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## 1. EDUCATION

### 1.1. University Career

Ph.D. UCLA. Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, 2015

Dissertation: “Scribalism and Diplomacy at the Crossroads of Cuneiform Culture: The Sociolinguistics of Canaanite-Akkadian.”

Chair: William Schniedewind

Committee Members: Giorgio Buccellati, Kathlyn Cooney, and Bruce Zuckerman

M.A. UCLA. Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, 2006  
Semitic Philology, Departmental Scholar

B.A. UCLA. Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, 2006  
Near Eastern Civilizations, *magna cum laude*

### 1.2. Certificates

Certification. Arabic Dialectology Program, Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 2011  
Program Directors: Otto Jastrow, Werner Arnold, and Michael Cook

Certification. American University of Cairo, Egypt, 2007  
Center for Arabic Study Abroad, Colloquial Egyptian and Modern Standard Arabic

Certification. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 2004; 2009  
Ulpan Course, Level *Vav*

## 2. PUBLICATIONS

### 2.1. Books

Alice Mandell. *Cuneiform Culture and the Ancestors of Hebrew*. The Ancient World (London: Routledge, 2018 [forthcoming]).

Alice Mandell and Jeremy Smoak. *Inscribing the Spaces of the Dead in Ancient Judah: An Introduction to Writing and Ritual Space*. Society of Biblical Literature. Archaeology and Biblical Studies Series (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 2018 [forthcoming]).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Reconstructing Israelite and Judean Religions: Religion as Performance and Materiality* (London: Routledge, 2017 [forthcoming]).

Giorgio Buccellati and Alice Mandell. *Letters from the Amarna Period*. Writings from the Ancient World (Atlanta, Scholars Press, 2019 [forthcoming]).

## 2.2. Peer-Reviewed Articles

- (In preparation) “At the Crossroads of Cuneiform Culture: Multilingualism and Translation in the Canaanite Amarna Letters—A Reassessment.”
- (Under review) Alice Mandell and Jeremy Smoak, “Prolegomena to a Materiality of Israelite Religions: Toward a Theory and Method for Studying Ritual Space.”
- (Forthcoming) Alice Mandell and Jeremy Smoak, “Reconsidering the Function of the Tomb Inscriptions in Iron Age Judah: Khirbet Beit Lei as a Test Case,” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* (2016).
- (Forthcoming) “The Adoption of the ‘Adoption’ Formula in Inner-biblical Discourse.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* (2017)
2012. “Numinous Writing at Kuntillet ‘Ajrud: Dedicatory Inscriptions and the Epistolary Genre.” *MAARAV: A Journal for the Study of the Northwest Semitic Languages and Literatures* 19, 1-2: 131-162.

## 2.3. Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles

2014. “Glossary.” In Anson F. Rainey. *The El-Amarna Correspondence: A New Edition of the Cuneiform Letters from the Site of El-Amarna Based on Collations of All Extant Tablets. Handbook of Oriental Studies* 110/1. Edited by W. M. Schniedewind and Z. Cochavi-Rainey. Leiden: Brill: 1269-1313.
2013. “Literacy, Iron Age.” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology*. Edited by Daniel Master. Oxford: Oxford University.
2013. “Biblical Hebrew, Archaic.” in *The Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics*. Edited by G. Khan. Leiden: Brill.
2011. Aaron A. Burke and Alice Mandell. “Egyptian ‘Flowerpots’ from Kaplan’s Area A Excavations: Cultural and Historical Implications.” In *Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1*, eds. M. Peilstöcker and A. A. Burke. *The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project* Vol 1. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology: 261-270.

## 3. CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2016 “Writing on the Margins. The LB to Iron Age: New Scripts and Why They Were Created.” UCLA’s Symposium on the Alphabet: New Light on the Egyptian Origin of the Hebrew Alphabet, December 2016.
- 2016 “The Adoption of the Adoption Formula. Kinship Making and Performance.” David Noel Freedman Prize Session. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2016.
- 2016 “Rethinking the Role of the Body in Ritual—Reorienting Space in Judean Funerary Spaces.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2016.
- 2016 “The Proverbs Outside of Proverbs: Canaanite Parables as a Precursor to Israelite ‘Wisdom’?” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2016.
- 2016 Panel Co-Chair for New Member Session “The Materiality of Communication.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, November 2016.

