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A scholar of ancient Hebrew and Jewish literature, I have also been an academic administrator for over 20 years. I was dean of the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University for ten years, widely considered the model for honors education. During my tenure we raised nearly \$80 million dollars for honors education, rebranded the college, developed new student engagement strategies, and increased applications and selectivity. I am now the inaugural TW Lewis Dean of the Lewis Honors College at the University of Kentucky.

Education

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| University of Oxford , Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford, UK
<i>Doctor of Philosophy: Oriental Studies, Rabbinic Literature</i> | March 2000 |
| Wheaton College Graduate School , Wheaton, Illinois
<i>Master of Arts: Biblical and Theological Studies</i> | August 1994 |
| University of Oxford , Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
<i>Graduate Diploma in Jewish Studies (now a Master of Studies)</i> | July 1994 |
| Cornell University , Ithaca, New York
<i>Artium Baccalaureus: Majors: Near Eastern Studies and History; Minor: Religious Studies</i> | January 1992 |

Administrative Experience

Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences — The University of Kentucky (2020-present)

- Appointed to manage the college through transition to the next dean.
- 19 Departments, 29 Majors, and 37 Minors.
- 440 Faculty, 980 graduate students and post-doctoral scholars, 6,400 undergraduate students.
- A&S is central to undergraduate and graduate education at UK, teaching 85% of general education credit hours and almost half of all undergraduate credit hours, and producing the most doctoral degrees at UK.

The TW Lewis Dean, Lewis Honors College — University of Kentucky (2017-present; currently assigned to Arts & Sciences)

Professor of Ancient Hebrew and Jewish Literature, Department of Modern & Classical Languages, Literatures & Cultures

- Build and develop a brand-new college upon the foundation of the University Honors Program.
- Recruit and hire a faculty and staff of 32 full-time employees including 12 Lewis Lecturers, 5 academic advisors, and 5 personal counselors.
- Develop and integrate the 30-credit Honors College curriculum into the university curriculum and that other academic colleges.
- Develop strong communications and recruitment programs to increase awareness of the Lewis Honors College and yield a diverse and academically talented student body equaling 10% of the incoming first-year class, resulting in over 2,200 Honors students at UK.
- Lead a capital campaign with a goal of \$50 million.

Dean, Schreyer Honors College — Penn State University 2006-2016

- Supervised a staff of 27 full-time employees including admissions, academic affairs, student affairs, information technology, and development operations.
- Managed an operating budget of \$2.2 million and oversaw the awarding of nearly \$6.3 million in scholarships and grants annually.
- Led a capital campaign that resulted in nearly \$80 million for enhancing honors education at Penn State.
- Transformed strategic communication and admissions resulting in increased brand awareness, a tripling of applications, and an increase in selectivity and yield (from 52% offer rate to 18%). The Schreyer Honors College has been ranked as a model and one of the premier honors colleges in the nation.
- Developed and implemented the Presidential Leadership Academy, a unique three-year program focused upon developing critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Made accessibility and engagement with students a priority through programs such as “Donuts with the Dean” and a three-day orientation program.

Director of the Honors Program — Tulane University 2004-2006

Associate Director of the Honors Program — Tulane University 2003-2004

Director of Jewish Studies — Tulane University 1998-2003

Associate Director of Jewish Studies — Tulane University 1997-1998

Teaching Experience

Modern & Classical Languages, Literatures & Cultures, Jewish Studies

Professor 2017-Present

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Jewish Studies, Penn State University

Associate Professor 2006-2017

Classical Studies Department and Jewish Studies Program, Tulane University

Assistant Professor 1997-2003; Associate Professor 2003-2006

Oriental Institute, Oxford. Targumic Aramaic and Midrashic Literature Tutor 1995-96

Wheaton College Graduate School

Teaching Assistant 1992-93

Publications (in order of publication)

Books

- 1) *The Rabbinic Targum of Lamentations: Vindicating God*, Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture, vol. 3, (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2003).
- 2) *The Proselyte and the Prophet: Character Development in Targum Ruth* in Supplements to Aramaic Studies (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2017).
- 3) *Beautiful and Terrible Things: A Biblical Theology of Suffering and Grace*, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2020).

