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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** in Divinity (Religious Ethics) University of Chicago (2016)  
**Dissertation Title:** Hermeneutics of Responsibility: Creation and Law in Environmental Ethics  
**Ph.D. studies:** Biblical languages and literature, University of Chicago, 2003-2008  
**A.M.** University of Chicago, 2003  
**Post baccalaureate studies,** University of Haifa, Israel, 2000-2001  
Areas of study: Archaeology, Modern Hebrew  
**B.A.** Centre College, 2000  
Areas of study: Anthropology, Classics  
*Cum Laude*  
*Phi Beta Kappa*

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

**Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship,** 2012-2013  
**Martin Marty Dissertation Fellowship,** 2011-2012, University of Chicago  
**Environmental Studies Prize Lectureship,** 2010-2011, University of Chicago  
*Funding to teach an elective course in Environmental Ethics*  
**Lily Teaching Fellow,** Spring 2010, University of Chicago Divinity School  
*Funding to teach a ministry elective seminar*  
**Provost Summer Research Grant,** Summer 2009, University of Chicago  
**Perrin Grant,** April 2009, University of Chicago Divinity School  
*Travel Grant*  
**Doolittle-Harrison Grant,** April 2009, University of Chicago  
*Travel Grant*  
**Betz Foundation Fellowship,** Israel, 2000-2001  
*Betz Foundation—Sponsorship of the Fulbright Fellowship*  
**Fulbright Fellowship,** Israel, 2000-2001  
*Fulbright Foundation, IIE*  
Receiving the Fulbright Fellowship was the culmination of three years of archaeological fieldwork and research on the textual and material culture of Sepphoris. I also participated on digs at Khirbet Cana, Ein Gedi, and Castra at various levels of leadership.  
**John C. Young Fellowship,** 1999-2000  
*Centre College*  
*For collaborative research with a faculty member and a written honors' thesis*  
**Graves Griffith's Prize,** 2000  
*Centre College*  
*For best student of ancient languages*

## DENOMINATIONAL AWARDS

**Disciples Divinity House Scholar**, September 2001-present

*Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago*  
*Merit Tuition Scholarship*

**Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship**, 2003-2004, 2006-2010

*Higher Education Leadership Ministries, Disciples of Christ*  
*For Women pursuing Doctoral Studies*

**Edward Scribner Ames Scholarship**, 2009-2010, 2011-2012

*Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago*  
*For promise in pastoral and educational ministries*

**Drum and Tenant Scholarship**, 2008-2009

*Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago*

**M. Elizabeth Dey Scholarship**, 2007-2008

*Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago*  
*For promise in pastoral and educational ministries*

**William N. Weaver Scholarship**, 2003-2004

*Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago*  
*For best entering student*

**Henry Barton Robison Scholarship**, 2001-2002

*Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago*  
*For best student of biblical studies*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles in Progress

“Green Burial as Land Preservation: The Case of the Sisters of Loretto” for  
CrossCurrents special issue.

“And to Dust You Shall Return: Green Burial as a Reinterpretation of Flourishing in the  
Christian Tradition,” for the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics.

### Articles under Review

“Prophetic Environmental Ethics: Recontextualizing Rachel Carson’s Apocalyptic  
Language in *Silent Spring*”

### Chapters in Books

“Landed Interpretation: An Environmental Ethicist Reads Leviticus,” in *Leviticus and  
Numbers*, Eds. Athalya Brenner and Archie Chi Chung Lee, Fortress Press:  
Minneapolis, 2013.

### Encyclopedia Entries:

“Hittites,” “Holy of Holies” in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*.  
DeGruyter, forthcoming in 2015.

“Jonathan Edwards,” “The End of Nature,” and “William ‘Bill’ McKibben” in *The  
Encyclopedia of Environmentalism in American Literature*. McFarland Press, 2013.

### On the Web

“What’s Religion Got to do with Drought?” *Sightings*, July 31, 2014.

<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/whats-religion-got-do-drought-%E2%80%94-kristel-clayville>

“Conceptual Wilderness,” web article for the Martin Marty Center’s *Sightings*, June 27, 2013.

<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/wilderness-monasteries-and-moral-spaces-kristel-clayville>

“Rational Animals” web article for the Martin Marty Center’s *Sightings*, Jan. 12, 2012;

<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/rational-animals-kristel-clayville>

### **Honors’ Thesis**

“The Mosaics of Sepphoris: Socio-Cultural Mapping,” *John C. Young Scholars’ Journal 2000*. [Danville, KY]: Centre College, 2000.

### **Book Reviews**

Paul Santmire’s *Before Nature: A Christian Spirituality* in *The Journal of Religion*, (forthcoming).

H.H. Shugart’s *Foundations of the Earth: Global Ecological Change and the Book of Job* in *The Review of Politics* (forthcoming).

Ellen Davis’ *Scripture, Culture, Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible* in *The Journal of Religion* (vol. 91, 2011).

Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics review essay: David Horrell, Cheryl Hunt, and Christopher Southgate, *Greening Paul: Rereading Paul in a Time of Ecological Crisis* (Baylor, 2010). Richard Bauckham, *The Bible and Ecology: Rediscovering the Community of Creation* (Baylor, 2010). JSCE 32.2 (2012): 200-203

## **TEACHING COMPETENCIES**

**Primary:** Environmental Ethics, Bioethics, Religion and Ecology, Ethical Theories, Theological Ethics, Comparative Ethics, Biblical Ethics, Religion and Animals, Hebrew Bible, Introduction to Bible, Religion and Bioethics

**Secondary:** Comparative Exegesis, New Testament, History of Biblical Scholarship, Biblical Hebrew, Writing, Ethics and Evolution

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Visiting Instructor of Hebrew Bible, Meadville Lombard Theological School, January 2016**, designing and teaching a hybrid format course that introduces students to interpretive methods in scholarship on the Hebrew Bible. This is an online course with an intensive 1-week face-to-face course that meets for 7 hours each day.

**Visiting Instructor of Ethics, Claremont School of Theology, Spring 2015**, designing and teaching a course in environmental ethics for M.A. and M.Div students. This is an online course.

**Visiting Instructor of Humanities, Centre College, 2014-2015**, teaching introductory, writing intensive courses in the Humanities for first year students.

**Adjunct Professor, Elmhurst College 2011-2014**, teaching Religious Classics, a general education course in religion that focuses on devotional and artistic expressions of religious experience, and teaching Introduction to Biblical Studies and Christian Social Ethics.

**Instructor, Humanities Core, University of Chicago, 2012**, taught Human Being and

Citizen, which is a course organized around basic ethical questions. Included texts by Aristotle, Dante, Augustine, Kant, Melville, and Shakespeare.

**Environmental Studies Lectureship, University of Chicago, 2011**, designed and taught a course entitled Global Perspectives in Environmental Ethics

**Lily Teaching Fellow** for the ministry program at the University of Chicago, Spring 2010, Designed and taught a course entitled Ecology and Nationalism: Explorations in Biblical Ethics

**Teaching Assistant** for the Pastoral Care class, The University of Chicago, Spring 2008  
Tasks: help with choosing books for the course, leading discussions, preparing lectures participating in an online discussion group with students, directing role play situations, grading.

**Writing Intern and Lector** for the University of Chicago writing Program, September 2007-present; Tasks: Working with undergraduate and graduate students to improve their academic and professional writing skills. Teaching seminar style classes on formation of arguments and problems and solutions in academic papers. Facilitating discussion of student papers. Grading.

**Substitute Teacher** in Biblical Hebrew, University of Chicago, Fall 2007

**Math Instructor** for STRIVE Tutoring summer camp, June 2006—July 2006

Tasks: preparing level appropriate lessons for children ages 5-14, incorporating hands-on learning experiences into weekly planning, organizing and supervising weekly field trips, supervising and collaborating with an undergraduate student teacher and a high school student teacher, one-on-one tutoring in reading and math in the afternoons, playing with the children in the morning and afternoon, making lunches, discipline as needed

**Teaching Assistant**, Biblical Hebrew, McCormick Theological Seminary, August 2003-May 2004, Tasks: reviewing material in small group sessions, tutoring, grading

### **PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

“Becoming Soil: Green Burial as Environmental Activism and Religious Practice,” Harvard Divinity School Conference, The Spirit of Sustainable Agriculture, March 2016.

“And to Dust You Shall Return: Green Burial as a Reinterpretation of Flourishing in the Christian Tradition,” for the Society of Christian Ethics, 2016.

“The Ecological Imagination: Reading the Bible Through Environmental Ethics,” At the Greening the Gods Conference, Cambridge University, March 18-19, 2014.

“History in the Environmental Ethics of Hans Jonas and Bill McKibben: A Study in Continuity and Change,” Religion and Humanism Section, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Nov. 2013.

“Between the Lines: Jewish Approaches to Reading Scripture,” Hyde Park Union Church, Chicago, Oct. 20, 2013.

Respondent, American Theological Society—Midwest Division Conference, Indianapolis, April 2013.

Respondent, Hebrew Bible and Theology Co-Sponsored Workshop, Divinity School, University of Chicago, November 2012.

