

Dr. Shane Mouchet Thompson

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Brown University
Providence, RI
September 2015 – May 2021

PhD, Department of Religious Studies
Major Field: Israelite Religion
Minor Fields: Mesopotamian Religion, Hittite Religion, Egyptian Religion, Ritual Theory, Frontier Studies
Advisor: Saul M. Olyan
Dissertation: *Power in Public: Displays of Cultural Hegemony and Counter-Hegemony in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant*
Committee: Saul M. Olyan (Religious Studies/Judaic Studies), Matthew T. Rutz (Assyriology), Jonathan Conant (History), Ellen Morris (Barnard College, Egyptology)

Brandeis University
Waltham, MA
August 2013 – May 2015

Master of Arts in Bible and the Ancient Near East
Concentration: Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Atlanta, GA
August 2011 – May 2013

Master of Theological Studies
Concentration: Hebrew Bible

University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa
June 2010 – June 2011

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Classics Department

University of Kansas,
Lawrence, KS
August 2008 – August 2010

Master of Arts in Religious Studies
Concentration: Ritual Theory

Wake Forest University,
Winston-Salem, NC
August 2004 – May 2008

Bachelor of Arts
Major: History
Minors: Religion, Medieval Studies

EMPLOYMENT

North Carolina Wesleyan College	Assistant Professor of Religious Studies (Tenure-Track): Fall 2021-Present
Wake Forest University	Adjunct Professor of Religion: Spring 2021
Wake Forest University School of Divinity	Adjunct Professor: Summer 2020 – Spring 2021
The University of South Carolina	Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies: Spring 2020 – Summer 2021
Wofford College	Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies: Spring 2020 – Spring 2021
High Point University	Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies: Fall 2020
Brown University	Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record) – Fall 2017, Fall 2018 Instructor of Record (School of Professional Studies) – Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2021
Courses Taught	Sacred Experiences in World Religions Introduction to Judaism Playing with Death: Games in the Ancient World Targumic Aramaic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (Elementary Hebrew I) Elementary Hebrew II Exploring Religion The Hebrew Bible Archaeology of Religion Gods of the Biblical World: Polytheism, Magic, and Israelite Religion Introduction to the Bible

TA EXPERIENCE

Brown University	Sacred Stories Spiritual But Not Religious: Making Spirituality in America Formation of the Classical Heritage: Greeks, Romans, Jews, Christians, and Muslims Women, Slaves, and Sin: Paul and the Creation of Christianity
Brandeis University	Roman History to 455 CE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2019 – May 2020	The Advanced Digitization and Archival Analysis for Preservation and Accessibility (ADAAPA) Project. (Digitization, 3-D Modeling, Transcription, and Translation of the Cuneiform Collection at Brown University w/ Sara Mohr), Winner of the Brown University Library Innovation Prize for Innovation in Research Rigor, Transparency, and Reproducibility John Hay Library Brown University Providence, RI
Spring 2020	Digital Preservation of the Akkadian Tablets from the Syrian Kingdom of Ugarit Funding: National Endowment for the Humanities Project Director: Matthew Rutz
2019-2020	Research Assistant/Proofreader for Brown Judaic Studies Open Book Program Funding: Mellon Grant Project Director: Michael Satlow
2010	The Late Bronze Age Town of Emar: An Examination of the Distribution of City Power Within the Context of the Major Rituals University of Kansas, 2010 Research Director: Dr. Paul Mireck Committee members: Drs. Paul Mirecki, Molly Zahn, and Hagith Sivan

Research Assistant to Dr. Hagith Sivan,
Albright Institute, Jerusalem

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

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| October 2019 | At the Margins: Interconnections of Power and Identity in the Ancient Near East | Brown University
Providence, RI |
| March 2018 | Religion and Difference: Negotiating Otherness from Ancient to Contemporary Worlds | Biennial Religious Studies Graduate Conference
Brown University,
Providence, RI |
| April 2017 | Brandeis-Brown-Harvard-Yale Annual Hebrew Bible Conference | Brown University
Providence, RI |

