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Employment History

- 2012-present** Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies
University of Tennessee
515 McClung Tower
Knoxville TN, 37996-0450
- 2011-2012** Full-time Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies
University of Tennessee
515 McClung Tower
Knoxville TN, 37996-0450
- 2008-2011** Part-time Lecturer, Department of Religion and Duke Divinity School
Duke University
118 Gray Building Box 90964
Durham NC, 27708
- 2001-2002** Part-time Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies
Missouri State University,
901 S. National Ave.
Springfield MO, 65897

Educational History

- 2003-2011** Doctorate of Philosophy in Religion
Duke University, Durham NC
- 2000-2002** Master of Arts in Religious Studies
Missouri State University, Springfield MO
- 1996-2000** Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies; Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music
Evangel University, Springfield MO

Publications

Israelite Religion, Hebrew Bible, and Levantine Archaeology

Books

Erin Darby. *Interpreting Judean Pillar Figurines: Gender and Empire in Judean Apotropaic Ritual*. FAT II 69. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.

Erin Darby and Izaak J. de Hulster (eds.). *Iron Age Terracotta Figurines in the Southern Levant*. Brill (under contract)

Erin Darby and Stephanie Langin-Hooper (eds.). *A Handbook on Near Eastern Figurines*. 2 vols. Brill (under contract)

Articles

Erin Darby. "Seeing Double: Viewing and Re-viewing Judean Pillar Figurines through Modern Eyes." *Occasional Papers in Coroplastic Studies* 1 (2014): 13-26.

David Ben-Shlomo and Erin Darby. "A Study of the Production of Iron Age Clay Figurines from Jerusalem" *Tel Aviv* 41 (2014): 180-204.

Edited Volumes and Conference Proceedings

Erin Darby. "Judean Pillar Figurines and the Making of Female Piety in Israelite Religion." *Gods, Objects, and Ritual Practices: Conference Proceedings of the Society of Ancient Mediterranean Religions, March 22-24, 2013*. Lockwood Press (forthcoming)

Erin Darby. "Reaction, Reliance, Resistance: Judean Pillar Figurines in the Neo-Assyrian Levant." *Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of the Neo-Assyrian Empire*, ed. Virginia Herrmann and Craig Tyson. University Press of Colorado (forthcoming).

Erin Darby. "How is Archaeology Used to Support Nationalism." Pp. 235-38 in *The Five-Minute Archaeologist in the Southern Levant*, ed. Cynthia Schafer-Elliott. London: Equinox, 2016.

Erin Darby. "What is Primary vs. Secondary Use?" Pp. 86-88 in *The Five-Minute Archaeologist in the Southern Levant*, ed. Cynthia Schafer-Elliott. London: Equinox, 2016.

Dictionary Entries

Caitlin Barrett and Erin Darby. "Figurines." Pp. 344-47 in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Eric M. Orlin. New York: Routledge, 2016.

Erin Darby. "Idol." Pp. 444-45 in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Eric M. Orlin. New York: Routledge, 2016.

Erin Darby and Theodora Kopestonsky. "Sexuality." Pp. 865-67 in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Eric M. Orlin. New York: Routledge, 2016.

Erin Darby and Theodora Kopestonsky. "Marriage." Pp. 569-71 in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Eric M. Orlin. New York: Routledge, 2016.

Online Venues

- Erin Darby. "Fatal Attraction: Obsession, Aversion, and the Femme Fatale of Early Judaism." n.p. [cited 24 Feb 2015]. Online: <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2015/02/dar398024.shtml>.
- Erin Darby. "Excavating Jerusalem." "Archaeology of Jerusalem," n.p. [cited 3 Jul 2014]. Online: <http://www.bibleodyssey.com/places/related-articles/archaeology-of-jerusalem>.

Book Reviews

- Erin Kuhns. "Review of *The Curse of Ham* by David Goldenberg." *Religion* 34:4 (2004): 370-372.

'Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project**Articles**

- Erin Darby and Robert Darby. "The 2013 Season of the 'Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 58 (forthcoming).
- Erin Darby and Robert Darby. "The Late Roman Fort at 'Ayn Gharandal, Jordan: An Interim Report (2009-2014)." *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 28 (2015): 461-70.
- Robert Darby and Erin Darby. "'Ayn Gharandal." Pp. 671-672 in "Archaeology in Jordan, 2012 and 2013 Seasons." Edited by Glenn J. Corbett, Donald R. Keller, Barbara A. Porter, and Christopher A. Tuttle. *American Journal of Archaeology* 118/4 (2014): 627-676.
- Robert Darby and Erin Darby. "The 'Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project: A Preliminary Report on the 2010 and 2011 Seasons." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 56 (2012): 405-422.
- Robert Darby and Erin Darby. "'Ayn Gharandal." Pp. 742-743 in "Archaeology in Jordan, 2010 and 2011 Seasons." Edited by Donald R. Keller, Barbara A. Porter, and Christopher A. Tuttle. *American Journal of Archaeology* 116/4 (2012): 693-750.
- Robert Darby, Erin Darby, and Andi Shelton. "The 2009 'Ayn Gharandal Survey and Preservation Project." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 54 (2010): 189-201.
- Robert Darby and Erin Darby. "'Ayn Gharandal Survey and Preservation Project." Pp. 534-535 in "Archaeology in Jordan, 2008 and 2009 Seasons." Edited by Donald R. Keller and Christopher A. Tuttle. *American Journal of Archaeology* 114/3 (2010): 505-545.

