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### EDUCATION & DEGREES

- *Ph.D.*, The Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore), Department of Near Eastern Studies (Assyriology), 1999
  - Ph.D. dissertation: “Sumerian literary texts from the time of the Third Dynasty of Ur.”  
Supervisors: Jerrold S. Cooper (The Johns Hopkins University) and Miguel Civil (The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago)
- *M.A.*, The Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore), Department of Near Eastern Studies (Assyriology), 1997
- *Licentiate*, Semitic Philology (Trilingual Biblical Philology), Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 1993
- *Licentiate*, Classics, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 1992
- *Diploma*, Akkadian Language, Instituto San Justino, Madrid, 1992
- *Diploma*, Biblical Hebrew, Instituto San Justino, Madrid, 1992

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Associate Professor, Department of Classics & Ancient Mediterranean Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, 2008-present (also affiliated with the Dept. of History and the Dept. of Asian Studies)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Classics & Ancient Mediterranean Studies, and Department of History & Religious Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, 2003-2008
- Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, The Ohio State University, 1999-2003
- Teaching Fellow, Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, 1996-1999
- Instructor of Akkadian Language, Instituto San Justino, Madrid, 1991-1993

## **OTHER INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Senior Fellow, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University.
- President, International Association for Comparative Semitics (IACS), 2016–.
- Chair of the Ancient Near East Section of the American Oriental Society, 2006–2012.
- Member of the Institut del Pròxim Orient Antic, Universitat de Barcelona.
- Member of the International Advisory Board of the Cordoba Near Eastern Research Unit (CNERU), Universidad de Córdoba (Spain).
- Reviewer & evaluator of project proposals for various grant-giving institutions: the National Endowment for the Humanities & the National Science Foundation in the US; the Ministero dell’Istruzione, dell’Università e della Ricerca, Direzione Generale Ricerca, in Italy; the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) in France; the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft in Germany; the Israel Science Foundation; the Agencia Nacional de Evaluación Española (ANEP) of the Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad, in Spain.
- Peer reviewer for various academic publishers & scholarly journals.

## **EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Editor-in-chief of the series of monographs “Languages of the Ancient Near East” (LANE), published by Eisenbrauns (formerly Winona Lake, Indiana; now University Park, Pa.) [[https://www.eisenbrauns.org/books/series/book\\_SeriesLanguagesoftheEast.html](https://www.eisenbrauns.org/books/series/book_SeriesLanguagesoftheEast.html)]
- General Editor of the series of monographs “Studies in Ancient Near Eastern Records” (SANER), published by Walter de Gruyter (Berlin/Boston) [<https://www.degruyter.com/view/serial/SANER-B>]
- Chief Editor of *A Bibliography of Semitic Linguistics*, published on line by the Cordoba Near Eastern Research Unit (CNERU), Universidad de Córdoba (Spain) [<http://www.uco.es/ucopress>]
- Member of the Editorial Board of the series of monographs “Oannes,” Istituto Italiano di Studi Orientali, “Sapienza” Università di Roma
- Member of the Scientific Board of the journal *Oriens Antiquus* (Rome)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Aula Orientalis* (Barcelona)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Astarté* (Córdoba, Spain)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Antiguo Oriente* (Buenos Aires)
- Editorial consultant on Ancient Near Eastern religions for the editorial committee of the 2nd edition of *The Encyclopedia of Religion* (15 vols. MacMillan, 2005), originally edited by Mircea Eliade
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Revised Edition of the *SBL Handbook of Style* (Society of Biblical Literature, 2014)

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- Near Eastern Studies Department Fellowship (The Johns Hopkins University), 1993-1999
- Dean's Fellowship (The Johns Hopkins University), 1996

- Seed grant (Ohio State University), 2001-2002
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, 2002
- Resident Scholar, Institute for the Arts & Humanities, Penn State University, Spring 2010
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, for the project “The Earliest Semitic Literature: Ebla and Early Dynastic Mesopotamia,” 2012-13

## **OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

- Member of the Joint Archaeological Expedition of the Johns Hopkins University and the Free University of Amsterdam, Umm el-Marra, Syria, 1995
- M.I. Rostovtzeff Lecture Series, at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, March 2015 (to be published by Princeton University Press)

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Oriental Society	International Association for Assyriology
British Institute for the Study of Iraq	International Association for Comparative Semitics
Association of Ancient Historians	Linguistic Society of America

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Languages:	Akkadian (all levels) Sumerian (all levels) Hittite (all levels)
Linguistics:	Comparative Semitic Linguistics History of the Arabic Language Writing Systems
Languages & Cultures:	Languages & Cultures of the Middle East Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East
Literature & Mythology:	Literature of the Ancient Near East Ancient Near Eastern Myth
History & Culture:	Mesopotamian Civilization History of the Ancient Near East Law & Economy in the Ancient Near East Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations
Special courses:	Rebuilding the Tower of Babel: Language, History, and Ideology Advanced Greek Reading Seminar (in Greek) on Greece & the Ancient Near East (Herodotus, Hesiod, <i>De dea syria</i> , Derveni Papyrus)
Independent studies in Ugaritic, Old Persian, Hurrian, and other ANE languages & subjects.	

