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EDUCATION

Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts	1985–90	A.M.; Ph.D., <i>With Distinction</i> Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Dissertation: “Studies in the Archaeology and History of Israelite Samaria” (awarded a <i>Giles Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities</i> , 1989–90)
University of Chicago Oriental Institute Chicago, Illinois	1984–85	Syro-Palestinian History Syro-Palestinian Archaeology Ancient Near Eastern languages
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary South Hamilton, Massachusetts	1981–84	M.A.T.S., <i>summa cum laude</i> Old Testament
Jerusalem University College Jerusalem, Israel	1980–81	The Archaeology of Israel Ancient & Intertestamental History Historical Geography
University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia	1970–73	B.S.Ed., English <i>Dean’s List of Distinguished Students</i>

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Syro-Palestinian Archaeology
Ancient Near Eastern History (Israel; Syria-Palestine; Mesopotamia)
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (including History of the Religion of Israel)
Semitic Languages (primary: Hebrew, Akkadian, NW Semitic Epigraphy; secondary: Aramaic, Ugaritic)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
G. Albert Shoemaker Professor of Bible and Archaeology, 2001–present
G. Albert Shoemaker Associate Professor of Bible and Archaeology, 1997–2001
Director, James L. Kelso Museum, 1997–present
Project Director and Principal Investigator, The Zeitah Excavations, 1997–present

Westmont College

Department of Religious Studies

Associate Professor of the Archaeology and Literature of Ancient Israel, 1996–1997

Assistant Professor, 1992–1996

University of Michigan

Department of Near Eastern Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical and Near Eastern Studies, 1990–1992

Harvard University

Semitic Museum Research Associate, 1990–1991

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Near Eastern Studies

Teaching Fellow, 1987–1989

Harvard Divinity School

Teaching Fellow, 1986

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

The Zeitah Excavations — 1998–present

Tel Zayit, Israel

Project Director and Principal Investigator: Ron E. Tappy

Sponsor: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Affiliations: American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston, Massachusetts

W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel

Web Site: www.zeitah.net

10 Seasons of Excavation — 1999–present

5 Study Seasons — 2008–present

Radar, Topographical, and Surface Surveys — 1998

Surface Survey of Tel Zayit and Its Environs — 1996

Leon Levy Expedition (Professional Staff) — 1988–1994

Ashkelon, Israel

Project Director: Lawrence E. Stager

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Land of Gerar Excavation — 1983

Tel Haror, Israel

Project Director: Eliezer D. Oren

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba, Israel

Tomb Surveys and Excavations — 1980, 1981

Jerusalem, Israel

Project Director: Gabriel Barkay

Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel

Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

The Albright Institute, Personnel Committee, 2004–2011 (Chair)

The Albright Institute, Executive Committee, 2004–2011

Curriculum Review Committee (Chair), PTS

Faculty Review Committee, PTS

The Albright Institute, Nominations Committee, 2000–2002, 2005–2011 (Chair, 2002)

The Albright Institute, Fellowships Committee, 1999–2000

Board of Trustees, The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel, 1999–2011

PEW Charitable Trust, Evangelical Scholars Program, referee to Advisory Committee, 1998

Faculty Secretary, PTS

Admissions and Standings Committee, PTS

Doctor of Ministry Degree Committee, PTS

Faculty Representative to the Planning Committee on the Master Budget, PTS

President's Task Force on Technology and Academic Computing, PTS

Masters Committee, PTS

Academic Affairs Committee, PTS

Working Committee, PTS

Master of Arts Degree Program Advisor, PTS

James L. Kelso Museum Committee, PTS

Continuing Education Committee, PTS

Educational Resources Committee, PTS

Faculty Development Committee, PTS

Nominating Committee, PTS

Faculty By-Laws Committee, PTS

Multiple Faculty Search Committees, PTS

Accreditation Committee (re: Faculty, Library, and Distance Learning), PTS

Faculty Research Committee, Westmont College

Erasmus Society Steering Committee, Westmont College

Athletic Committee, Westmont College

Summer Archaeological Field Practicum in Israel, University of Michigan; Westmont College; PTS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, MD

