

CURRICULUM VITAE

Jo Ann Hackett

Education

- Ph.D. Harvard University, 1980 (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)
M.A. Indiana University, 1975 (Religious Studies)
B.A. DePauw University, 1970 (Mathematics)

Professional Experience

- 2009–present Professor, Department of Middle Eastern Studies and Department of Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
1990–2009 Professor of the Practice of Biblical Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University
1986–90 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (tenure awarded spring 1990, and promotion to associate professor would have been effective July 1, 1990)
1985–86 Mellon Scholar, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University
1984–85 Visiting Lecturer on the Hebrew Bible, Weston School of Theology and Harvard Divinity School
1979–84 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Occidental College

Awards and Honors (selection)

- 2016 Inducted into the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars, Baltimore, April
2015 *Epigraphy, Philology, and the Hebrew Bible: Methodological Perspectives on Philological & Comparative Study of the Bible in Honor of Jo Ann Hackett*, ed. Jeremy M. Hutton and Aaron D. Rubin (Atlanta: SBL Press)
2015 Delivered Iwry Lecture at Johns Hopkins University (November)
2015 Invited plenary address at the UT Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference, “Building Bad: The Construction of Evil in Religious Studies Discourse” (April)
2013–16 Co-principal Investigator (with John Huehnergard) on a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to update and digitize the Brown-Driver Briggs Hebrew and Aramaic dictionary (\$280,000)
2009 Invited plenary address at the Northeast Regional Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (April)
2006 Everett S. Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award from the Harvard University Graduate Student Council
2002 Institute for Advanced Studies Seminar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1996–97 Hugh Pilkington Research Fellowship in Biblical Studies, Christ Church, Oxford University
1987–88 Lilly Endowment Research Fellowship

- 1985–86 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University
1983 Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities
1981–82 Research Grant in Women’s Studies in Religion, Harvard Divinity School
1981 Research grant from the American Schools of Oriental Research, for study of inscriptions in Jordan and Syria
1978–79 Mrs. Giles Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities

Publications

Books:

- 2014 *An Eye for Form: Paleographic Essays in Honor of Frank Moore Cross*. Co-editor with Walter Aufrecht (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns)
2010 *A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew* (Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers); 2nd printing, October 2010
1984 *The Balaam Text from Deir Alla* (Chico, Calif.: Scholars Press)

Articles or Book Chapters:

- 2015 “Ruth’s Beginnings: A Study in Contradictions,” *Worship, Women, and War: Essays in Honor of Susan Niditch*, ed. John J. Collins, T. M. Lemos, and Saul M. Olyan (Brown University Press): 263–72.
“‘Missing Women’ in Judges 19–21,” *After Exegesis: Feminist Biblical Theology* (essays in honor of Carol A. Newsom), ed. Patricia Tull and Jacqueline Lapsley (Baylor University Press): 187–200.
2014 “The Contribution of Frank Moore Cross to the Study of the Religion of Israel,” *BASOR* 372: 203–5.
“Israel’s Music Man,” *No Tapping around Philology* (Wheeler Thackston *Festschrift*), (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz), 255–62.
2012 “1st and 2nd Samuel” (completely revised) for the 20th-anniversary edition of the *Women’s Bible Commentary* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox) 150–163.
“On Canaanite and Historical Linguistics: A Rejoinder to Anson Rainey,” with Na’ama Pat-El, *Maarav* 17.2: 173–88
“yaqtul and a Ugaritic Incantation Text,” *Language and Nature: Papers presented to John Huehnergard on the occasion of his 60th birthday*, Rebecca Hasselbach and Na’ama Pat-El, ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press) 111–17
“The Story of Balaam,” SBL Odyssey website for online biblical studies
2011 Adviser to the *American Heritage Dictionary*, 5th ed., on its alphabet chart; author of alphabet history within the chart
“Commentary: Don’t Close Book on Humanities,” with John Huehnergard, in *Austin American-Statesman*, Sunday, May 15. Section D, pages 1, 8. Online: “Two Texas Professors on Why Academic Research Matters.”
<http://www.statesman.com/opinion/insight/two-texas-professors-on-why-academic-research-matters-1475412.html>.

