

# Jennie Grillo

## Employment

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Assistant Professor, Theology Department, University of Notre Dame, 2018-

Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Divinity School, Duke University, 2013-18

Five College Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Amherst College and UMass Amherst, 2012-13

DAAD Postdoctoral Scholar in the Sofja-Kovalevskaja Research Group 'Unity and Diversity in Early Jewish Monotheisms', Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 2011-12

Harvard College Fellow in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2010-11

Kennicott Fellow in Hebrew, Oriental Institute, Oxford, 2008-10

Junior Research Fellow, Worcester College, Oxford, 2009-10

## Education

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### **Oxford University**

- DPhil in Oriental Studies, 2010 (Thesis: 'The Story of Israel in the Book of Qohelet')
- MSt in Classical Hebrew (with Distinction), 2006
- BA in English Language and Literature (First Class), 1994

### **Princeton University**

- Oxford-Princeton Partnership Visiting Student, 2008

## Publications

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### **Book**

*The Story of Israel in The Book of Qohelet: Ecclesiastes as Cultural Memory* (Oxford University Press, 2012) – awarded a Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2014

### **Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters**

1. '“From a Far Country”: Daniel in Deutero-Isaiah’s Babylon’ – *Journal of Biblical Literature* 136 (2017), 363-80.
2. 'Showing Seeing in Susanna: The Virtue of the Text', *Prooftexts* 35 (2015), 250-70.
3. 'Wisdom Literature' in John Barton, ed., *The Hebrew Bible: A Critical Companion* (Princeton University Press, 2016), 183-205.
4. 'The Eastern king in the Hebrew Bible: novelistic motifs in early Jewish literature', in Tim Whitmarsh, ed., *The Romance Between Greece and the East* (CUP, 2013), 183-95.
5. 'The Bad King in the Hebrew Bible', in Hester Schadee and Nikos Panou, eds., *Evil Lords: Theory and Representation from Antiquity to the Renaissance* (OUP, forthcoming 2018).

[ 'The Entire Place Had Become Fire': Heavenly Worship in Greek Daniel 3': accepted for publication in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* ]

## Other articles

6. ‘ “You will forget your ancient shame”: the innocence of Susanna and the vindication of Israel’, in Katherine E. Southwood and Martien Halvorson-Taylor, eds., *Women and Exilic Identity in the Hebrew Bible* (Bloomsbury, 2017), 7-22.
7. ‘Seeing Silence: Susanna’s Christological Quiet’, *Anglican Theological Review* 99 (2017), 741-52.
8. ‘Qohelet and the Marks of Modernity: Reading Ecclesiastes with Matthew Arnold and Charles Taylor’, *Religions* 7 (2016) .
9. ‘Is patristic exegesis good for Old Testament scholarship? Jerome and Gregory of Nyssa on Ecclesiastes’, in John Jarick, ed., *Ancient Israelite Wisdom* (Bloomsbury, 2016), 232-53.
10. ‘Qohelet’s Israel in Jerome’s *Commentarius in Ecclesiasten*’, in Katherine Dell and Will Kynes, eds., *Reading Ecclesiastes Intertextually* (T&T Clark, 2014), 240-52.
11. ‘Worship and idolatry in the book of Daniel through the lens of Tertullian’s *De idololatria*’, in Nathan MacDonald and Kenneth Brown, eds., *Monotheism in Late Prophetic and Early Apocalyptic Literature* (Mohr Siebeck, 2014), 247-62.
12. ‘Ecclesiastes’ in Samuel Adams and Matthew Goff, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to Wisdom Literature* (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming).
13. ‘The Envelope and the Halo: Reading Susanna Allegorically’, *Interpretation* (forthcoming).
14. ‘ “Feasts fly to those who fast”: Fasting and Almsgiving in the Early Church’s Book of Daniel’, contribution to a Festschrift (forthcoming).

## Book reviews and encyclopedia articles

- Michael E. Stone, *Ancient Judaism: New Visions and Views* (Eerdmans, 2011) – *Hebrew Studies* 54 (2013), 411-13.
- T.A. Perry, *God’s Twilight Zone: Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible* (Hendrickson, 2008) – *Journal of Theological Studies* 62 (2011), 665-66.
- Craig G. Bartholomew, *Ecclesiastes* (Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms. Baker, 2009) – *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 32 (2010), 101-03.
- Nicolas Wyatt, ‘*There’s such divinity doth hedge a king*’: *Selected essays of Nicolas Wyatt on royal ideology in Ugaritic and Old Testament literature* (Ashgate, 2005) – *Journal of Theological Studies* 59 (2008), 728-30.
- A. Schoors, *The Preacher Sought to Find Pleasing Words: A Study of the Language of Qoheleth. Part II: Vocabulary* (Peeters, 2004) – *Vetus Testamentum* 58 (2008), 142-43.
- Katharine Dell, *The Book of Proverbs in Social and Theological Context* (CUP, 2006) – *Themelios* 33 (2008), 70-71.
- Yee Von Koh, *Royal Autobiography in the Book of Qoheleth* (de Gruyter, 2006) – *SOTS Book List* (2007).
- ‘Ecclesiastes’ in *Encyclopaedia of Ancient History*, eds. Roger Bagnall et al. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).

