

# Dr. Robert D. Miller II, SFO

## **FORMAL EDUCATION**

2003, Postdoctoral courses in Mariology, International Marian Research Institute, The University of Dayton, Dayton, OH

1998, Ph.D. (M.A., 1991) in Biblical and Near Eastern Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1991-92, Graduate courses in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Church History, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

1989, Graduate courses in Historiography, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

1988, B.A. in Old World Archaeology, Kent State University, Kent, OH, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

## **POSITIONS HELD**

2008-present, Associate Professor of Old Testament, The Catholic University of America

1999-2008, (Assistant '99-'04) Associate ('05-) Professor of Scripture, Mount St. Mary's Seminary

1998-99, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Program for Religious Studies, West Virginia University

1996-98, Instructor in Old Testament, Ecce Homo Center for Biblical Formation, Jerusalem

1996, Junior Scholar-In-Residence, Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies, Jerusalem

1994-95, Adjunct Lecturer in Near Eastern Civilizations, Wayne College of the University of Akron, Orrville, Ohio

1994-95, Adjunct Lecturer in Hebrew Bible, The University of Michigan

1990-93, Teaching Assistant, Western Religions, The University of Michigan

## **VISITING POSITIONS HELD**

2003-08, Faculty, Seton Hall University International Institute for Clergy Formation Summer Institute for Priests

2005-08, Instructor, Catholic Distance University

2002, Visiting Faculty, Summer Institute, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

2001, Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, The University of Dayton

1997, Instructor in Old Testament, Jerusalem Semester Abroad Program, Notre Dame University

1997, Instructor, Intensive Training Program for Palestinian Guides, International Center of Bethlehem, Bethlehem (“Late Bronze and Iron Ages”)

### **SPECIAL HONORS AND AWARDS**

*(past ten years)*

2007, Presidential Scholarship Award, Mount St. Mary’s University

1998, Cross of the Holy Land, *ex aere*, Pontifical medal awarded by the Father Custos of the Holy Land

### **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

#### ***Major Publications***

“Israel’s Covenant in Ancient Near Eastern Context,” *Biblische Notizen* 139 (2008) 5-18.

“When Pharaohs Ruled: On the Translation of Judges 5:2,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 59 (2008): 650-54.

“Gentiles in the Psalter: Universalism without Mission,” *STULOS Theological Journal* 16.1 (May 2008): 25-34.

“Samuel the Chief,” *Polish Journal of Biblical Research* 7 (2008): 1-17.

*Syriac and Antiochian Exegesis and Biblical Theology for the 3rd Millennium* (edited volume), (Gorgias Precis Portfolio 3; Piscataway: Gorgias Press, 2008).

“Crossing the Sea: A Reconsideration of the Source Criticism of the Exodus,” *Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und Biblische Rechtsgeschichte* 13 (2007): 187-93.

“The Triumph of Grace in the Old Testament,” *Incarnate Word* 2 (2007): 455-84.

“Lineamenta for an Understanding of Israelite Monotheism,” *Bible Bhashyam* 32 (2006):124-34.

*Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC* (The Bible in Its World Series; Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Co., 2005).

“Yahweh and His Clio: Critical Theory and the Historical Criticism of the Hebrew Bible,” *Currents in Biblical Research* 4 (2005): 145-165.

“Quest for the Historical Israel” and “Cities and Villages,” in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, ed. W. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson (Issaquah, WA: InterVarsity Press, 2005).

“Reading Scripture in Communion with the Church Fathers,” *Downside Review* 432 (2005):205-209.

“Identifying Earliest Israel,” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 333 (2003):55-68

“How Post-Modernism (and W. F. Albright) Can Save Us from Malarkey,” *Bible and Interpretation* (online journal at [www.bibleinterp.com](http://www.bibleinterp.com)), November 2003.

“A Gazetteer of Iron I Sites in the Northcentral Highlands of Palestine,” pp. 143-218 in *Preliminary Excavation Reports and Other Archaeological Investigations*, ed. Nancy Lapp (Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research 56; Cambridge, MA: ASOR, 2003).

“Modeling the Farm in Early Iron Age Israel,” pp. 289-310 in *Life and Culture in the Ancient Near East*, ed. R. E. Averbeck, M. W. Chavalas, and D. B. Weisberg (Bethesda, MD: CDL Press, 2003).

“Popular, Ideological, and Textual Dimensions of Postexilic Judean Culture,” *Estudios Bíblicos* 60 (2002): 337-350.