Articles and Book Chapters

- 1) "The Date, Provenance, and *Sitz im Leben* of Targum Lamentations," in *The Journal of the Aramaic Bible* 1, (1999), 5-29.

The following entries in *The Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. David N. Freedman, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000):

- 2) "Adino," p. 20.
- 3) "Chezib," p. 234.
- 4) "Dial of Ahaz," p. 344.
- 5) "Jashubi-Lehem," p. 674.
- 6) "Kiriathaim," p. 744
- 7) "Lilith," p. 810.
- 8) "Maonites," p. 855.
- 9) "Pahath-Moab," p. 997.
- 10) "Rod," p. 1134.
- 11) "Sun," p. 1257.
- 12) "Zuzim," p. 1425.
- 13) "The Role of the *midat dinab* in the Targumim," in *Studies in Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity, The Interpretation of Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity*, vol. 7, ed. Craig A. Evans, (Sheffield: Sheffield Press, 2000), pp. 364-74.
- 14) "Vindicating God," in *The Journal of the Aramaic Bible* 3.1/2 (2001), pp. 27-40.
- 15) "Targum Lamentations 1.1-4: A Theological Prologue," in *Targum and Scripture: Studies in Aramaic Translation and Interpretation in Memory of Ernest G. Clarke*. In *Studies in the Aramaic Interpretation of Scripture*, vol. 2, (Leiden: Brill, 2002), pp. 175-83.

The following entries in *The Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of Scripture*. Eds., Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Craig G. Bartholomew, Daniel J. Treier, and N. T. Wright, (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic Press, 2005):

- 16) "Lamentations," (1500 words) pp. 426-28.
- 17) "Targum," (694 words) pp. 780-81.

The following entries in *The Brill Encyclopaedia of Early Religious and Philosophical Writings*, eds., Jacob Neusner and Alan J. Avery-Peck, (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2007):

- 18) "Targum Canticles" (249 words)
- 19) "Targum Ruth" (249 words)
- 20) "Targum Lamentations" (243 words)
- 21) "Targum Kohelet" (248 words)
- 22) "Targum Esther" (252 words)
- 23) "Targum Psalms" (258 words)
- 24) "Targum Job" (254 words)

- 25) "Targum Proverbs" (252 words)
- 26) "Targumim to the Ketuvim" (512 words)
- 27) "Targum Chronicles" (243 words)
- 28) "The Use of Eschatological Lists In The Targumim To The Megillot," *Journal For The Study Of Judaism*, 40 (2009), pp. 493-509.
- 29) "Targum Lamentations" in *Great Is Thy Faithfulness? : Reading Lamentations As Sacred Scripture*. Ed., Parry, Robin A, and Heath Thomas. Eugene, Or.: Pickwick Publications, (2011), pp. 70-77.
- 30) "Appendix 2: A Translation of Targum Lamentations" in *Great Is Thy Faithfulness? : Reading Lamentations As Sacred Scripture*. Ed., Parry, Robin A, and Heath Thomas. Eugene, Or.: Pickwick Publications, (2011), pp. 228-47.
- 31) "'God Is Not in This Classroom' or Teaching the Bible in a Secular Context." In *Teaching the Bible in the Liberal Arts Classroom*. Ed. Holland, Glenn S. and Jane S. Webster. Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Phoenix Press, (2012), pp. 73-79.
- 32) "The Conversion of Ruth in Targum Ruth." In *Review of Rabbinic Judaism*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (2013), pp. 133-46.
- 33) "Exegetical Similarities and the Liturgical Use of the Targumim of the Megilloth," in *Aramaic Studies* Vol. 12 (2014), pp. 1-13.
- 34) "What Shall We Remember, The Deeds or The Faith of Our Ancestors? A Comparison of 1 Maccabees 2 and Hebrews 11." In *Earliest Christianity within the Boundaries of Judaism. Essays in Honor of Bruce Chilton*. Ed., Neusner, Jack and Craig Evans. Leiden: Brill, 2016, pp. 107-19; (5,341 words).
- 35) "The Five Scrolls." In *The Textual History of the Bible*. Ed., Lange, Armin, and Emanuel Tov. Leiden: Brill, 2016, pp. 402-9; (4,881 words).
- 36) "Jesus in the Talmud." In *The Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries*. Ed., Keith, Chris, Helen K. Bond, and Jens Schröter. New York: Bloomsbury, 2020; (5,754 words).