## **EDITED BOOKS**

*The First Ninety Years: A Sumerian Celebration in Honor of Miguel Civil*, coedited with L. Feliu & F. Karahashi). *Studies in Ancient Near Eastern Records*, 12. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017.

*A Bibliography of Semitic Linguistics* (with I. Márquez Rowe, J.P. Monferrer-Sala & O. Stolbova). 32 fascicles in 15 volumes. Córdoba; Cordoba University Press, 2020.

*The Economy of Ancient Mesopotamia*, coedited with Steven Garfinkle. Berlin: De Gruyter, to be submitted in 2021.

*Scribes and Scholars in Ancient Mesopotamia*, coedited with Klaus Wagensohn. Berlin: De Gruyter, to be submitted in 2021.

*Institutions and Social Groups in Ancient Mesopotamia*, coedited with Laura Culbertson. Berlin: De Gruyter, to be submitted in 2021.

### **BOOKS IN PRESS OR FORTHCOMING**

*A Grammar of the Hittite Language, vol. 3: Annotated Key to the Tutorial*. LANE 1/3. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns, in press (to appear in 2021 or 2022).

*Sumerian Literary Texts from the Ur III Period*. — Accepted manuscript in press: series Mesopotamian Civilizations, Eisenbrauns.

### **BOOKS IN PREPARATION**

*The World of Sumer: Reading Traditions & Traditions of Reading*. Rostovtzeff Lecture Series. Princeton University Press (ms. to be completed in 2021).

*A Sumerian Textbook* — Under contract with Harrassowitz for its series *Subsidia et Instrumenta Linguarum Orientis (SILO)*.

*Sumerian Literature: A Historical Overview* — Under contract with Walter de Gruyter.

*The Earliest Semitic Literature: Syrian and Mesopotamian Texts from the Third Millennium* — Long-term project started in 2010 (NEH fellowship in 2012-13).

### **UNPUBLISHED HANDBOOKS & TEACHING MATERIALS**

- *Elements of Sumerian Grammar*. 9<sup>th</sup> draft. 2021. Pp. 90.
- *Introduction to Comparative Semitic Linguistics*. 3<sup>rd</sup> draft. 2005. Pp. 125.
- *Introduction to the History of the Arabic Language*. 2<sup>nd</sup> draft. 2003. Pp. 130.
- *The Languages & Cultures of the Ancient Near East*. 4<sup>th</sup> draft. 2017. Pp. 140.
- *The Languages & Cultures of the Middle East*. 2<sup>nd</sup> draft. 2003. Pp. 121.
- *Rebuilding the Tower of Babel: Language, History & Ideology*. 3<sup>rd</sup> draft. 2003. Pp. 75.
- *Annotated Key to Volk, A Sumerian Reader*. 9<sup>th</sup> draft. 2021. Pp. 70.

### **ARTICLES IN JOURNALS & CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**

- “Estudios sobre el vocabulario Micénico 1: Términos referidos a las ruedas” (with A. Bernabé et al.), *Minos (International Review of Minoan, Mycenaean and Cypriot Studies)* 25-26 (1990-1991): 133-173.
- “Los albores de la literatura Sirio-Mesopotámica en el III milenio: Ebla, Fāra y Abū Ṣalābīḥ,” in *Literatura e historia en el próximo Oriente antiguo* (ed. E. Martínez Borobio. Toledo: Museo Sefardí, 1996), pp. 31-46.