“Deuteronomistic Theology in the Book of Judges?” *Old Testament Essays* 15 (2002): 411-416.

“The Greek Biblical Fragments from Qumran in Text-Critical Perspective,” *Bibbia e Oriente* 43/210 (2001): 235-248.

“From the Songs of Zion: A Literary Analysis of Psalms 113 and 137,” *Bulletin of Biblical Studies* 20 (2001): 38-51.

“Moses and Mendenhall in Traditio-Historical Perspective,” *Irish Biblical Studies* 23 (2001): 146-66.

“Terra sancta: the Christian holy places of Jerusalem,” *Dialogue & Alliance* 15 (2001): 63-79.

“Survey of Overlooked Potential Iron I Sites in North-Central Palestine,” *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 132 (2000): 157-168.

“The Form-Critical Problem of Moses' Call,” *Proceedings of the Eastern Great Lakes and Midwest Biblical Society* 15 (1995): 113-19.

### ***Minor Publications***

“Tales from the Archives,” *Albright Institute for Archaeological Research Newsletter* 6 (2001).

“The Ten (Not-so-) Lost Tribes and the Five Lost Husbands,” *Holy Land* 20.4 (2000): 28-32.

“Ephraim” (p.416), “Ebenezer” (p.373), “Jokmeam” (p.729) and “Joknear” (p.729), in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. D. N. Freedman, A. Beck, and A. Myers (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2000).

“Daily Life in the Days of Samuel,” *Holy Land* 19.3 (1999): 3-6.

“Judas (not Iscariot),” “Jonadab (2 Sam 13),” “Phaltiel,” and “Sacred Stone (Acts 19)” in *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* 6 vols., (Garden City: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1992).

Various book reviews for *Interpretation*, *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, *Near Eastern Archaeologist*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Biblical Interpretation*, and *Mid-Stream*.

### ***Scholarly Presentations not Subsequently Published***

“The Origin of the Zion Hymns,” paper presented at the Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense (August 2008)

“Gentiles in the Psalms: Mission without Missionaries,” paper presented to the Oxford Old Testament Seminar (May 2008)

“Gentiles in the Zion Hymns: Canaanite Myth and Christian Mission,” Montagu Barker Lecture, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (June 2008)

“Handmaid of the Lord: Servant of Yahweh? The Virgin Mary as *Isaiah's* ‘Servant,’” lecture presented to the Oxford University Newman Society (June 2008) and at Mount St. Mary’s University Bicentennial Marian Symposium (October 2008)

“New Cultural History and the Zion Hymns as Constructive of Identity,” paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (San Diego, 2007)

“The Israelite Credo in Assyriological Context,” paper presented to the University of Durham Research Seminar in Old Testament (Durham, UK, October 2006) and to the Hebrew Studies Unit of the Oriental Institute, Oxford University (Oxford, November 2006)

“Many Roads Lead Eastward: Overtures to Catholic Biblical Theology,” paper presented at Symposium on “Historical-Critical Method and Scripture, the Soul of Theology” (Emmitsburg, June 2006)

“The Biblical Rebirth of Mariology,” address to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron (Akron, OH, August 2005).

“17th and 18th Century Interpretation of the Samaritan Pentateuch,” paper read at the Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Regional Meeting (Toronto, February 1993).

“Serial Hierarchy in Tribal Mesopotamia,” paper read at American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting (San Francisco, November 1992).

### ***Forthcoming Publications***

“Pilgrimage,” forthcoming in *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009), vol. 4.

“A ‘New Cultural History’ of Early Israel,” in *Israel in Transition: From Late Bronze II to Iron IIA (c. 1250-850 BCE): Volume 2*, ed. Lester L. Grabbe (European Seminar in Historical Methodology 8; New York: T & T Clark International)

“The ‘Biography’ of Moses in the Pentateuch” in *Moses: A History of Reception, 2nd-15th Century*, ed. Jane Beal (Commentaria Series; Leiden: E. J. Brill, forthcoming).

“A Tale of Two Villages: A Microhistory of Early Israel,” forthcoming in *Near Eastern Archaeologist* 72 (2009)

“Gentiles in the Zion Hymns: Canaanite Myth and Christian Mission,” forthcoming in *Transformations*.

*Covenant and Grace in the Old Testament: Assyrian Propaganda and Israelite Faith*, under review by LIT Verlag Munster.

