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EDUCATION

2017. Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

*Examinations:* “Ancient Mediterranean Economies,” with Prof. Cam Grey (CLST/ANCH, Penn); “History and Historiography: Persian Period through the Bar Kokhba Revolt” with Profs. Steve Weitzman and Annette Yoshiko Reed (RELS, Penn); “Imperialism and Identity: Assyrian Empire through the Christianization of Rome” with Prof. Annette Yoshiko Reed (RELS, Penn)

*Dissertation:* “Torah, Temple, and Transaction: Institutions and Economic Behavior in Early Roman Galilee.” *Advisor:* Annette Yoshiko Reed (RELS, Penn); *Committee:* Cam Grey (CLST/ANCH, Penn), Steve Weitzman (RELS, Penn), and Seth Schwartz (Columbia University)

2011. Master of Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School

*Area of Focus:* New Testament and Early Christianity

2008. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, College of Arts and Sciences and Hixon-Lied College of Fine Arts

Double Major in Religious Studies and Music

EDITORIAL AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–present. Production Editor at Pennsylvania State University Press; responsible for styling manuscripts; preparing manuscripts for copyediting; copyediting manuscripts; overseeing freelance copyeditors; reviewing edited manuscripts; editing catalogue, jacket, and advertising copy; corresponding with authors and editors; revising house style guidelines

2020–present. Freelance copyeditor for University of Texas Press; responsible for copyediting manuscripts in communication with the Production Manager and author

2017–present. Freelance copyeditor for SBL Press; responsible for copyediting manuscripts in communication with the Production Manager

2017. Freelance copyediting for Prof. Adam Gregerman, St. Joseph’s University, “Reconciling the Old and New Covenants” and “Catholics Theologies of the Land and State of Israel,” drafts in preparation for journal submission

2014–2017. Research Assistant to Prof. Annette Yoshiko Reed, University of Pennsylvania, for *Demons, Angels, and Writing in Ancient Judaism* (forthcoming with Cambridge University Press) and *Jewish-Christianity and the History of Judaism: Collected Essays* (forthcoming with Mohr Siebeck); responsible for copyediting, proofreading, and indexing

2017. Organizing committee, *Annette Reed’s Fallen Angels: A Conference in Honor of Annette Yoshiko Reed*, University of Pennsylvania. Responsible for producing advertising copy, promotion.

2015–2016. Copyeditor for the Journal *Manuscript Studies*, published by Penn Press Journals; responsible for copyediting, proofreading, communicating with editors and contributing authors

2015–2016. Research Assistant to Prof. Steve Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania, for *Generations: The Search for the Origins of the Jews* (Princeton University Press); responsible for copyediting, proofreading, checking bibliography, and obtaining images and their reprint permissions

2016. Freelance copyediting for Prof. Peter Struck, University of Pennsylvania, *Divination and Human Nature: A Cognitive History of Intuition in Classical Antiquity* (Princeton University Press); responsible for copyediting, proofreading, and indexing

2015–2016. Organizer, Fourth Annual *Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar*, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania; responsible for grant-writing, managing budget; reviewing submissions; structuring program; arranging hotel, travels, and meals; producing advertising copy, and promotion

2015. Freelance copyediting for Prof. Adam Gregerman, St. Joseph’s University, *Building on the Ruins of the Temple: Apologetics and Polemics in Early Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism* (Mohr Siebeck); responsible for copyediting, proofreading, and indexing

2013–2014. Co-chair for the 51st Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins: *Rethinking Josephus*; responsible for inviting a series of speakers and arranging their visits, securing funding, producing advertising copy, promotion

2012–2013. Research Assistant to Prof. David Stern, now at Harvard University; responsible for obtaining reprint permissions for *Jewish Literary Cultures* (Penn State University Press)

2012–2013. Religious Studies departmental representative to the Graduate Student Government of the School of Arts and Sciences (SASGov), University of Pennsylvania

2012–2013. Editorial Assistant for Mohr Siebeck, Festschrift Project for Peter Schäfer, *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday* (Mohr Siebeck); responsible for copyediting and proofreading, indexing, and coordinating with five editors and sixty-five authors

2012–2013. Organizing committee, Fifth Annual Center for Ancient Studies Graduate Student Conference, *Ephemeral Relics: Approaches to the Five Senses in the Ancient World*, University of Pennsylvania. Responsible for reviewing submissions, securing funding, producing advertising copy, promotion

PUBLICATION

*Torah, Temple, and Transaction: Jewish Religious Institutions and Economic Behavior in Early Roman Galilee*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books / Fortress Academic, 2019

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

 Reading and research ability in:

*Ancient:* Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Latin

*Modern:* French, Spanish, Hebrew, German

Ability to proofread:

