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TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Associate Professor of Ancient Scripture, Fall 2006 - present

- Also associated with the Ancient Near Eastern Studies Program
- Assistant-director of the BYU Egypt Excavation Project
- Have been/am serving as/on: Chairman of American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) Annual Meeting Committee, Faculty Forum Committee, FARMS Research Faculty Advisory Committee, Sperry Symposium Committee, Department Merit Pay Committee, Associate Editor of the Journal of Book of Mormon and Restoration Scripture.
- Have received several student mentoring grants/awards.
- Classes taught include: Ancient Near Eastern Texts, Studies in Egypt and Egyptian Archaeology, Old Testament, New Testament, Pearl of Great Price, and Book of Mormon.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY - HAWAII

Assistant Professor, Fall 2003 - Fall 2006

- Taught 60% of my classes in the Department of Religious Education and 40% in the History Department.
- Classes taught include: World Civilization, Egyptian History, Historiography of Egyptology, Old Testament, New Testament, Book of Mormon, and Pearl of Great Price.
- Have served on: Scholarship Committee, Assessment Committee, Housing Committee, FARMS Research Faculty Advisory Committee, ARCE Annual Meeting Committee. Have received award for service learning.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Lecturer, Summer Quarter, 2002; Summer Quarter 2003

- Taught course in Egyptian History, Culture and Civilization.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Class designer and instructor, Spring Quarter, 2003

- Am co-designer and co-instructor of a senior honors class in my field to be offered this upcoming spring quarter. We will decide on the curriculum, purpose and design of the course, and then teach it.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Teaching Assistant and Reader, Oct. 1999 - Dec. 2002 (scheduled through June 2003)

- Taught sections and did grading for Near Eastern History, Egyptian History and

Egyptian Religion classes. Also taught in the Lecture Sessions. In two of the classes, I did 20% of the teaching in the Lecture Sessions, besides the Discussion Sections.

CAL POLY, POMONA

Instructor, March - June 2000

- Taught History 312 – Israel and the Empires of the Near East. This course focused on the Near East during the Iron Age.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Instructor, Sept. 1994 - Aug. 1997; June - Aug. 1999; June - Aug. 2001

- Taught one semester of Hebrew 331 (Biblical Readings) and two semesters of Hebrew 431 (Hebrew Poetry and Wisdom Literature). Taught in Ancient Scripture Dept. eight semesters, Old Testament, New Testament, and related studies.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant, July 1992 - Aug. 2000

- Researched for Dr. Alan Parrish of Ancient Scripture Dept., found, collected and organized primary materials, wrote article summaries of my research. I have been involved in several publications. Did foundational research for the biography of John A. Widtsoe, which was awarded the best biography of 2003 by the MHA.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY AND PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT RELIGIOUS TEXTS AT BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Researcher, Sept. 1995 - Oct. 1998

- Helped with Dead Sea Scrolls Database project, preparing texts, lexicons, etc.

UTAH VALLEY STATE COLLEGE

Instructor, Sept. 1996 - Aug. 1997

- Taught continuing education classes in Hebrew, Temple Studies, and Dead Sea Scrolls.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant, June 1994 - Sept. 1994

- Research for Religious Education collecting, organizing and preparing for database entry journals of early church [LDS] members.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Research Assistant, June 1993 - Sept. 1993

- Research for Dr. Richard Draper, Ancient Scripture Dept., helping to prepare a book on higher criticism of the Bible.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED

Hebrew Tutor, Jan. - Dec. 1993

- Tutored students who needed help with Hebrew.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Egyptology, July 2003, 3.947 GPA

Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

Dissertation: "Violence in the Service of Order: The Religious Framework for Sanctioned Killing in Ancient Egypt."

Advisors: Dr. Antonio Loprieno and Dr. Willeke Wendrich

- UCLA Graduate Scholar of the Year, 2002-2003, Affiliates of UCLA
- Nibley Fellow (Institute for the Study and Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts)
- Friends of Archaeology Fellow (Cotsen Institute of Archaeology)
- Departmental Fellow (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures)

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

MA in Ancient Near Eastern History, August 1997

Thesis: "The Use of the Palm of the Hand in the Tabernacle and Temple of Solomon."