- “From Havard [*sic*] to Austin, but now . . .,” with John Huehnergard, op-ed in the *Houston Chronicle*, May 16.
<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/7567537.html#ixzz1MdPVre7E>.
- 2008 “On Revising and Updating BDB,” with John Huehnergard, *Foundations for Syriac Lexicography III: Colloquia of the International Syriac Language Project* (ed. Janet Dyk and W. Th. van Peursen; PSL 4; Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias) 227–33
- “Phoenician and Punic” (revised); Ch. 4 in *The Languages of Syria-Palestine and Arabia*, ed. Roger Woodard (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- 2007 Obituary for Michael Patrick O’Connor, with John Huehnergard, published in the *Society of Biblical Literature Forum*
- 2005 “Semitic Languages,” “Phoenician,” and “Ugaritic,” *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd ed., ed. Keith Brown, et al. (Amsterdam; London: Elsevier)
- 2004 “Violence and Women’s Lives in the Book of Judges,” *Interpretation* 58: 356–64
- “Phoenician and Punic,” *Cambridge Encyclopedia of the World’s Ancient Languages*, ed. Roger Woodard (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) 365–85
- 2002 “The Hebrew and Aramaic Languages,” co-author with John Huehnergard, *The Biblical World*, ed. John Barton (London: Routledge) II, 3–24
- “The Study of Partially Documented Languages,” *Semitic Linguistics: The State of the Art at the Turn of the Twenty-first Century*, Shlomo Izre’el, ed. (Israel Oriental Studies 20; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns) 57-75
- “Hebrew (Biblical and Epigraphic),” *Beyond Babel: A Handbook for Biblical Hebrew and Related Languages*, ed. Steven McKenzie (Atlanta: SBL Press) 139–56
- 2000 Short articles for *Women in Scripture*, Carol Meyers, Toni Craven, and Ross Kraemer, ed. (Boston/New York: Houghton Mifflin)
- 1999 Review of Phyllis Bird, *Missing Persons and Mistaken Identities*, in *JBL* 118 357-58
- 1998 “The Era of the Judges,” *Oxford History of the Biblical World*, Michael D. Coogan, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press) 177-218
- “Frank Moore Cross,” *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*, John H. Hayes, ed. (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic) 233–34
- “1 & 2 Samuel,” *Women’s Bible Commentary*, expanded paperback, Carol A. Newsom and Sharon Ringe, ed. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox) 91–101
- 1997 “Spelling Differences and Letter Shapes Are Telltale Signs,” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 23/2 (March/April) 42–44
- 1996 Articles “Canaan” and “Canaanites” in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*, ed. Eric Meyers, vol. 1, 408-14
- 1993 Annotations to the book of Numbers, in *The HarperCollins Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version* (New York: HarperCollins)
- Articles “Dinah,” “Jezebel,” “Leah,” “Methuselah,” “Miriam,” “Shibbloeth,” and “Zadok, Zadokites” in *The Oxford Companion to the Bible* (New York: Oxford); Editorial Adviser for the volume
- 1992 Articles “Balaam” and “Deir ‘Allā, Tell: Texts” in the *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday)

- “1 & 2 Samuel,” *Women’s Bible Commentary*, Carol A. Newsom and Sharon Ringe, ed. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox) 85–95
- 1991 Response to papers on general interpretation of the Deir Alla plaster texts, in *The Balaam Text from Deir Alla Re-evaluated: Proceedings of the International Symposium held at Leiden, 21–24 August 1989*, J. Hoftijzer and G. van der Kooij, ed. (Leiden: Brill) 73–84
- 1989 “Rehabilitating Hagar: Fragments of an Epic Pattern,” *Gender and Difference in Ancient Israel*, Peggy Day, ed. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress) 12–27
- “Can a Sexist Model Liberate Us? Ancient Near Eastern ‘Fertility’ Goddesses” (revised and expanded), *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 5: 65–76
- 1988 “Can a Sexist Model Liberate Us? Ancient Near Eastern ‘Fertility’ Goddesses,” *Neo-Paganism: A Feminist Search for Religious Alternatives* (Women’s Studies Program, Indiana University, Occasional Series Number 3) 77–92
- 1987 “Women’s Studies and the Hebrew Bible,” *The Future of Biblical Studies*, Richard E. Friedman and H. G. M. Williamson, ed., *Semeia* Supplement Series (Atlanta: Scholars Press) 141–64
- “Religious Traditions in Israelite Transjordan,” *Ancient Israelite Religion: Essays in Honor of Frank Moore Cross*, Patrick D. Miller, Jr., Paul D. Hanson, and S. Dean McBride, ed. (Philadelphia: Fortress) 125–36
- 1986 “Some Observations on the Balaam Tradition at Deir ‘Allā,” *Biblical Archaeologist* 49: 216–22
- “On Breaking Teeth,” with John Huehnergard, *Harvard Theological Review* 77: 259–75
- Review of Phyllis Trible, *Texts of Terror*, *Pacific Theological Review* 19: 70–71
- 1985 “In the Days of Jael: Reclaiming the History of Women in Ancient Israel,” *Immaculate and Powerful: The Female in Sacred Image and Social Reality*, Clarissa Atkinson, Constance Buchanan, and Margaret Miles, ed. (Boston: Beacon) 15–38
- 1984 “The Dialect of the Plaster Text from Tell Deir ‘Allā,” *Orientalia* 53: 57–65

In Press

- “What’s in an Oath?” for a memorial volume dedicated to Michael Patrick O’Connor
- “The Bir-Hadad Inscription: A New Interpretation,” with Aren Wilson-Wright, for a colleague’s *Festschrift*
- “The Carthaginian Deity Tinit,” for a colleague’s *Festschrift*
- Complete revision of “The Hebrew and Aramaic Languages,” co-author with John Huehnergard, *The Biblical World*, ed. John Barton