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Instructor, Program in Religion
College of the Humanities, Carleton University

EDUCATION: University of California, San Diego
Major: The History of Israel in the Biblical Period
Minor: (a) Ancient Near Eastern History and Religions
(b) The Bible in Western Literature
Ph.D., December 2002 Department of History, University of California, San Diego
Dissertation: "Now You See It, Now You Don't: Biblical Perspectives
on the Relationship Between Magic and Religion"
M.A., December 1999 Judaic Studies, University of California, San Diego
B.A. (Honours), May 1995 Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Hebrew Bible in the ancient Near East
- Ancient Near Eastern and biblical mythology and historiography
- Archaeology of religion; goddess worship and iconography in the ancient Near East
- The development of monotheism
- Syro-Canaanite religions in text and archaeology
- History of biblical interpretation in Judaism and Christianity
- Gender and Feminist Studies of the Bible and Western religions
- The Bible in Western culture

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Provost's Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, Carleton University, May 2013.
Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, Eleanor Roosevelt College, University of California, San Diego, 2006.
University of California Faculty Fellowship Award, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, University of California, San Diego, September 2002 -June 2004.
Regional Scholar Award, Society for Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Region, March 2002.
Wexler Family Fellowship, Program in Judaic Studies, University of California, San Diego, July 2001.
Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, University of California, San Diego, July 2000-June 2001.
Summer Teaching Fellowship, Senior Vice Chancellor, UC San Diego, July - August 2000.
Travel Awards, Department of History, University of California, San Diego, September 1999, 2000, 2001.
Travel Grant, Women's Caucus, Association for Jewish Studies, October 1999.
Dita Gumpel Fellowship, Program in Judaic Studies, University of California, San Diego, September 1996.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2017-2018 Instructor, Program in Religion, College of the Humanities, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

2011-2017 Adjunct Research Professor and Contract Instructor, College of the Humanities and Program in Religion, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

2010-2017 Visiting Adjunct Professor, School of Religion, Queen's University, Canada.

2016-2018 Scholar-In-Residence, Adath Shalom Congregation, Ottawa, Canada.

2012-2014 Assistant Director, Max & Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies, Carleton University.

2006-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Program in Jewish Studies, Northeastern University, Boston MA.

2000-2006:

Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University.

Lecturer, Program in Judaic Studies, University of California, San Diego.

Lecturer, Department of Literature, Program for the Study of Religion, University of California, San Diego.

Lecturer, Eleanor Roosevelt College's "The Making of the Modern World" Writing Program, UC San Diego.

Lecturer, Revelle College's "Humanities" Writing Program, University of California, San Diego.

Other Academic Positions:

Scholar-in-Residence, Adath Shalom Congregation, Ottawa, Canada, 2016-2018

Manuscript and proposal reviewer for Oxford University Press and Routledge, 2015.

2014 – Consultant/Interviewee on History Channel series *The Bible Rules*

Editorial Assistant to David Noel Freedman, Editor, Anchor Bible Commentary Series and Anchor Bible Reference Library, May 1998-January 2001.

PUBLICATIONS: Books

Dolansky, Shawna, and Richard Elliott Friedman, *The Bible Now*, Oxford University Press, June 2011.

Dolansky, Shawna, *Now You See It, Now You Don't: Biblical Perspectives on the Relationship Between Religion and Magic*, Pryor Pettengill Press, Eisenbrauns, 2008.

Dolansky, Shawna (Editor), *Sacred History, Sacred Literature: Essays on Ancient Israel, The Bible, and Religion in Honor of R.E. Friedman on his 60th Birthday*, Eisenbrauns, 2008.

PUBLICATIONS: Articles

Dolansky, Shawna, "Rejecting 'Patriarchy': Feminism in Biblical Scholarship," in *As It Is Written: Writing and Scribalism in Social Perspective*. Ed. Mark Leuchter. Hebrew Bible in Social Perspective. London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming (2017).

Dolansky, Shawna, "Re-Figuring Fertility Figurines From Biblical Judah: Fetishistic Functions of the Feminine Form," *Between Israelite Religion and Old Testament Theology: Essays on Archaeology, History, and Hermeneutics*, Robert Miller ed., Peeter's Press, 2016.

Dolansky, Shawna, "The Multiple Truths of Myths," *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Jan-Feb 2016, pp. 18 & 60.

Dolansky, Shawna, "Deuteronomy 34, The Death of Moses, Not of Source Criticism," *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 133, no. 3 (2014): 669-676.

Dolansky, Shawna, "Syria-Canaan" in *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Barbette E. Spaeth, Cambridge, 2013; pp. 55-75.

Dolansky, Shawna, “Parshat Korah” in *The Women’s Torah Commentary*, T. C. Eskenazi and A. L. Weiss, eds., Union of Reform Judaism Press, 2008; pp. 893-908.

Dolansky, Shawna, and Risa Levitt Kohn, “Parshat Vayishlah” in *The Women’s Torah Commentary*, T. C. Eskenazi and A. L. Weiss, eds., Union of Reform Judaism Press, 2008; pp. 183-201.

Friedman, Richard E., and Shawna Dolansky, “Pentateuch,” in *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, F. Skolnik and M. Berenbaum, eds., Thomson Gale Press, 2007; pp. 730-751.