BS in Psychology with Hebrew minor, August 1994, Cum Laude

- participated in Intensive Hebrew Program at BYU Jerusalem Center from Jan. 1994 – June 1994. Many on site experiences in this program.
- received several scholarships and fellowships, Dean's list

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Teaching Egyptian History: Some Discipline-Specific Pedagogical Notes," in *The Journal of Egyptian History*, 2/1-2 (2009): 173-231.
2. "Ruth, Redemption, and Covenant," in Jared Ludlow, Kerry Muhlestein, and D. Kelley Ogden, eds., *The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. Proceedings of the 2009 Sperry Symposium*. (Salt Lake City: Religious Studies Center and Deseret Book, 2009), 189-208.

3. Jared Ludlow, Kerry Muhlestein, and D. Kelley Ogden, eds., *The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament, Proceedings of the 2009 Sperry Symposium* (Salt Lake City: Religious Studies Center and Deseret Book, 2009).
4. “Encircling Astronomy and the Egyptians. An Apperceptive Approach to Abraham 3,” in *By Study and by Faith: Selections from The Religious Educator* (Provo: Religious Studies Center, 2009), 148-167; and *The Religious Educator*, 10/1 (2009): 32-50.
5. “One Continuous Flow: Revelations Surrounding the ‘New Translation,’” in *The Doctrine and Covenants, Revelations in Context*, Andrew Hedges, J. Spencer Fluhman, and Alonzo L. Gaskill, eds. (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book and the Religious Studies Center, 2008), 40-65.
6. “Royal Executions: Evidence Bearing on the Subject of Sanctioned Killing in the Middle Kingdom,” in *The Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 51/2 (2008): 181-208.
7. “Execration Ritual” in Willeke Wendrich, Jacco Dieleman (eds.), *UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology* (Los Angeles: <http://www.uee.ucla.edu>, 2008).
8. “Empty Threats? How Egyptians’ Self-Ontology Should Affect the Way We Read Many Texts,” in *The Journal of the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities* 34 (2007): 115-130.
9. “Binding Foreigners with Heraldic Plants.” *Proceedings of the IXth International Congress of Egyptologists*, (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2007), 1335-1341.
10. “Approaching Understandings in the Book of Abraham,” in *The FARMS Review* 18, no. 2 (2006), 229-246.
11. “Insights Available as We Approach the Original Text,” *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* 15/2 (2006), 60-65.
12. “From Clay Tablets to Canon: the Story of the Formation of Scripture,” in *How the New Testament Came to Be*, Kent P. Jackson and Frank F. Judd, Jr., eds. (Provo and Salt Lake City: Religious Studies Center and Deseret Book Company, 2006), 43-61.
13. “The Book of Breathing in Its Place,” in *The FARMS Review* 17, no. 2 (2005), 471-486.
14. “Death by Water: The Role of Water in Ancient Egypt’s Treatment of Enemies

and Juridical Process,” in *L’Acqua Nell’antico Egitto: Vita, Rigenerazione, Incantesimo, Medicamento*, Alessia Amenta, Michela Luiselli, and Maria Novella Sordi, eds., (Rome: L’Erma di Bretschneider, 2005), 173-79.

15. “Book Review of Lynn Meskell and R. Joyce, *Embodied Lives. Figuring Ancient Maya and Egyptian Experience* (New York: Routledge, 2003)”, in *PalArch 2/1* web based Netherlands Scientific Journal (2005). http://www.palarch.nl/Non_scientific/review_meskell_joyce_03.pdf
16. “European Views of Egyptian Magic and Mystery: a Cultural Context for the Magic Flute,” *BYU Studies* 43/3 (2004), 137-148.
17. “Prelude to the Pearl: Sweeping Events Leading to the Discovery of the Joseph Smith Papyri,” in *Prelude to the Restoration: from Apostasy to the Restored Church* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book/BYU Religious Studies Center, 2004), 130-141.
18. “Commandments,” *Book of Mormon Reference Companion*, (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 2003).
19. Contributor of small articles for *Book of Mormon Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 2003).
20. *Violence in the Service of Order: the Religious Framework for Sanctioned Killing in Ancient Egypt* (Ph.D. Dissertation for the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA, 2003).
21. “Israel, Exodus, Atonement, and Us,” in *Covenants, Prophecies, and Hymns of the Old Testament*, Victor Ludlow, ed. (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 2001), 89-100.
22. “Review of *Revealing the Holy Land: The Photographic Exploration of Palestine*” in *JUSŪR, UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 15 (1999), 77-78.
23. “Review of *Becoming Osiris, The Ancient Egyptian Death Experience*” in *JUSŪR, UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 15 (1999), 79-82.
24. Contributor in *A Comprehensive Annotated Book of Mormon Bibliography*, Donald W. Parry, Jeanette W. Miller, Sandra A. Thorne, eds. (Provo, UT: Research Press, 1996).
25. Contributor in “Text, Notes, and Comments,” *King Benjamin’s Speech, “That Ye May Learn Wisdom,”* John W. Welch, Stephen D. Ricks, eds. (Provo, UT: Research Press, 1998).