The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Board of Trustees

American Schools of Oriental Research

Israel Exploration Society

Palestine Exploration Fund

Society of Biblical Literature

Pittsburgh Biblical Archaeology Society

COURSES TAUGHT

Ancient Texts Relating to the Old Testament (PTS)
 The Archaeology of Syria-Palestine from Earliest Times to the Persian Period (Michigan; Westmont)
 Biblical Archaeology (Harvard; Westmont; PTS)
 Field Practicum (taught on-site at Ashkelon and Tel Zayit, Israel)
 God and History: The Religion of Ancient Israel and its Cultural Background (Michigan; Westmont)
 The Hebrew Psalter (seminar) (Michigan)
 The Historical Books of the Old Testament (PTS)
 Historical Geography of the Land of the Bible (PTS, taught on-site in Israel)
 The History of the Ancient Near East (Westmont; PTS)
 The History of Religions in Early Israel (PTS)
 Introduction to Akkadian (Michigan)
 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (tutorials; Westmont; PTS)
 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Harvard; Westmont)
 Introduction to the Near East (team taught with other faculty at Michigan)
 Old Testament Exegesis (PTS)
 The Pentateuch (Westmont)
 Problems in ANE History: Syria-Palestine during the Second Millennium BCE (seminar) (Michigan)
 Problems in Theology: War and Peace in the Hebrew Bible (Harvard Divinity School)
 Readings in Biblical Hebrew (PTS)
 Syro-Palestinian Pottery: Typology and Chronology (seminar) (Michigan)
 Theological Reflections on Ministry (PTS)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION INTERESTS

Broadly speaking, my research and publication interests center on the interrelated nature of the cultural, political, and economic histories of Iron Age Israel, as well as the various ethnic groups with whom Israel interacted. My teaching method examines ways in which the broader cultural context of biblical Israel shaped both the world of the biblical writers and, by extension, their theological outlook. Drawing on both my own classroom training and my twenty-two years of teaching experience in biblical studies, archaeology, and ancient languages, my purpose is to investigate in a multidisciplinary manner the various factors (ecological, geographical, political, socio-economic, religious) that assumed causal roles in the evolution of society and religion in ancient Israel. I have written articles on a variety of topics, including subjects in biblical archaeology, ancient Israelite burial customs and beliefs about the afterlife, the 23rd Psalm, and the Ten Commandments. I have also written extensively about the archaeology of Israelite Samaria.

I began excavating at various sites in Israel more than 30 years ago, and my current field research entails directing The Zeitah Excavations, a full-scale archaeological exploration of a Late Bronze-Iron Age town in the Shephelah (“lowlands”) region of Israel. My research design seeks to: (1) study trans-frontier relations in the border land (liminal zone) between the highland and coastal cultures of southern Canaan during the biblical period; (2) assess family structures and kinship patterns that were established in this region and that helped to provide the theological underpinnings of the biblical concept of covenant; and (3) assess the impact of Bronze Age Aegean trade on local (vs. strictly urban) economies in the Levant. This project promotes interdisciplinary connections between biblical studies, archaeology, history, epigraphic studies, and anthropology.

Near the conclusion of the 2005 excavation season at Tel Zayit, my team recovered a large stone bearing an incised, two-line inscription. Newspapers, magazines, and television programs around the world publicized this discovery (e.g., BBC; Associated Press; *Pravda*, *New York Times*, November 9, 2005; WGBH Magazine, November, 2008; “The Bible’s Buried Secrets,” a two-hour PBS NOVA special that aired on November 18, 2008). The special importance of the stone derives not only from its archaic alphabetic text (a twenty-two-letter abecedar), but also from its well-defined archaeological context in a structure dating securely to the tenth century BCE. The Tel Zayit Abecedar represents the linear alphabetic script of central and southern Canaan at the beginning of the first millennium BCE, a transitional script that developed from the Phoenician tradition of the early Iron Age and anticipated the distinctive features of the mature Hebrew national script. The early appearance of literacy at Tel Zayit plays a pivotal role in the current discussion of the archaeology and history of Judah in the tenth century BCE.