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

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| Summer 2008 | San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation | Awarded by: Religion Department
Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, NC |
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 2021 | Games for Change Virtual Festival, Attendee. |
| 2021 | Advanced Jenzabar eLearning Training, North Carolina Wesleyan College |
| 2021 | Universal Design for Learning. North Carolina Wesleyan College |
| 2021 | Basic Jenzabar eLearning Training. North Carolina Wesleyan College |
| 2020 | “Preventing Harassment and Discrimination.” Wake Forest University |

2020	Peer-to-Peer Learning Communities (Online Teaching Training). Wake Forest University
2020	High Point University Adjunct Faculty Orientation
2020	Wake Forest Divinity School Faculty and Adjunct “Retreat”
2020	Adjunct Faculty Orientation (Blackboard Training). University of South Carolina
2020	“Harassment and Discrimination Prevention” Course, Certificate from Wofford College
2020	“Teaching Online: Course Design and Delivery,” Wake Forest University Professional Development Summer Course
2020	Workshop. <i>Teaching about Race and Racism to People Who Don’t Want to Know</i> , Wofford College
2018	Sheridan Center Teaching Seminar: Reflective Teaching (Certificate I), Brown University

RELEVANT ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

November 2020 – March 2021	Team Leader, Save Ancient Studies Alliance
June 2020 – March 2021	Leadership Committee, Save Ancient Studies Alliance
May 2020 – March 2021	Educational Ambassador, Save Ancient Studies Alliance
May 2020 – March 2021	Reading Group Leader, Save Ancient Studies Alliance
2015	Participant, History and Archaeology of Ancient Near Eastern Societies Workshop Harvard University Cambridge, MA

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Ancient Near Eastern Societies Workshop
Harvard University
Cambridge, MA

Area Supervisor in Training
Tel Halif, Israel
Dig director: Dr. Oded Borowski
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Area Supervisor in Training
Khirbet Summeily, Israel
Dig directors: Dr. James
Hardin, Cobb Institute of
Archaeology, Mississippi
State University,
Starkville, MS
Dr. James Blakely,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison, Madison, WI
Dr. Rachel Hallote,
SUNY-Purchase,
Purchase, NY

2012

Participant, Archaeological Field School
Khirbet Summeily, Israel
Dig directors: Dr. James
Hardin, Cobb Institute of
Archaeology, Mississippi
State University,
Starkville, MS
Dr. James Blakely,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison, Madison, WI
Dr. Rachel Hallote,
SUNY-Purchase,
Purchase, NY

RELEVANT FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2021	Brown University Graduate School Summer Fellowship
2020	Brown University Library Innovation Prize for Innovation in Research Rigor, Transparency, and Reproducibility (Humanities and Digital Humanities) w/ Sara Mohr
2020	Brown University Graduate School Summer Fellowship
2020-2021	Brown University Dissertation Completion Award

2019 – 2020	Brown University Dissertation Fellowship
2018	Brown University Teaching Fellow
2017	Brown University Teaching Fellow
2015 – 2016	Brown University Graduate Student Fellowship
2014	ASOR Sean Dever Grant
2014	Brandeis Near Eastern and Judaic Studies GTR Fellowship
2013	Brandeis Summer Fellowship
2012	Biblical Archaeological Society Excavation Grant
2012	Emory University MTS Scholar Award
2012	Emory University MTS Scholarship
2011	University of Iowa National Society of Collegiate Scholars
2009	University of Kansas Friends of the Department of Religious Studies Grant
2008	Wake Forest University Department of Religion Fieldwork Grant

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
ASOR
Catholic Biblical Association

LANGUAGES

Modern: French, Hebrew, German, English

Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic (all periods), Greek (Koine and Attic), Latin, Akkadian (all periods), all Northwest Semitic languages/dialects, Syriac, Ugaritic, Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, Hittite, Sumerian, Phoenician, Hurrian (Introductory), Coptic (Introductory), Old Egyptian (Introductory), Arabic (Introductory), Luwian (Introductory), Hieratic (Introductory), Ethiopic (Introductory)