- “¿Vírgenes o meretrices? La prostitución sagrada en el Oriente antiguo,” in *Gerión* 17 (1999): 129-148.
- “An Ebla Incantation against Insomnia and the Semiticization of Sumerian: Notes on ARET 5 8b and 9” (with Miguel Civil), in *Orientalia* n.s. 68 (1999): 254-266.
- “On the Alleged Pre-Sumerian Substratum,” in *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 51 (1999): 1-16.
- “Shulgi el políglota: Del don de lenguas y la traducción en la Mesopotamia antigua,” in *Isimu* 2 (2000), 215-222.
- “Inanna and Dumuzi: A Sumerian Love Story,” in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121 (2001): 268-274.
- “On a Recent Volume of Mari letters,” in *Aula Orientalis* 20 (2002): 239-243.
- “Falling Trees and Forking Tongues: The Place of Akkadian and Eblaite within Semitic,” in *Studia Semitica (Fs. A. Militarev, ed. L. Kogan. Orientalia: Papers of the Oriental Institute, 3. Moscow: Russian State University for the Humanities, 2003)*, pp. 152-189.
- “Early Sumerian Literature: Enumerating the Whole,” in *De la tablilla a la inteligencia artificial: Homenaje al Prof. J. L. Cunchillos en su 65 aniversario* (ed. J.-P. Vita et al. Zaragoza: Instituto de Estudios Islámicos y del Oriente Próximo, 2004), vol. 1, pp. 131-142.
- “The Languages of the Ancient Near East” [abbreviated by the editor], in *A Companion to the Ancient Near East* (ed. D. Snell. Oxford: Blackwell, 2005), pp. 79-94.
- “The Languages of the Ancient Near East” [original contribution], in *A Companion to the Ancient Near East* (ed. D. Snell. 2nd ed., in paperback. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007), pp. 79-109.
- “The Linguistic Landscape of Early Mesopotamia,” in *Ethnicity in Ancient Mesopotamia: Proceedings of the 47<sup>th</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale* (ed. W.H. van Soldt. Leiden: Publications de l’Institute historique- archéologique néerlandais de Stamboul, 2005), pp. 316-332.
- “On the Orthography of the Sumerian Literary Texts from the Ur III Period,” in *Acta Sumerologica* 22 (2000 [2005]): 203-225.
- “Chasing the Semitic Root: The Skeleton in the Closet,” *Aula Orientalis* 23 (2005): 45-63.
- “Writing in Another Tongue: Alloglottography in the Ancient Near East,” in *Margins of Writing, Origins of Cultures* (ed. S. Sanders. Oriental Institute Seminars, 2. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006), pp. 33-66.
- “Writing in Another Tongue: Alloglottography in the Ancient Near East” (with a postscript), in *Margins of Writing, Origins of Cultures* (ed. S. Sanders. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oriental Institute Seminars, 2. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007), pp. 33-70.
- “Eblaite, Akkadian, and East Semitic,” in *The Akkadian Language in its Semitic Context* (ed. N.J.C. Kouwenberg and G. Deutscher. Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten, 2006), pp. 110-139.
- “Shulgi and the Death of Sumerian,” in *Studies in Sumerian Literature in honor of H.L.J. Vanstiphout* (ed. P. Michałowski and N. Veldhuis. Leiden: Brill/Styx, 2006), pp. 167-179.

- “From Sumer to Babylonia: Topics in the history of Southern Mesopotamia,” in *Current issues in the history of the Ancient Near East* (ed. M.W. Chavalas. PAAH 8. Claremont: Regina Books, 2007), pp. 5-51.
- “Sumerian Morphology,” in *Morphologies of Asia and Africa* (ed. A.S. Kaye. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2007), vol. 2, pp. 1327-1379.
- “Semitic Influence in the History of Latin Syntax,” in *New Perspectives on Historical Latin Syntax, I* (ed. P. Cuzzolin & P. Baldi. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 2009), pp. 195-239.
- “Sumerian Literature,” in *From an Antique Land: An Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Literature* (ed. C.S. Ehrlich. Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2009), pp. 11-75, 446-462.
- “Scribal Secrets and Antiquarian Nostalgia: Writing and Scholarship in Ancient Mesopotamia,” in *Reconstructing a Distant Past: Ancient Near Eastern Essays in Tribute to Jorge R. Silva Castillo* (ed. D. Barreyra & G. Del Olmo. Aula Orientalis Supplementa, 25. Barcelona: AUSA, 2009), pp. 153-180.
- “Sumerische Literatur,” in *Kindlers Literatur Lexikon* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Munich: J.B. Metzler Verlag, 2009), volume 15, pp. 749-758.
- “Reading Sumerian Names, I: Ensuhkešdanna and Baba,” in *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 62 (2010): 29-43.
- “Gods and Scholars: Mapping the Pantheon in Early Mesopotamia,” in *Reconsidering the Concept of Revolutionary Monotheism* (ed. B. Pongratz-Leisten. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2011), pp. 87-112.
- “Reading Sumerian Names, II: Gilgameš,” in *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 64 (2012): 3-16.
- “Sumerian Literature: Verses of Clay, Memories of Stone,” in *Catalogue of the Exhibit ‘Before the Flood’/‘Antes del Diluvio’* (Barcelona: La Caixa, 2012), pp. 64-70 [published in English, Spanish & Catalan].
- “Time before Time: Primeval Narratives in Mesopotamian Literature,” in *Time and History in the Ancient Near East: Proceedings of the 56<sup>th</sup> Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2013), pp. 3-17.
- “On the Relative Temporal Clause,” in D. Owen, *Cuneiform Texts Primarily from Iri-Sağrig/Āl-Šarrākī and the History of the Ur III Period, I* (NISABA 15. Bethesda, Md.: CDL Press, 2013), pp. 195-97.
- “SANGA<sub>2</sub>: A Graphic Story,” in *Revue d’Assyriologie* 107 (2013): 101-104.
- “Gilgamesh and the *ius primae noctis*,” in *Extraction and Control: Studies in Honor of Matthew W. Stolper* (ed. W. Henkelman, C. Jones, M. Kozuh & C. Woods. SAOC 68. Chicago: Oriental Institute, 2014), pp. 229-232.
- “The Inventions of Sumerian: Literature and the Artifacts of Identity,” in *Problems of Canonicity and Identity Formation in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia* (ed. K. Ryholt & G. Barjamovic. CNI Publications, 43. Copenhagen: Museum Tusulanum Press, 2016), pp. 231-257.
- “Sumerian Temples and Arabian Horses: On Sumerian e<sub>2</sub>-gal,” in *The First Ninety Years: A Sumerian Celebration in Honor of Miguel Civil* (ed. L. Feliu, F. Karahashi & G. Rubio. SANER 12. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017), pp. 277-292.

