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Research Associate
Vancouver School of Theology
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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh September 2014-November 2017

Concentration: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Thesis Title: The Functions of Invocations of YHWH in 1 Kings 1-2

Master of Theology (Distinction), University of Edinburgh September 2013-August 2014

Concentration: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Dissertation Title: Michal — Daughter, Wife, Princess, Queen — A Sociologically Informed Narrative Interpretation of Michal's Significance in 1 and 2 Samuel

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Vancouver School of Theology

Concentration: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament September 2009-May 2013

Dissertation Title: The Rhetorical Function of Characterization in Deuteronomistic Historiography: A Case Study Of King Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1-18)

Master of Divinity, Vancouver School of Theology September 2009-May 2013

Bachelor of Arts, University of British Columbia September 2003-May 2007

Concentration: Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies

Research and Teaching Interests

Hebrew Bible

Social World of Ancient Israel

Narrative Criticism and the Hebrew Bible

Sociological Methods and the Hebrew Bible

Historical Critical Methods

The Bible and Contemporary Culture

Biblical Greek

Biblical Hebrew

New Testament (Synoptics, John)

The Bible and the Church (liturgy, preaching)

Information Literacy (theological research, writing)

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Publications

Amor, Maryann. "The Bible, *The Handmaid's Tale*, and the Residential School System: A Dystopian Warning for Canadian Christians." In *"Who Knows What We'd Ever Make of It, If We Ever Got Our Hands on It?": The Bible and Margaret Atwood*. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, forthcoming.

Amor, Maryann. *Invoking YHWH in 1 Kings 1-2*. New York: Peter Lang, 2019.

Amor, Maryann. Review of Pieter J. Lalleman, *Enduring Treasure: The Lasting Value of the Old Testament for Christians*. *Expository Times* 129 (2018), 233.

Amor, Maryann. Review of B.T. Arnold and B.E. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. *Expository Times* 127 (2016), 457.

Amor, Maryann. Review of Duane A. Garrett, *A Commentary on Exodus*. *Expository Times* 127 (2015), 148.

Amor, Maryann. Review of Athalya Brenner-Idan, *The Israelite Woman: Social Role and Literary Type in Biblical Narrative*. *Expository Times* 126 (2015), 608.

Presentations

"The Dystopian Bible: *The Chrysalids*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, and the History of the Anglican Church of Canada," *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (Bible and Popular Culture Group), Denver, Colorado, November 19, 2018.

"'Oh, My Son Absalom': Grief or...?" *Spiritual Perspectives on Death and Dying: A Multi-Religious, Multi-Disciplinary Academic Conference*, Vancouver School of Theology, May 23, 2018.

"What's YHWH got to do, got to do with it? The Divine Name in 1 Kgs 1:11-31," *Research Associates' Conference*, Vancouver School of Theology, April 26, 2018.

"What's God got to do, got to do with it? The LORD, an Oath, and Solomon's Rise to the Throne (1 Kgs 1:11-31)," *New College Biblical Studies Seminar*, University of Edinburgh, October 27, 2016.

"Because of the Name of the LORD Your God: The Function of Theological Language in Biblical Requests, A Case Study of the Gibeonite Request in Joshua 9," *Old Testament Studies: Epistemologies and Methods (OTSEM)*, Uppsala, Sweden, September 20, 2015.

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Presentations (continued)

"The Rhetorical Function of Characterization in Deuteronomistic Historiography," *Research Colloquium Presentation*, Vancouver School of Theology, February 7, 2013.

Awards

The University of Edinburgh

Principal's Career Development PhD Scholarship

August 2014-August 2017

International Global Masters Scholarship

August 2013

Nominated for two Edinburgh University Students' Association teaching awards for tutoring "Prophets and their Oracles" and "Introductory Hebrew."