 *Ancient:* Greek, Hebrew

TECHNICAL SKILLS: Proficiency in Microsoft Word, including the ability to write and edit Greek/Hebrew Unicode text, edit and digitally mark up copy, format documents, compile macros, and produce camera-ready copy. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel for building spreadsheets for data and financial record-keeping. Proficiency in Adobe Acrobat. Familiarity with Chicago Manual of Style and Society of Biblical Literature Handbook of Style 2nd ed. Proficiency in FileMaker Pro

RESEARCH SKILLS: Ability to assemble and assess bibliography pertinent to an academic subject, identify important authors/writings in a field of research, and critically evaluate academic arguments. Faculty in reading primary sources from Antiquity in original language. Familiarity with academic writing in the disciplines of Religious Studies, Ancient History, Archaeology, and Classics

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Biblical Archaeology, Second Temple Judaism, New Testament and early Christianity, ancient Mediterranean religions, ancient historiography, ancient economy, archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean, apocalyptic literature, Jewish–Christian relations

CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Josephus, ‘the Galileans,’ and the Question of Urban–Rural Conflict,” *Annette Reed’s Fallen Angels: A Conference in Honor of Annette Yoshiko Reed*, University of Pennsylvania, April 26, 2017

 “Cultivating Piety: Mosaic Laws and Their Role in an Agrarian Economy,” *Ancient Judaism Regional Seminar*, University of Pennsylvania, March 7, 2016

“Josephus 101,” lecture for the volunteers of the 2015 excavations at Shikhin, Israel, June 2, 2015

“Movement, Interaction, and Exchange in the Economy of Early Roman Galilee,” *Regional Seminar in Ancient Judaism*, Columbia University, March 15, 2015

“The Flavians,” guest lecture for ANCH 027 “Ancient Rome,” taught by Prof. Cam Grey, April 11, 2014

“Modeling Economy in Roman Israel,” *Regional Seminar in Ancient Judaism*, Yale University, March 9, 2014

Panelist for “Opening Discussion: *Antiquities* 1–4,” 51st Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins: *Rethinking Josephus’ Antiquities*, University of Pennsylvania, October 24, 2013

Respondent, “The Senses Enveloped,” Fifth Annual Center for Ancient Studies Graduate Student Conference: *Ephemeral Relics: Approaches to the Five Senses in the Ancient World*, University of Pennsylvania, March 2, 2013

“The Economics behind the Jewish Revolt Against Rome: The Consumer City Model in Galilee,” *Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Symposium*, University of Pennsylvania, April 22, 2012

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

2016 (summer). Area Supervisor in archaeological excavations at Shikhin, Israel, organized by Prof. James Strange (Samford University); responsible for overseeing volunteers, bookkeeping and documentation, drawing architecture and stratigraphy

2015 (summer). Area Supervisor in archaeological excavations at Shikhin, Israel, organized by Prof. James Strange (Samford University); responsible for overseeing volunteers, bookkeeping and documentation, drawing architecture and stratigraphy

2013 (summer). Area Supervisor in archaeological excavations at Shikhin, Israel, organized by Prof. James Strange (Samford University); responsible for overseeing volunteers, bookkeeping and documentation, drawing architecture and stratigraphy

2010 (summer). Participant in archaeological excavations at Bethsaida, Israel, organized by Prof. Rami Arav (University of Nebraska–Omaha)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 (spring). Grader for Prof. Steve Weitzman, RELS 259: “Ultimate Meanings,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

2014 (spring). Teaching Assistant for Prof. Cam Grey, CLST 027/ANCH 027/HIST 027: “Ancient Rome,” Department of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania

2013 (fall). Teaching Assistant for Prof. Annette Yoshiko Reed, RELS 135: “Introduction to the New Testament,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

2013 (spring). Teaching Assistant for Prof. Annette Yoshiko Reed, RELS 002/JWST 122: “Religions of the West,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

2012 (fall). Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jeremy McInerney, ANCH/CLST/HIST 026: “Ancient Greece,” Department of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017. Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate in College and University Teaching, University of Pennsylvania

2016. SAS Dissertation Research Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania

2015. Pennfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania

2015. Platt Excavation Fellowship, American Schools of Oriental Research, $1,000

2015. Brenner Special Opportunity Award, Jewish Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

2015. Boardman Travel Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

2013. Platt Excavation Fellowship, American Schools of Oriental Research, $1,000

2013. Phillip E. Goldfein Research Award, Jewish Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

2013. Boardman Research Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

REFERENCES

Laura Reed-Morrisson, Managing Editor, Pennsylvania State University Press (lreed@psu.edu)

Nicole Tilford , Production Manager, SBL Press (nicole.tilford@sbl-site.org)

Annette Yoshiko Reed, Associate Professor and Graduate Chair of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania (reedanne@sas.upenn.edu)

Adam Gregerman, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, St. Joseph’s University (agregerm@sju.edu)

Peter T. Struck, Peter T. Struck is the Evan C. Thompson Term Professor of Classical Studies, University of Pennsylvania (struck@sas.upenn.edu)