## Major awards

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- National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2017-18
- Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, 2017-18
- ACLS Fellowship, 2015-16
- Rare Book School Mellon Fellowship in Critical Bibliography, 2015-17
- Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2014
- DAAD Postdoctoral Scholarship, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 2011-12
- UK Arts & Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award, 2006-9
- UK Arts & Humanities Research Council Master's Award, 2005-6

## Other awards and grants

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- Honorable Mention, SBL David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship, 2016.
- Visiting Fellow, Cambridge University Center for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (declined), 2016.
- George A. Barton Fellowship, Albright Institute for Archaeological Research (declined), 2015.
- Duke Intellectual Community Planning Grant, Principal Investigator (Lives of Religious Books group and conference), 2015.
- SIAS Summer Institute 'Scenes from the History of the Image' (National Humanities Center/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin), 2013-14.
- American Academy for Jewish Research Early Career Faculty Workshop, 2013.
- Harvard Certificate of Teaching Excellence, 2011.
- DAAD Doctoral Research Grant, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 2009.
- Honorary Senior Scholarship, New College, Oxford, 2005
- College Scholarship, New College, Oxford, 1991

## Select invited papers and lectures

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- Panelist for 'Secretaries of Praise: Poetry, Song, and Theology,' Duke Initiatives in Theology and the Arts, September 2017.
- 'Reading Resurrection in the Tales of Daniel', Tyndale Fellowship Old Testament Plenary Lecture, Tyndale House, Cambridge, July 2017.
- 'Script and Sequence in the Stories of Daniel', Duke-UNC Center for Late Ancient Studies Spring symposium, March 2017.
- 'Afterlives and Otherworlds in the Tales of Daniel', SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2016.
- 'Resurrection in the Additions to Daniel', SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2015.
- "'You will forget your ancient shame": The innocence of Susanna and the vindication of Israel', SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2014.
- 'Reading Susanna Allegorically', SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2014.
- 'City-lament and Collective Memory in Qohelet/Ecclesiastes', UMass Amherst, March 2013.
- 'The Fall of Jerusalem through the Eyes of Solomon: City-Lament and Collective Memory', University of Minnesota Center for Jewish Studies, December 2012.
- Graduate seminar guest lecture on *The Story of Israel in the Book of Qohelet*, Harvard University, November 2012.
- 'The Book of Qohelet', Smith College, November 2012.
- 'Qohelet's Israel in Jerome's *Commentarius in Ecclesiasten*', SBL International Meeting, Amsterdam, June 2012.
- 'Worship and idolatry in the book of Daniel through the lens of Tertullian's *De idololatria*', Conference on Monotheism in Late Prophetic and Apocalyptic Literature, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, June 2012.
- 'Wisdom Literature in the Hebrew Bible', Mount Holyoke College, April 2011.
- 'A king like the other nations: the Oriental despot in the Hebrew Bible', Princeton Classics/History/Politics conference, 'The Second Day of the Bad King', March 2011.
- 'Two words in Qohelet', Harvard Semitic Philology Workshop, December 2010.
- 'The Eastern king in the Hebrew Bible: novelistic motifs in early Jewish literature', The Romance Between Greece and the East (Arts & Humanities Research Council conference), Oxford, December 2009.

- 'The Jewish identity of Ecclesiastes: collective memory in Qohelet's closing poem', Hebrew and Jewish Studies Unit Seminar in Jewish Studies, Oriental Institute, Oxford, November 2008.

#### Research languages

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Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Greek, Latin, German, French, Italian.

#### Teaching experience

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##### **Duke Divinity School**

- Introduction to Old Testament Interpretation
- Wisdom Literature and Christian Spirituality
- Hebrew Wisdom Literature
- Biblical Prayer
- Hebrew Prose Narrative
- Hebrew Poetry
- Scripture and Tradition: Reception History in Theory and Practice

##### **Amherst College/ UMass Amherst**

- Close Reading: Ecclesiastes in translation and in Jewish and Christian interpretation
- Biblical Tales and Legends: stories from the Hebrew Bible, rabbinic literature, and Hellenistic Judaism

##### **Harvard University**

- Aramaic A: the Bible, Elephantine, and texts from the Judean desert (awarded Certificate of Teaching Excellence)
- Aramaic B: Qumran, Targums, and Palestinian Jewish Aramaic
- Historical Grammar of Hebrew

##### **Oxford University**

- Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
- Readings in Proverbs
- Ancient Near Eastern Creation Narratives
- Readings in Qohelet
- The Psalter in History and Tradition
- Hebrew Inscriptions
- Hebrew for Beginners
- Intermediate Hebrew: Prose Composition

#### Professional service

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- Manuscript/proposal reviewer for *Journal of Theological Studies*; *Jewish History*; *Journal of Law, Religion and State*; *Harvard Theological Review*; *Journal of Theological Interpretation*; Oxford University Press; Wiley-Blackwell; Eerdmans; Brepols; European Association of Biblical Studies; National Humanities Center.
- Editorial Board member, *Journal of Theological Interpretation*.
- Series Editor, Eerdmans Theological Commentaries and *Beiträge zur Geschichte der biblischen Exegese* (Mohr Siebeck).
- Senior Fellow and evaluator, Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography at Rare Book School, UVA.
- Steering Committee member, Duke Theology, the Arts and Modernity Project.

- Organizer, 'Lives of Religious Books' conference, Duke University, 3-4 April 2016.
- Co-Director, Duke Divinity School MTS program.
- Dissertation committees: Mari Jørstad, Diana Abernethy.
- Duke Divinity School Curriculum Committee, Academic Policies Committee, MTS and MDiv Applications Reader, Graduate Program in Religion PhD Admissions Committee, PhD/ThD Examiner in French 2016-17, Moderator for Duke Graduate Conference in Theology 2017; Panelist for Faculty Workshop on Fellowships, April 2018.