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### EDUCATION

#### **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D., November, 2008. Hebrew Bible and the Archaeology of the Levant

Dissertation: *The Evidence of the Weights or the Weight of the Evidence: An Examination of the Interrelation of Economies in the Iron Age Levant* (L. E. Stager, Advisor). Accepted with distinction.

#### **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Master of Arts, March 2004. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

#### **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, 1999. Classical Archaeology and Ancient History

Awarded highest honors in Classical Civilizations

Elected Phi Beta Kappa (*Mu* chapter of Massachusetts).

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion**

Fall 2008-present

**Luther College**, Decorah, IA

“Introduction to the Bible”

“Introduction to the Hebrew Bible”

“Archaeology and the Bible”

“‘Come Let Us Build a City’: Illustrating Architectural Images in the Bible”

“Judaism”

#### **Teacher**

Fall 2006-Spring 2008

**Laypeople from St. Paul’s Catholic Church**, Cambridge, MA

“Biblical Hebrew”

#### **Instructor, Docent Training Program**

2006-2007

**Harvard Semitic Museum**, Cambridge, MA

Taught classes on conservation of cuneiform tablets and about balance weights and metrology to new museum docents.

#### **Teaching Fellow, Harvard University**

“Tel Aviv: Urban Culture in Another Zion”

Spring, Fall 2005

Head Teaching Fellow (Fall 2005)

“History of Syria Palestine”

Spring 2003

“Images of Alexander the Great”

Fall 2002, 2003, 2004

“Job and the Joban Tradition”

Spring 2002

“Knowledge of Language”

Fall 2001

“The Bible and Its Interpreters”

Spring 2001

## PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- forthcoming “The Balance Weights,” In *Tell es-Safi/Gath II*, ed. A. M. Maeir.
- 2009 “Philistine Weights and Economies.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research.
- 2008 “Jericho,” In *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. K. D. Sakenfeld, Abingdon Press.
- 2007 “Gilgal,” In *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. K. D. Sakenfeld, Abingdon Press.
- 2006 Review of W. Schniedewind. *How the Bible Became a Book: Textualization in Ancient Israel* (Cambridge, 2004). *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 24:2, 154-156;  
posted at <http://www.cwru.edu/artsci/rosenthal/reviews/HowtheBible.html>
- 2005 “The Weight of the Evidence or the Evidence of the Weights: Making Sense of the Corpus of Weights from Ashkelon, Israel.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Birney, K. J. and **Levine, E.**

forthcoming “The Balance Weights,” In *Ashkelon III*, ed. L. E. Stager.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

- Tell es-Safi, Israel** Summer 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007  
Square Supervisor: Area F; F-6 2005, 2006, 2007  
Directed excavation of Crusader, Philistine, and Middle Bronze Age levels
- Ashkelon, Israel: The Leon Levy Expedition** Summer 2004  
Square Supervisor: Grid 38, Square 84  
Directed excavation of Late Bronze/Iron Age transition levels
- Poggio Civitate, Prov. di Siena, Italy** Summer 2003  
Trenchmaster: T28 North (2003)  
Directed excavation of terrace wall south of major Etruscan buildings
- Ashkelon, Israel: The Leon Levy Expedition** Summer 1997  
Volunteer staff: Grid 38, Square 74  
Excavated Iron Age Ib level

## LANGUAGES

- Ancient:** Biblical Hebrew – proficient; Akkadian – reading knowledge of 2<sup>nd</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> millennium dialects with cuneiform; Biblical Aramaic – reading knowledge; Greek – reading knowledge; Latin – reading knowledge.
- Modern:** English – fluent; Modern Hebrew – fluent; French – reading knowledge; German – reading knowledge.

## OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Curatorial Assistant, Harvard Semitic Museum, Harvard University** Summer 2000-Summer 2008  
Responsible for adding cuneiform tablets from Nuzi into museum accession database, for conserving tablets, and database maintenance.
- Archaeologist and Instructor, Dig the Past** Spring 2006-Spring 2008  
Bring archaeology of Israel to elementary and middle school students and adults. Responsible for construction of archaeological site, supervision of students in excavation techniques, restoration, and interpretation of artifacts. Coordinate events in the Boston area.
- Field Supervisor, Archaeology Education Outreach** Fall, 2006  
Brought archaeology education to elementary and middle schools in Eastern Massachusetts. Responsible for construction of archaeological site, supervision of students in excavation techniques, and assisting the director.

## FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- Malloy Fellowship** Summer 2006  
Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University  
Awarded for summer research travel to Israel
- Anne Marnoy Feldberg Fellowship** Summer 2005  
Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University  
Awarded for summer research travel to Israel
- Certificates for Distinction in Teaching** Spring 2003, Fall 2003  
Harvard University  
Awarded based on student evaluations
- Phi Beta Kappa (*Mu* Chapter of Massachusetts)** Spring 1999
- David S. Wiesen Memorial Prize, Brandeis University** 1999  
Awarded for outstanding student of Classics
- Schiff Undergraduate Research Fellow, Brandeis University** April, 1998-April, 1999  
Participated in research of Mesopotamian witchcraft texts with Professor Tzvi Abusch; read tablets, and correlated texts and tablets in a computer database

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Schools of Oriental Research 2000-present  
Society of Biblical Literature 2005-present  
Israel Exploration Society 2006-present

## REFERENCES

### **Lawrence E. Stager**

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