Edited Volumes and Conference Proceedings

- Erin Darby. "Allies in Arms? Jordanian Military Communities and Cultural Resource Management at the Late Roman Garrison of 'Ayn Gharandal." *Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan* 12 (2016): 223-31.
- Erin Darby and Robert Darby. "'Re'-Covering the Past: How Do We Protect and Study Jordan's Threatened Ancient Sites? Approaches at 'Ayn Gharandal." *Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan* 11 (2013): 291-303.

Work In Progress

Books

Erin Darby. *Method and Theory in the Archaeology of Israelite Religion*.

Articles

Erin Darby. "Idol Economy: International Trade and Idol Prohibitions in the Ancient Near East." *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

Erin Darby. "Gendering Figurines? Females, 'Fertility' Figurines, and Ritual Texts of the Ancient Near East." *Near Eastern Archaeology*.

Erin Darby and Robert Darby. "Washed Away: The Missing Baths of the 'Roman' Near East."

Edited Volumes and Conference Proceedings

Erin Darby. "Chapter 5: The Small Finds." *Final Report on the 'En Hāzeva Archaeological Project*. Israel Antiquities Authority Reports Series.

Erin Darby. "Chapter 13: A Comparison of the Sacred Compound with H. Qitmit." *Final Report on the 'En Hāzeva Archaeological Project*. Israel Antiquities Authority Reports Series.

Erin Darby. "Judean Pillar Figurines: Religion and National Identity in Eighth Century Judah." *Festschrift for Oded Borowski*. Lockwood Press.

Professional Conference and Symposium Presentations

- 2017** "Sex Symbols: Ritual Production and Performativity in Female Near Eastern Terracottas." Forthcoming Second Workshop on Gender, Methodology, and the Ancient Near East, University of Barcelona and the Centre of Excellence in Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions (University of Helsinki), February 1-3, 2017
- 2016** "Manipulating Identities: What Figurines Actually Reveal about Identity Formation in the Ancient Near East." Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2016** "Visual(izing) Identity?: Material Religion, Identity Formation, and Approaches to Ancient Near Eastern Figurines." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2016** "Figurine Rituals and Religio-economic Identity: Judean Pillar Figurines, Economic Status, and the Mediating Influence of Ritual Intervention." Society of Ancient Mediterranean Religions conference, "Religious Convergence in the Ancient Mediterranean," Palermo, Sicily, June 23-26, 2016.
- 2016** "Toward an Edomite Religious Iconography? An Overview of Figural Cult Images and their Archaeological Context in the Iron II." 13th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, May 22-26, 2016.

- 2016** “Recent Discoveries from the Roman Fort at ‘Ayn Gharandal (Arieldela),” with Robert Darby. 13th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, May 22-26, 2016.
- 2016** “Archaeology of Ritual?: A Reassessment of the Shrine at ‘En H̄azeva.” 10th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Vienna, Austria, April 25-29, 2016
- 2015** “Toward an Archaeology of Gender?: Sex, Gender, and Differentiation in Ancient Near Eastern Terracottas.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2015** “Modeling Magic: Evaluating Archaeological Approaches to the Ritual Functions of Near Eastern Terracottas.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2015** “Lachish and Jerusalem Cave 1: Pillar Figurines in Caves.” Ancient Near Eastern Figurines Workshop supported by the Center of Excellence in the “Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions” program of the University in Helsinki, Tallinn Institute of Theology, Tallinn Estonia, September 17-19, 2015
- 2015** “Judean Pillar Figurines and the Organization of Production: Evidence from Jerusalem and Beyond.” Association of Coroplastic Studies conference “Terracottas in the Mediterranean through Time,” University of Haifa, 23-25 March 2015
- 2015** “Gendering Figurines: Sex, Gender, and Ideology in Figurine Studies,” with Erin Averett. Association of Coroplastic Studies conference “Terracottas in the Mediterranean through Time,” University of Haifa, 23-25 March 2015
- 2015** “Daily Lifeways along the Roman Frontier: Evidence for Domestic Activities in the Late Roman Fort at ‘Ayn Gharandal, Jordan,” with Kirby Trovillo. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
- 2015** “Archaeology of Ritual?: Examples from En H̄azeva, Israel.” Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America
- 2014** “‘As a Seal upon My Heart’: Evaluating Seals as Evidence for Personal Religious Ritual in the Ancient Near East.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2014** “Archaeology of Ritual?: A Reassessment of the Shrine at ‘En H̄azeva. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2014** “Political Ecology in the Deserts of Rome: Approaches at ‘Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2014** “Allies in Arms? Jordanian Military Communities and Cultural Resource Management at the Late Roman Garrison of ‘Ayn Gharandal.” Engaging Arabia: From Arabia/Palaestina to the Modern Middle East, Knoxville, TN, September 19-21, 2014
- 2014** “Reaction, Reliance, Resistance? Judean Pillar Figurines in the Neo-Assyrian Levant.” 9th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Basel, Switzerland, June 9-13, 2014
- 2014** “Between Town and Country: Judean Pillar Figurines and Household Economy in Eighth Century Judah.” Symposium for Oded Borowski, Emory University, February 4, 2014.

