shekinah* in Jewish thought.” November 2017

Conference on World Affairs, Moderator for Professor Elaine Pagels’ talk “Apocalypse: How the Book of Revelation Haunts Contemporary Politics.” April 13, 2017

Carbondale Arts Center, Carbondale, Colorado

Talk scheduled April 21-22, 2017 on magic in Judaism

Meet-and-greet local high school students to promote the study of religion, Jewish history, and the ancient Near East

Jewish Genealogical Society of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

Talk scheduled in March, 2017 on language, writing, and Jewish identity

Miramontes Arts and Science Program, October 4, 2016

Student-nominated speaker as a part of a colloquium series to promote the humanities among underrepresented populations at the University of Colorado Boulder

United Nations Association, Boulder, May 3, 2016

Paper presentation on the topic of extremism in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, co-organized through the Islamic Center of Boulder

CU Boulder Lutheran/Episcopalian Campus Ministry Group, April 12, 2016

Informal talk promoting the critical study of the Bible to undergraduate students

Boulder Jewish Community Center, April 14, 2016

“Magic in Jewish Texts and Tradition”

United Nations Association, Boulder, February 29, 2016

Panel moderator for a discussion regarding Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, co-organized through the Islamic Center of Boulder

Teaching and Advising

Courses Taught

University of Colorado Boulder (3 semesters)

1000-level

HIST/JWST 1818 Introduction to Jewish History, Bible to 1492 (Spring 2016)

RLST/JWST 1900 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Fall 2016)

2000-level

RLST/JWST 2600 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (Spring 2016)

3000-level

RLST 3000 Christian Traditions (Fall 2015)

RLST/JWST 3820 Magic in Judaism and Christianity (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

4000/5000-level

RLST/JWST 4260 Seminar: Advanced Topics for the Study of the Hebrew Bible (Spring 2016)

Independent Studies

Guided an independent study for Ahmet Cem Durak, an MA student in Religious Studies (Spring 2016)

Advising

Jewish Studies

Senior Capstone Project for Gavin Coulson: “A Parashah on Exodus 21:1-10” (committee member)

Philosophy

Honors Committee Member for Elliott Spears (graduated *magna cum laude*), “A Defense of Divine Command Theory”

Service

Department of Near Eastern Language and Civilizations, University of Chicago

Spring 2017-pres. Second, external reader for comprehensive exams in Classical Ethiopic/Ge'ez (in support of Professor Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee, first reader)

Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

Fall 2016 Executive Committee

Spring 2016-pres. Regional Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Conference Planning Committee

Spring 2016 Graduate Funding Committee

Fall 2015-pres. Library Liaison

Program in Jewish Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

Fall 2015-pres. Graduate Studies Committee

Program for Mediterranean Studies, University of Colorado Boulder

Fall 2015-pres. Board Member

Center for the Study of Origins, University of Colorado Boulder

Fall 2016-pres. Executive Committee and Core Faculty Member

Fall 2017-pres. Organizing Committee for symposium on the 536 CE event and the role of climate change in human history

Community Service

Fall 2017-pres. Advisory Committee for the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

Media Appearances

The Coloradan, Fall 2017

“Better than Babel”

Full Article on my Biblical and Linguistic Research

<http://www.colorado.edu/coloradan/2017/09/01/better-babel>

The Coloradan, Fall 2016

Campus News Briefs

<http://www.colorado.edu/coloradan/2016/09/01/campus-news-briefs-fall-2016>

Colorado Arts and Science Magazine, April 2016

“CU-Boulder prof employs 23 ancient Near East languages in a quest for biblical understanding”

<http://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2016/04/27/biblical-scholar-explores-power-babel>

Boulder Weekly, 2016

“Report shows increase of anti-Semitism in CO”

<http://www.boulderweekly.com/news/report-shows-increase-of-anti-semitism-in-co/>

Vice News, December 2015

“Would Jesus Celebrate Christmas?”

Scholarly perspective interviewed for and quoted in the online article

<http://www.vice.com/read/would-jesus-celebrate-christmas>

“CU Science Update 36- The Gluten-Free Trend”

Academic consultant and talking head regarding the history of grains in the ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bibles