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Books:

- 1992a *The Archaeology of Israelite Samaria: Vol. I, Early Iron Age through the Ninth Century BCE*. Harvard Semitic Studies 44. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, (see the references below to published reviews from Germany, France, Italy, England, and the USA).
- 2001a *The Archaeology of Israelite Samaria: Vol. II, The Eighth Century BCE*. Harvard Semitic Studies 50. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns (received a Research Fellowship from the Pew Charitable Trust, 1997–1998).

Scholarly Reviews of AIS, Vol. I:

- Davies, Graham, *Journal of Theological Studies* 46/1 (1995), 205–06.
- Edelman, Diana V., *Old Testament Abstracts* 16 (1993), 412.
- Isserlin, B. S. J., *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*, January-June (1996), 82–84.
- Joffe, Alexander H., *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 56/2 (1997), 129–32.
- Macchi, Jean-Daniel, *Études Théologiques et Religieuses* 3 (1993), 426–27.

- Mitchell, T. C., *Society for Old Testament Study, Book List* (1994), 32.
 Moorey, P. R. S., *Journal of Semitic Studies* 39/2 (1994), 322–23.
 North, Robert, J., S.J., *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56 (1994), 345–46.
 Pfeiffer, H., *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 106 (1994), 538.
 Steiner, Margaret, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* LII 5/6 (1995), 798–99.
 Weippert, Helga, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 118 (1993), 1022–23.

Scholarly Reviews of AIS, Vol. II:

- Hardin, James W., *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 329 (2003), 82–84.
 Jacobs, Paul F., *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 65/3 (2003), 459–60.
 Master, Daniel, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 63/2 (2004), 136–38.
 Ortiz, Steven M., *American Journal of Archaeology* 107 (2003), 503–04.
 Herzog, Ze'ev, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124.1 (2004), 144–46.

- 2008e *Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedary in Context*, R. E. Tappy and P. Kyle McCarter, eds. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

Award:

On November 20, 2009, this work received the Frank Moore Cross Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research. “This award is presented to the editor/author of the most substantial volume(s) related to ancient Near Eastern and eastern Mediterranean epigraphy, text and/or tradition. This work must be the result of original research published during the past two years.”

Scholarly Reviews of Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan:

- Richard S. Hess, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 19/4 (2009), 595–97.
 Jeremy M. Hutton, *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 39/4 (2009), 229–30.
 Ian Young, *Review of Biblical Literature* 7 (2010)
[\[http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=7116\]](http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=7116) and 13 (2011),
 126–29.
 Jessica Whisenant, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129/3 (2009), 550–52.
 Gary A. Rendsburg, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 359 (2010), 89–91.

Book Chapters, Articles, and Reviews:

- 1993 “Ahab,” “Hazor,” “Megiddo,” — Pp. 19, 269–70, and 511 in *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*. Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.

- 1995a “Did the Dead Ever Die in Biblical Judah?” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 298: 59–68 (also presented in lecture form to the Faculty and doctoral students in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, April 17, 1995).
- 1995b “Psalm 23: Symbolism and Structure,” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57: 255–80.
- 1996 “Iron Age Civilizations in the Near East,” Pp. 496–98 in *The Oxford Companion to Archaeology*. Brian M. Fagan, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 1997 “Samaria,” Pp. 463–67 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East, Volume 4*, William G. Dever, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 1998a “Review of *Ancient Jerusalem Revealed*,” H. Geva, ed. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 57/3: 221–23.
- 1998b “Review of *The Judean Pillar-Figurines and the Archaeology of Asherah*” by R. Kletter. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 310: 85–89.
- 1998c “Review of *Excavations at the City of David, 1987–95, Vol. 4: Various Reports*,” D. T. Ariel and A. de Groot, eds. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 59/4: 299–303.
- 2000a “Lineage and Law in Pre-Exilic Israel,” *Revue Biblique*, 107/2: 175–204.
- 2000b “The Code of Kinship in the Ten Commandments,” *Revue Biblique*, 107/3: 321–37.
- 2000c “The 1998 Preliminary Survey of Khirbet Zeitah el-Kharab (Tel Zayit) in the Shephelah of Judah,” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 319: 7–36.
- 2000d “The Region and City of Samaria,” *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. D. N. Freedman, A. B. Beck, and A. C. Myers, eds. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
- 2000e “Shechem,” *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. D. N. Freedman, A. B. Beck, and A. C. Myers, eds. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
- 2001a “Tel Zayit: La bible Libnah?” *Le Monde de la Bible* 135: 56.
- 2001b “Review of *A Slice through Time: Dendrochronology and Precision Dating*,” by M. G. L. Baillie. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 60/3: 214–18.
- 2001c “Recent Interpretations of Ancient Israelite Religion,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123/1: 159–67.
- 2001d “Review of *The Archaeology of Jordan and Beyond: Essays in Honor of James A. Sauer*,” L. E. Stager, J. Greene, M. D. Coogan, eds. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 62/4: 1–3.
- 2005 “Samaria: The Presentation of Israel’s Royal City in the Historical Books of the Old Testament,” published under the title “Samaria,” Pp. 854–62 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, B. T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson, eds. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