- 2014** “The 2013 Season of the ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project,” with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America
- 2013** Review of *The Cambridge History of Religions in the Ancient World*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2013** “Sex in the City?” Judean Pillar Figurines and the Archaeology of Jerusalem.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2013** “Reaction, Reliance, Resistance?: Judean Pillar Figurines in the Neo-Assyrian Levant.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2013** “Judean Pillar Figurines and the Making of Female Piety in Israelite Religion.” Annual International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2013** “Allies in Arms? Jordanian Military Communities and Cultural Resource Management at the Late Roman Garrison of ‘Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby at the 12th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Berlin, Germany
- 2013** “The Writing on the Wall: Recent Discoveries from the Late Roman Fort at 'Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby at the 12th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Berlin, Germany
- 2013** “Judean Pillar Figurines and the Making of Female Piety in Israelite Religion.” “Gods, Objects, and Ritual Practice,” by the Society of Ancient Mediterranean Religions, Emory University, March 22-24, 2013
- 2013** “A Preliminary Report on the Ceramic and Epigraphic Remains from the Late Roman-Byzantine Fort at ‘Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby, Tiffany Key, and Pamela Koulianos. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
- 2013** “Washed Away: The Missing Baths of the ‘Roman’ Near East,” with Robert Darby at Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America
- 2013** “A Late Roman Castellum in the Deserts of Jordan: Results from the 2011 Season of the ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project,” with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America.
- 2012** “Archaeology’s Next Top Model?: Assessing Interpretive Approaches to Figurines as Ritual Objects.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2012** “The 2011 ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project,” with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2012** “Idol Economy: International Trade and Idol Prohibitions in the Ancient Near East.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2012** “More than Meets the Eye: The Identity and Function of the ‘Naked Female’ in Ancient Near Eastern Art.” Annual International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, the European Association of Biblical Studies, the Oudtestamentish Werkgezelschap in Nederland en België, and the Society for Old Testament Study, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2012** “The Second Season of Excavation at the Site of ‘Ayn Gharandal, Jordan,” with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion

- 2012** “Composite Figurines in the Iron Age Levant: A Comparative Approach,” with Michael Press. Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America
- 2011** “Composite Figurines in the Iron II Levant: A Comparative Approach,” with Michael Press. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2011** “Living in a Material World: Iconography, Idolatry, and Materiality in the Hebrew Bible.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2011** “The ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project 2011.” Poster co-presenter with Robert Darby and Peter Carrasquillo. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2010** “Seeing Double: Viewing and Re-viewing Judean Pillar Figurines through Modern Eyes.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2010** “The ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project: Results of the 2009 and 2010 Seasons,” with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2010** “Icons in Context: Judean Pillar Figurines from the Top Down or the Bottom Up?” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2010** “The ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project 2010 Season.” Poster co-presenter with Robert Darby, Fawwaz Ishakat, and Peter Carrasquillo. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2010** “‘Re’-Covering the Past: How Do We Protect and Study Jordan’s Threatened Ancient Sites? Approaches at ‘Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby. 11th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Paris, France
- 2010** “‘Re’-Covering the Past: How Do We Protect and Study Jordan’s Threatened Ancient Sites? Approaches at ‘Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
- 2009** “Who’s Afraid of the Big, Bad Ghost? The ‘Apotropaic’ Clay Images of Iron II Judah in Neo-Assyrian Context.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature
- 2009** “Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice: Terracotta Pillar Figurines and Jerusalemite Pottery Production in the Iron II,” with David Ben-Shlomo. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2009** “The 2009 Ayn Gharandal Survey and Preservation Project.” Poster co-presenter with Robert Darby, Andy Shelton, and Jim Bucko. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2009** “Excavating the ‘Religion’ of Israel? Judean Pillar Figurines in their Archaeological Context.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
- 2008** “Theorizing Terra Cotta Pillar Figurines: Religion on the Ground in Ancient Judah.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2008** “Early Bronze Age Roads in the Negev Highlands, Israel,” with Tali Erickson-Gini. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2002** “Death and the Afterlife in the Dead Sea Scrolls: 1QS, 1QH, and 1QM.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies

- 2002** “Cult of the Dead in Ancient Israel and Modern Research.” Central States Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and American School of Oriental Research and published in the Proceedings of that meeting
- 2002** “Deification and Demonization: Deborah and Delilah as They Relate to the Feminine, the Foreign, and the Phallus.” Intercollegiate Graduate Forum at Missouri State University
- 2001** “Death and the Afterlife in Qoheleth.” Central States Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and American School of Oriental Research and published in the Proceedings of that meeting