Papers Read

- 1) "Targum Lamentations 1.1-4: A Theological Prologue." XVth Conference of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, 14 July 1995, Cambridge University.
- 2) "The Exegetical Intent of Targum Lamentations." The 1995 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 19 November 1995, Philadelphia.
- 3) "Synagogue or *Beit haSefer*? The Origin and Use of Targum Lamentations." The Royal Irish Academy International Conference, 18 March 1997, Dublin.
- 4) "The Role of the *midat dinab* in the Targumim." The 1998 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 14 November 1998, Orlando.
- 5) "The use of 'Dramatic Heightening' as a Translation Technique in the Targumim." The 2000 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 19 November 2000, Nashville.
- 6) "Translational Technique in Targum Lamentations." The Third International Organization for Targumic Studies Meeting, 2-3 August 2001, Basel, Switzerland.
- 7) "The Theology of Targum Lamentations." The 2002 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 24 November 2002, Toronto.
- 8) "'God is not in this classroom' or Reading the Bible in a Secular School." The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 18 November 2006, Washington, D.C.
- 9) "The Use of 'Eschatological Lists' within the Targumim to the Megillot." The Vth Congress of the International Organization for Targumic Studies, 12-13 July 2007, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 10) "The Rabbinic Reception of Lamentations." The Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, 4 August 2008, Fordham University.
- 11) "Proselytization in Targum Ruth." The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 24 November 2008 Boston, MA.
- 12) "Recovery and Restoration Through Scripture." The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 23 November 2009, New Orleans, LA.
- 13) "Boaz: Centrally Marginalized." The 2010 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 12 March 2010, New Brunswick, NJ.
- 14) "The Figure of Boaz in Targum Ruth." The VIth Congress of the International Organization for Targumic Studies, 4-6 August 2010, Helsinki, Finland.
- 15) "The Character of Ruth in her Targum." The 2012 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 22-26 July 2012, Amsterdam.
- 16) "On Exegetical Similarities Between the Targumim of the Megilloth." The VIIth Congress of the International Organization for Targumic Studies, 3-9 August 2013, Munich.
- 17) "The Liturgical Use of the Megilloth in Early Judaism and Its Effect on the Targumim." The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. 23 November 2013, Baltimore, MD.
- 18) "What Shall We Remember, The Deeds or The Faith of Our Ancestors? A

Comparison of 1 Maccabees 2 and Hebrews 11.” The 2014 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 6-10 July 2014, Vienna, Austria.

- 19) “The Life of a Blog from Cradle to Maturity(?)” The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. 22 November 2015, Atlanta, GA.
- 20) “The LORD has trodden as in a wine press” A note regarding TgLam 1:15 and Isa. 63:3.” The 2018 meeting of the International Organization for Targumic Studies, 9-12 July 2018, London.
- 21) “The Relationship Between Lamentations 1:15, Isaiah 63:3, Joel 3:13 and Their Targumim.” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. 17-21 November 2018, Denver, Colorado.
- 22) “Why Mahlon and Chilion Died, According to the Targum.” The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. 24 November 2019, San Diego, CA.

Reviews

- Review of *Targumic and Cognate Studies*, eds. K. J. Cathcart and M. Maher, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* July, 1998.
- Review of *The Peshtarim and Qumran History: Chaos or Consensus?*, James H. Charlesworth, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 67/4 (2005) 678-679.