- “The Sitting Moon and the Goats of Gilead: A Rare Akkadian Astronomical Term and a Hapax in Song of Songs,” in *From Mari to Jerusalem: Assyriological and Biblical Studies in Honor of Jack Murad Sasson* (ed. A. Azzoni et al. Eisenbrauns, 2020), 275-285.
- “Phoenicians in the Iberian Peninsula and the Matter of Tartessos,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 140 (2020): 219-226.
- “On the History and Functional Yield of Case Markers in Semitic Morphosyntax,” in *Syria, Mesopotamia, and the Comparative Study of Semitic Languages* (ed. Tawny Holm & Juan Pedro Monferrer Sala. LANE. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns), in press.
- “Ebla and the Mesopotamian Scribal Tradition: Language Classification and Cultural Bricolage,” in *Syria, Mesopotamia, and the Comparative Study of Semitic Languages* (ed. Tawny Holm & Juan Pedro Monferrer Sala. LANE. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns), in press.
- “Axial Anxieties: The Politics & Theology of Temple Destruction in the Achaemenid Empire & the Ancient Near East,” in *Contextualizing Iranian Religions in the Ancient World*, ed. Rahim Shayegan et al. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, forthcoming.
- “Diacritics in Mesopotamian Cuneiform: Complexity & Compounding in Early Writing Systems,” in *Signs of Writing: The Cultural, Social, and Linguistic Contexts of the World’s First Writing Systems* (ed. C. Woods & E. Shaughnessy. Chicago: University of Chicago), forthcoming.
- “An Ur III Hymn to Nidaba,” forthcoming.
- “Semitic Linguistics and the Greek Borrowing of the Phoenician Alphabet,” forthcoming.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES & SHORT NOTES

- “Dagan,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion* (ed. L. Jones. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Macmillan, 2004), vol. 4, pp. 2125-2127.
- “Drama: Ancient Near Eastern Ritual Drama. Further Considerations,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion* (ed. L. Jones. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Macmillan, 2004), vol. 4, pp. 2444-2446.
- “Philistine Religion,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion* (ed. L. Jones. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Detroit: Macmillan, 2004), vol. 10, pp. 7101-7105.
- “Sumerian,” in *Encyclopedia of Linguistics* (ed. P. Strazny. New York: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2005), vol. 2, pp. 1045-1051.
- “On Sibilants in Third-Millennium Akkadian.” *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2009/4: 89-90 (note 66).

### LONGER REVIEWS

Review of A. S. Kaye (ed.), *Phonologies of Asia and Africa, I-II* (Winona Lake, 1997), in *Language* 75 (1999): 138-142.

Review of V. Haas, *Babylonischer Liebesgarten: Erotik und Sexualität im Alten Orient* (Munich, 1999), in *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes* 91 (2001): 408-411.

- Review of S. Ribichini *et al.* (eds.), *La questione delle influenze vicino-orientali sulla religione greca* (Rome, 2001), in *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 5 (2003): 372-79.
- Review of W. Sommerfeld, *Die Texte der Akkade-Zeit, I. Das Dijala-Gebiet: Tutub* (Münster, 1999), in *Orientalische Literaturzeitung* 98 (2003): 362-369.
- Review of Carlo Zaccagnini (ed.), *Mercanti e politica nel mondo antico* (Rome, 2003), in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2005.02.02.  
[<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2005/2005-02-02.html>]
- Review of Walter Burkert, *Die Griechen und der Orient: Von Homer bis zu den Magiern* (Munich, 2003), in *Orientalia* n.s. 75 (2006): 409-414.
- Review of Kees Versteegh (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Arabic Language and Linguistics, vol. I: A-Ed* (Leiden, 2006), in *Diachronica* 25 (2008): 143-149.
- Review of Nicole M. Brisch, *Tradition and the Poetics of Innovation: Sumerian Court Literature of the Larsa Dynasty (c. 2003-1763 BCE)* (Münster, 2007), in *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 60 (2008): 157-164.