Invited Lectures

- 2016** “Living in a Material World: What Can Ancient Israel Teach Us About the Modern Study of Religion.” Inaugural Lecture Series, University of Tennessee, November 3, 2016
- 2016** “Onward Christian Soldiers?: Excavating Pagans and Christians at the Late Roman Military Fort at Arieldela (southern Jordan),” with Robert Darby. Honors Faculty Lecture Series, University of Tennessee, September 6, 2016.
- 2016** “En Hazeva at the Cross-Roads: An Iron Age Fort on the Edge of Empire.” Fellows Workshop at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel, April 21, 2016.
- 2016** “An Archaeology of Household Space and Gender?: Methodological Reflections on Male and Female Domestic Spaces in the Ancient Levant and Beyond.” Institute of Archaeology, Al-Quds University, March 29, 2016.
- 2016** “Figurines in the Context of Ritual Behavior in Iron Age Judah.” University of the Holy Land graduate seminar, Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, February 24, 2016.
- 2016** “En Hazeva Site Tour,” with Tali Erickson-Gini and Robert Darby. W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research. Jerusalem, Israel, February 10, 2016.
- 2015** “Fatal Attraction: Obsession, Aversion, and the Femme Fatale of Ancient Judah.” Cornell University, Department of Near Eastern Studies and the Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies, October 6, 2015.
- 2015** “Feasting, Fermentation, and Females: The Relationship between Food, Religion, and Gender in Ancient Israel.” Guest lecture in ANTH 357, University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology, September 8, 2015.
- 2015** “Art Historical Approaches to Figurines.” Guest lecture in ARTH 479, University of Tennessee, Department of Art History, September 4, 2015.
- 2015** “The Naked Truth: Nudity, Beauty, and Censorship in the History of Art,” with Robert Darby. Sex Week, University of Tennessee, April 8, 2015.
- 2015** “Archaeology and Politics in the Middle East: A Panel Discussion,” with J. P. Dessel. Haslam Scholars Lecture Series, University of Tennessee, April 7, 2015.
- 2015** “Reading the Old Testament: The Origins and Authority of Scripture,” with John Walton. Veritas Lecture, University of Tennessee, March 9, 2015.

- 2015** “Cult Places in the Bible and the Ancient Near East,” with Raphe Panitz. Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism, Knoxville TN, March 5, 2015.
- 2015** “Fatal Attraction: Obsession, Aversion, and the Femme Fatale of Ancient Judah.” Bible Grant Lecture. Maryville College. March 2, 2015.
- 2015** “Military Matters: Archaeology and Global Challenges at ‘Ayn Gharandal, Jordan,” with Robert Darby. TEDxUTK lecture, University of Tennessee, February 21, 2015, delayed.
- 2015** “The Rise of Monotheism in Early Israelite Society?” Lecture for the Rationalists of East Tennessee, March 1, 2015.
- 2015** “Prehistory, Post-history: Anthropology’s Impact on Near Eastern Archaeology.” Guest lecture for ANTH 120: Introduction to World Prehistory, University of Tennessee, January 23, 2015.
- 2014** “Words in the Sand: A New Monumental Latin Inscription from ‘Ayn Gharandal,” with Robert Darby. Invited public lecture, American Center of Oriental Research, June 3, 2014.
- 2014** “Gender and Sexuality in the Bible and the Ancient Near East,” with Raphe Panitz, Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism, Knoxville, TN, April 24, 2014
- 2014** “Breaking the Law?: Divorce, Incest, and Adultery in the Bible and the Ancient Near East,” with Raphe Panitz. Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism, Knoxville TN, March 27, 2014
- 2014** “Ars Erotica: Pornography Then and Now,” with Robert Darby. University of Tennessee Sex Week. March 4, 2014
- 2014** “Marriage and Family in Biblical Law,” with Raphe Panitz. Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism, Knoxville TN February 27, 2014
- 2013** “Well, At Least It’s a Dry Heat: Roman Soldiers at ‘Ayn Gharandal on the Arabian Frontier,” with Robert Darby. Invited lecture at “MicNite: Talks by the Faculty,” hosted by the University of Tennessee Office of the Provost, October 10, 2013.
- 2013** “Adventures at ‘Ayn Gharandal: The 2013 Season,” with Robert Darby. Invited lecture at the East Tennessee Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, October 8, 2013
- 2013** “Digging the Divine?” Judean Pillar Figurines and the Archaeology of Israelite Religion.” Invited lecture at the University of Missouri-Columbia, March 19, 2013
- 2013** “Digging the Divine?: Judean Pillar Figurines and the Archaeology of Israelite Religion.” Invited lecture at the East Tennessee Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, March 12, 2013.
- 2012** “Tropes or Technai?: The Adoption of Healing and Protective Figurines throughout the Neo-Assyrian Empire in the Iron IIB-C.” Mesopotamian Seminar, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, March 20, 2012
- 2012** “Fatal Attraction: Obsession, Aversion, and the Femme Fatale of Earliest Judaism.” Public lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2011** “Judaism: From the Hebrew Bible to the Rabbinic Period.” Guest lecture REST 102, University of Tennessee Knoxville, Department of Religious Studies, September 2011

