

# Margaret E. Cohen

## EDUCATION

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PhD, The Pennsylvania State University, History Fields: Hebrew Bible (primary) History and Archaeology of Ancient Israel; New Testament (secondary) Dissertation: <i>Studies in the Language and Historiography of 2 Samuel</i> Advisor: Baruch Halpern	2013
MAR, Yale Divinity School Field: Biblical Studies	1998
BA with Honors, Swarthmore College Majors in the External Examination Program: Religion and English Literature	1996

## POSITIONS

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• Associate Fellow, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research	2008–2009; 2014-2021
• Visiting Instructor, Lycoming College	2013-2014
• Visiting Assistant Professor, Lycoming College	2006–2007
• Course Instructor, The Pennsylvania State University	2004–2005; 2010-2011
• Dissertation Fellow, National Foundation for Jewish Culture	2007–2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

The Formation of Biblical Texts: Chronicling the Legacy of Gary Knoppers (eds. with D. Fulton, K. Ristau, and J. Greer), Mohr Siebeck, FAT I, forthcoming in 2023.

### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Cult Activity at Megiddo in the Iron Age: New Evidence and a Long Term Perspective,” (with A. Kleiman, E. Hall, R.S. Homsher, and I. Finkelstein), *ZDPV* 133 (2017) 24-52. Preparation of the Iron IIA figurines.

“New Evidence for the Rise of a Complex Society in the Late Fourth Millennium at Tel Megiddo East in the Jezreel Valley,” (with M.J. Adams, J. David, R. Homsher), *Near Eastern Archaeology* 77:1 (2014) 32-43.

“Not So Miscellaneous: אלה in 2 Sam 21 and the Composition of the Philistine Tales,” *Antiguo Oriente* 9 (2011) 103-118.

### Articles in Books

“Attending to the Forest and its Denizens in the Hebrew Bible,” mp. 12 in *Exploring Animal*

*Hermeneutics*, ed. Arthur Walker-Jones and Suzanna Millar, Semeia Studies, Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming 2023.

“The Figurines from Kiriath-jearim.” mp.7 in *The Shmunis Family Excavations at Kiriath-Jearim 2017-2019*, eds. Israel Finkelstein and Thomas Römer, Tel Aviv: Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University Press, forthcoming 2023.

“Ceramic Figurines from The Iron IIA in Area Q,” pp. 1335-1350 in *Megiddo VI*, eds. Israel Finkelstein and Mario Martin, Tel Aviv: Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University Press, 2022.

“Diet and Nutrition,” pp. 337-351 in *Handbook of Food in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel*, eds. Janling Fu, Carol L. Meyers, Cynthia Shafer-Elliott, London: T&T Clark, 2021.

“Iron Age Figurines from Philistia and Phoenicia, A Response,” pp.148-162 in *Iron Age Figurines in the Southern Levant*, eds. Erin Darby and Izaak de Hulster, Leiden: Brill, 2021.

“Northwest Semitic Inscriptions” pp. 126-134 in *Behind the Scenes of the Old Testament: Historical, Cultural, and Social Contexts of Ancient Israel*, eds. Jonathan S. Greer, John W. Hilber and John H. Walton. Baker Press, 2018.

“Is Jacob Hiding in the House of Saul?” pp. 57-70 in *Rethinking Israel: Studies in the History and Archaeology of Ancient Israel in Honor of Israel Finkelstein*, eds. Oded Lipschits, Yuval Gadot and Matthew J. Adams, Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2017.

“Teaching Foodways as a Fresh Entrée into the World of the Bible,” pp. 148-161 in *Teaching the Bible in the Liberal Arts Classroom Volume 2*, eds. Jane S. Webster and Glenn S. Holland, Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2015.

“A Gold Amulet from Late Bronze Age Megiddo,” pp. 1086-1090 in *Megiddo V*, eds. Israel Finkelstein and David Ussishkin, Tel Aviv: Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University Press, 2013.

“The ‘Sea Peoples’ in Primary Sources,” (with M. J. Adams), pp. 637-656 in *Philistines and Other ‘Sea Peoples’: Material Culture in the Eastern Mediterranean during the 12<sup>th</sup> Century BCE*, eds. Ann E. Killebrew and Gunnar Lehmann, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2013.

“Leave Nehemiah Alone,” pp. 54-74 in *Unity and Disunity in Ezra and Nehemiah*, eds. Mark J. Boda and Paul L. Redditt, Old Testament Monograph Series, Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2008.

“Area L: The 2004 Season,” (with E. H. Cline), pp. 124–129 in *Megiddo IV*, eds. Israel Finkelstein, David Ussishkin and Baruch Halpern, Tel Aviv: Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University Press, 2006.

#### Encyclopedia Articles (Peer Reviewed)

“Anklets,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, eds. Hans-Josef Klauck, et al., Berlin: Walter de Gruyter (2009).

“Ammah (Place),” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, eds. Hans-Josef Klauck, et al., Berlin: Walter de Gruyter (2009).