“Integration of Textual Thinking with Environmental Theories of Responsibility: Holmes Rolston,” Religion and Ethics Workshop, University of Chicago, October 19, 2012.  
 “Bibliolatry, or How I Read the Bible,” Forum, Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago, February, 2012.  
 Panelist for Theology Workshop on Bible and Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago, February 20, 2012.  
 “Rachel Carson as Biblical Interpreter,” Ecological Hermeneutics Section, Society of Biblical Literature, National Conference 2011.  
 “Landed Agency: Reading Leviticus as an Environmental Ethicist,” Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section, Society of Biblical Literature, National Conference, 2011.  
 Moderator for the “Queering Religious Politics: Political Issues and LGBTQ Spiritual Lives” panel at Ministry: Left, Right, and In-Between Conference, April 15, 2011, The University of Chicago Divinity School  
 Panel Chair for Border Crossing Conference: The Prophetic Interpreter: Preaching and Teaching from Scriptural Traditions in Pluralistic Worlds  
 “An Introduction to the Documentary Hypothesis: Genesis 1-3,” Lecture for the Human Being and Citizen course, October 26, 2009; University of Chicago  
 “Leviticus, The Personified Land, and the Prospects for a Biblical Theological Ecology,” Theologizing Culture, Culturing Theology Conference, University of Chicago, April 22-23, 2009  
 “Textual Ethnography: Theological Ethics as a Dialogical Locus for Anthropology and Archaeology,” April 8, 2009, invited panel participant, Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Britain, Bristol, England  
 “Theological Anthropology in Leviticus 17-26,” Ethics Club, February 2009  
 “Auerbach on Genesis and Homer,” February 2009, Media Aesthetics Class (undergraduate class on interpretation), University of Chicago  
 “The Laws of the Land in Leviticus,” November 2008, American Academy of Religion National Conference in Chicago  
 “To Subdue and Dominate: Rethinking Genesis 1:26 in Light of our Ecological Crisis,” May, 2007  
 Workshop on Global Environment, The University of Chicago  
 “The theology of the Book of Job,” April 2006  
 Austin Boulevard Christian Church  
 “The Significance of Language Study to Biblical Interpretation,” October, 2003  
 Disciples Divinity House Forum and Board Meeting  
 “The Mosaics of Sepphoris: Socio-Cultural Mapping,” May, 2000  
 Centre College, John C. Young Scholars Symposium  
 “The Basilica of Sepphoris,” October, 1999  
 Centre College Alumni Weekend Seminar

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Environmental Ethics Job Search Committee**, Divinity School, University of Chicago, February 2013-2014.

**Martin Marty Center Representative** at the University-wide Knowledge Fair, a reception for Donors. Made brief presentations about the relevance of my work to the public sphere.

**Border Crossing Program Assistant** for the ministry Program at the University of Chicago, Academic Year 2010-2011. Organized monthly lunch discussions with faculty and students; planned conferences; proposed how to carry forward the program after the grant period; part of the team writing up the results of the four year project.

**Area Assistant** for the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, August 2007-June 2008 and January 2009-June 2010

Tasks: Organizing Ph.D. qualifying exams and meeting with prospective students. other administrative tasks as assigned.

**Border Crossing Conference Planning Team** for the University of Chicago, 2009-10  
Worked with two other students and three faculty members to define a topic and select panelists for the conference, “The Prophetic Interpreter: Preaching and Teaching from Scriptural Traditions in Pluralistic Worlds.”

**Ministry Intern** for Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, September 2006-2007

Tasks: Preaching, leading worship services in various capacities, immersing myself in the life of the congregation, attending weekly staff meetings, volunteering at the food pantry, teaching an adult education class, attending the interreligious dialogue group meetings on campus, attending the Hyde Park-Kenwood Interfaith council meetings, pastoral care

**Research Assistant** for Tikva Frymer-Kensky, April 2002—January 2005

Tasks: literature searches, summarizing articles, translation editing, copy editing photocopying, organizing research, personal errands

### **Clinical Experience**

**CPE Residency**, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 2015-2016.

Member of the Medical Ethics Committee for the hospital

Member of the Palliative Care team

Chaplain for Transplant patients

Various ethics presentations to chaplains, medical students, and medical fellows

### **LANGUAGES**

**Reading knowledge:** Biblical Hebrew, Rabbinic Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, French, German, Biblical Greek, Aramaic

**Speaking** level assessed using Common European Reference Level: French-intermediate level B1, Modern Hebrew-intermediate level B1, German-intermediate level B2

**Writing:** German

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

Steering Committee Member for the Religion and Humanism Group

Society of Biblical Literature

Society of Christian Ethics

American Theological Society, Midwest Region

Reviewer, Journal of Religious Ethics

### **REFERENCES**

William Schweiker, Edward L. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor, The Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and Director of the Martin Marty Center; Primary adviser and reader; I have worked with Professor Schweiker since the Fall of 2006, when I switched fields from Biblical Studies to Religious Ethics.  
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Kris Culp, Dean of Disciples Divinity House, and Associate Professor of Theology in The Divinity School of the University of Chicago; I have known Dean Culp since 2001, and she has been an ongoing conversation partner for my work.  
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Cynthia Lindner, Director of the Ministry Program, The Divinity School of the University of Chicago; Cynthia has been a conversation partner of mine since 2004. We have collaborated on teaching courses and organizing conferences that bridge the academic study of religion with vocational training in the ministerial arts, while also engaging religion in public discourse. She was my supervisor for my administrative work on the Border Crossing Project. Cynthia has observed my teaching.  
Contact: [clindner@uchicago.edu](mailto:clindner@uchicago.edu)

Jeffrey Stackert, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible, The Divinity School of the University of Chicago; Dissertation Reader.  
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Paul Parker, Elmhurst College, Baltzer Distinguished Professor of Theology and Religion and Chair of the Religious Studies Department, Elmhurst College; I have taught courses for Paul since the Fall of 2011, and he has observed my teaching.  
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