- 2016 “Re-examining the Amarna Letters from the Egyptian Centers in the Levant and the ‘Canaanite’ Features in the Amarna Letters from Egypt.” Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, March 2016.
2015. “At the Crossroads of Cuneiform Culture: Multilingualism and Translation in the Canaanite Amarna Letters—A Reassessment.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2015.
2014. “Oral Law and the Adoption of the ‘Adoption’ Formula in Biblical Literature.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2014.
2011. “Writing and Magic at Kuntillet ‘Ajrud: Dedicatory Inscriptions and the Epistolary Genre.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2011.
2011. “Magic and Writing at Kuntillet ‘Ajrud.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, November 2011.
2012. “Egyptian Jewish Arabic in the Rabbinite and Karaite Communities of Israel.” Arabic Dialectology Panel, University of Tallin, Estonia, June 2012.
2008. Panel Discussant at Fulbright’s Middle East and North Africa Orientation program, September 2008.
2008. Director of Focus Group and Orientation Counselor at Fulbright’s Orientation for International Students, March 2008.

#### **4. AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2016 UCLA Doctoral Hooding Ceremony Processional Marshall
- 2016 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship
- 2016 American Oriental Society Student Award
- 2016 UCLA Instructional Development Program Grant for Digital Humanities project “Visualizing Jerusalem: A Digital Atlas of Jerusalem”
- 2015 UCLA Center for Jewish Studies Summer Appel Research Travel Grant for Babylonian Talmudic Aramaic Intensive course at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles
- 2014–2015 UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2013 Mellon Pre-dissertation Grant
- 2012 Kershaw Chair Travel and Excavation Award
- 2012 Princeton University Travel and Conference Grant for Arabic Dialectology
- 2011–2013 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship for Graduate Studies
- 2011 Princeton University Travel and Field Research Grant for Arabic Dialectology
- 2011 Arabic Dialectology Award for Dialectology Training at Princeton University
- 2010–2011 UCLA Graduate Year Research Mentorship: “Canaanite-Akkadian: The Relationship Between Egyptian Administration and Canaanite Scribalism in the Levant in the Late Bronze Age.”
- 2010 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship: “Levantine Political Propaganda: The Karatepe Inscription and the Development of Iron Age Peacetime Rhetoric.”
- 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ulpan

- 2009            UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Excavation and Field School, Jaffa, Israel
- 2007–2008     UCLA Chancellor’s Award
- 2006–2007     Fulbright Student Award for Arabic language training at the Center for Arabic Study Abroad, American University of Cairo, Egypt
- 2005            Departmental Scholar in the Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department, University of California, Los Angeles

## 5. TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### 5.1. *The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, American Jewish University*

- Instructor, Introduction to the Bible (Winter, 2014)

### 5.2. *Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of California, Los Angeles*

- Lecturer, Jerusalem: The Holy City (Winter and Spring 2016)
- Project Manager for *A Digital Atlas of Jerusalem* (Instructional Development Program Grant for Digital Humanities) (2016)
- Instructor, Jerusalem: The Holy City (Summer 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015)
- Teaching Fellow, Jerusalem: The Holy City (Winter, 2010; Spring, 2010; Winter, 2014; Fall 2014)
- Teaching Fellow, Visible Language (Spring, 2014)
- Research Assistant to Giorgio Buccellati (2012-2013)
- Research Assistant to William Schniedewind (2008-2015). Past work includes manuscript editing, language work for *The Social History of Hebrew*, *The El-Amarna Correspondence*, and editing of the *Accordance Northwest Semitics Inscriptions Module*.
- Research Assistant to Ra‘anan Boustan (2009-2010). Grant writing, manuscript editing, research, and work for the *Hekhalot Translation Project* directed by Dr. Peter Schäfer, Princeton University.
- Reader, Jewish Mysticism, Magic, and Kabbalah (Fall, 2009)
- Researcher at the *Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative* (CDLI) under the direction of Robert Englund (2002-2009).

### 5.3. *Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles*

- Lecturer, The Sociolinguistics of Writing and Script Choice (Spring, 2016)
- Research Assistant to Alessandro Duranti (2013-2015).

#### *5.4 Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion*

- Lecturer, Hebrew Bible (Summer, 2016)

#### *5.5 Department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison*

Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitics

### **6. ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE**

- Staff Member: Jaffa Archeological Excavation and Field School, Israel (Summer 2009; 2012). Directed by Aaron Burke (UCLA) and Martin Peilstocker (Mainz University)

### **7. LANGUAGES**

#### *7.1. Ancient*

Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Phoenician and related West Semitic dialects, Akkadian, Sumerian, Hittite, Egyptian, and Classical Greek

#### *7.2. Modern*

French, Hebrew, Arabic, German, and Persian

### **8. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for Jewish Studies (AJS); American Oriental Society (AOS); American Society for Oriental Research (ASOR); Society of Biblical Literature (SBL); The International Association for Assyriology (IAA)