#### Web Publications

“Dietary Laws.” Bible Odyssey’s Ask-A-Scholar website. 11 March 2015.  
<http://www.bibleodyssey.com/tools/ask-a-scholar-q-a/dietary-laws.aspx>

“Preliminary Web Report on the 2011 Summer Season at Tel Megiddo East,” (with M. Adams, J. David, R. Homsher, and M. Cradic). *Jezreel Valley Regional Project* website. 10 April 2013.  
<http://www.jezreelvalleyregionalproject.com/2011-summer-season.html>

“Temples and Temple-Builders at Early Bronze Age Megiddo,” (with M. Adams, J. David, and R. Homsher) ASOR Blog website. 19 May 2014.  
<http://asorblog.org/?p=7348>

#### Book Reviews

Invited review of *Sounding Sensory Profiles in the Ancient Near East*, SBL Press (2019), Eds., Annette Schellenberg, Thomas Krüger. *Review of Biblical Literature*, <https://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=13267>

#### In Preparation

For Megiddo VII: Area T (2018) Excavation Report; Area R Preliminary Report; Figurines (2016-2022 Seasons)

### **DELIVERED PAPERS**

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<i>Eating and Sharing Stories in Biblical Households and Modern Pandemics</i> ASOR National Conference, Chicago	November 2021
<i>Pandemic Produce and Cultic Cultivation</i> SBL National Conference, Virtual	December 2020
<i>Forests and Deforestation in the Biblical Narrative and Modern Day Jezreel Valley</i> SBL National Conference, San Diego	November 2019
<i>Gideon’s Royal Feast</i> SBL National Conference, Denver	November 2018
<i>Tying it Together: Toward a Correlation of Textile Production and Cultic Spaces in the Southern Levant</i> With Deborah Cassuto, SBL National Conference, Denver	November 2018
<i>Be a Better Bystander</i> ASOR National Conference, Denver	November 2018
<i>Trees of the Forest and Produce of the Fields</i> SBL National Conference, Boston	November 2017

<i>New Evidence on the Megiddo Cult: "Centralization" in the Northern Kingdom?</i> (with Assaf Kleiman) ASOR National Conference, Boston	November 2017
<i>Biblical Studies and...Foodways, Ancient and Modern</i> SBL National Conference, San Diego	November 2014
<i>Recent Research and Excavations of the Jezreel Valley Regional Project</i> (with Matthew J. Adams, Jonathan David, and Robert Homsher) ASOR National Conference, Baltimore	November 2013
<i>The Jezreel Valley Regional Project 2012 Excavations at Tel Megiddo East</i> (with Matthew J. Adams, Jonathan David, and Robert Homsher) ASOR National Conference, Chicago	November 2012
<i>The Jezreel Valley Regional Project: Survey and Excavations at Tel Megiddo East</i> (with Matthew J. Adams, Jonathan David, and Robert Homsher) AIA National Conference, Philadelphia	January 2012
<i>Should Joab Take the Blame?: A Lexical Investigation of the Root TQ'</i> SBL National Conference, San Francisco	November 2011
<i>Markers of Memory and Prophetic Polemic</i> SBL National Conference, New Orleans	November 2009
<i>In Defense of Grammar: What an Unassuming Pronoun Tells Us about the Composition of 2 Samuel</i> Eastern Great Lakes Society for Biblical Literature, Perrysville, Oh	April 2008
<i>Ashdod Revisited, Again</i> Eastern Great Lakes Society for Biblical Literature, Mt. Sterling, Oh	April 2007
<i>The Grammar of 2 Samuel: Preliminary Findings</i> SBL National Conference, Washington, D.C.	November 2006
<i>What's Bothering Jeremiah?</i> Eastern Great Lakes Society for Biblical Literature, Erie, Pa	March 2006
<i>Reporting in the First Person: Nehemiah's "Tales" and 5<sup>th</sup> c. BCE Historiography</i> SBL National Conference, San Antonio, Tx	November 2004
<i>The Chronicler's Prophetic Plusses: A Response to Schniedewind</i> Eastern Great Lakes Society for Biblical Literature, Wheeling, Wv	April 2004
<i>Soldier or Shepherd: Discerning Sources in 1 Samuel 17</i> Eastern Great Lakes Society for Biblical Literature, Erie, Pa	April 2003

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Lycoming College, Department of Religion

- Judaic Studies: Jewish Foodways in Ancient and Modern Times 2014
- Judaic Studies: From the Exodus to the Romans 2013
- Introduction to Old Testament 2x 2006–2007
- Introduction to New Testament 2x 2006–2007
- Biblical Hebrew I 2x 2006–2007
- Biblical Hebrew II 2x 2006–2007

### The Pennsylvania State University, Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies

- Jewish and Christian Foundations 2x 2005–2006
- Near Eastern Mythology 2x 2004
- Archaeology of the Bible Lands 2003
- Classical Myth (Head TA) 2003
- Egyptian Civilization (TA) 2x 2003–2004
- Archaeology of the Bible Lands (TA) 2002
- Near Eastern Mythology (TA) 2002