- 2006a “The Provenance of the Unpublished Ivories from Samaria,” Pp. 637–56 in *“I Will Speak the Riddles of Ancient Times” (Ps 78:2b): Archaeological and Historical Studies in Honor of Amihai Mazar on the Occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday*, A. M. Maeir and P. de Miroschedji, eds. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2006b “An Abecedary of the Mid-Tenth Century B.C.E. from the Judaeen Shephelah,” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 344: 5–46.
- 2007 “The Final Years of Israelite Samaria: Toward a Dialogue between Texts and Archaeology,” Pp. 258–79 in *Up to the Gates of Ekron: Essays on the Archaeology and History of the Eastern Mediterranean in Honor of Seymour Gitin*, S. White Crawford, A. Ben-Tor, J. P. Dessel, W. G. Dever, A. Mazar, and J. Aviram, eds. Jerusalem: The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and the Israel Exploration Society.
- 2008a “Tel Zayit,” in *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land*, Vol. 5. E. Stern, ed. Jerusalem: The Israel Exploration Society, The Biblical Archaeological Society, and The Israel Antiquities Authority.
- 2008b “Historical and Geographical Notes on the ‘Lowland Districts’ of Judah in Joshua 15:33–47,” *Vetus Testamentum* 58: 381–403.
- 2008c “East of Ashkelon: The Setting and Settling of the Judaeen Lowlands in the Iron Age IIA Period,” Pp. 449–63 in *Exploring the Longue Durée: Essays in Honor of Lawrence E. Stager*. J. David Schloen, ed. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2008d “Tel Zayit and the Tel Zayit Abecedary in their Regional Context,” Pp. 1–44 in *Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedary in Context*, R. E. Tappy and P. Kyle McCarter, eds. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2009a “Samaria,” Pp. 61–71 in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 5, Katherine Doob Sackenfled, ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2009.
- 2009b “Tel Zayit,” Pg. 958 in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 5, Katherine Doob Sackenfled, ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2009.
- 2011 “The Depositional History of Iron Age Tel Zayit: A Response to Finkelstein, Sass, and Singer-Avitz,” *Eretz-Israel* 30 (Ben-Tor Volume): 127*–143*.
- 2012 “The *Tabula Peutingeriana*: Its Roadmap to Borderland Settlements in *Iudaea-Palestina*, with Special Reference to Tel Zayit in the Late Roman Period,” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 75/1:36–54.
- in press-a “Ceramic Industries in the Region of Samaria during the Iron Age IIA-B Periods (1000–722/21 BCE),” in *The Pottery of Ancient Israel and Its Neighbors*, Seymour Gitin, editor. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society/W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research/Israel Antiquities Authority (invited contribution).
- in press-b “Ceramic Industries in the Region of Samaria during the Iron Age IIC Period (722/21–586 BCE),” in *The Pottery of Ancient Israel and Its Neighbors*, Seymour Gitin, editor. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society/W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research/Israel Antiquities Authority (invited contribution).

