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Curriculum Vitae
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EMPLOYMENT

2019–Present Visiting Professor of Religion
Department of Religion and Philosophy
Florida Southern College

EDUCATION

2020 Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Doctor of Philosophy
Focus: Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
Dissertation: “Icons of Royal Power: Viewing the Rhetoric of the
Royal Psalms in the Context of Ancient Near Eastern Royal Art”
Advisor: Dr. Joel M. LeMon
Committee: Dr. Brent A. Strawn, Dr. Jacob L. Wright
Exams: Books and Traditions of the Hebrew Bible,
ANE Iconography, Royal Psalms, Rhetorical Criticism

2015 Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
Master of Arts in Religion
Concentration: Biblical Studies

2013 Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, GA
Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies
Summa cum Laude

MONOGRAPHS AND EDITED VOLUMES

Under Rev. Richard Purcell, *Icons of Royal Power: Viewing the Rhetoric of the Royal Psalms in the Context of Ancient Near Eastern Royal Art*. Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis. Leuven: Peeters.

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Under Rev. Richard Purcell, “Playing the Man in the Book of Ruth: Reshaping the Masculine Ideal.” *Biblical Interpretation*.

- 2020 Richard Purcell, "The King as Priest? Royal Imagery in Psalm 110 and Ancient Near Eastern Iconography." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 139/2 (June 2020): 275–300.
- 2020 Richard Purcell, "Yhwh, Moses, and Pharaoh: Masculine Competition as Rhetoric in the Exodus Narrative." *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44/4 (May 2020): 532–550.
- 2019 Richard Purcell and Caralie Focht, "Competing Masculinities: YHWH vs Pharaoh in an Integrative Ideological Reading of Exodus 1–14," in *Hebrew Masculinities Anew*. Edited by Ovidiu Creangă. Hebrew Bible Monography 79. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2019.
- 2019 Joel M. LeMon and Richard Purcell, "The Garments of God: Iconographic Case Studies from Isaiah 6:1; 59:17; and 63:1–6," in *Clothing and Nudity in the Hebrew Bible*. Edited by Christoph Berner, Manuel Schäfer, Martin Schott, Sarah Schulz, Martina Weingärtner. New York: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2019.

BOOK REVIEWS

- In Press Review of Antonios Finitis, ed., "Dress and Clothing in the Hebrew Bible: 'For All Her Household Are Clothed in Crimson.'" *Catholic Bible Quarterly*.
- In Press Review of Carol A. Newsom, "Rhetoric and Hermeneutics: Approaches to Text, Tradition, and Social Construction in Biblical and Second Temple Literature." *Review and Expositor*.
- 2019 Review of Eric D. Raymond, "Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar: A Student's Guide to Phonology and Morphology." *Review and Expositor* 116/2, 245–46.
- 2016 Review of Jeremy Schipper, "Ruth: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary." *Review and Expositor* 113/4, 560–62.
- 2016 Review of Joel Barker, "From the Depths of Despair to the Promise of Presence: A Rhetorical Reading of the Book of Joel." *Review and Expositor* 113/1, 114–16.
- 2015 Review of Jeffrey Stackert, "A Prophet Like Moses: Prophecy, Law, and Israelite Religion." *Journal for the Evangelical Study of the Old Testament* 4/1, 117–21.
- 2014 Review of Aaron Chalmers, "Exploring the Religions of Ancient Israel." *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 11/1: 110–12.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Playing the Man in the Book of Ruth: Who Best Performs the Masculine Role?” at the SBL/AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2019 “Blending Royal and Divine Identities: The Rhetoric of Merging King and Deity in Ancient Near Eastern Art and Psalm 2,” at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Raleigh, NC
- 2018 “Comparing the Imagery of Submission in Ancient Near Eastern Art and Psalm 2,” at the SBL/AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2018 “Comparing Rhetoric in Art and Text: Considering the Rhetorical Function of Images,” at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Boiling Springs, NC
- 2017 “The King as Priest? The Image of the King in Psalm 110 and ANE Iconography,” at the SBL/AAR Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2017 “YHWH, Moses, and Pharaoh: Masculine Competition as Rhetoric in the Exodus Narrative,” at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Nashville, TN
- 2017 “Christian Art Through the Ages: Art History, Visual Culture, and Making Meaning with Images,” at Duluth First UMC’s Art and Theology Seminar
- 2017 “The Communicative Role of Cylinder Seals in the ANE: Image, Text, and Material Object,” at the Michael C. Carlos Museum’s Ancient Writing in the Ancient Near East and Egypt Teacher Workshop, Atlanta, GA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2020 The Wisdom Tradition in Ancient Israel REL 3345 at Florida Southern College
- Spring 2020 Hellenistic Greek II GRE 1102 at Florida Southern College
- Spring 2020 Introduction to the Old Testament REL 2215 at Florida Southern College
- Fall 2019 Johannine Literature: Gospel, Letters, and Apocalypse REL 3366 at Florida Southern College
- Fall 2019 Hellenistic Greek I GRE 1101 at Florida Southern College
- Spring 2019 Advanced Hebrew Poetry BL630 at Candler School of Theology

- Fall 2018 Concise Hebrew BL510 at Candler School of Theology
- Fall 2017 Co-Taught Religion and Society in the Hellenistic and Roman Eras ANCMED
101 at Emory University
- 2016–2017 Co-Taught Introduction to the Old Testament 501/502 at Candler School of
Theology
- 2015–2016 Teaching Assistant for OT 501/502 at Candler School of Theology

LANGUAGE AND TEACHING PROFICIENCIES

Primary Teaching Competencies: Old Testament, Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic, ANE Cultures and Languages, ANE and Mediterranean Art History and Visual Cultures, Gender Theory and Biblical Interpretation, Religious Studies and Theory

Secondary Teaching Competencies: New Testament, Koine Greek, Second Temple Judaism, Ancient Mediterranean World, World Religions, Akkadian

Languages Competencies:

Fluent: English

Reading Proficiency: German, French

Ancient Languages: Biblical Hebrew (4+ years), Koine Greek (3+ years), Akkadian (1 year), Biblical and Targumic Aramaic (1 year), Phoenician (1 semester), Middle Egyptian (1 semester)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature

Catholic Bible Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015–2020 Tam Institute for Jewish Studies Fellowship
Emory University
- 2015 Marvin H. Pope Prize in Biblical Hebrew
Yale Divinity School
- 2013 Award for Academic Excellence in Christian Studies
Brewton-Parker College