### The Pennsylvania State University, Jewish Studies Program

- Introduction to New Testament 2011
- Ancient and Modern Jewish Food and Foodways 4x 2009–2011
- Early Judaism 2003
- Introduction to Hebrew Bible 2003

### The Pennsylvania State University, Department of History

- World History, 1500–Present (TA) 2001

## **CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL STAFF POSITIONS**

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- The Megiddo Expedition *Educational Program Coordinator  
Team Member Coordinator  
Area Supervisor*
- The Tel Aviv University/Collège de France Excavations at Kiriath-jearim *Educational Program Coordinator  
Team Member Coordinator*

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE**

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- *Off-Season Logistics Coordinator* 2014–2018  
The Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon
- *Excavation Registrar, Area Supervisor* 1998–2018  
The Tel Aviv University Expedition to Tel Megiddo, Israel, Director: I. Finkelstein
- *Area Supervisor, Ceramic Artist, Site Planner* 2003–2009  
The Penn State Expedition to Mendes, Egypt, Director: D.B. Redford
- *Registrar, Ceramic Artist, Site Planner* 2006  
Penn State Expedition to East Karnak, Egypt, Director: D.B. Redford

- *Assistant Area Supervisor* 2001  
Wadi ath-Thamad Project, Khirbat al-Mudayna, Jordan, Director: P.M.M. Daviau
- *Square Supervisor* 2000  
Ein Gedi Excavations, Israel, Director: Y. Hirschfeld
- *Square Supervisor* 1999  
Madaba Plains Project: Tell Jalul, Jordan, Director: R. Younker
- *Excavator and Visitor Coordinator* 1998  
Cinnamon Bay, St. John USVI, Director: K. Wilde

## GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS

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- The Lori Master Prize in Jewish Studies, Penn State University 2010
- The Legacy Heritage Jewish Studies Project Grant, directed by AJS 2010-11  
*With Brian Hesse and Paula Wapnish*
- Penn State 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Exhibition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner 2008
- Penn State Research and Graduate Studies Office Dissertation Support Grant 2007–2008  
*2 time recipient*
- National Foundation for Jewish Culture Dissertation Fellowship 2007–2008
- Penn State Graduate School Grant Incentive Award 2007  
*For receipt of substantial external funding*
- Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, PSU, Travel Grant 2006
- Hill Dissertation Fellowship, Penn State University 2006
- Department of History, Penn State University, Travel Grant 2003–2004  
*4 time recipient*
- Research and Graduate Studies Office Scholarship, Penn State University 2004
- The Jewish Studies Research Award, Penn State University 2004
- E-Tu Sun Award for outstanding teaching by a graduate student, PSU 2003
- Richard W. and June R. Duffine Program Endowment in Jewish Studies, PSU 2002  
*Research and Travel Support Grant*
- The Two Brothers Fellowship, Yale Divinity School 1998  
*Research and Travel Support Grant*

## LANGUAGES

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Biblical Hebrew and West Semitic, Akkadian  
 Modern Hebrew, German, French  
 Greek, Latin

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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- ASOR Board of Trustee Class of 2024
- Jezreel Valley Regional Project Studies Monograph Series Editor Present  
*Primary areas of responsibility: Realia and Small Finds, Related Studies*
- ASOR Session Co-Chair 2015-2019  
*Archaeology of Feasting and Foodways*

- SBL Session Steering Committee Member 2017-Present  
*Archaeology of the Biblical World; Meals in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*
- Hebrew Bible Editor 2009-2012  
*Proceedings: Eastern Great Lakes & Midwest Biblical Societies*
- On-Campus Representative 2005–2009  
*Society of Biblical Literature, Student Advisory Group*
- Administrative Coordinator 2002–2011  
*Mellon Foundation, Henry F. Sawyer Seminar for Mediterranean Contact*
- ASOR Development Committee Member 2006–2007  
*Graduate student recruitment*
- Conference Steering Committee Member 2005  
*“Space and Place in History,” Graduate Student Conference, PSU*
- History Undergraduate Committee Member 2003–2005  
*Department of History and Religious Studies, PSU*
- Guest Lecturer 2003  
*The Penn State Anthropology Club*
- Graduate Student Hebrew Workshop Instructor 2003
- Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Search Committee Member 2002  
*Professor of Assyriology Search, CAMS, PSU*
- W.F. Albright Institute Intern 2000  
*Assistant to staff archaeologist, Materials cataloguing*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Board Member (Vice-Chair, 2020-2021), Jerusalem American International School 2017-2021
- Religious School Director, JCC of State College, PA 2006-2008
- Board Member for Education, Congregation Brit Shalom, State College, PA 2007-2009

## AFFILIATIONS

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- American Association of University Women
- American Research Center in Egypt
- American Schools of Oriental Research
- Association for Jewish Studies
- National Association of Professors of Hebrew
- Society of Biblical Literature