- in prep. "The Excavation of Tel Zayit: A City on the Border of Judah and Philistia," *Qadmoniot*.
- in prep. "The Stratigraphy and Function of the 'Ostraca House' at Israelite Samaria: An Archaeological Assessment," invited contribution to a forthcoming book edited by Christopher Rollston.
- in prep. "New Radiocarbon Results from a Tenth-Century Structure at Tel Zayit and Their Implications for the Dating of the Tel Zayit Abecedary."
- in prep. "An Ivory Duck Head from Tel Zayit with a Catalogue of Duck-Shaped Cosmetic³ Boxes from the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Worlds."
- in prep. "Israelite Samaria in Archaeology and the Bible: Problems and Solutions," *Bible Odyssey*, signed article to appear on the web site of The Society of Biblical Literature.

Consultant to the Following Articles:

- 1995 Adrienne Mayon, "Mad Honey!" *Archaeology* 48/6:32–40.
- 1999 S. Wolff, "Archaeology in Israel, 1999," *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Reports on The Zeitah Excavations to the Israel Antiquities Authority:

- 1998 "The 1998 Preliminary Survey of Tel Zayit, Israel," Pp. 1–44; submitted in November.
- 1999 "The Inaugural Excavations of Tel Zayit, Israel, 1999 Season: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority," Pp. 1–31; submitted in December.
- 2000 "The Second Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2000: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority," Pp. 1–29; submitted in December.
- 2001 "The Third Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2001: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority," Pp. 1–26; submitted in December.
- 2004 "The Fourth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2004: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority," Pp. 1–37 (plus 1999–2004 Locus Index); submitted in December.
- 2005 "The Fifth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2005: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority," Pp. 1–31 (with 2005 Locus Index), submitted in December.
- 2007 "The Sixth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2007: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority," Pp. 1–66 (with 2007 Locus Index), submitted in December.
- 2009 "The Seventh Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2009: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority (with updated and revised Locus Index)," submitted in December.
- 2010 "The Eighth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2010: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority (with updated and revised Locus Index)," submitted in November.

- 2011 “The Ninth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2011: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority (with updated and revised Locus Index),” submitted in December.

Works for Future Publication:

- The G. Walter Hansen Expedition to Tel Zayit, Israel—Tel Zayit I: Field Methods and Recorded Data.*
- The G. Walter Hansen Expedition to Tel Zayit, Israel—Tel Zayit II: The Iron Age, Stratigraphy and Pottery (Text and Plates).*
- The G. Walter Hansen Expedition to Tel Zayit, Israel—Tel Zayit III: The Late Bronze Age, Stratigraphy and Pottery (Text and Plates).*
- The G. Walter Hansen Expedition to Tel Zayit, Israel—Tel Zayit IV: Post-Iron Age Periods, Stratigraphy and Pottery (Text and Plates).*
- “A Tenth-Century BCE Ceramic Mask from Tel Zayit.”
- “The Design and Political-Ideological Symbolism of the Royal Quarter at Israelite Samaria.”
- “An Archaeological Reassessment of the So-Called ‘Ivory House’ at Samaria.”
- “The Dimorphic Society as a Model for the Study of Ancient Israel: Iron Age I.”
- “The Earliest Israelite Pottery from Samaria: Stratigraphic Context and Implications for Iron Age Chronology.”
- “‘Fear Not, For I Am With You’—Formulaic Language from Israel’s Earliest Epic Tradition.”
- “The Household of Yahweh: Lineage Language in the Hebrew Psalter.”
- “The ‘Israelite’ Four-Horned Altar: A Comment on its Function and Historical Antecedents.”
- “2 Samuel 24:18–24 and the Role of the *GÖREN* in Early Israel. A Text Critical Analysis.”
- “The Sociology of the Jephthah Story (Judges 11).”

PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Presentations:

- 1991a “Translating the Text of the Hebrew Bible: *Ipsissima Verba, Variae Lectiones*, and the Divinely Inspired Message,” Guest lecture at the Residential College, University of Michigan, February 21.
- 1991b “A Brief History of Modern Archaeological Research and the Present State of ‘Biblical Archaeology’.” Address given to the faculty and students of the Department of Religious Studies, Westmont College, February 27.
- 1991c “Ashkelon through the Ages: With Special Reference to the Calf Figurine from the Middle Bronze Age II Period (ca. 1550 BCE).” Paper presented at the Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA, May 19.
- 1991d “Deeper Meanings in Hebrew Poetry: The Case of Psalm 23.” Paper presented at the annual regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion-Midwest (Indiana State University), March.