- 2011** “Exodus and the Conquest: The History, Historiography, and Historicity of a Biblical Trope.” Guest lecture JEWISHST 100/REL 100, Duke University, Department of Religion, February 2011
- 2011** “Ancient Near Eastern Texts and Modern Historiography.” Guest lecture HI 207, North Carolina State University, Department of History, January 2011
- 2009** “Household Archaeology in the ‘Land of Milk and Honey.’” Guest lecture, OLDTEST 11, Duke Divinity School, October 2008, 2009
- 2008** “A Woman’s Place is in the Home?: Judean Pillar Figurines in their Archaeological Context.” Department of Anthropology, University of Manitoba, October 2008
- 2008** “Judean Pillar Figurines and the Archaeology of Gender in Israel.” Mount Zion Excavation, June 2008
- 2008** “Interpreting Judean Pillar Figurines and Israelite Religion in Light of Archaeological Data, Anthropological Theory, and Gender Analysis.” W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, February 2008
- 2005** “Gender and the Archaeology of Ancient Israel.” Guest lecture, OLDTEST 11, Duke Divinity School, October 2005
- 2001** Feminist Review of the Eerdmans’ Dictionary of the Bible. Regional Meeting of Professors of Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, Springfield, MO

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

- 2016** Early Career Excellence in Research Award
College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee
- 2016** Ready for the World Intercultural and International Initiative, \$2,000.00
Office of the Provost, University of Tennessee
– Third Annual Arab Fest, October 21-21, 2016
- 2016** Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Equipment and Infrastructure Award, \$1,200.00
Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee
– UTK Photogrammetry
- 2016** Supplemental Funding Award for Residential Fellowships, \$10,000.00
Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee
– ‘En Hazeva at the Cross-Roads: An Iron Age Fort on the Edge of Empire
- 2016** National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship at Independent Research Institution, \$16,800.00
W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem
– ‘En Hazeva at the Cross-Roads: An Iron Age Fort on the Edge of Empire

2016 Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Foreign Travel Award, \$2,277.00

The Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee

- 10th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Vienna, Austria, April 25-29, 2016

2015 SEC Faculty Travel Grant, \$1,000.00

- Travel from the University of Tennessee to the University of Missouri-Columbia
Public lecture and study-abroad/service learning collaboration

2015 Ready for the World Intercultural and International Initiative, \$2,000.00

Office of the Provost, University of Tennessee

- Second Annual Arab Fest, October 22-24, 2015

2015 Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Foreign Travel Award, \$2,710.00

The Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee

- Terracottas in the Mediterranean Through Time Symposium, Haifa, Israel, March 23-26, 2015

2014 Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Equipment and Infrastructure Award, \$8,923.43

The Department of Religious Studies, the School of Art, the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee

- Reflectance Transformation Imaging equipment

2014 Ready for the World Intercultural and International Initiative, \$5,000.00

Office of the Provost, University of Tennessee

- Engaging Arabia: From *Arabia/Palaestina* to the Modern Middle East: ‘Ayn Gharandal Symposium and the First Annual Arab Cultural Fair September 19-21, 2014

2014 Office of Research and Engagement Opportunities Fund, \$3,300.00

Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of Research, the Marco Institute, the Department of Classics, the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures, the Department of History, the Howard H. Baker Center for Public Policy, the Department of Anthropology, and the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Tennessee

- Engaging Arabia: From *Arabia/Palaestina* to the Modern Middle East: ‘Ayn Gharandal Symposium, September 19-21, 2014

2014 Archaeological Institute of America, Society Outreach Grant, \$500.00

- Can You Dig It?: National Archaeology Day event sponsored by the East Tennessee Society of the AIA and the McClung Museum

2014 Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Foreign Travel Award, \$2,800.00

The Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee

- 9th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Basel, Switzerland, June 9-13, 2014

2014 F. Stanley Lusby and John O. Hodges Teaching Endowment, \$1,000.00

The Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee

2014 University of Southern California West Semitic Research Project

Institute of Museum and Library Services

- Reflectance Transformation Imaging Training Program
‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project

2013 Outreach and Engagement Incentive Grant, \$2,095.00

The University of Tennessee and the Knoxville Jewish Alliance

- Inaugural community seminar series on marriage and family in biblical law

2013 Professional Development Award, \$5,000.00

The University of Tennessee

- En Hazevah Research and Publication Project

2013 Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Foreign Travel Award, \$2,800.00

The Department of Religious Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Office of Research at the University of Tennessee

- International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (Berlin, Germany) and the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (St. Andrews, Scotland)

2013 Harris Grant, \$600.00

American Schools of Oriental Research

- Conservation materials for the ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project

2013 SEC Faculty Travel Grant, \$2,500.00

- Travel from the University of Tennessee to the University of Missouri-Columbia
Public lecture and study-abroad collaboration

2012 Scholarly Research and Incentive Funds Equipment and Infrastructure Award, \$18,950.00

The Office of Research, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Religious Studies, and the Marco Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the University of Tennessee

- Advanced survey equipment and digital recording equipment for the ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project

2010 Conference Travel Grant, \$714.00

The Graduate School and the Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University

- Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Society of Biblical Literature

2010 Sean Dever Memorial Prize, American Schools of Oriental Research,

- first runner-up. “Who’s Afraid of the Big, Bad Ghost: The ‘Apotropaic’ Clay Images of Judah in Neo-Assyrian Context.”

