

Kevin L. Johnson

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EDUCATION

- 2012 **Doctor of Philosophy in History (Ancient Egyptian History)**
The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
Advisor: Dr. Peter Brand
- Dissertation: “Transition and Legitimation in Egypt’s Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Dynasties: A Study of the Reigns of Siptah, Tausret, and Sethnakht”
- 2010 **Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (Old Testament)**
Harding University Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, TN
- M.A. Paper: “An Examination of the Egyptian Elements of the Joseph Story”
- 2005 **Master of Arts, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (Ancient Egyptian History)**
The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- M.A. Paper: “The Decline of Royal Authority and Prestige during Egypt’s Late 19th and 20th Dynasties”
- 2002 **Master of Arts, Art History (Egyptian Art and Archaeology)**
The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN
- Thesis: “An Examination of the Sarcophagus of a New Kingdom Official, Menna: Its Archaeological Context, Reconstruction, and Iconographic Program”
- 2000 **Bachelor of Arts, History**
Erskine College, Due West, SC
- *cum laude*, departmental honors

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-Present *Taylor University, Upland, IN*
Associate Professor of History and Global Studies
Chair, Department of History, Global and Political Studies
- 2016-2019 *Taylor University, Upland, IN*
Assistant Professor of History
Chair, Department of History, Global and Political Studies
- 2014-2016 *Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL*
Assistant Professor of History
- 2013-2014 *Arkansas State University-Beebe, Beebe, AR*
Assistant Professor of History and Comparative Religion
- 2012 *The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN*
Adjunct Faculty
- 2006-2011 Teaching Assistant

- 2010 *Mid-South Christian College, Memphis, TN*
Adjunct Faculty
- 2009 *Lane College, Jackson, TN*
Assistant Professor of History
- 2006 *Erskine College, Due West, SC*
Adjunct Faculty

COURSES TAUGHT

History of Women in the Non-Western World
Ancient Near Eastern History
Women in Ancient Egypt
Women in World History
Ancient World
The Greco-Roman World
Sports, Games, and Spectacles in the Ancient World
Early Middle Ages
Egypt of the Pharaohs
High Middle Ages
History Research Seminar
The Middle Ages
Western Civilization to the 16th C.
Western Civilization since the 17th C.
World Civilizations I
World Civilizations II
US to 1877
US since 1877
Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
Introduction to International Studies
Introduction to Global Studies
Comparative Religion
Principles of Academic Success

Online Courses

The Ancient World
World Civilizations I

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-Present *Co-editor of The Ostrakon*
- *Research Journal of the Egyptian Study Society*
- 2022-Present *Board Member of the Egyptian Study Society*
- Monthly board meetings to carry out the mission of the ESS (To provide educational programs to its members and to the general public relevant to the culture and history of ancient Egypt)
- 2009-2014 *CollegeBoard Advanced Placement Program (ETS), Ft. Collins, CO,
and Salt Lake City, UT*

Reader

- Served as grader for essay portion of the AP World History Exam

2008, 2011-2013

Museum Tours: Hieroglyphic Egypt, Egypt

Instructor

- Taught the beginning and intermediate sections of a two-week course (“Hieroglyphic Egypt”) designed to provide students with a basic understanding of hieroglyphic inscriptions. Included both classroom instruction and practical (on-site) exercises in Cairo, Mit Rahina, Giza, Saqqara, Luxor, and El Kab, Egypt. Also led the “Egypt’s Hidden Treasures” tour in 2013.

2008

Tausret Temple Project, Luxor, Egypt (under the direction of the University of Arizona)

Epigrapher and Conservator

- Assisted in site preservation and in the recording and translation of inscriptions uncovered during the excavation of the Mortuary temple of Tausret, a female pharaoh ruling at the end of Egypt’s 19th Dynasty.

2004-2005

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Project Assistant

- Assisted in the compilation of Demotic text images for the Demotic Dictionary Project.
- Edited online Egyptian text for METEOR (Middle Egyptian Text Editions for Online Research).

2000-2002

The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Graduate Assistant

- Cataloged the William J. Murnane Library.
- Served as docent for the Egyptian and West African collections at the Art Museum of the University of Memphis (AMUM).
- Assisted in the installation of and served as docent for the traveling exhibit, the Gods of Ancient Memphis, at the Art Museum at the University of Memphis.

PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, Kevin L. “A Commonner and a Queen: Chancellor Bay and Queen Tausret at the Temple of Amada.” *The Ostrakon: The Journal of the Egyptian Study Society* 27:1 (2021): 3-10.

Johnson, Kevin L. and Peter J. Brand. “Prince Seti-Merenptah, Chancellor Bay, and the Bark Shrine of Seti II at Karnak.” *Journal of Egyptian History* 6 (2013): 19–45.

Johnson, Kevin L. and Bill Petty. *The Names of the Kings of Egypt: The Serekhs and Cartouches of Egypt’s Pharaohs, along with Selected Queens*. Littleton, CO: Museum Tours Press, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

“What’s in a Name? Using Royal Titularies to Illuminate the Late 19th and Early 20th Dynasties in Egypt.” June 21, 2021. Egyptian Study Society. Virtual Lecture (Zoom).

“Gathering the Pieces: An Iconographic Analysis and Virtual Reconstruction of a New Kingdom Non-Royal Sarcophagus.” October 23, 2020. Fourth Annual Institute of Egyptian Art and Archaeology Alumnae/Alumni Lecture. The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.

"Parental Puzzle: Piecing Together the Lineage of the 19th Dynasty's Last Few Pharaohs." May 20, 2019. Egyptian Study Society. Red Rocks Community College, Arvada, CO.

“Lost and Found: The Journey of a New Kingdom Sarcophagus from Antiquity to the Present.” October 17, 2016. Egyptian Study Society. Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO.

“Reimagining the Past: Perceptions of the Old Kingdom from Later Traditions.” Beginnings of Eternity: Ancient Egypt's Old Kingdom, October 17-18, 2015. Egyptian Study Society. Boulder, CO.

“A Foreigner in the King's Court: The Enigmatic Chancellor Bay.” May 18, 2015. Egyptian Study Society. Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO.

PUBLIC TALKS

“A Reflection on the Importance of the Christian Liberal Arts University: Our Debt to Both Athens and Jerusalem.” October 15, 2015. Keynote address for the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society induction, Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL.

“Understanding the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict.” April 10, 2019. Talk for the Global Engagement and MECA joint sponsored event "Holy Land, Whose Land," Taylor University, Upland, IN.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, History, Global & Political Studies Department (2018-)

Severance Task Force (2023-)

Curriculum Management Committee—HABS (2018-2021)

Irish Studies Program Advisory Council (2019-)

Honors Guild Advisory Council (2020-)

Vision and Identity Task Force (2020-2021)

AQIP (Academic Quality Improvement Program), member of the Action Project Task Force (2018-2019)

Global Studies Task Force (2018-2019)

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Honors Program Committee, Southeastern University

Best Undergraduate Research Award Committee, Southeastern University

Global Awareness Committee, ASUB

Coordinator for Cultural Film Series

International Club, ASUB

Coordinator and Sponsor

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2018-present Upland Community Church, Upland, IN
- Guest Services
- 2014-2016 Victory Church at Lakeside Village, Lakeland, FL
- Children's Church Assistant
- 2016 Skype Guest Lecture on "What is an Egyptologist?," Mulberry Middle School, Mulberry, FL
- 2014 Great American Teach-In, Scott Lake Elementary, Lakeland, FL
- 2014 History Day Arkansas State Competition, Conway, AR
- Judge
- 2007, 2008, 2011 West Tennessee History Day: A District Contest of National History Day (Sponsored by the University of Memphis Department of History and the West Tennessee Historical Society), Memphis, TN
- Judge, Finals Judge

AWARDS

Dr. Joe Burnworth Teaching Award, 2018
Taylor University Fund for Faculty Scholarship (\$2000), 2017
University of Memphis Department of History Year-long Dissertation Fellowship, 2011
University of Memphis Department of History Spring Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2010
University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Award, Fall 2008

AFFILIATIONS

The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE)
Near East Archaeological Society (NEAS)
Conference on Faith and History (CFH)
Egyptian Study Society (ESS)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Modern Languages

French (reading and some spoken knowledge)
German (reading knowledge)

Ancient Languages

Ancient Egyptian (Old, Middle, Late, and Coptic)
Biblical Hebrew