- 1992 “Digging Up Kathleen Kenyon’s Private Fieldnotes: A Reconsideration of Ninth Century BCE Samaria,” paper presented at the annual national meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in San Francisco, November.
- 1993 “Eight Seasons of Excavation at Ashkelon: Changes in Our Understanding of Biblical Philistia,” paper presented at the annual regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research—West (Cal State Fullerton), March 19 (also presented to the Los Angeles Chapter of the Biblical Archaeological Society).
- 1995 “Theory and Method in Complementary Opposition: The Excavation of Israelite Samaria by the Joint Expedition, 1932–35,” paper presented to the Biblical Archaeology Society of Pittsburgh, March 26.
- 1996 “What Did the Decalogue Mean? Reading the Ten Commandments as a Code of Kinship,” paper presented to the Biblical Law Group at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November.
- 1997 “The Stomping Ground of Elijah: Samaria *in situ*,” paper presented at the 42nd annual meeting of the Biblical Archaeology Colloquium, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, November 15.
- 1999a “Tel Zayit: An Ancient Town with an Untold History,” paper presented to the Biblical Archaeology Society of Pittsburgh, February 21.
- 1999b “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Bridging the Gap from Tel to Text,” inaugural address presented at my installation to the G. Albert Shoemaker Chair of Bible and Archaeology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, November 9.
- 2000 “Two Seasons of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel: A Preliminary Report,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Near Eastern Archaeology in Nashville, November.
- 2001 “Another Look at a Biblical Icon: The Early Cultural Setting of Exodus 20:12–18,” invited paper presented at a conference on *The Biblical Icons of Israelite Religion*, sponsored by the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies of New York University, October 28.
- 2002 “The Ivories and Glass Inlays from Samaria and the Economy of Israel during the Time of King Ahab,” paper presented in honor of Professor Lawrence E. Stager of Harvard University at the 47th annual meeting of the Biblical Archaeology Colloquium, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, November 16.
- 2003 “The Zeitah Excavations: Preliminary Results of the First Three Seasons of Fieldwork (1999–2001),” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, in Atlanta, November, 20.
- 2004a “Excavating a Biblical Town on the Border of Judah: A Report on Three Years of Fieldwork at Tel Zayit,” public lectures given at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA (Feb 11, 2004); Millsaps College, Jackson, MS (Feb 17, 2004); and Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY (Feb. 24, 2004).
- 2004b “Method and Theory in Archaeological Fieldwork,” lecture given at Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, February 25.