26. *The Use of the Palm of the Hand in the Rituals of the Tabernacle and Temple of Solomon*, (Brigham Young University Thesis, 1997).
27. General Editor for *JUSŪR, UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 1999-2001.
28. Freelance editorial work for the University of Basil, March 2003.
29. Editor at large for Craig A. Lockard's *Societies, Networks, and Transitions: a Global History* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006).
30. "An Unusual Gardener," [an article on John Huntsman] *St. George Magazine*, October/November 2000, 30-35.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

31. "Those Who Speak Rebellion: Refining Our Understanding of the Words Used to Describe 'Rebellion,'" in the Proceedings of the Tenth International Congress of Egyptologists, (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, forthcoming).
32. Muhlestein, Kerry and John Gee, "Egyptian Middle Kingdom Contexts for Human Sacrifice" in *Studies in the Bible and Antiquity* 1/1 (forthcoming, 2009).
33. "Joseph Smith Papyri and Translations," *The Religious Educator*, forthcoming.
34. "Treasure and the Supernatural: Joseph Smith's Search for the Divine," *The Religious Educator*, forthcoming.
35. "The Shipwrecked Sailor as Veiled Criticism of the King," *Lingua Aegyptia*, forthcoming.
36. "Issues in Identifying Innovation, the Early Ramesside Era as a Case Study," in Kerry Muhlestein, John Gee, eds. *Evolving Egypt: Innovation, Appropriation, and Reinterpretation* (Oxford: British Archaeological Reports), forthcoming.
37. Kerry Muhlestein, John Gee, eds. *Evolving Egypt: Innovation, Appropriation, and Reinterpretation* (Oxford: British Archaeological Reports), forthcoming.
38. "Joseph of Egypt" in the *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion*, forthcoming.
39. "Ephraim" in the *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion*, forthcoming.

40. "Violence" in UCLA Encyclopedia of Egyptology, <http://www.ucee.ucla.edu>, forthcoming.
41. *CLIO World History Encyclopedia* entries
 - "Conventions of "Other" in Egyptian Art"
 - "Hyksos"
 - "Egyptian Kingship: Order Fighting Chaos"
 - "Second Intermediate Period"
 - "The Smiting Scene"
 - "The Narmer Palette"
 - "Human Sacrifice in Ancient Egypt"
 - "Tel ed-Daba (Avaris)"
 - "Conceptions of Ethnicity in Ancient Egypt"

WORKS SUBMITTED OR AGREED TO FOR PUBLICATION

37. "Levantine Thinking in Egypt: the footprint of intellectual influence," submitted to *Egypt, Canaan, Israel: History, Imperialism, and Ideology*, (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).
38. Kerry Muhlestein, et. al. "The Brigham Young University Egypt Excavation Project, 2009," *Annales du Service des antiquités de l'Egypte*, forthcoming.
39. *We've All Messed Up But . . . : Messages of Love, Hope and Inspiration from the Old Testament and other Scriptures* (submitted to Deseret Book).
40. *Setting the Record Straight: The Book of Abraham* (partially completed monograph manuscript submitted to Millennial Press, publication of full manuscript agreed to).

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. "Discovering and Understanding Parallel Programs at Snefru's Pyramids." Presented at the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities Annual Scholar's Colloquium, held at the Royal Ontario Museum and University of Toronto, November, 2009.
2. "Ruth, Redemption, Covenant and Christ," Presented at the 38th annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium, held at Brigham Young University, October, 2009.
3. "The Use of Biblical Figures in Egyptian Religion, a Survey." Presented at the International Conference *Achievements and Problems of Modern Egyptology*, held in Moscow, September, 2009.

