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Education

Ph.D. 1998 University of Michigan. Department of Near Eastern Studies.

October 1984-June 1985 Egyptology Graduate Program, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

M.A. 1984 John Hopkins University, Department of Near Eastern Studies.

B. S. 1980 Trinity College, Hartford, CT. Department of Psychology.

Academic Positions

September 2001 - present Adjunct Assistant Professor of Egyptology, Department of
Middle East Studies, University of Michigan.

September 2001- present Associate Director for Epigraphy, University of Michigan Abydos Middle
Cemetery Project.

Publications

Published books

2012 *Ancient Nubia: African Kingdoms on the Nile*. Co-Editor with Peter Lacovara, Salima Ikram, and Sue D'Auria. American University in Cairo Press: Cairo. Second Printing 2017.

Sole-authored essays in volume: "Introduction;" "The History of Nubia;" "The Art and Architecture of Nubia during the New Kingdom: Egypt in Nubia;" "Nauri;" "Soleb;" "Abu Simbel;" "Derr;" "Wadi al-Sebua;" "Gerf Hussein;" "Beit al-Wali."

2001 *The Sons of Ramesses II. Vols. I and II*. Aegypten und Altes Testament series. Volume 53.
Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.

Books in press and in preparation

Co-Editor, *Festschrift for William Raymond Johnson*, ISAC Press. Chicago. In press; forthcoming 2027.

From Daughters to Queens: Royal Women in the Reign of Ramesses II Vols. I-III, in prep, Lockwood Press.

Articles and Essays

- 2025 “A Fragment of a Round-topped Alabaster Stela of Amenhotep IV/Akhenaten,” co-authored with W. Raymond Johnson. In S. Ikram, S. D’Auria and T. Hardwick (eds), *No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: Egyptological Essays in Honor of Peter Lacovara*. Material and Visual Culture of Ancient Egypt. No. 11. Lockwood Press. Columbus. 129-132.
- 2020 “A Statue of Ramesses III from the Mut Temple Precinct, Luxor Museum 966: Prince Prehirwenemef, son of Ramesses III,” In M. Barta, S. Ikram, J. Kamrin, M. Lehner, and M. Megahed (eds), *Guardian of Ancient Egypt: Essays in Honor of Zahi Hawass*. Charles University in Prague, 413-434.
- 2015 “A Stelaphorous Statue of the Chief Steward of the King Amenhotep III, Amenemhat, called Surer.” In R. Jasnow and K. M. Cooney (eds), *Joyful in Thebes: Egyptological Studies in Honor of Betsy M. Bryan*. Lockwood Press: Atlanta.
- 2015 “A Recently Discovered Fragment of Senenmut’s Sarcophagus.” *Bulletin of the Egyptological Seminar of New York* 19.
- 2013 “A block statue of the second prophet of Amun, Ahmose.” In E. Frood and A. McDonald (eds), *Decorum and experience: essays in ancient culture for John Baines*. Griffith Institute, Oxford. 34-42.
- 2013 “A Diplomatic Marriage in the Ramesside Period: Maathorneferure, Daughter of the Great Ruler of Hatti.” In B. J. Collins and P. Michalowski (eds), *Beyond Hatti: A Tribute to Gary Beckman*. Lockwood Press: Atlanta.
- 2010 “A Block Statue of Scribe Ahmose and Amun-Re(-) Osiris.” In Z. A. Hawass and S. Ikram (eds), *Thebes and Beyond: Studies in Honour of Kent R. Weeks*. *Annales du Service des Antiquités de l’Égypte*, Cahier 41: 35-46.
- 2010 “A New Kingdom Ostrakon found in the King’s Valley by the Supreme Council of Antiquities.” In Z. Hawass, P. D. Manuelian, and R. B. Hussein (eds), *Perspectives on Ancient Egypt: Studies in Honor of Edward Brovarski*. *Annales du Service des Antiquités de l’Égypte*, Cahier 40: 93-100.
- 2012 “Nefertari.” *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. R. Bagnall, K. Brodersen, C. Champion, A. Erskine, and S. Huebner (eds.). <http://www.encyclopediaancienthistory.com>; Wiley on line Library; <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781444338386.wbeah15297>
- 1997 Online book review of *Splendors of Ancient Egypt at the Detroit Institute of Arts*. Ashmolean Museum of Art & Archeology, Oxford, England. <http://www.ashmol.ox.ac.uk>