- 2005a “Exploring a Biblical Village on the Border of Judah: Four Seasons of Excavation at Tel Zayit,” paper presented to the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society, Erie, PA, March 7, 2005, and to the Pittsburgh Biblical Archaeology Society on March 13, 2005.
- 2005b “The 2005 Excavation Season at Tel Zayit, with Special Attention to the Tenth Century BCE,” paper co-presented with P. Kyle McCarter to the American Schools of Oriental Research, Philadelphia, November 17.
- 2005c “Exploration of a Biblical Town on the Border of Judah: Five Years of Excavation at Tel Zayit,” paper presented to the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, November 20.
- 2005d “The Tel Zayit Stone: A New Tenth-Century Inscription from the Judaeen Shephelah,” paper co-presented with P. Kyle McCarter in a special session of the Society of Biblical Literature devoted to The Zeitah Excavations, Philadelphia, PA, November 20.
- Also presented at:*
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, December 8, 2005 (with P. Kyle McCarter)
- Friends of the Israel Exploration Society, Baltimore-Washington, February 15, 2006 (with P. Kyle McCarter)
- Duquesne University, December 1, 2005 and January 26, 2006
- New York University, December 12, 2005
- Augustana College, January 19, 2006
- University of Pittsburgh, February 28, 2006
- Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology, March 8, 2006
- Mississippi State University, March 21, 2006
- Millsaps College, March 22, 2006
- Horn Archaeological Museum of Andrews University, April 6, 2006
- Many local churches, synagogues, and other venues in the greater Pittsburgh area
- 2006a “The Language of Conquest in the Annals of Sargon,” paper presented to a Faculty Colloquium at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on April 4, 2006.
- 2006b “The Origins of Our Alphabet: New Evidence for the History of Writing in the Time of King Solomon.” Lectures presented at The Fourth Annual Dr. J. Calvin Rose Memorial Seminar, Westminster College, October 10, 2006.
- 2007 “The Archaeological Context of the Tel Zayit Abecedary and Why That Context is Important,” paper presented to the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, November 15, 2007.
- 2009a “Can Archaeology Tell Us Anything about the Bible: Eighth Century Lachish as a Test Case,” presentation in the Continuing Education Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, September 26.
- 2009b “Tel Zayit in the Iron Age—with Special Focus on the Iron Age IIA Period,” paper presented to the Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, October 30.
- 2009c “Tenth-Century Tel Zayit: Life in the Liminal Zone,” paper presented to the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 21.
- 2011 “The Geo-Political Setting of Tel Zayit in Late Roman Cartography,” a presentation to the following groups: Chinese delegation visiting PTS, October 2; the Colonial Dames, October 18; OctoberQuest, October 22; Beth El Synagogue, November 7; and the Mount Lebanon Historical Society, January 18, 2012.

- 2012 “Liminal Life and the Story of Tel Zayit,” 2012 Tyndale Lecture in Biblical Archaeology; Triennial Conference, King’s Park Conference Centre, Northampton, England, UK, July 3.
- in prep. “*Abracadabra: A Writer’s Tenth-Century Toolkit*,” invited seminar presentation at the Lanier Library, Houston, November 2, 2012.
- in prep. “The Archaeology and History of Tel Zayit: A Record of Liminal Life,” paper to be presented at and published by The World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, August 2013.

Public Presentations (selected; list of 161 additional presentations available upon request):

- “Historical Geography of the Land of the Bible,” a series presented at Montecito Covenant Church in Santa Barbara, CA.
- “Kinship and Covenant in the Biblical World,” a series presented at the Free Methodist Church in Santa Barbara, CA, and at the Cambridge Drive Baptist Church in Goleta, CA.
- “The Old Testament in its Social and Historical Context,” a series presented at Bakerstown Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, PA.
- “Did Pre-Exilic Israel Really Exist? The Bible and Archaeology,” presented at Bellfield Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “The Old Testament in its Social and Historical Context,” a course offered by The Westminster Academy of Christian Studies and The Office of Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (with support from The Christian Education Unit of the Pittsburgh Presbytery); presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.
- “Stories and Poems from Old Israel: A Literary-Historical Look at the Trials of the Divided Monarchy,” a series presented at Bakerstown Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, PA.
- “Back to the Future: Biblical Archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary,” a workshop given during *OctoberQuest 1998* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and to prospective students during Seminary preview days.
- “Kingship, Kinship, and Conquest in Old Israel,” a series presented to the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fox Chapel, PA.
- “What’s Happening in Archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary?” address to the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Church, Oakmont, PA.
- “The Family in Early Israel” and “The Battle of Lachish and the Theology of Jerusalem,” two addresses given to the Shenango Presbytery, New Castle, PA.
- “Writers on the Wind: Ancient Inscriptions and What They Tell Us about Biblical Israel,” luncheon address presented to the retired men’s group at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.
- “Archaeology, History, and Texts: Windows into Life in Ancient Canaan and Israel,” a series presented at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fox Chapel, PA.