“The Zion Hymns as Instruments of Power,” under submission to *Ancient Near Eastern Studies*.

## **EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT**

*(past ten years)*

2006-08, Academic Visitor, Campion Hall, Oxford University

2006-07, Visiting Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Judaic Studies

2006, Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society

## **SERVICE**

### ***Ecclesial Community***

2006-present, Member, Board of Control of the *New American Bible*

2007, Censor Librorum for *Matthew* by Stephen Roe (Word Among Us Press), Archdiocese of Baltimore

2005-07, 2009 Censor, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Ad Hoc* Committee for the Review of Scripture Translations

2001-08, Presenter, Catholic Education Ministries Center of Central Maryland, Archdiocese of Baltimore Church Leadership Institute, and Diocese of Harrisburg catechetical conferences

2005-06, Consultant to the Coordinator of the Apostolic Visitation of U.S. Seminaries and Houses of Formation

2005, *Peritus* to the International Congress for Bishops on the Fortieth Anniversary of *Dei Verbum*, Rome

2003, Consultant for the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions “*Ad Hoc* Committee for the *Lectionary for Mass* Review,” initiated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on the Liturgy

2002, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine focus group on Catholic use of the Bible, commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

1999-2005, Minister, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Secular Franciscan Fraternity

1995-present, Presented sessions on Scripture for various adult religious education groups at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Gettysburg PA; St. Mary’s Parish, Mansfield OH; St. Bernadette Parish, Severn MD; St. John Parish, Westminster MD; St. Bartholomew Parish, Manchester MD; St. Thomas More Parish, Kidlington, England; St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish, Woodstock, England; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Thurmont MD; and St. Anthony Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg MD

### ***Campus***

2008-09, School of Theology and Religious Studies Library Committee, The Catholic University of America

2007-08, Administrator for Theological Book Fund, Mount St. Mary's Seminary

2006-08, Mount St. Mary's University Compensation Analysis Committee

2005, Wabash Institute / Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Working Group on Educating Clergy

2004-06, Mount St. Mary's Seminary Pontifical Degree Committee

2003-present, Mount St. Mary's Seminary Faculty Affairs Committee

2002-08, Chair, Department of Sacred Scripture, Mount St. Mary's Seminary

1999-2000, 2002-08, Mount St. Mary's Seminary Academic Committee

2003-04, Mount St. Mary's College Chaplain Search Committee

2000-01, TIAA-CREF Research Panel

2000, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary Budget Advisory Committee, Mount St. Mary's Seminary Budget Committee

1999-2002, Mount St. Mary's Seminary ATS Re-accreditation Subcommittee for Research and Learning and Theological Curriculum, chair of Theological Curriculum Task Force

### ***Discipline***

2007, External referee, *Bible and Critical Theory* journal.

2006-07, Member, Oxford Old Testament Seminar.

2006-07, Deuteronomistic History Section Chair, Society of Biblical Literature Midatlantic Regional meeting.

2006, Organizer and Host, one-day symposium on the Historical Critical Method and Catholic Biblical Theology, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

2005, External grant reviewer, Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences.

2004, Organizer and Host, one-day symposium on Syriac/Antiochian Exegesis and Biblical Theology, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

2004, Moderator, Baltimore/Washington Regional Catholic Biblical Association annual meeting.

2000-03, Member, American Schools of Oriental Research Board of Trustees. Member, Board Committee on Institutional Membership.

1999-2001, Founder and Chair, American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting Section on Anthropological Archaeology in the Levant.

1997-98, Program Coordinator and Archivist, W. F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem.

1996-97, Pottery Manager, Research Excavations at Khirbet Birzeit, Palestinian Institute of Archaeology, Birzeit University.

1994-95, Lead Project Consultant, *Anchor Bible Dictionary on CD-ROM*. Bantam, Doubleday, Dell Publishing Group.

1989-90, Editorial Assistant, *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. D. N. Freedman, ed. 6 vols. Doubleday and Co., Inc.

1986, summer volunteer, Caesarea Land Investigation Project, Caesarea Maritima, Israel.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Catholic Biblical Association

Society of Biblical Literature

American Schools of Oriental Research

European Seminar on Methodology in Israel's History (invited member)

European Association of Biblical Studies

Society for Old Testament Study (Great Britain; elected member)

Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages

The Ekklesia Project

Catholic Biblical Federation (Corresponding Member)