### **REGULAR-LENGTH REVIEWS**

- Review of J. Silva, *Gilgamesh o la angustia por la muerte* (2nd ed. México, D.F. 1995), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 117 (1997): 378-379.
- Review of J. Silva, *Gilgamesh o la angustia por la muerte* (1st ed. México, D.F. 1994), in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 57 (1998): 148-150.
- Review of J. López and J. Sanmartín, *Mitología y religión del Oriente antiguo, I: Egipto y Mesopotamia* (Sabadell, 1993), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 118 (1998): 575-576.
- Review of Dale Launderville, *Piety and Politics: The Dynamics of Royal Authority in Homeric Greece, Biblical Israel, and Old Babylonian Mesopotamia* (Grand Rapids, Mi., 2003), in *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 340 (2005): 88-90.

### **SHORT REVIEWS**

- Review of E. Bowden, *Cybele the Axe-Goddess: Alliterative Verse, Linear B Relationships and Cult Ritual of the Phaistos Disc* (Amsterdam 1992), in *Language* 73 (1997): 889.
- Review of S. Levin, *Semitic and Indo-European: The Principal Etymologies* (Amsterdam, 1995), in *Language* 74 (1998): 656-657.
- Review of J. Huehnergard, *A Grammar of Akkadian* (Atlanta, 1997), in *Language* 74 (1998): 877-878.
- Review of E. Wardini (ed.), *Built on Solid Rock: Studies in Honour of Professor Ebbe Egede Knudsen* (Oslo, 1997), in *Language* 75 (1999): 187-188.
- Review of R. Hickey and S. Puppel (eds.), *Language History and Linguistic Modeling: A Festschrift for Jacek Fisiak, volumes I & II* (Berlin, 1997), in *Language* 75 (1999): 847.
- Review of X. Ji, W. Winter, and G.-J. Pinault, *Fragments of the Tocharian A Maitreyasamiti-Naṭāka of the Xinjiang Museum, China* (Berlin, 1998), in *Language* 76 (2000): 947.



- Review of J. Dickins and J. C. E. Watson, *Standard Arabic: An Advanced Course* (Cambridge, 1999), in *Language* 76 (2000): 948.
- Review of W. Leslau, *Ethiopic Documents: Argobba Grammar and Dictionary* (Wiesbaden, 1997), in *Language* 77 (2001): 869-870.
- Review of R. Tazi, *Arabismen im Deutschen* (Berlin, 1998), in *Language* 77 (2001): 871.
- Review of P. Denwood, *Tibetan* (Amsterdam, 1999), in *Language* 77 (2001): 868-69.
- Review of L. Sagart, *The Roots of Old Chinese* (Amsterdam, 1999), in *Language* 77 (2001): 870.
- Review of J. Saeed, *Somali* (Amsterdam, 1999), in *Language* 77 (2001): 868.
- Review of H. P. Martin, F. Pomponio, and G. Visicato, *The Fara Tablets in the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology* (Bethesda, Md., 2001), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 126 (2006): 462-63.
- Review of R. K. Englund and J. J. Nissen, *Archaische Verwaltungstexte aus Uruk: Die Heidelberg Sammlung* (Berlin, 2001), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 126 (2006): 462.

