



**JOSHUA MARK MATSON**  
PHD CANDIDATE, RELIGION

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dead Sea Scrolls, Second Temple Judaism, Early Christianity, Formation of Canon, Space and Place in Antiquity, Dead Sea Scrolls in Modern Religious Practice, Use of Non-Canonical Religious Texts in Modern Religious Movements, and Mormonism

### RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Biblical Hebrew (Advanced)  
Qumran Hebrew (Advanced)  
Koine Greek (Advanced)  
Attic Greek (Intermediate)  
Aramaic (Intermediate)  
Syriac (Intermediate)  
Modern Hebrew (Intermediate)  
Latin (Novice)  
German (Reading Knowledge)  
French (Reading Knowledge)

### VITALS

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## EDUCATION

### PHD IN RELIGION

**2020 (ANTICIPATED)**

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Tallahassee, Florida, United States

Candidate in Religions of Western Antiquity Track, Ancient Judaism and Christianity Concentration. Minor in American Religious History.

PhD Dissertation: "Reviving the Bones of the Twelve Prophets: Re-Evaluating the Manuscripts and Reception of the Hebrew Bible Minor Prophets in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Late Second Temple Period"

Primary Advisor: Matthew Goff, Associate Professor of Religion

### MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

**2015**

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY  
Langley, British Columbia, Canada

Emphasis in Second Temple Period Literature and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Masters Thesis: "Employing Deuteronomy: An Analysis of the Quotations and Allusions to Deuteronomy in the Dead Sea Scrolls"

Primary Advisor: Martin Abegg, Jr., Retired Professor of Religious Studies

### BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN STUDIES

**2013**

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY  
Provo, Utah, United States

Emphasis in Hebrew Bible. University Honors.

Honors Thesis: "The Language of Symbols in the Wilford Woodruff Journals"

Primary Advisor: Rachel Cope, Associate Professor of Church History and Doctrine

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**WORK EXPERIENCE****ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN ANCIENT SCRIPTURE 2019**

Brigham Young University

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, *SCRIPTA QUMRANICA******ELECTRONICA*****2018-19**

University of Haifa

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT (TEACHING) 2015-18, 19-20**

Florida State University

**EVENT ORGANIZER: GRADUATE STUDENT****SYMPOSIUM****2015-16**

Florida State University

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT: PETER FLINT, CANADIAN****RESEARCH CHAIR IN DEAD SEA SCROLLS****2014-15**

Trinity Western University

**EVENT ORGANIZER: GRADUATE STUDENT****SYMPOSIUM****2014-15**

Trinity Western University

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT: TONY CUMMINS, PROFESSOR****OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES****2013-14**

Trinity Western University

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT: THOMAS HATINA, ASSOCIATE****PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES****2013-14**

Trinity Western University

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT: ERIC HUNTSMAN, ANES****COORDINATOR****2009-13**

Brigham Young University

**EVENT ORGANIZER: SBL/AAR ROCKY MOUNTAINS/****GREAT PLAINS REGIONAL MEETING****2012**

Trinity Western University

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

<b>REL 2210: INTRO TO HEBREW BIBLE</b>	<b>2019</b>
Florida State University	
<b>REL-A 211: THE NEW TESTAMENT</b>	<b>2019</b>
Brigham Young University	
<b>REL 302: INTRO TO OLD TESTAMENT</b>	<b>2018</b>
Tallahassee Institute of Religion	
<b>REL 1300: INTRO TO WORLD RELIGIONS</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Florida State University	
<b>REL 301: INTRO TO OLD TESTAMENT</b>	<b>2017</b>
Tallahassee Institute of Religion	
<b>HEBREW 101: INTRO TO BIBLICAL HEBREW</b>	<b>2017</b>
Tallahassee Institute of Religion	
<b>REL 2210: INTRO TO HEBREW BIBLE</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Florida State University	
<b>REL 211: INTRO TO NEW TESTAMENT</b>	<b>2016</b>
Tallahassee Institute of Religion	

**PUBLICATIONS****CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**

“Between the Testaments: The History of Judea between the Testaments of the Bible,” in *New Testament History, Culture, and Society: A Background to the texts of the New Testament*, edited by Lincoln Blumell. Provo, UT: BYU Religious Studies Center, 2019, 3–18.

“The Fourth Gospel and Expectations of the Jewish Messiah,” in *Thou Art the Christ: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual BYU Sidney B. Sperry Symposium*, edited by Eric Huntsman, Lincoln Blumell, and Tyler Griffin. Provo, UT: BYU Religious Studies Center, 2018, 175–91.

“Nehemiah 2:13–16 (Inv.MOTB.SCR.003175),” with Martin Abegg, Jr., Ryan Blackwelder, Ryan D. Schroeder, and Joseph Kyle Stewart, in *Dead Sea Scrolls Fragments in the Museum Collection*,

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Publications of Museum of the Bible 1, edited by Emanuel Tov, Kipp Davis, and Robert Duke. Leiden, Brill, 2016, 210–21.

**PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

“Where the World, Babel, and Zion Meet: Re-Defining the Mormon People at the 1964–65 Mormon Pavilion.” *Journal of Mormon History* 44, no. 3 (Summer 2018):89–111.

“Idol Remains: Remnants of the Opening of the Mouth Ritual in the Hebrew Bible.” *Studia Antiqua: A Student Journal for the Study of the Ancient World* 12/1 (2013): 33-50.

**DICTIONARY/ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

“Brigham Young,” in *American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time*, edited by Gary Scott Smith. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, (Forthcoming).

“Jachin and Boaz,” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John D. Barry. Bellingham, Wa: Lexham Press, 2014.

“Qumran Pesharim,” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John D. Barry. Bellingham, Wa: Lexham Press, 2014.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

“Review: *The Dead Sea Scrolls Rewriting of Samuel and Kings* written by Ariel Feldman,” *biblische notizen* 175 (2017), 147–48.

“Review: *On Prophets, Warriors, and Kings: Former Prophets Through the Eyes of their Interpreters* edited by George J. Brooke and Ariel Feldman,” *Ancient Jew Review* 23 October 2017, <http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2017/10/23/book-note-on-prophets-warriors-and-kings-former-prophets-through-the-eyes-of-their-interpreters>

“*Reading the Scrolls and Experiencing Qumran Archaeology with Hanan Eshel*,” *Ancient Jew Review* 11 September 2017, <http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2017/9/11/reading-the-scrolls-and-experiencing-qumran-archaeology-with-hanan-eshel>.

“Review: *In Memoriam John Strugnell: Four Studies* written by Marcel Sigrist and Kevin Stephens,” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 23/2 (2016): 255–57.

## **PARTICIPATION AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC EVENTS**

### **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*2019 Society of Biblical Literature AM* *San Diego, CA*  
“Joining the Bones of the Twelve Prophets with Textual Joints and Sinews: A Material and Textual Analysis of the Transitions in the Book of the Twelve from the Judean Desert”

*2019 Jonas C. Greenfield Scholar’s Seminar* *Jerusalem, Israel*  
“New Reconstructions of Two Manuscripts of the Twelve Prophets from Qumran and Thoughts about Nomenclature”

*47<sup>th</sup> Annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium (2018)* *Provo, UT*  
“‘Surely the Messiah does not Come from Galilee, does he?’ Disparate Jewish Messianic Expectations and the Gospel of John’s Portrayal of Jesus as the Anointed One”

*2018 International Society of Biblical Literature* *Helsinki, Finland*  
“Unholy Bodies Navigating Sacred Places: Embodied Space and Communal Identity in the Dead Sea Scrolls”

*2018 Canadian Society of Biblical Studies AM* *Regina, Canada*  
“Digging up the Bones of the Twelfth Minor Prophet: Determining the Textual Status of Malachi in the Second Temple Period”

*2017 Society of Biblical Literature AM* *Boston, MA*  
“At the Crossroads of Holiness: A Four-fold Spatial Analysis of the Jewish Sanctuary in the Dead Sea Scrolls”

*46<sup>th</sup> Annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium (2017)* *Provo, UT*  
“For Their Prophet and Learning: Prophecy as a Contextualization of Exile and Restoration in the Old Testament Prophets”

*2017 Canadian Society of Biblical Studies AM* *Toronto, Canada*  
“Striking a Familiar Cord: An Exploration into the Use of Psalms-Like Material in the Dead Sea Scrolls”

*2017 Mormon History Association AM* *St. Louis, MO*  
“Re-Appropriating Mormonism to the World: A Spatial Analysis of the Mormon Pavilion at the 1964–1965 World’s Fair”

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*2017 SECSOR Regional Meeting* *Raleigh, NC*  
"Contested Space, Determined Place: A Spatial Analysis of the Sanctuary in the Dead Sea Scrolls Sectarian Manifesto"

*2016 BYU New Testament Symposium* *Provo, UT*  
"Whoso Readeth It, Let Him Understand': The Use of Extra-Canonical Jewish Traditions in Hebrews"

*2016 Canadian Society of Biblical Studies AM* *Calgary, Canada*  
"Utilizing the Divine: An Analysis of the Divine Name as a Sectarian Marker in Qumran Literature"

*2016 SECSOR Regional Meeting* *Atlanta, GA*  
"You Shall Return to the Lord your God: A Critical Reading of the use of the Divine Name in 4Q375"

*2015 PNW SBL/AAR/ASOR Regional Meeting* *Marylhurst, OR*  
"Rewritten Scripture?: Insights into Quotations and Allusions of Biblical Texts in Ancient and Modern Times"

*2014 Canadian Society of Biblical Studies AM* *Ontario, Canada*  
"The Council of the Holy Ones: Heavenly Council Themes Portrayed in Councils at Qumran"