2009 Conference Travel Grant, \$714.00

The Graduate School and the Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University

- Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Society of Biblical Literature

2009 Graduate Student Teaching Award, honorable mention

The Graduate School, Duke University

2008 Conference Grant, \$2,143.00

Arts and Sciences Committee on Faculty Research, Duke University

- Duke University Symposium on Archaeology, Politics, and the Media: Re-visioning the Middle East, April 23-24, 2009

2008 Seymour H. Shore Fellow in Judaic Studies, \$5,726.00

Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University

2008 Dissertation Working Group, \$2,000.00

John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University

- Petrographic testing of Jerusalem figurine corpus

2008 Conference Travel Grant, \$714.00

The Graduate School and the Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University

- Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Society of Biblical Literature.

2008 Summer Research Fellowship for Advanced Graduate Students in Humanities and Social Science Programs, \$4,000.00

The Graduate School, Duke University

- Travel to American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan and the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute in Nicosia Cyprus

2007 Educational and Cultural Affairs Research Fellow, \$16,000.00

W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem

- Interpreting Judean Pillar Figurines and Israelite Religion in Light of Archaeological Data, Anthropological Theory, and Gender Analysis

2005 Dorot Foundation Award, \$1,000.00

Square supervisor, The Zeitah Excavations, Tel Zeitah, Israel

2004 Departmental Travel Grant, \$600.00

- Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University
- Square Supervisor, The Zeitah Excavations, Tel Zeitah, Israel
- 2004** Pre-dissertation International Travel Grant, \$2,300.00
The Graduate School, Duke University
- Square supervisor, The Zeitah Excavations, Tel Zeitah, Israel
- 2003** Graduate Student Fellowship, Fall 2003- Spring 2008
The Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University
- 2002** Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
Missouri State University
- 2002** Basil and Joann Boritzki Endowed Scholarship, \$2,500.00
The Department of Religious Studies, Missouri State University
- 2000** Graduate Assistantship, Fall 2000-Summer 2002
Department of Religious Studies, Missouri State University
- 2000** American Bible Society Excellence in Biblical Languages
- 2000** Outstanding Philosophy Graduate
Evangel University

Archaeological Field Work and Research

- 2009-present** ‘En Hazeva Publication Project, ‘En Hazeva, Israel
- 2009-present** Co-director, The ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project, ‘Ayn Gharandal, Jordan
- 2009** Female figurines in Syria, National Museum of Damascus, National Museum of Aleppo
- 2009** Female figurines in Jordan, American Center of Oriental Research, funded by Duke University
- 2008-2009** Conference Coordinator, Duke University Symposium on Archaeology, Politics, and the Media: Re-visioning the Middle East April 23-24, 2009
- 2008** Female figurines in Cyprus, Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, funded by Duke University
- 2007-2008** Female figurines in Jerusalem and the Hill Country, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Israel Antiquities Authority, Ramat Rachel
Archaeological Project, City of David Excavations, Mount Zion Excavations
- 2007** Co-director, The Excavations at Ma’aleh Zadoq, Israel Antiquities Authority
Mizpe Ramon, Israel
- 2007** Square Supervisor, The Zeitah Excavations, Tel Zeitah, Israel
- 2006-2007** Curator, Beth Shemesh artifacts, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University
- 2005** Square Supervisor, The Zeitah Excavations, Tel Zeitah, Israel
- 2004** Square Supervisor, The Zeitah Excavations, Tel Zeitah, Israel

2003-2004 Nabratein Excavation Report, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University

Conference and Panel Organization

2016-2017 Co-chair, Member Organized Session, Religion in “Edom,” American Schools of Oriental Research

2016-present Special program unit on archaeology and biblical studies, Society of Biblical Literature

2016-present Steering committee, Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible, Society of Biblical Literature

2014-present Steering committee co-chair, Global Challenges, American Schools of Oriental Research

2014-present Steering committee co-chair, Archaeology of the Biblical World, Society of Biblical Literature

2014 Engaging Arabia: From Arabia/Palaestina to the Modern Middle East: ‘Ayn Gharandal Symposium and the First Annual Arab Cultural Fair September 19-21, 2014

2012-2015 Steering Committee for the Art and Religions of Antiquity Section, Society of Biblical Literature

2013-2015 Session Chair, Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages, American Schools of Oriental Research

2008 Duke University Symposium on Archaeology, Politics, and the Media: Re-visioning the Middle East, April 23-24, 2009

Research Groups and Seminars

2016-present Faculty Research Seminar on Middle East Studies, co-chair, Humanities Center, University of Tennessee

2014-2016 Middle East Research Group, University of Tennessee

2011-present Late Antique Faculty Seminar, University of Tennessee

Teaching Experience, Conferences, and Initiatives

University of Tennessee

JST/REST 311: Introduction to Hebrew Bible: Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016

JST 312/REST 312: Introduction to Early Judaism: Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

