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EDUCATION

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD Oct 2009

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies

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Dissertation: *Education in Early 2nd Millennium BC Babylonia: The Sumerian Epistolary Miscellany*

Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany 2007-2008

Fulbright Fellow

Advisor: Prof. Konrad Volk

The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD 2007

M.A. in Near Eastern Studies

Cornell University, Ithaca NY 2003

B.A. in Near Eastern Studies, *Summa cum Laude*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Maureen Kovacs Subsidies for Assyriological Research 2014

Fulbright Fellow 2007-2008

Selected Participant (Two Years) Venice International University, Venice, Italy, Advanced Seminar in the Humanities, Literature and Culture in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean 2006-2007

Research Grant, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, The Johns Hopkins University Summer 2005

Phi Beta Kappa, Cornell University 2003

Dean's Scholar, Cornell University 1999-2003

Dorot Travel Grant Summer 2001
For archaeological excavation at Tel Hazor, Israel.

Hirsch Scholarship Summer 2001
For archaeological excavation at Tel Hazor, Israel.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editing Experience 2024-present
Editor-in-Chief at Bothered Stories

Research and Editing Experience 2014-2022
Research Associate in the Jonathan and Jeannette Rosen Ancient Near Eastern Studies Seminar at Cornell University

Alexandra S. Kleinerman

Post-doctoral Faculty Associate in the Jonathan and Jeannette Rosen
Ancient Near Eastern Studies Seminar at Cornell University 2009-2014

Research Assistant, Jonathan and Jeannette Rosen
Ancient Near Eastern Studies Seminar at Cornell University 2002-2009

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Writing about Daily Life in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia (WRIT 1201),
Cornell University Fall 2019

Instructor, Western Civilization, Part I (HIST 113),
Keuka College Fall 2014

Instructor, Essentials of Hieroglyphic Egyptian (NES 3453),
Cornell University Spring 2011

Instructor, Daily Life in Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia (NES 2567),
Cornell University Fall 2010

Directed Independent Study, Sumerian Literature, Cornell University Fall 2010

Directed Independent Study, Readings in Middle Egyptian,
Cornell University Fall 2010

Instructor, Introduction to Hieroglyphic Egyptian II (NES 3451),
Cornell University Spring 2010

Directed Independent Study, Amarna Letters, Cornell University Spring 2010

Instructor, Advanced Sumerian (NES 4769), Cornell University Fall 2009

Instructor, Introduction to Hieroglyphic Egyptian (NES 3450),
Cornell University Fall 2009

Instructor, Elementary Sumerian, The Johns Hopkins University Fall 2006

Instructor, Elementary Akkadian, The Johns Hopkins University
2006-2007
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Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Near Eastern Archaeology,
The Johns Hopkins University Spring 2004
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PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Living and Dying in Mesopotamia. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2024. Pp. Xv + 1-289 (with Alhena Gadotti).

Elementary Education in Early 2nd Millennium BCE Babylonia. (CUSAS 42).
University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, 2021. Pp. Xviii + 1-304 (with Alhena Gadotti).

Education in Early 2nd Millennium BC Babylonia: The Sumerian Epistolary Miscellany.
(Cuneiform Monographs 42). Leiden: Brill, 2011. Pp. xxv + 1-365.

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Analytical Concordance of the Garšana Archives (Cornell University Studies in Assyriology and Sumerology 4). Bethesda, MD: CDL Press, 2009. Pp. x + 1-793 (with David I. Owen).

Edited Volumes

From Mari to Jerusalem and Back. Assyriological and Biblical Studies in Honor of Jack Murad Sasson. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, 2020. Pp. ix-489 (co-edited with Annalisa Azzoni, Douglas Knight and David. I. Owen).

'Why should someone who knows something conceal it?' Cuneiform Studies in honor of David I. Owen on his 70th birthday. Bethesda, MD: CDL Press, 2010. Pp. 1-266 (co-edited with Jack M. Sasson).

Collaborations

David I. Owen, with the assistance of Alexandra Kleinerman. *The Nesbit Tablets* (NISABA 30). Winona Lake, Ind: Eisenbrauns, 2016.

David I. Owen and Rudi Mayr, with the assistance of Alexandra Kleinerman. *The Garšana Archives* (Cornell University Studies in Assyriology and Sumerology 3). Bethesda, MD: CDL Press, 2008. Pp. xii + 1-492.

Articles

"Yet Again on Old Babylonian Early Education: Lexical Texts in the Ahmad Saeedi Collection London." *Archiv für Orientforschung*. Forthcoming (with Alhena Gadotti).