*2014 PNW SBL/AAR/ASOR Regional Meeting* *Calgary, Canada*  
"Joseph Smith and the Pre-Babel Language"

### **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS PRESIDED OVER**

*2019 Society of Biblical Literature AM* *San Diego, CA*  
"Teaching All Students: Accessible Pedagogy"

*2018 Society of Biblical Literature AM* *Denver, CO*  
"Aposiopesis: Incomplete Sentences, Unfinished Thoughts, and Ideas that Sputtered"

*2017 Society of Biblical Literature AM* *Boston, MA*  
"Avoiding Deception: Forgeries, Fake News, and Unprovenanced Material in Religious Studies"

### **STUDENT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*2017 Faith and Knowledge Conference* *Cambridge, MA*

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“Between Salt Lake and Qumran: Mormonism and the Dead Sea Scrolls on the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Discovery”

*2016 FSU Graduate Student Conference* Tallahassee, FL  
 “Of Men or Angels?: A Physiognomic Reading of the Acts of Paul and Thecla”

*2015 Mormon Scholars Foundation Symposium* Provo, UT  
 “‘For their Benefit in their Experience & Travels in the Flesh’: Discerning Spirits in LDS Theology”

*2015 Faith and Knowledge Conference* Charlottesville, VA  
 “As it is Written: Insights into Scriptural Quotations in Latter-day Saint Authoritative Texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls”

*2015 FSU Graduate Student Conference* Tallahassee, FL  
 “Resisting the Forbidden Sin: Textual and Linguistic Substitutions for the Divine Name in Qumran Literature.”

*2015 TWU Graduate Student Conference* Langley, BC  
 “Quoting Scripture: Textual and Linguistic Alterations in Quotations of Deuteronomy in the Damascus Document.”

*2013 BYU Ancient Near East Symposium* Provo, UT  
 “Idol Remains: Remnants of the Opening of the Mouth Ritual in the Hebrew Bible.”  
 Annual Brigham Young University Students of the Ancient Near East Symposium. Provo, UT, 2013.

*2012 BYU Ancient Near East Symposium* Provo, UT  
 “Seeking to Find *raz nihveh* in the Book of Memorial: An Exegetical Analysis of the Connection of Wisdom and Apocalyptic Literature in 4QInstruction.”

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

*LDS Perspectives Podcast, Episode 102* 6 February 2019  
[“The Fourth Gospel”](#)

*LDS Perspectives Podcast, Episode 75* 14 February 2018  
[“The Dead Sea Scrolls”](#)

*Maxwell Institute Podcast, Episode 50* 2 August 2016  
[“The Summer Seminar on Mormon Culture, 2015”](#)

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**HONORS AND AWARDS****FSU GRADUATE ASSISTANSHIP (\$16,000) 2019-20**

Florida State University

**BYU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT (\$3,500) 2019-20**

Brigham Young University

**ICHE FELLOWSHIP FOR PHD RESEARCH (\$14,000) 2019**

The Israel Council for Higher Education

**ORION CENTER FOR DEAD SEA SCROLLS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (\$500) 2018-19**

Orion Center for Dead Sea Scrolls Scholarship, Hebrew University

**FSU GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH AWARD (\$14,000) 2018-19**

Florida State University

**BYU RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT (\$7,000) 2018-19**

Brigham Young University

**FSU GRADUATE ASSISTANSHIP (\$13,000) 2015-18**

Florida State University

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Florida State University

**BYU NT COMMENTARY GRANT (\$3,000) 2017**

John A. Widtsoe Foundation

**BYU NT COMMENTARY SEMINAR (\$3,000) 2016**

John A. Widtsoe Foundation

**MAXWELL INSTITUTE SEMINAR (\$3,000) 2015**

Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship

**CANADIAN RESEARCH CHAIR IN DEAD SEA SCROLLS FELLOW (\$10,000) 2014-15**

Peter Flint, Canadian Research Chair in Dead Sea Scrolls



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**PNW SBL GRADUATE ESSAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE** **2017**  
 Pacific Northwest SBL/AAR/ASOR Regional Meeting

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (\$5,000)** **2013**  
 Trinity Western University

**SIGMA IOTA RHO HONOR SOCIETY** **2013**  
 Brigham Young University

**BYU ANCIENT NEAR EAST ESSAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE** **2013**  
 Brigham Young University, Ancient Near Eastern Studies

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500)** **2012**  
 Brigham Young University

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE** **2012-19**

United States/Canada Pacific Northwest Region Student Advisory Board Representative (2014-15)

Society of Biblical Literature Student Advisory Board Network Coordinator for On-Campus Representatives (2016-17)

Society of Biblical Literature Student Advisory Board Vice-Chair (2017-18)

Society of Biblical Literature Student Advisory Board Chair (2018-19)

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR QUMRAN STUDIES** **2013-19**

**CANADIAN SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL STUDIES** **2014-19**

**MORMON HISTORY ASSOCIATION** **2012-19**

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