#### **EDITED BOOKS (AS SERIES EDITOR)**

- Editor of *A Grammar of the Hittite Language, I-II*, by Harry A. Hoffner, Jr. & H. Craig Melchert. LANE 1. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2008 (pp. xxii, 468 + 75).
- Editor of *The Akkadian Verb and its Semitic Background*, by N.J.C. Kouwenberg. LANE 2. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2010 (pp. xxii, 666).
- Editor of *Most Probably: Epistemic Modality in Old Babylonian*, by Nathan Wasserman, LANE 3. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2012 (pp. xiv, 245).
- Editor of *Conditional Structures in Mesopotamian Old Babylonian*, by Eran Cohen, LANE 4. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2012 (pp. viii, 200).
- Editor of *Principles of Akkadian Textual Criticism*, by Martin Worthington, SANER 1. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2012 (pp. xxiii, 352).
- Editor of *The House of Prisoners: Slavery and State in Uruk during the Revolt against Samsu-iluna*, by Andrea Seri, SANER 2. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013 (pp. xx, 444).
- Editor of *The Inscriptions of Nabopolassar, Amēl-Marduk and Neriglissar*, by Rocío Da Riva, SANER 3. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2013 (pp. xviii, 234 & CD-ROM).
- Editor of *Incantation and Anti-Witchcraft Texts from Ugarit*, by Gregorio del Olmo Lete, SANER 4. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014 (pp. vii, 254, pl. 23).
- Editor of *Mood and Modality in Hurrian*, by Dennis R. M. Campbell, LANE 5. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2015 (pp. xii, 340).
- Editor of *The Splintered Divine: A Study of Ištar, Baal, and Yahweh Divine Names and Divine Multiplicity in the Ancient Near East*, by Spencer L. Allen, SANER 5. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015 (pp. xxi, 457).
- Editor of *Religion and Ideology in Assyria*, by Beate Pongratz-Leisten, SANER 6. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015 (xvii, 553 pages).
- Editor of *Ebla and Its Archives: Texts, History, and Society*, by Alfonso Archi, SANER 7. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015 (xxiv, 854 pages, 15 Fig.).
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- Editor of *Texts and Contexts: The Circulation and Transmission of Cuneiform Texts in Social Space*, edited by Paul Delnero & Jacob Lauinger, SANER 9. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015 (vi, 314 pages).

- Editor of *Relations of Power in Early Neo-Assyrian State Ideology*, by Mattias Karlsson, SANER 10. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016 (xiv, 507 pages).
- Editor of *Imagining Babylon: The Modern Story of an Ancient City*, by Mario Liverani, SANER 11. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016 (xviii, 488 pages).
- Editor of *The First Ninety Years: A Sumerian Celebration in Honor of Miguel Civil*, edited by Lluís Feliu, Fumi Karahashi & G. Rubio, SANER 12. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017 (xxii, 493 pages).
- Editor of *The Role of Women in Work and Society in the Ancient Near East*, edited by Brigitte Lion & Cécile Michel. SANER 13. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016 (xi, 574 pages).
- Editor of *The Verb in the Amarna Letters from Canaan*, by Krzysztof J. Baranowski. LANE 6. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2016 (xiii, 278 pages).
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- Editor of *A Year of Vengeance: Volume 1: Time, Narrative, and the Old Assyrian Trade*, by Edward Stratford. SANER 17/1. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017 (xvi, 409 pages).
- Editor of *An Ox of One's Own: Royal Wives and Religion at the Court of the Third Dynasty of Ur*, by T.M. Sharlach. SANER 18. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017 (xii, 336 pages).
- Editor of *Textiles in the Neo-Assyrian Empire: A Study in Terminology*, by Salvatore Gaspa. SANER 19. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018 (xvi, 346 pages).
- Editor of *Middle Egyptian*, by Peter Beylage. LANE 9. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns, 2018 (864 pages).
- Editor of *The First Dynasty of the Sealand in Mesopotamia*, by Odette Boivin. SANER 20. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018 (xix, 292 pages).
- Editor of *Officials and Administration in the Hittite World*, by Tayfun Bilgin. SANER 21. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018 (xvi, 507 pages).
- Editor of *A Glossary of Old Syrian: Volume 1: ʔ-k*, by Joaquín Sanmartín. LANE 8/1. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns, 2019 (480 pages).
- Editor of *Translation as Scholarship: Language, Writing, and Bilingual Education in Ancient Babylonia*, by C. Jay Crisostomo. SANER 22. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019 (xix, 501 pages).
- Editor of *Establishing Value: Weight Measures in Early Mesopotamia*, by Vitali Bartash. SANER 23. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019 (xviii, 270 pages).
- Editor of *Babylonia under the Sealand and Kassite Dynasties*, edited by Susanne Paulus & Tim Clayden. SANER 24. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020 (vi, 290 pages).
- Editor of *Disputation Literature in the Near East and Beyond*, edited by Enrique Jiménez & Catherine Mittermayer. SANER 25. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020 (viii, 470 pages).
- Editor of *How To Do Things With Tears: Ritual Lamenting in Ancient Mesopotamia*, by Paul Delnero. SANER 26. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020 (viii, 668 pages).
- Editor of *Coptic: A Grammar of Its Six Major Dialects*, by James P. Allen. LANED 1. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns, 2020 (144 pages).
- Editor of *Classical Ethiopic: A Grammar of Gəʿəz*, by Josef Tropper & Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee. LANE 10. University Park, Pa.: Eisenbrauns, 2021 (440 pages).