Dolansky, Shawna, “A Goddess in the Garden?” in *Milk and Honey: Essays on Ancient Israel and the Bible in Appreciation of the Judaic Studies Program at the University of California, San Diego*, eds. S. Malena and D. Miano, Eisenbrauns, 2006; pp. 3-21.

Freedman, David Noel, Shawna Dolansky, and David Miano, translation of ancient Hebrew inscription in “The ‘Smoking Guns’ are Illusory,” in *Biblical Archaeology Review* March/April 2004; pp. 50-51.

Freedman, David Noel, and Shawna Dolansky “Omitting the Omissions: The Case for Haplography in the Hebrew Bible,” in *‘Imagining’ Biblical Worlds: Studies in Spatial, Social, and Historical Constructs in Honour of James W. Flanagan*,” eds. David M. Gunn and Paula McNutt, Bloomsbury, 2002; pp. 99-116.

Friedman, Richard E., and Shawna Dolansky, “After-life: The Biblical Silence,” in *Judaism in Late Antiquity, Part 4: Death, Life-After-Death, Resurrection and the World-to-Come in the Judaisms of Antiquity*, eds. A. J. Avery-Peck and J. Neusner, Brill, Leiden, 2000; pp. 35-59.

Occasional columns on the Huffington Post (<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shawna-dolansky>).

2014-2017: occasional essays on <http://thetorah.com>, Biblical Archaeology Society’s daily blog <http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/biblehistorydaily/> and the Society for Biblical Literature’s bibleodyssey.org.

2016-2017: I am part of a small group of scholars invited to contribute lesson plans to the SBL’s Educational Resources and Review Committee for use in high school curricula on the Bible and the ancient Near East in the United States.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

“What is Gendered Historiography and How Do You Do It?” Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2016.

“Rejecting Patriarchy: On Clarifying the Objectives of Feminist Biblical Scholarship,” Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2014.

“The Judean Pillar Figurines: Interpreting Iconography,” Society for Biblical Literature, Boston, November 2008.

“Text and Context: Considerations on the Iconography of Goddesses in Ancient Israel,” Society for Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2007.

“Ritual Turf Wars: Understanding the Biblical Ban on Magic and Divination,” Society for Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, November 2005.

“Now You See It, Now You Don’t: Drawing a Line Between ‘Magic’ and ‘Ritual’ in the Torah,” Society for Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2003.

“The Goddess in the Garden: Transformative Mythology in the Pentateuch,” Society for Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Region, Claremont, March 2002. *Awarded Regional Scholarship.*

“Now You See It, Now You Don’t: Finding and Defining Magic in the Hebrew Bible,” Society for Biblical Literature, Denver, November 2001.

“The Disappearance of the Goddess,” Society for Biblical Literature, Nashville, November 2000.

“Asherah and Transformative Mythology in the Hebrew Bible,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, December 1999.

PROFESSIONAL LECTURES BY INVITATION:

“A Goddess in the Garden? The Fall of Eve,” “Genesis as Myth and History,” and “The Bible, God, and Sex,” a 3-part lecture series on the Hebrew Bible sponsored by the Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies at Carleton University, Ottawa, February 2012.

“The Bible Now,” a one-hour teaching session (jointly with co-author Richard E. Friedman), for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, online at their website: ccarnet.org. November 1, 2011.

“Re-Figuring "Fertility" Figurines: Fetishistic Functions of the Feminine Form,” presented at American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, November 2009, New Orleans, LA as part of a panel on “Voodoo Dolls of the Ancient Near East.”

“Female Figurines from Biblical Israel: Issues in Interpreting Iconography,” for Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, Manhattan, NY, October 2008.

“Finding Goddesses and Matriarchies in the Archaeological Record,” public lecture sponsored by the program in Jewish Studies, Northeastern University, March 2007.

“The Fall of Eve,” presented to Religious Studies Department at Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, January 2006.

“A Goddess in the Garden?” presented to Religious Studies Department at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, January 2006.

“The Fall of Eve,” presented to Department of Philosophy and Religion, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York, January 2006.

“The Fall of Eve,” presented at Cornell University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, February 2005.

“A Goddess in the Garden? The Fall of Eve and the Rise of Monotheism,” delivered at Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, February 2004.

Community lectures by invitation are too numerous to list here, ranging between three and eight per year from 2003 to the present: please see shawnadolansky.com for a complete list of lecture topics.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

I served as the Regional Coordinator for the New England & Eastern Canada region of the Society for Biblical Literature (2008 to 2014), responsible for chairing the regional committee, handling the regional budget, reporting to the national Society for Biblical Literature, and organizing a conference involving 100-150 scholars every spring for the New England & Eastern Canada region.

I currently serve (2017-2019) on the editorial board of BibleOdyssey.org, an educational website produced by the Society of Biblical Literature.

An interview with me is featured on the Society for Biblical Literature's website at <http://www.sbl-site.org/membership/SBLinterviews.aspx>.

I co-chaired a program unit at SBL (2016) on Feminism and Gender in Historical-Critical Biblical Studies.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

Society of Biblical Literature

New England and Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

Association for Jewish Studies

American Academy of Religion

LANGUAGES

Fluent Spoken/Written: English, French, Biblical Hebrew

Intermediate, Written: Biblical Greek, Akkadian, Biblical Aramaic, Ugaritic, Modern Hebrew, German, Spanish

Elementary, Written: Classical Arabic, Phoenician, Ancient Egyptian