SERVICE

2021	Peer-Reviewer, <i>Religion Compass</i> .
2020-2021	Team Leader, Save Ancient Studies Alliance
2020-2021	Leadership Committee, Save Ancient Studies Alliance
2020-2021	Mentor. Save Ancient Studies Alliance Summer Internship Program
2020	Reviewer, <i>An Educator's Handbook: Teaching About the Ancient World (Volume I)</i> edited by Pinar Durgun, Archaeopress.
2018 – 2019	Brown University Religious Studies Graduate Organization

- 2018 – 2019 Religious Studies Department Representative, Brown University Graduate Student Council
- 2017 – 2018 Brown University Religious Studies Graduate Organization

EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2021- Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, *Carolinas Ancient Near East Annual Colloquium*.
- 2021- ASOR Session Co-Chair, *Understanding Power in the Ancient World: Approaches, Manifestations, and Responses*.
- 2021- ASOR Session Co-Chair, *Cultures of Mobility and Borders in the Ancient Near East*.
- 2021 Session Chair, *Disruption in the Ancient Near East*, Brown University.
- 2020- Editor. *Avar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Life and Society in the Ancient Near East*
Avar is dedicated to publishing peer-reviewed scholarship on Anatolia, Egypt, the Levant, and Mesopotamia in the first and second millennia BCE that crosses and disrupts disciplinary boundaries.
- 2020- Editor. *Life and Society in the Ancient Near East* – Transnational Press, London
A series of peer-reviewed monographs and edited volumes that represents innovative scholarship of ancient Near Eastern life and society.

BOOKS

At the Margins: Interconnections of Power and Identity in the Ancient Near East. University Press of Colorado (forthcoming) co-edited with Sara Mohr.

Bodies and Gods: Practice, Presence, and Religious Experience in Ancient Israel (in preparation) with Eric M. Trink.

Power in Public: Displays of Cultural Hegemony and Counter-Hegemony in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant. (in preparation)

Rethinking Reform: Hezekiah's Cult Centralization in Comparative and Archaeological Context. (in preparation)

Sports and Games in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East. Transnational Press London (forthcoming) co-edited with Raleigh Heth.

Music in the Ancient Near East. Transnational Press London (forthcoming) co-edited with Heidi Köpp-Junk.

Approaches to Power in the Ancient Near East (in preparation) co-edited with Jessica Tomkins.

PUBLICATIONS

“The Border between Israel and Judah in the Book of Amos” with Eric M. Trink. (in preparation)

“From the Mountain to the Sea, and Back Again: Remnants of the Sumerian Conflict Myth in Biblical Tradition.” (in preparation)

“Conceptions of Ma’at in the Egyptian Controlled Levant” with Jessica Tomkins. (in preparation)

“The Borders of the Underworld in the Ancient Levant,” with Eric M. Trink. (in preparation)

“Notes in the Margins.” in *At the Margins: Interconnections of Power and Identity in the Ancient Near East* with Sara Mohr. (forthcoming)

“Old Meets New: Bringing Ancient Studies to Life in the Hybrid Classroom.” *Journal of Religious Competition in Antiquity*. Special Issue: “Pedagogy in the Ancient Mediterranean,” 2021:5.

“A Selection of Tablets and Cones from Brown University” with Sara Mohr. *Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin*, 2021:2.

“The Late Bronze Age City-State of Ugarit.” The Database of Religious History. Vancouver, University of British Columbia, 2020.

“Upper Egypt.” The Database of Religious History. Vancouver, University of British Columbia, 2020.

“Syria.” The Database of Religious History. Vancouver, University of British Columbia, 2020.