"School and Lexical Texts from the Old Babylonian Period." In *From Mesopotamia to Lebanon. Texts in the Jawed Adra Collection of Cuneiform Texts*. Eds. David I. Owen and Bertrand Lafont. Forthcoming. (with Alhena Gadotti).

"Old Babylonian Poetry and Sumerian Literary Texts." In *From Mesopotamia to Lebanon. Texts in the Jawed Adra Collection of Cuneiform Texts*. Eds. Bertrand Lafont and David I. Owen. Forthcoming (with Alhena Gadotti).

"Teaching Akkadian in the Ancient Near East." In *A History of the Akkadian Language*. (HdO). Ed. Juan-Pablo Vita. Leiden: Brill, 2021. Pp. 37-65.

"Between Tradition and Innovation. Two New Larsa Hymns in a Private Collection." In *mu-zu an-za₃-še₃ kur-ur₂-še₃ he₂-gal₂*. *Altorientalische Studien zu Ehren von Konrad Volk*. Eds. Jessica Baldwin and Jana Matuszak, with Manuel Ceccarelli. Münster: Zaphon, 2020. Pp. 117-130. (with Alhena Gadotti).

"A New Manuscript of *Gilgamesh Enkidu and the Netherworld*." In *From Mari to Jerusalem and Back. Assyriological and Biblical Studies in Honor of Jack Murad Sasson*. Eds. D. Knight, A. Azzoni, D.I. Owen and A. Kleinerman. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, 2020. Pp. 141-146. (with Alhena Gadotti).

"A New Manuscript of the Lexical List Ura 6." NABU 2017/40. Pp. 71-75 (with Alhena Gadotti).

"A New Manuscript of the Home of the Fish." NABU 2017/39. Pp. 69-71 (with Alhena Gadotti).

"A New Forerunner to An = Anum?" NABU 2017/38. Pp. 67-69 (with Alhena Gadotti).

"The Rules of the School." *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 2017. Pp. 89-116 (with Alhena Gadotti).

- “A New Text About Nin-abul.” *NABU*, 2015/7. Pp. 7-10 (with Alhena Gadotti).
- “Two Sumerian Literary Letters About Merchants.” *NABU* 2014/65. Pp. 73-78. (with Alhena Gadotti).
- “A New ‘Letter to the Generals.’” *Cuneiform Digital Library Notes* 2014:003.
- “Two Additional Old Babylonian Sumerian Literary Letters from Nippur.” *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 103, 2013. Pp. 149-161 (with Alhena Gadotti).
- “The Barbers of Iri-Saĝrig.” *From the 21st Century BC to the 21st Century AD: Proceedings of the International Conference on Neo-Sumerian Studies Held in Madrid, 22-24 July 2010*. Eds. S. Garfinkle and M. Molina. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2013. Pp. 301-311.
- “Indexes.” In David I. Owen, *Cuneiform Texts Primarily from Iri-Saĝrig/Al-Sarraki and the History of the Ur III Period*. (NISABA 15). Bethesda, Md.: CDL Press, 2013.
- “Unfulfilled Destinies. Yet Again on the Old Babylonian Sumerian Scribal Curriculum.” In *The Ancient Near East, a Life! Festschrift Karel Van Lerberghe*. Eds. T. Boiy, et.al. (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 220). Leuven: Peeters. 2012. Pp. 207-212 (with Alhena Gadotti).
- “Craft Production at Garšana: the Leather and Textile Workshops.” In *Garšana Studies*. Ed. David I. Owen. (CUSAS 6). Bethesda, Md.: CDL Press, 2011. Pp. 183-207.
- “Doctor Šu-Kabta’s Family Practice.” In *Garšana Studies*. Ed. David I. Owen. (CUSAS 6). Bethesda, Md.: CDL Press, 2011. Pp. 177-181.
- “CUSAS 3-4 Additions and Corrections.” In *Garšana Studies*. Ed. David I. Owen. (CUSAS 6). Bethesda, Md.: CDL Press, 2011. Pp. 209-212.
- “‘Here is what I have. Send me what I am missing’: Exchange of Syllabi in Ancient Mesopotamia.” *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 101, 2011. Pp. 72-77 (with Alhena Gadotti).
- “Money, Memory and Miscellany: Understanding the presence of historical elites in early second millennium pedagogical composition.” *Kaskal V*, 2008. Pp. 173-186.