- “Some Notes on Old Testament Backgrounds,” a series presented to the Northmont United Presbyterian Church, McCandless, PA.
- “What’s Happening in Archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary?” address presented at Oakmont Presbyterian Church, Oakmont, PA.
- “Resurrecting the Old Testament: Themes that Inform Our Lives,” adult education series presented at Covenant United Prebyterian Church, Butler, PA.
- “Tel Zayit: A Biblical Town on the Border of Judah,” presentation to prospective students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, PA.
- “Understanding the Old Testament: The Life and Literature of Early Israel,” adult education series presented at Longwood at Oakmont, Verona, PA.
- “Understanding Theological Themes from Old Israel through Archaeology, History, and Texts,” a four-part seminar conducted at Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA.
- “Historical Geography of Ancient Israel: What it Tells Us about Biblical History,” adult education series presented at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, Allison Park, PA.
- “Three Curious Stories About Three Curious Prophets: Elijah, Elisha, and Micaiah ben Imlah,” a course offered by The Westminster Academy of Christian Studies and presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.
- “The Prophets and Kings of Old Israel: A Literary-Historical Look at the Trials of a Divided Monarchy,” adult education series presented at Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA.
- “Three Seasons of Excavation at Tel Zayit, Israel: What Have We Learned?” three lectures presented at an Elderhostel sponsored by the James L. Kelso Bible Lands Museum and in an evening address at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, PA.
- “Geography and Old Testament History: How do They Relate?” adult education presentation at First Methodist Church of Shadyside, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “The Life and Times of Amos the Prophet,” adult education series presented at Sharon Presbyterian Church, Moon, PA.
- “Geography and Old Testament History: How They Relate,” adult education series presented at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, Glenshaw, PA.
- “Wars and Rumors of Wars: The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Longwood at Oakmont, Verona, PA.
- “Digging up the Old Testament: The History and Theology of Early Israel,” adult education series presented at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church, PA.
- “The Identity of Tel Zayit, Israel: Biblical Libnah or Biblical Ziklag?” The Joseph M. Markowitz Memorial Lecture at Beth Israel Synagogue, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “Psalm 23: Reading the ‘Shepherd’s Song’ Correctly,” adult education presentation at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bakerstown, PA.

“Wars and Rumors of Wars: The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Shadyside United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, PA.

“Language and Meaning in Old Testament Texts,” adult education series presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper Saint Clair, PA.

“Covenant and Kinship in Early Israel,” adult education series presented at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church, Moon, PA.

“Wars and Rumors of Wars: The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, PA.

“Down from Above: When God Comes to Earth — Part I (1 Kings 18–19); “Up from Below: The Israelite View of Heaven—Part II (1 Kings 22),” adult education series presented at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, PA.

“Writers on the Wind: *Extra-Biblical* Texts and What They Tell Us about *Biblical* Israel”; “The History and Waterworks of Jerusalem in the Time of King Hezekiah and the Prophet Isaiah (2 Kings 20)”; “When a Mother Arose in Israel: The Great Battle of Deborah (Judges 4–5)”; “Could Tel Zayit Be Ancient Libnah or Ziklag? (1 Samuel 27–30),” public lecture series presented at Longwood at Oakmont, Verona, PA.

“The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA.

“The Misadventures of Ahab and Jezebel: Kings and Prophets, Psychology and Theology,” adult education series presented at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA.

“The Misadventures of Ahab and Jezebel Amidst a Prophetic Revolution,” adult education series presented at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, PA.

“The Office of Prophet as Background to the Book of Amos”; “Geography and Imagery in the Book of Amos”; “The Battle of Lachish and the Theology of Jerusalem: A View from Archaeology”; “The Battle of Lachish and the Theology of Jerusalem: A View from the Biblical Texts,” Continuing Education Series presented at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

“Bible History in the Light of Ancient Writings from Outside the Bible,” adult education series presented at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Mount Lebanon, PA.

“How Then Shall We Trust God? Guidance from the Prophets and Psalms,” a series of six sermons and lectures delivered at the 2005 New Life Conference, East Main Presbyterian Church, Grove City, PA.

“Political Assassinations, Floating Axe Heads, and Bears Eating Children: Hard-to-Understand Passages in the Deuteronomistic History,” adult education series in preparation.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Frank Moore Cross Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research (for *Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedary in Context*, R. E. Tappy and P. Kyle McCarter, Jr., eds.), 2009

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 Giles Whiting Fellowship (dissertation award), Harvard University, 1989–1990
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 Stern Award, University of Chicago, 1985
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