4. "The Footprint of Levantine Intellectual Influence in the Egyptian Tale of the Shipwrecked Sailor." Invited Lecture, Presented at the International *Conference Egypt, Canaan, Israel: History, Imperialism, and Ideology*, held at the University of Haifa, Israel, in May, 2009.
5. "Excavating a Snefru Pyramid: a Preliminary Report." Co-Presented with Dr. Wilfred Griggs at the national ARCE [American Research Center in Egypt] conference, held in Dallas, April 2009. Also at the 2009 BYU Egypt Excavation Conference, held in Provo, UT, November 2009.
6. "The Role of Violent Ritual in the Egyptian Temple." Co-Presented with Alyssa Lewis at the *Temples and Ritual in Antiquity Symposium*, held at Brigham Young University, November, 2008.
7. "One Continuous Flow: Revelations Surrounding the 'New Translation,'" Presented at the 37th annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium, held at Brigham Young University, October, 2008.
8. "Those Who Speak Rebellion: Refining Our Understanding of the Words Used to Describe 'Rebellion'". Presented at the *Tenth International Congress of Egyptologists*, held in Rhodes, Greece, May, 2008.
9. "Power, Curses, and Reality: Realities behind Egyptian Tomb Threats and Many other Texts." Presented at the national ARCE conference, held in Seattle, April, 2008.
10. "Egyptologists and Historians. Current practices and future possibilities regarding teaching Egyptian History." Invited lecture at the Egyptology workshop *In Search of Egypt's Past: Problems and Perspectives of the Historiography of Ancient Egypt*, held at the University of British Columbia, April, 2008.
11. "Smashing, Stomping and Spitting: The Protection of Egypt Through the Execration Ritual," Invited lecture at the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities Annual Scholars Colloquium, Royal Ontario Museum and University of Toronto, November, 2007.
12. "Smiting, Smashing, Sailing, and Sacrifice: the evolution and manifestations of some violent rituals in ancient Egypt." Invited lecture at the ARCE North Texas Chapter, July 2007.
13. "Sanctioned Killing in Ancient Egypt." Presented at the national ARCE Conference, held in Toledo, April, 2007.

14. "Chaos or Creation? Egyptian Attitudes Towards Water." Presented to the Students of the Ancient Near East Forum at Brigham Young University, December, 2006.
15. "From Clay Tablets to Canon: the Story of the Formation of Scripture." Presented at the 35th annual Sperry Symposium, held at Brigham Young University, October, 2006.
16. "The Persistent Question of Human Sacrifice in Ancient Egypt: Was it Real and Unperceived?" Presented at the national ARCE Conference, held in New Jersey, April 2006.
17. Co-Organizer of International Academic Conference Evolving Egypt: Innovation, Appropriation and Reinterpretation in Ancient Egypt, held at BYU-Hawaii in February, 2006.
18. "Possibilities and Pitfalls in Identifying Innovation: the Early Ramesside Era as a Case Study." Presented at *Evolving Egypt: Innovation, Appropriation and Reinterpretation in Ancient Egypt*, held at BYU Hawaii, February 2006.
19. "The Dead Sea Scrolls as Inter-Cultural and Inter-Faith bridges." Presented at a VIP reception for the Laie, Hawaii Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit, February, 2006.
20. "LDS Contributions to and Perspectives on Dead Sea Scrolls Scholarship." Presented at BYU-Hawaii as part of the Dead Sea Scroll Lecture Series, March 2006.
21. "Historical Methodology and the Dead Sea Scrolls." A three part workshop and lecture done at Kona High School, April, 2006, Hawaii.
22. "The Smiting Scene Referent Reconsidered." Presented at the national ARCE Conference, held at Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 2005.
23. "The Joseph Smith Papyri and Higher Education." Invited Lecture, Co-Presented with Dr. John Gee at the Cambridge Institute of Religion, April, 2005.
24. "Archaeology, Artifact and Art: the Creation of Egyptian Museum Collections and their Use in Reconstructing History." Invited Lecture, presented at the BYU Museum of Art in connection with a Boston Museum of Fine Arts exhibit, October, 2004.
25. "Prelude to the Pearl: Sweeping Events Leading to the Discovery of the Joseph Smith Papyri." Presented at the 33rd annual Sperry Symposium held at Brigham Young University, October, 2004.