Field and Collections Research

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| Project Director | Valley of the Queens and Abu Simbel Documentation Projects, southern Egypt, November 2019 to present. Collation of all known evidence for royal women connected to Ramses II. |
| Associate Director for Epigraphy | University of Michigan Abydos Middle Cemetery Project (southern Egypt). 2001-present. |
| Epigrapher | Supreme Council of Antiquities Egypt Mission in the Valley of the Kings, Zahi Hawass, Director. November 2008, January 2009. |
| Epigrapher/Artist (training) | University of Chicago, Chicago House, Luxor, Egypt. October-November 1999, February 2000, February 2010. |
| Excavation Supervisor | Theban Mapping Project, American University in Cairo, Tomb of the Sons of Ramesses II (KV5). Epigraphy, recording of objects, and survey assistant. February 1995, November 1995, February 1996, November 1996. |
| Field/collections research | For thesis <i>The Sons of Ramesses II</i> . Photography, object and relief collation. Egyptian Museum, Cairo, 16 sites in northern and southern Egypt. February 1995-November 1997. |
| Field/Collections Research | For book <i>Ancient Nubia: African Kingdoms on the Nile</i> . Photography, object and relief collation and documentation. Northern Sudan, Egyptian Museum Cairo, numerous sites in southern Egypt. |

Awards

American Publishers (PROSE) Awards winner for “Best Archaeology & Anthropology Book 2012” for *Ancient Nubia: African Kingdoms on the Nile*.

Distinguished Service Award, American Research Center in Egypt, April 2021.

Board Membership and Advancement Activities

Current

March 2026 Lecture, "Pharaohs in Life and Afterlife." PBS Members Event, Boynton Beach, Florida.

March 2026-present
President's Council, World Monuments Fund. New York, New York.

April 2019-present
Emeritus, Board of Directors, Michigan Opera Theater, Detroit, Michigan.

May 2013- present
Life Member, Advisory Council, Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures,
University of Chicago.

January 2008-present
Vice-Chair, Max and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation, Detroit, Michigan.

September 2007- present
Advisory Council, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Egyptian Department, New York.

March 2006-present
President's Advisory Group, University of Michigan.

September 2002- present
Co-Founder/Co-Chair of Friends of Middle East Studies, Department of Middle East
Studies, University of Michigan.

August 1993-present
James Madison Council, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Past

January 2021- December 2023
Chair, Max and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation, Detroit, Michigan

August 2019-October 2025
Member of the National Council of the Humanities, the Advisory Board to the National
Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.

January 2012- December 2018
Board of Directors, Antinopolis Foundation Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

October 2011-June 2015
National Advisory Board, Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, Maryland.

February 2010- May 2014
Board of Directors, Perlman Music Program, New York.

June 2009- January 2012
Board of Overseers, Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

May 2003- April 2014
Board of Governors, American Research Center in Egypt, Virginia.

July 2003- June 2014
Board of Trustees, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

March 2003-June 2004
Museum Collections Committee, Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan.

July 2003- June 2014
Board of Trustees, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

December 2002-April 2013
Advisory Council, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University,
Baltimore, Maryland.

June 1998-June 2001
Board of Directors, Gleaners Food Bank, Detroit, Michigan.

June 1997-June 2004
Board of Governors of Schools, Cranbrook Education Community, Bloomfield Hills,
Michigan.

June 1995-June 2018
Board of Directors, Detroit Zoological Society, Detroit, Michigan.

July 1995-August 2012
Advisory Council, School of American Ballet, New York.

June 1994- May 2013
Advisory Council, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

September 1991-August 1992
Founders Junior Council, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan.

September 1990-October 1992
Alumni Council, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Languages

Modern Languages

French and German - reading

Ancient Egyptian Languages

Old Egyptian, Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian (Hieratic and Hieroglyphic script);
Demotic

Professional Associations

Member, American Research Center in Egypt

Member, Archaeological Institute of America

Patron, The American Friends of The British Museum, Department of Ancient Egypt and the Sudan,
London, England

Patron, The Egypt Exploration Society, London, England

Member, Explorers Club, New York, New York

Patron, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Department of Egyptian Art, New York, New York

Member, AERA Inc. (Ancient Egypt Research Associates, Inc.)