

# Abraham **Josiah** Chappell

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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy** in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA, 2015  
Dissertation: *Approaching the Psalms: The Psalm Headings in the Early Versions*

**Master of Arts** in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA, 2003

**Bachelor of Arts** (*summa cum laude*) in Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations, Biblical Studies concentration, UCLA, 2003

Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, CA 93454, Anthropology major (4.00 GPA), 1998–2000

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Azusa Pacific University/Museum of the Bible, March 2016–August 2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Adjunct Professor**, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies, APU, September 2015–present

- ALNG 456: *Ancient Languages (Syriac)*
- HEBB 300: *Intermediate Hebrew*
- UBBL 100: *Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy*

**Teaching Fellow/Associate/Assistant**, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA, January 2007–December 2013

- Ancient Near East 10W: *Jerusalem: The Holy City*
- Ancient Near East/History M103A–B: *Ancient Egyptian Civilization*
- Islamic/Religion M110: *Introduction to Islam*
- Middle Eastern Studies/Religion M50A: *First Civilizations*
- Middle Eastern Studies/Religion M50B: *Origins of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*
- Middle Eastern Studies/Religion M133: *Bible and Qur'an*

## **ACADEMIC HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Filed PhD dissertation, December 2015

Edwin M. Yamauchi Award for Excellence in Textual Studies, August 2013–August 2015

LOGOS in Oxford Award (GSI/SCIO/Wycliffe Hall), June 2013

Advanced to Doctoral Candidacy (ABD), March 2013

Passed all Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department PhD comprehensive exams, as of Winter 2013:

- Hebrew/NWS Dialects (primary language)
- Syriac (secondary language)
- Coptic (tertiary language)
- German (research language)
- Biblical Criticism
- Second Temple Judaism

Passed Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department MA comprehensive examinations, as of Summer 2003:

- Hebrew/NWS Dialects (primary language)
- Biblical and Targumic Aramaic (secondary language)
- Modern Israeli Hebrew (research language)
- Biblical Criticism
- Second Temple Judaism

Graduated *summa cum laude*, Summer 2003

UCLA Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Departmental Scholar (allowing concurrent undergraduate and graduate enrollment), 2002–2003

UCLA Provost's Honor List: Fall 2000, Winter 2001, Winter 2002, Fall 2002, Winter 2003, Spring 2003

University of California Regents Scholarship, 2000–2002

Allan Hancock College AAW Scholarship, 2000–2001

Allan Hancock College Dean's List, 1999 & 2000

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), member since 2008

St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society (SSACS), research associate since 2008

Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative (MOTBSI), postdoctoral fellow and mentor since 2016; fellow since 2013

International Association for Coptic Studies (IACS), member since 2016

## **LANGUAGES**

### *Biblical Languages (Primary):*

- Hebrew [Epigraphic, Biblical, Mishnaic, Modern Israeli]
- Aramaic [Imperial, Biblical, Targumic, Neo-Aramaic]
- Greek [Attic, Koine/Biblical]

### *Biblical Languages (Secondary):*

- Coptic [Sahidic, Bohairic]
- Syriac
- Latin

### *Biblical Languages (Tertiary):*

- Armenian [Classical/Grabar, Modern Eastern]
- Arabic [Classical/Fusha]
- Ethiopic

### *Ancient Near Eastern Languages:*

- Northwest Semitic Dialects [Ugaritic, NWS Inscriptions]
- Akkadian
- Sumerian

### *Modern/Research Languages:*

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Italian

## **MAIN AREAS OF INTEREST**

Hebrew Bible (especially the Psalms and Daniel)

The Second Temple Period and the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha

New Testament (especially the Gospels and Revelation)

Ancient Languages and the Early Versions of the Bible (especially Coptic and Syriac)

Late Antiquity and the history of Early Christianity, Rabbinic Judaism, and Islam

## PUBLICATIONS

“The Coptic Versions of the Psalms.” In *Proceedings of the 11th International Congress of Coptic Studies, Claremont Graduate University*. Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta. Edited by Hany N. Takla. Leuven: Peeters, forthcoming.

*Explorations in Israel Program Handbook 2017*. Museum of the Bible Scholars Initiative/ Jerusalem University College/Tel Shimron Excavations, 2017.

(with Bethany Jensen) *The Legacy of Christian Egypt: An Exhibition Guide*. 11th International Congress of Coptic Studies, Claremont Graduate University. Oklahoma City: Museum of the Bible, 2016.

“Hezekiah.” In *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, edited by Eric Orlin, Lisbeth S. Fried, Jennifer Wright Knust, Michael L. Satlow, and Michael E. Pregill. Pages 420–421. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Tetragrammaton.” In *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, edited by Eric Orlin, Lisbeth S. Fried, Jennifer Wright Knust, Michael L. Satlow, and Michael E. Pregill. Pages 943–944. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“The Jesus Seminar: Revising Jesus.” In *Ascent: An Anthology of Writing Across the Curriculum*, edited by Michael Guista, et al. Pages 23–31. Santa Maria, CA: Allan Hancock College Press, 2001.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

July 2016. “The Coptic Versions of the Psalms.”  
11th International Congress of Coptic Studies, Claremont Graduate University.

July 2014. “The Psalters of the White Monastery.”  
16th St. Shenouda–UCLA Conference of Coptic Studies, UCLA.

July 2014. “Graduate student response” to lecture by Stan Rosenberg, “Beside the Basilica: Augustinian Theology and Scholarly Vocation.”  
LOGOS in Oxford Conference, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, UK.

July 2012. “The Coptic Versions of the Book of Psalms.”  
14th St. Shenouda–UCLA Conference of Coptic Studies, UCLA.

July 2008. “The Coptic Versions of Daniel: Preliminary Observations.”  
10th St. Shenouda–UCLA Conference of Coptic Studies, UCLA.

## EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition coordinator, “The Legacy of Christian Egypt.” Held during the 11th International Congress of Coptic Studies, July 25–30, 2016. Art Gallery Building (Peggy Phelps Gallery and East Gallery), Claremont Graduate University.