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B.A. (1962) and M.A. (1963), University of Michigan (Near Eastern Studies)
Rabbinical ordination (1968): Hebrew Union College
Ph.D.(1972): Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East)

Postdoctoral study in Egyptology at Liverpool University (1974-75) as Leverhulme Fellow. Honorary Doctorate of Hebrew Letters, Hebrew Union College, 1993
Languages: Hebrew (all periods), Greek, Egyptian, Ugaritic, Aramaic, Syriac, Canaanite dialects; German, French, some Italian.

II. EMPLOYMENT top

1971-74 Instructor, then Lecturer in Bible at Haifa University and the University of the Negev
1975-77 Lecturer in Bible and Egyptology at the Hebrew University
1977- Assistant Professor to Professor (1984), UW-Madison
1982-87, 1993-99, 2010 Chairman of the Hebrew Department
Jan. 2010- Emeritus
Affiliate Professor, University of Haifa

III. ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OFFICES

Editor, *Hebrew Studies*, 1986-93

Editor, SBL Dissertation Series, 1994-99.

President, Society for Biblical Literature, Midwest region, 1998-2000

President, National Association of Professors of Hebrew, 2003-2005

Fellow, American Academy of Jewish Research, 2000-

Vice-President, Society for Biblical Literature, 2016

President, Society for Biblical Literature, 2017

IV. PUBLICATIONS: A: Books; B: Articles C: Reviews; D: Editorial. Abbreviations at end.

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A. BOOKS top

1985

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The Song of Songs and the Ancient Egyptian Love Songs.

: University of Wisconsin Press. Reprinted 1989, 1999, 2005 (454 pp.).

1986

[Popular commentaries on] *Qohelet* and *Song of Songs* in *Olam Hatanakh* [Hebrew], with Yaakov Klein. Tel Aviv: Revivim.

1987

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1991

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1999

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2001

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In Progress:

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Commissioned:

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1971; second edition: 2003

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1973

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Knut Martin Heim, *Like Grapes of Gold Set in Silver* (2001). HS 44 (2003) 267-72.

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2005

Alice M. Sinnott, , *Personification of wisdom* (London : Ashgate, 2005). *Expository Times* 118: 614-615.

2010

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2011

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Scott C. Jones, *Rumors of Wisdom: Job 28 as Poetry* (BZAW 398; Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009). *JAOS* 2011.

D. EDITORIAL top

Assoc. Editor, *Hebrew Studies*, 1982-85

Editor, *Hebrew Studies*, 1986-93

Volume Editor, *Temple in Society* (Winona Lk., IN: Eisenbrauns, 1988)

Journal of Biblical Literature Editorial Board, 1991-1996, 2008-

Occasional referee: Hebrew Union College Annual, Hebrew Annual Review, and various academic publishers

Editor, SBL Dissertation Series, 1994-99.

Editor (with others), *Texts, Temples and Traditions: Essays in Honor of Menahem Haran* (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1996).

Journal of Hebrew Scriptures Editorial Board, 1995-

Mo`ed (journal) Editorial Board, 2002-06.

Volume Editor. *The Art of the Aphorism*. JSOT 29 (2004).

E. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS top

Society for Biblical Literature+

National Association of Professors of Hebrew

Committee for Academic Freedom and Rights, University of Wisconsin

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1. ABBREVIATIONS: top

BA = Biblical Archaeologist; BETL = *Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium*; CBQ = Catholic Biblical Quarterly; HAR = *Hebrew Annual Review*; HUCA = *Hebrew Union College Annual*; JANES = *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society*; JAOS = *Journal of the American Oriental Society*; JBL = *Journal of Biblical Literature*; JHS = *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* (www.ualberta.ca/ARTS/JHS/jhs.html); JNSL = *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages*; JQR = *Jewish Quarterly Review*; JSOT = *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*; SBL = Society for Biblical Literature; VT = *Vetus Testamentum*; VTSup = *Vetus Testamentum Supplements*; ZAH = *Zeitschrift für Althebraistik*