## PAPERS READ AT CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIA

- 1998 “Was Sumerian a Creole?” in the joint session of the American Oriental Society and the North American Conference of Afroasiatic Languages, 208<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Oriental Society, New Orleans (April).
- 1999 “Ur III Literary Texts within the History of Sumerian Literature,” 209<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Oriental Society, Baltimore (March).
- 2000 “A Ninimma Lament from Nippur,” 210<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland (March).
- 2001 “Patterns in Sumerian Literature: From Lists to Lyrics,” 211<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Oriental Society, Toronto (March).
- 2002 “On the Linguistic Landscape of Early Mesopotamia,” invited paper read at the 48<sup>e</sup> *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale* in Leiden (July).
- 2003 “From Temple to Template: Religion, Textuality, and Scribal Artefacts in Ancient Mesopotamia,” at the First Meeting of the Midwestern Consortium on Ancient Religions (Ohio State University, April).
- 2004 “The Skeleton in the Closet: Semitic Root Structure,” at the International Symposium on Comparative Semitics (University of Barcelona, Barcelona, November).
- 2004 “On Eblaite, Old Akkadian, and East Semitic,” at the symposium “The Akkadian Language in its Semitic Context” (Netherlands Institute for the Near East, University of Leiden, Leiden, December).
- 2005 “Writing in Another Tongue: Alloglottography and Scribal Antiquarianism in the Ancient Near East,” at the symposium “Margins of Writing, Origins of Cultures” (The first annual University of Chicago Oriental Institute symposium, Chicago, February).
- 2005 “Reading Sumerian Names, or How to Split Hairs on a Bald Head,” 215<sup>th</sup> meeting of the American Oriental Society, Philadelphia (March).
- 2006 “On Some Finite Verbal Forms in Semitic and Afroasiatic,” at the Second International Workshop on Comparative Semitics (Sitges, Barcelona, May-June).
- 2007 “Gods and Scholars: Mapping the Pantheon in Early Mesopotamia,” at the Conference “Reconsidering the Concept of Revolutionary Monotheism” (Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, February).
- 2010 “Literary and Lexical Texts from the Ur III Period,” at the Conference “From the 21<sup>st</sup> Century BC to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century AD: The Present and Future of Neo-Sumerian Studies” (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, July).
- 2010 “Time before Time: Primeval Narratives in Mesopotamian Literature,” at the Plenary Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale* (Barcelona, July).
- 2011 “The Inventions of Sumerian: Literature and the Artefacts of Identity,” at “Literature and Identity Formation – An Interdisciplinary Symposium” (Centre for Canon and Identity Formation, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, May).
- 2012 “Ancient Diacritics: Towards a Mesopotamian Epistemology of Cuneiform Writing,” at the Workshop “Between Belief and Science: The Contribution of Writing and Law to Religious Thought” (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, May).

- 2012 “Vowel Infixation and Consonant Lengthening in Semitic Morphology: Archaism vs. Innovation?” at the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Association for Comparative Semitics (Córdoba, Spain, June).
- 2014 “Textual Promiscuity & Poetic Texture: Smooth Akkadian & Striated Sumerian?” at the Workshop “Ancient Near Eastern Literature: Topics, Issues, Approaches” (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, May).
- 2016 “Manufacturing Tradition & Textual Production in Third-Millennium Syria & Mesopotamia,” at the Workshop “The Formation of Cultural Memory: Ancient Mesopotamian Libraries and Schools and Their Contribution to the Shaping of Tradition and Identity” (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, April).
- 2016 “On the History & Functional Yield of Case Markers in Semitic Morphosyntax,” at the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Association for Comparative Semitics (Casa Árabe, Madrid, Spain, June).
- 2016 “Diacritics in Mesopotamian Cuneiform: Complexity & Compounding in Early Writing Systems,” at the Symposium sponsored by the Neubauer Collegium, “Signs of Writing: The Cultural, Social, and Linguistic Contexts of the World’s First Writing Systems, III” (École pratique des hautes études, Sorbonne, Paris, July).
- 2017 “Genre and Evolution of the Sumerian Disputations,” at the international conference “Disputation Poems in the Near East and Beyond” (Madrid, Universidad Complutense, July).
- 2018 “A Tree in the Family Oasis: Phenotype, Genotype and the Limits of Reverse Engineering,” at the Workshop “Rethinking the Origins: The Departure of Ancient Egyptian as a Branch From the Afroasiatic Family?” (Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, April).
- 2019 “Ebla and the Mesopotamian Scribal Tradition: Language Classification and Cultural Bricolage,” at the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Association for Comparative Semitics (Casa Árabe, Córdoba, Spain, June).
- 2020 “Sacred Marriage: Ritualization & Textualization of Ideological Devices in Ancient Mesopotamia,” at the 11<sup>th</sup> Workshop of the Melammu Project, “Ceremonies, feasts and festivities in Ancient Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean World: Performance and Participation” (University of Barcelona, January).
- 2020 “Axial Anxieties: The Politics & Theology of Temple Destruction in the Achaemenid Empire & the Ancient Near East,” 14<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the Melammu Project, “Contextualizing Iranian Religions in the Ancient World” (Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World at UCLA, February).