The Vancouver School of Theology

The Kate Cairns Scholarship for Academic Excellence

May 2013

The Albert H. Morrison Award for a Graduating Student Preparing for Post-Graduate Studies
May 2013

The Rev. Dr. Francis and Mrs. Sarah Runnals Award in Church History

May 2012

The George R. Gordon Prize for Biblical History and Literature

May 2012

The Professor S. Vernon Fawcett Prize in Hebrew Bible

May 2011

The Alumni Association Prize for General Proficiency in the First Year

May 2010

Academic Promise Entrance Scholarship

September 2009

The University of British Columbia

Belle Mulholland Prize in Religious Studies

May 2006

D.F. Mackenzie Scholarship

May 2006

David and Blanche Gwynne-Vaughan Memorial Scholarship

May 2005

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Work Experience

Curate

Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta

September 2019-Present

Working alongside the rector of a parish to develop leadership skills to equip me with the ability to lead a parish on my own in the future. This includes preaching, teaching, administrative work, and participating with my supervisor and other clergy as part of the Diocesan Intentional Discipleship team.

Data Specialist

January 2019-September 2019

Residential School History and Dialogue Centre, University of British Columbia

Selecting, digitizing, and completing all of the metadata for images and documents relating to the Indian Residential School system in British Columbia.

Technical Services Assistant

September 2017-July 2019

Vancouver School of Theology, H.R. MacMillan Library

Cataloguing and processing new books, helping patrons at the circulation desk, collection development (weeding, reviewing publisher catalogues), teaching students/faculty how to use library e-Resources, helping students to develop academic writing skills.

Faculty Assistant for Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, Professor of Hebrew Bible and Dean Vancouver School of Theology

September 2017-May 2019

Giving lectures as required, marking assignments, dealing with student inquiries regarding their coursework, and moderating blogs completed by online/distance students.

Sessional Lecturer, Biblical Languages 500

November 2017-January 2019

Vancouver School of Theology

Teaching an introductory language course aimed at helping ministry students acquire the basic skills to use Greek and Hebrew when preaching or teaching. This course includes both on-site and distance students.

Data Specialist

December 2017-April 2018

Residential School History and Dialogue Centre, University of British Columbia

Selecting, digitizing, and completing all of the metadata for images and documents relating to the Indian Residential School system in British Columbia.

Undergraduate Tutor

September 2015-May 2017

New College, University of Edinburgh

Courses Tutored: Moses and the Torah (Fall 2015), Prophets and their Oracles (Fall 2016), Introductory Hebrew (Spring 2017).

Assisting in first-year undergraduate courses, running small group seminars, and marking student papers through an online student management system.

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Work Experience (continued)

Student Ambassador *June 2015-May 2017*

Student Recruitment and Admissions, University of Edinburgh
Providing administrative and recruitment assistance.

Alumni Caller *February 2014-March 2014 (6 week contract)*

Development and Alumni Office, University of Edinburgh
Assisting in the Development Office.

Archives Assistant *May 2013-September 2013*

Vancouver School of Theology
Processing archival materials and organizing data in a finding aid.

Research Assistant *May 2013-September 2013*

United Church of Canada, Bob Stewart Archives, B.C. Conference
Carrying out archival research for a scholar who was writing a history of the church in British Columbia.

Archives Assistant *February 2013-May 2013*

Diocese of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada
Sorting and organizing legal documents relating to the "Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

Research Assistant for Dr. Wendy Fletcher, Professor of Church History

Vancouver School of Theology *January 2013-September 2013*

Assisting Dr. Fletcher in research and administrative tasks, including preparing class materials, and conducting research using online library catalogues or electronic databases.

Research Assistant for Dr. Harry Maier, Professor of New Testament and Early Christian History

Vancouver School of Theology *September 2010-September 2013*

Assisting Dr. Maier in research and administrative tasks, including preparing class materials, conducting research using online library catalogues or electronic databases, editing manuscripts according to publisher guidelines, and web design.

Library Assistant *September 2009-September 2013*

Vancouver School of Theology, H.R. MacMillan Library
Assisting at the Circulation Desk.

Library Assistant *March 2002-December 2009*

Squamish Public Library (Squamish, British Columbia)

Assisting patrons, processing and cataloguing materials using MARC, providing reference services, and leading the Children's Summer Reading Club.

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Volunteer Experience

Library Volunteer

June 2015-June 2016

New College Library, University of Edinburgh

Transcribing the contents of an 1844 donations' register.

Professional Associations

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature

September 2016-present

Associate Fellow, Higher Education Academy

May 2017-present