Book Reviews

- “Review of *He Has Opened Nisaba’s House of Learning: Studies in Honor of Åke Waldemar Sjöberg on the Occasion of His 89th Birthday on August 1st 2013*. Edited by Leonard Sassmannhausen and Georg Neumann. Cuneiform Monographs, vol. 46. Leiden: Brill, 2014.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 138/1, 2018. Pp. 183-185.
- “Review of *The Sumerian Poem Enmerkar and En-suhkeš-ana: Epic, Play, Or? Stage Craft at the Turn from the Third to the Second Millennium B.C.* By Clause Wilcke. American Oriental Series, Essay 12. New Haven: American Oriental Society, 2012.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136/4, 2017. Pp. 861-864.
- “Review of *How Mesopotamian Scribes Learned to Write Legal Documents. A Study of the Sumerian Model Contracts in the Babylonian Collection at Yale University*. Lewiston, NY.: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2014.” *Aula Orientalis* 34/1, 2016. Pp. 195-198.
- “Review of *History of the Cuneiform Lexical Tradition*. By Niek Veldhuis. Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Record Vol. 6. Münster: Ugarit Verlag, 2014.” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 79/1, 2016. Pp. 163-164.

“Review of PAOLETTI, P. - Der König und sein Kreis das Staatliche Schatzarchiv der III. Dynastie von Ur. (Biblioteca del Próximo Oriente Antiguo, 10). C.S.I.C, Madrid, 2012. (35cm, 630, 28 Tafels).” *Bibliotheca Orientalia* 71, 2014. Pp. 158-165.

“Review of SIGRIST, M, and T. OZAKI - Neo-Sumerian Administrative Tablets from the Yale Babylonian Collection, Parts I/II. (Biblioteca del Próximo Oriente Antiguo, 6, 7). C.S.I.C, Madrid, 2009. (30,5cm, 613, 601).” *Bibliotheca Orientalia* 69, 2012. Pp. 525-531.

“Review of *The Growth of an Early State in Mesopotamia: Studies in Ur III Administration. Proceedings of the First and Second Ur III Workshops at the 49th and 51st Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*, London July 10, 2003 and Chicago July 19, 2005. Edited by Steven J. Garfinkle and J. Cale Johnson. BPOA 5. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 2008. Pp. 234.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130, 2010. Pp. 668-669.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Annunitum”; “āšipu”; “en/entu”; “ērib bīti(m)”; “išippu”; “kulmašitu”; “lahmu”; “mušhuššu-dragon”; “Nisaba”; “šalmu”; “Šēdu”; “winged disk.” In *Cambridge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Eds. E. Orlin et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming.

“Education. I. Ancient Near East.” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* 7. Eds. Hans-Josef Klauck et. al. Berlin: Verlag Walter de Gruyter. 2013.

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Beyond Nippur and Ur: Early Education in Southern Mesopotamia during the Old Babylonian Period.” Presented at the 62nd Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, July 11-15, 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (With Alhena Gadotti).

“Investigating Eduba R from Sunrise to Sunset.” Presented at the 222nd American Oriental Society Meeting, March 16-19, 2012. Boston, Massachusetts. (With Alhena Gadotti).

“The Sumerian Pedagogical Corpora and the Epistolary Genre.” Presented at the American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Nov. 17-20, 2010. Atlanta, Georgia. (Invited paper).

“Ubartum: the Earliest Recorded Female Physician.” Presented at *Power and Knowledge in Ancient Iraq: a Symposium in Honor of David. I. Owen*, Oct. 29, 2010. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

“The Barbers of Iri-Saġrig.” Presented at *From the 21st Century BC to the 21st Century AD: The Present and Future of Neo-Sumerian Studies*, July 22-24, 2010. Madrid, Spain.

“Content, Compilation and Curriculum: the nature of a Babylonian epistolary miscellany.” Presented at the 219th American Oriental Society Meeting, March 12-16, 2009. Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“Money, Memory and Miscellany: Understanding the presence of historical elites in early second millennium pedagogical composition.” Presented at the Venice International University Advanced Seminar in the Humanities, Literature and Culture in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean, September 13 – 19, 2007, Venice, Italy.

“The Leather Industry at Garšana.” Presented at the 52nd Rencontre Assyriologique

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Internationale, July 17-21, 2006, Münster, Germany.

“Gendered Labor Division in Southern Babylonia at the end of the third millennium BC.”
Presented at the Symposium of the Program for Women, Gender and Sexuality, April 2006, Johns
Hopkins University.

GUEST LECTURES

“Education in Early Mesopotamia.” Horace Mann School, Bronx, N.Y. December 8th and
9th, 2014.

“The Development of Writing in Ancient Mesopotamia.” Horace Mann School, Bronx, N.Y.
October 7th and 8th, 2013.

“The Development of Writing in Ancient Mesopotamia” and “Education in Early Babylonia.”
Keuka College, Penn Yan, N.Y. November 12th and 14th, 2012.

LANGUAGES

Modern: German, French (Reading)

Ancient: Akkadian, Hieroglyphic Egyptian, Sumerian