

W. THERESE YUAN

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **University of Notre Dame**
Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, 2023
Major Field: Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East
- Dissertation: “*He Has Founded It Upon the Seas*”: *The Earth in Biblical Cosmology*
Advisor: Abraham Winitzer
Committee Members: Gary Anderson, Jennie Grillo
- Candidacy Exams (passed with honors)
- M.A. **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**
Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East, 2018
- M.T.S **University of Notre Dame**
Biblical Studies, 2015
- B.A. **Renmin University of China**
Classics (Greek), 2013

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023— Guest Professor, The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Under Review

2022 “The Use of Legal Metaphors in the Context of Cosmology in the Hebrew Bible and Mesopotamian Texts,” submitted to *Vetus Testamentum*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

A Boundary for God’s Kingdom: “YHWH Cult at the Time of the Religious Reforms (2 Kings 18–23) in Light of the Cult Reform in Eighth Century B.C.E. Uruk,” to be submitted to *Vetus Testamentum*.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Cosmological Traditions in Biblical and Mesopotamian Texts: A Comparative Study.” *Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature*, Assyriology and the Bible Unit. Denver, CO. November 21.
- 2022 Teaching Demonstration “A Simulation Game: Making a Dialogue between Four Figures from Different Periods.” *Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature*, Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies / Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Joint Units. Denver, CO. November 20.
- 2022 “The Use of Legal Metaphors in the Context of Cosmology in the Hebrew Bible and Mesopotamian Texts.” *International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature*, Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law Unit. Salzburg, Austria. July 21.
- 2018 “The YHWH Cult at the Time of the Religious Reforms (2 Kings 18–23) in Light of the Cult Reform in Eighth Century B.C.E. Uruk.” *International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature*, Centralization and Cult in Persian Period Israel: Biblical, Historical and Comparative Perspectives (European Association of Biblical Studies) Unit. Helsinki, Finland. July 30.

FIELDWORK

- 2019 Archaeological Excavator, The Lautenschläger Azekah Expedition, Tel Azekah, Israel

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame

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| Foundations of Theology: Biblical & Historical | Instructor of Record, FA 2021
<i>Course Evaluation 4.9/5</i> |
| Introduction to the New Testament | Teaching Assistant, SP 2020 |
| History & Theology in the Study of the New Testament | Teaching Assistant, FA 2019 |
| Book of Daniel Seminar | Teaching Assistant, SP 2019 |
| Introduction to the Catholic Faith | Teaching Assistant, FA 2018 |

SPECIAL LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “The Construct Form of Plural Nouns.” Elementary Hebrew. University of Notre Dame. (Fall)

- 2018 “Personal Pronoun; Interrogative Pronoun; Prepositions with Pronominal Suffixes.” Elementary Hebrew. University of Notre Dame. (Fall)
- 2018 “The Word in Its Crucified Form: How to Read the Disturbing Passages in the Old Testament?” *Notre Dame Militia Immaculata*. (Fall)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Notre Dame Learning | Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence
- 2022 Graduate School Professional Development Award (granted but declined due to travel cancellation)
- 2018 Professional Development Grants, Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame
- 2018 Conference Presentation Grant, Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame
- 2018 Sorin Fellows Program Grant. Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture
- 2017–22 Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
- 2015–17 Rothberg Family Fund, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

SELECTED TEACHING TRAINING

- 2021 Pedagogical Strategies for the Classroom (Fall Series)
- 2021 Theology Pedagogy (Spring Series)
- Course Design
 - Assignments and Intellectual Challenge
 - Course Schedule and Selection of Texts

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Ancient	<i>Advanced:</i>	<i>Intermediate:</i>	<i>Elementary:</i>
	Biblical Hebrew	Rabbinic Hebrew	Classic Ethiopian
	Aramaic	Syriac	Latin
	Akkadian	Greek	
	Ugaritic		
	Classical Chinese		

Modern *Fluent:*
English
Chinese
Modern Hebrew
- passed “ptor” (the highest level of Modern Hebrew exam) in 2016

Reading:
German
French

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East

Biblical Cosmology

The Legal Mind: The Concept of Order and Regularity in the Hebrew Bible

Crossing the Border: Liminality in the Hebrew Bible

Purity and Contamination in the Hebrew Bible

Divination in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East

Hebrew Bible and Natural Science

Semitic languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Akkadian, Syriac, Ugaritic)

OTHER SERVICE

2021–26 Committee Member and Translator, The Chinese Bible Translation Project
- *Responsible for the translation and annotation of Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Daniel, and Job*

2021–23 Graduate Student Recruitment Representative, Notre Dame Graduate School

2021–23 Committee Member, AMEC Hunger Fighter Network, University of Notre Dame