### **SELECTED INVITED PAPERS & LECTURES**

- 1996 “Los albores de la literatura sirio-mesopotámica: Ebla, Fāra y Abū Ṣalābīh,” at the Sefardi Museum, Toledo (January).
- 1998 “Virgins or Harlots? Sacred Prostitution in the Ancient Near East,” at the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Penn State University (November).

- 1998 “Was There a Pre-Sumerian Substratum? Sumerian, Semitic, and Indo-European in the Early Ancient Near East,” in the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Penn State University (November).
- 1998 “A Linguistic Approach to the ‘Sumerian Problem,’” at the University Museum, University of Pennsylvania (December).
- 1999 “Literary Texts from the Ur III period,” at The Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (January).
- 1999 “The Alleged Pre-Sumerian Substratum: A Linguistic Approach to the ‘Sumerian Problem,’” at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (January).
- 2000 “Early Sumerian Literature: Enumerating the Whole,” at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (May).
- 2002 “In Search of the Lost Text: Textual Fluidity in Sumerian Literature,” at the Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University (February).
- 2002 “Philology, Linguistics, and the Study of the Ancient Near East,” at the conference “The Ancient Near East today,” University of Oklahoma (September).
- 2002 “Between East and West: On Loanwords and Other Pending Debts,” at the Sawyer Seminar on the Axial Age in the Ancient Mediterranean, Penn State University (November).
- 2003 “Scribal Secrets and Antiquarian Anxiety: Writing and Scholarship in Cuneiform Traditions,” at the Department of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Penn State University (February).
- 2005 “Esoteric Scribes and Melancholy Antiquarians: Writing and Scholarship in Mesopotamia,” at the Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University (April).
- 2005 “A New Literary Text from Ebla and the Nature of Eblaite (Reading ARET 13.1),” at the Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University (April).
- 2006 “Textual Promiscuity and Scribal Artifacts in Mesopotamia,” at the Comparative Literature Luncheon Series, Penn State University (April).
- 2010 “Virgins or Harlots? Temple Prostitution in Ancient Mesopotamia,” at the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Penn State University (April).
- 2010 “The Earliest Semitic Literature: The Road to Ebla,” at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University (April).
- 2012 “The Making of Sumerians: Language, Literature, and Politics,” at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University (January).
- 2012 “The Earliest Semitic Literature: Mesopotamia & Syria in the Third Millennium BCE,” at Cornell University (November).
- 2015 M.I. Rostovtzeff Lecture Series, at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University (to be published by Princeton University Press): “Sumer in the Mesopotamian World: Reading Traditions & Traditions of Reading” (March):
- “Traditions of Origins: Where Did the Sumerians Come From? And Where Did They All Go?”
  - “Origins of Tradition: Literature & Political Theology in Sumer.”
  - “Reading Early Economy Now: Bureaucracy & Administration in Sumer.”
  - “Reading Early Cult Then: Sex & the Temple in Mesopotamian Memory.”

- 2017 “Súmer y la Civilización de Mesopotamia,” one-week course taught at the Museo Arqueológico Nacional (Madrid, May):
1. Los Orígenes de la civilización en el Sur de Mesopotamia: leyendo la ciudad, construyendo la escritura y la cuestión sumeria.
  2. La formación del Estado en la Mesopotamia del Tercer Milenio: Poder, administración y burocracia en Súmer.
  3. Literatura y producción textual en Mesopotamia y Siria durante el Tercer Milenio.
  4. Identidad e invención de la tradición: Pero... ¿hubo alguna vez sumerios en Súmer?
  5. La memoria de Súmer: Templos, lamentos, rituales y meretrices en Mesopotamia.
- 2017 “¿Vírgenes o Meretrices? Sexo y Ritual en la Antigua Mesopotamia,” Instituto Universitario de Ciencias de las Religiones (Universidad Complutense, Madrid, July).
- 2018 “Estados Textuales: Escritura, Ideología y Administración en Mesopotamia y Otras Civilizaciones Antiguas,” at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (Madrid, May).
- 2021 “Inventing the Sumerians: Language, Literature & Politics in Early Mesopotamia,” Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia and Biblical Archaeology Forum (Via Zoom, March)

## **LANGUAGES**

Native speaker of Spanish.

Ancient: Akkadian, Sumerian; Latin, Greek; Hebrew, Phoenician, Ugaritic, Aramaic, Classical Arabic, Old South Arabian, Classical Ethiopic; Hittite, Sanskrit, Old Persian; Hurrian & Urartian, and Elamite.

Modern: English, French, German, Russian, Italian, Portuguese, Greek, Catalan.

Elementary knowledge of Classical Chinese and Classical Japanese.