“How was the Royal Game of Ur Played?” in *An Educator’s Handbook for Teaching About the Ancient World (Volume I)* edited by Pinar Durgun, Archaeopress, 2020. (Winner of ASOR 2020 Book Award)

“How were Mesoamerican Ball Games Played?” w/ Carl Walsh in *An Educator’s Handbook for Teaching About the Ancient World (Volume I)* edited by Pinar Durgun, Archaeopress, 2020. (Winner of ASOR 2020 Book Award)

Book Review. Knafl, Anne K., *Forming God: Divine Anthropomorphism in the Pentateuch* (Siphrut, 12; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014). *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, vol. 17, 2017.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Appeal of the Ancient World in Small Liberal Arts Colleges.” Navigating the In-Between: Identifying a Career Trajectory in Academia for the Early Career Scholar Session at ASOR Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2021.

Panelist. “Documentary Texts and Literary Interpretation.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2020.

“Playing with Death: Pedagogical Methods and Ancient Games.” Addressing the Challenges of Creative Pedagogies in Ancient Studies Session at ASOR Annual Meeting, November 2020.

“Ethics and Archaeology in Modern-Day Israel.” Brown University, June 2020.

“Reading 3D Models: The Cuneiform Collection of the John Hay Library.” Harvard-Yale-Brown-Brandeis Hebrew Bible Day, Brandeis University, April 2020. (Postponed, COVID-19)

“The Multiplicity of Gods in Ancient Israel.” with John T. Thames. Clemson University, March 2020. (Postponed, COVID-19)

“The Jewish Colony at Elephantine in the Context of Egyptian History.” Oglethorpe University, March 2020.

“The Dilemma of the Ritual Genre: Prescriptive Instruction or Literary Strategy in the Ancient Near East?” “Sensory Cultures of Religion,” University of North Carolina-Charlotte, March 2020.

“The Subjects of Empire: Models of Imperialism in the Late Bronze and Iron Age Levant.” Symposium in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, “Engaging with Empire,” Harvard University, March 2020.

“When the Text Lies: The Impact of Foreign Invasion on Perceptions of Judahite Cult Centralization.” In “On Cultural Change and Comparative Analyses” Session at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, University of Georgia, March 2020.

“ ‘The Foreigner in the Court’ or ‘In the Court of the Foreigner?’: Travels and Travails in Biblical, Egyptian, and Mesopotamian Tradition.” Oglethorpe University, November 2019.

“Hittite Rule in the East: Rethinking the ‘Hands-Off’ Theory.” Symposium in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, “Religion and Ritual,” Yale University, February 2019.

“From the Mountain to the Sea, and Back Again: Remnants of the Sumerian Conflict Myth in Biblical Tradition.” Brown University Egyptology and Assyriology Seminar Series, February 2019.

“New Perspectives on Said’s Orientalism.” Brown University, March 2018.

“‘Prayer for a King’: A Case of Hittite Misunderstanding in Late Bronze Age Emar.” Brown University Cuneiform Studies, October 2017.

“What is the Genre of Acts?” Brown University, October 2016.

“The Stream of Tradition within Late Bronze Age Emar.” Brown University Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium, March 2016.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Script Writer, “The Assyrian War Machine: Hezekiah and Sennacherib,” *Excavating the History of the Bible: What Archaeology Can Teach Us About the Biblical World*, Patheos and YouTube Series, January 2021.

Script Writer, “What Language Did the Ancient Israelites Speak?,” *Excavating the History of the Bible: What Archaeology Can Teach Us About the Biblical World*, Patheos and YouTube Series, February 2021.

“What is Religion in the Ancient World?” SASA Ask an Expert YouTube Series, Dec. 19, 2020.

“Save Ancient Studies! What is SASA,” Digital Hammurabi (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru6sJGo7 IE>), May 3, 2020.

Reading Group Leader, “Playing with Death: Games in the Ancient World.” Save Ancient Studies in America, Summer 2020.

Reading Group Leader, “Long Ago, in a Galaxy Called the Milky Way: Creation Stories From Around The World.” Save Ancient Studies in America, Summer 2020.

“The Hebrew Bible from Below and Beyond.” The Ratty Blog, March 3, 2020.

Approved scholar on r/AskBibleScholars and r/AcademicBiblical fora.

Moderator on r/AcademicBiblical, r/AncientEgyptian, r/BethMidrash, r/CriticalBiblical and r/Mesopotamia fora.

References

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