JST/REST 413: Gender and Sexuality in the Biblical World: Spring 2016

JST/REST 413: Archaeology and the Bible: Fall 2012, Fall 2014

REST 102: Comparison of World Religions: Musical Ritual in World Religions: Fall 2011, Summer 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Spring 2015

REST 102: Comparison of World Religions: Art and Iconography in World Religions: Spring 2012

REST 102 online: Comparison of World Religions: Musical Ritual in World Religions: Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Summer 2016

REST 300: Ways of Understanding Religion: Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2016

REST 491/591: Dig Jordan Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program: Summer 2013, Summer 2015

REST 407/408: Senior Honors Theses:

- *George Groh*, “Gods Behaving Badly: Differences in Perceptions of Divine Violence in Mythologies of the Ancient Near East,” Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- *Taylor Thomas*, “Ashes in Bethel: Bearings of Second Millennium BCE Ugaritic Mythology upon First Millennium BCE Israelite Religion,” Fall 2015-Spring 2016

REST 493: Independent Study: The Exodus: Fall 2013

REST 493: Independent Study: Advanced Religion and Theory: Fall 2014

REST 493: Independent Study: Advanced Biblical Hebrew: Fall 2014 (co-taught)

REST 493: Independent Study: Lamentations (Biblical Hebrew): Spring 2015

Duke University

JEWISHST 202/REL 208/OLDTEST 208: Hebrew Poetry and Second Isaiah: Spring 2011

REL 2/OLDTEST 116: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew: Spring 2007, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011

REL185: Death and Afterlife in the Hebrew Bible: Fall 2012

JEWISHST 201/REL 207/OLDTEST 207: Intermediate Hebrew Prose: Fall 2009, Fall 2010

REL 1/OLDTEST 115: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010

JEWISHST 100/REL 100: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible: Summer 2010

OLDTEST 399 and Director, ‘Ayn Gharandal Field School: Summer 2011

JEWISHST 198 /REL 185: Religions in the Hebrew Bible: Spring 2009

Missouri State University

REL 101: Literature and World of the Hebrew Bible: Summer 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Summer 2002

Teaching and Professionalization Lectures, Conferences, and Initiatives

2016 “So, What Are You Going to Do With That? Finding Careers Outside the Ivory Tower.” Junior Scholars session co-chair with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

- 2015** “The Sound Minded Scholar: Balancing Work, Life, and Relationships in Academic Careers.” Junior Scholars session co-chair and panelist with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research.
- 2014** “Academic Networking: Priorities and Pitfalls.” Guest lecture for the Graduate Student Seminar, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee
- 2014** “Digging into Ethics: What ASOR's New Ethics Policy Means for You.” Junior Scholars session co-chair with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2013** “Show Me the Money!: Navigating the World of Grants, Fellowships, and Archaeological Funding.” Junior Scholars session co-chair with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2013** Wabash Center Graduate Program Teaching Initiative, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion, participant, October 2013
- 2012** “Stop the Presses!: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Publishing but Were Afraid to Ask.” Junior Scholars session co-chair with Robert Darby at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2012** “Disembodied Discourse?: Technology, Civility, and the Pedagogy of Public Discourse in the Study of Religion.” Chair and participant, plenary roundtable at the NEXUS Interdisciplinary Conference, April 2012, “Voice and Voicing in a Technological Era,” University of Tennessee
- 2012** Teaching Art and Iconography in World Religions: Joint project between the Department of Religious Studies and the Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, head of initiative, January-April 2012
- 2011** “So Tell Us a Little About Yourself: Mastering the Art of the Interview.” Junior Scholars session co-chair with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2010** “So You Got Your PhD, Now What?: Post-doctoral Fellowships in a Post-Apocalyptic Job Market.” Junior Scholars session co-chair with Robert Darby. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2010-present** ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project field school program, co-director

Outreach, Engagement, and Community Service

- 2017** “Archaeology of the Roman Army in Jordan.” Medieval Day, Bearden High School, Knoxville TN, January 28, 2017
- 2015, 2016** “A Day in the Life of the Cohors II Galatarum.” Archaeology Day presentation for children, October 11, 2015, October 16, 2016
- 2015** Organizer and participant, Cultural Sensitivity Training, 8th Military Information Support Battalion (A), U.S. Army, March 6, 2015

- 2014** Preschool Archaeology Day, Arnstein Jewish Community Center Preschool Program, Knoxville TN
- 2014-present** Co-founder and member of Arab Cultural Fair Planning Committee
- 2013-present** Co-founder and member of executive committee for the Partnership for the Academic Study of Early Judaism, Annual Seminar Series in Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East
- 2012-present** Co-founder and member of the University of Tennessee/Knoxville Hebrew Reading Group
- 2012-present** Chair, National Archaeology Day Planning Committee, Eastern Tennessee Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America in cooperation with the Frank H. McClung Museum
- 2011** Zooarchaeology Day, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee and the Archaeological Institute of America
- 2009** “Uncovering Archaeology: What You Didn’t Learn from Watching Indiana Jones,” with Robert Darby (University of Missouri-Columbia), October 2009, Churchland High School, Portsmouth, VA
- 2009** “College 101: What Comes After the Acceptance Letter,” with Robert Darby (University of Missouri-Columbia), October 2009, Churchland High School, Portsmouth, VA