26. "Binding Foreigners with Heraldic Plants." Presented at the *IXth International Congress of Egyptologists*, held in Grenoble, France, September, 2004.
27. "Ancient Leanings and Modern Perplexities: an environmental struggle within many Latter-day Saint individuals." Presented at an Honors Colloquium, BYU-Hawaii, September, 2004.
28. "The Multi-Valence of Egyptian Threat Formulae." Presented at the national ARCE Conference, held at the University of Arizona, April 2004.
29. Lecture Series -- Aspects of Ancient Egypt : Ancient Egyptian Religion and Significant Parallels Presented at BYU-Hawaii
Egyptian Creation Accounts and Parallels -- February 17, 2004
Egyptian Conceptions of the Afterlife and Parallels -- February 24, 2004
Egyptian Temples and Parallels -- March 2, 2004.
30. "Writing as Access to Higher Level Cognition." Invited Keynote Speaker at Reading and Writing Center retreat, BYU-Hawaii, October, 2004.
31. "Death by Water: the Use of Water in Ancient Egypt's Treatment of Enemies and Juridical Process." Presented at the First International Conference for Young Egyptologists: *Water in Ancient Egypt: Life, Regeneration, Incantation, and Medical Prescription*, Chianciano Terme, Italy, October, 2003.
32. "An Origin of Foreign Domination: Pre-Hyksos Avaris." Invited lecture presented to the faculty of the History Department at Brigham Young University, March 2003.
33. "Egyptology and the Book of Abraham. Reasons for the Hope Within You." Invited Lecture presented at Brigham Young University-Hawaii, April 2003.
34. "Egyptian Exchange With the Levant: the International Setting for Facsimile Number Three." Presented at the *World of Abraham Conference* held by the Institute for the Study and Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts at Brigham Young University, March 2002.
35. "Pharaoh Undone: Plagues and the Mystique of Ma'at." Invited Lecture, presented at Student and Faculty Forum, Brigham Young University-Hawaii, February 2002.
36. "Magic and Mudbrick: Apotropaic Architecture in Ancient Egypt." Presented at UCLA's *Wepwawet in Westwood* Conference, June 2002.
37. "The Plagues, Exodus, and Egyptian Kingship." Presented at the Pacific Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, March 2001. This paper was

awarded the prize for best student essay.

38. "Criticism of the King: Another Layer in the Shipwrecked Sailor." Presented at the national ARCE Conference, held at Brown University, April 2001.
39. "Israel, Exodus, Atonement, and Us." Presented at the annual Sperry Symposium held at Brigham Young University, October, 2001.
40. "Walking With Power: Redefining *Hithalāk*." Co-Presented with Daniel Belnap at the Pacific Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, April 2000.
41. "Levantine Thinking in Egypt: the Footprint of Intellectual Influence." Presented at the national ARCE Conference, held at the University of California at Berkeley, April, 2000.
42. "Exodus and Expiation, Then In Now." Presented at the Friday Faculty Forum for Religious Education at Brigham Young University, March, 2001.
43. "What I Will Do to Pharaoh: The Plagues Viewed as a Divine Confrontation with Pharaoh." Presented at BYU's Institute for the Study and Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts' brown bag luncheon, September, 2000.
44. "The Djoser Complex, Capturing Early Egypt." Presented to Docents at the Bowers Museum, December, 2000.
45. "Desert Imagery in Jeremiah." Presented at BYU Religious Education's Annual Sperry Symposium, October 1997.
46. "Understanding Old Testament Imagery in the Doctrine and Covenants." Presented in Church Educational System Mid-year Area Convention, Sacramento, April, 1998.
47. "John A. Widtsoe: An Early 20th Century Bridge Between Science and Faithful Mormon Thought." Presented at the Annual Mormon Historical Association Symposium, May, 1996.

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- Recipient of several mentoring awards or grants
- BYU-H Service Learning Award, 2005
- The UCLA University Affiliates Graduate Division Scholar of the Year, 2002-2003.
- Delegate in UCLA's Graduate Student Association

- Awarded prize of Best Student Essay of the 2001 Pacific Region Society of Biblical Literature Conference
- Primary research assistant for biography which was the MHA's best biography of 2003.
- Volunteer Teacher at Westwood Institute of Religion for UCLA students, Oct. 1999 - March 2003
- Volunteer Seminary Teacher for High School Seniors, 97-98 school year
- Member of Selection Committee for UCLA's Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, wherein I was part of a small committee which selected candidates for teaching positions in the department
- Secretary and Representative in UCLA's Graduate Student Housing Residents' Association
- Assisted in docent training at Bower's Museum display of part of British Museum's Egypt collection
- Involved in political organization for promoting families
- Organized Blood Drives for Red Cross
- Organizer of a Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Fair
- Have headed organization to help members of my church find employment and prepare for emergencies
- Volunteered with Red Cross to help elderly earth-quake proof their homes
- Served as Associate Advisor for local Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post
- Served as member of local Boy Scouts of America Committee
- Very actively involved in my church (serving on the High Council)
- 1st place in BYU Communications Department speech contest
- Membership solicited in Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key National Honors Societies
- Dean's List
- Secretary of BYU Hebrew Club
- Current or past member of:
 - International Association of Egyptologists
 - American Research Center in Egypt
 - American Association of Higher Education (for which I have attended national assessment conferences)
 - Society of Biblical Literature
 - Hebrew National Honors Society
 - Phi Kappa Phi National Honors Society (for teachers)