University Service

University of Kentucky

- Member, University Press of Kentucky, Press Committee 2019-2021
- Member, Provost Council 2017-present
- Member, University Senate 2017 (alternating years)-present
- Member, Our Path Forward Initiative – First Time Freshman 2018-present

Penn State University

- Member, Council of Academic Deans 2006-16
- Member, Academic Leadership Council 2006-16
- Member, Faculty Senate Committee for Undergraduate Education 2006-16
- Member, Freeh Implementation Committee 2013-14
- Member, Faculty Rights and Responsibility Committee 2007-09, 2015-16
- Member, University Ethics Committee 2014-16
- Member, Advisory Committee for Continued Excellence 2012-16
- Member, Commission for Adult Learners 2015-16
- Member, selection committee for finalists, University Fellowship Office 2006-16
- Member, University Brand Steering Committee 2013
- Member, University Ethics Committee 2014-16
- Member, University Strategic Planning Task Force 2014-2015

- Member, University Campaign Case Statement Committee 2015-16
- Faculty Senator by Presidential Appointment 2011-16
- Academic Advisor, Innoblue Entrepreneurship Club 2011-2016
- Academic Advisor, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship 2012-2017
- Academic Advisor, Empower Orphans 2015-2017
- Chair of search, assistant vice president and associate dean for Undergraduate Education 2007
- Chair of search, dean, College of Information Sciences and Technology 2009
- Chair, Penn State Forum 2011-12
- Chair, Penn State United Way Campaign 2011-12
- Chair, Faculty Implementation Committee for Penn State's Global Engagement Network partnership with Freiburg University, Germany 2011-15

Doctoral Committees

- Member, doctoral committee, Andrew Litke, Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, Catholic University of America "Targum Song of Songs: Language and Lexicon" 2014-16
- Member, doctoral committee, Robert Reimer, Psychology, Penn State University, "It's just good leadership: Rethinking adaptive leadership" 2015-16

Honors Community Service

In 2013 I co-founded the "Honors Education at Research Universities" (HERU) bi-annual international conference to "share best practices and build collaborations that will strengthen the case, and the place, for honors education at research universities."

- Member, review of the Miami University (OH) Honors Program 2007
- Chair, review of the Macaulay Honors College, CUNY 2008
- Member, review of the Purdue University Honors Program 2009
- Chair, review of the Hunter College CUNY Honors Program 2012
- Chair, review of the University of Minnesota Honors Program 2013
- Chair, review of the IUPUI Honors Program 2015
- Chair, review of the University of Maryland Honors College 2015
- Chair, review of Tulane University Honors Program 2017
- Member, review of The University of Arizona Honors College 2020
- Member, editorial board, peer-reviewed journal *Honors in Higher Education*. 2017-present

Professional Memberships and Service

Member

- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Academy of Religion
- International Organization for Targumic Study

Committee/Board Membership

- Council for the Society of Biblical Literature 2019-present
- Board of Trustees, University of the South (“Sewanee”) 2020-present
- International Organization for Targumic Study <http://targum.info> 2012-present
- Aramaic Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature. 2002-14
- Blogger and Online Publication, Society of Biblical Literature. 2012-2015
- Society of Biblical Literature Finance Committee 2017-20
- Board of Trustees, University of the South (“Sewanee”) 2003-05

Chair

- Aramaic Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature. 2005-11
- Scholarship & Technology Advisory Board, SBL 2011-16

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- CORE Summer Research Grant, Tulane University 1999
- Mortar Board Award for Outstanding Teaching 1999-2000, 2004-05
- LAS Representative to the School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University 2003
- Distinguished Member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars 2005-present
- Golden Key Honorary Member 2010-present
- \$200,000 “Schreyer Honors College Scholarship in Honor of Dean Christian Brady’s 10th Anniversary as Dean” est. 2016