Departmental Service

- 2016-present** IRB Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2016-present** Schools Outreach Project, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2016-present** Faculty co-advisor, Religious Studies Association, University of Tennessee
- 2016-present** Media Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2016-present** Advising Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2016-2017** Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2015-present** 50th Anniversary Events Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2015-2016** Search Committee for the Director of Judaic Studies, Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies and the Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2014-2015** Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2014-2016** Schools Outreach Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee

- 2012-2013** Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2014-2015** Chair, Advising committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2012-2015** Advising Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2012-2013** Assessment Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2012-2013** Faculty advisor for the Religious Studies Association, University of Tennessee
- 2011-2012** Departmental Newsletter, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee

University Service

- 2016-present** Transfer Student Taskforce, University of Tennessee
- 2016-present** Middle East Studies Interdisciplinary Program Advisory Board, University of Tennessee
- 2015-present** Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies Affiliated Faculty and Sub-Committee on UT Courses, University of Tennessee
- 2013-present** Tennessee Initiative for Middle East Studies, Advisory Board, University of Tennessee
- 2012-present** Marco Institute Advisory Board, The Marco Institute of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of Tennessee
- 2011-present** Judaic Studies Program Advisory Committee, The Fern and Manfred Steinfeld Program in Judaic Studies

Professional Organizations and Committees

Society of Biblical Literature, American Schools of Oriental Research, Association of Coroplastic Studies, Archaeological Institute of America

- 2014-present** Institutional Representative, American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2014-present** Treasurer, Association of Coroplastic Studies
- 2013-2014** President, Eastern Tennessee Society, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2012-2013** Vice President, Eastern Tennessee Society, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2012-2016** Chairs Coordinating Council, American Schools of Oriental Research
- 2012-present** Executive Committee, Eastern Tennessee Society, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2010-2016** Co-chair of the Junior Scholars Committee, American Schools of Oriental Research

Publication and Grant Referee

- 2017 *Ancient Near Eastern Studies*
 2016 University of Tennessee, Fulbright Review Committee
 2015-present Oxford University Press, Essentials of Biblical Studies Series
 2014-present *Bulletin for the American Schools of Oriental Research*
 2014 University of Tennessee, Outreach and Engagement Award

Language Competency

Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek with a working knowledge of Ugaritic, Akkadian, German, and French.

Public Relations, Media, and Interviews

- 2015 “Destruction of Temples Hits Home for UT Faculty Pair.” Knoxville News Sentinel. September 7, 2015. http://www.knoxnews.com/news/local-news/destruction-of-templesin-syria-hits-home-for-ut-faculty-pair_04552095
- 2015 “Reading the Old Testament: The Origins and Authority of Scripture,” with John Walton. Veritas Lecture, University of Tennessee, March 9, 2015. <http://sf.ites.utk.edu/utk/Play/c258472b95944e6cbf450f4835d3d8151d>
- 2015 “Asking Better Questions about Ancient Material Culture: Phillip Sherman talks with Erin Darby about ancient Judean pillar figurines.” Marginalia. Los Angeles Review of Books. March 12, 2015. <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/asking-better-questionsabout-ancient-material-culture/>
- 2014 “Engaging Arabia: Erin Darby and Robert Darby.” WUOT 91.9 FM. September 19, 2014. <http://wuot.org/post/engaging-arabia-erin-darby-and-robert-darby>
- 2014 “Fort Found was Home of Roman Infantry Unit Used to Vanquish the Jews.” Haaretz, May 30, 2014. <http://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/.premium-1.595959>
- 2013 “Archaeologists Discover God’s Wife?” Haaretz, September 17, 2013. <http://www.haaretz.com/archaeology/.premium-1.547147> 2013 “Inscription Identifies a Roman Fort in Jordan.” Archaeology. <http://www.archaeology.org/news/1312-130919-jordan-arieldela-rome>
- 2013 “UT Archaeologists Uncover Lost Roman Outpost in Southern Jordan.” University of Tennessee Press Release. <http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2013/08/21/ut-archaeologists-uncover-lost-roman-outpost-southern-jordan/>
- 2013 “Words in the Sand: Discovering a New Monumental Latin Inscription at ‘Ayn Gharandal, (Ancient Arieldela), Jordan. The Ancient Near East Today 5 (2013): <http://asorblog.org/?p=5244#more-5244>

- 2012** “Professors Make Archaeological Finds in Jordan.” University of Tennessee Press Release. <http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/2012/10/26/professors-archaeological-finds-jordan/>
- 2012** “A Roman Fort Amidst the Dunes: The ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project.” Featured site on the American Schools of Oriental Research Blog. <http://asorblog.org/?p=2992>
- 2012** “Can You Dig It? Hot Bath is Cool Find for Excavating Darbys.” Shopper News-Bearden, Knoxville TN. http://issuu.com/shoppernews/docs/bearden_shopper-news_091712
- 2010** “A Newly Identified Roman Military Bath at ‘Ayn Gharandal (Jordan).” Balneorient Blog. <http://balneorient.hypotheses.org/1983>