

## Will J. Kynes

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### Employment

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Associate Professor, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies, Samford University (Aug 2019–)  
Associate Professor, Theology Department, Whitworth University (2017–2019)  
*Visiting Scholar, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia (Jan–May 2019)*  
*Smithsonian Senior Fellow, National Museum of African American History and Culture (Sep–Dec 2018)*  
*Visiting Scholar, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America (Sep–Dec 2018)*  
*Assistant Director, George Whitworth Honors Program (Jan–June 2018)*  
Assistant Professor, Theology Department, Whitworth University (2013–2017)  
Departmental Lecturer in Old Testament Studies, Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford (2012–2013) *Equivalent to Visiting Assistant Professor*  
Stipendiary Lecturer in Old Testament, St Peter's College, University of Oxford (2012–2013)  
Liddon Research Fellow and Tutor in Theology, Keble College, University of Oxford (2011–2013)  
Affiliate Lecturer, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge (2011)  
Research Associate, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics (2011–2012)

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### Education

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Ph.D., Divinity (Old Testament/Hebrew Bible), University of Cambridge, United Kingdom (Oct 2008–Nov 2011)  
Supervisor: Dr. Katharine Dell  
Examiners: Prof. John Barton (Oxford); Prof. Graham Davies (Cambridge)  
Thesis title: *My Psalm Has Turned into Weeping: The Dialogical Intertextuality of Allusions to the Psalms in Job*  
Additional Studies in University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany (Oct–Nov 2010)  
Hosted by Prof. Manfred Oeming  
M.Litt. *with distinction*, Theological Interpretation of Scripture, University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom (2007–2008)  
Supervisors: Dr. Mark Elliott and Dr. Nathan MacDonald  
Dissertation, *with distinction*: *The Limits of "Wisdom": The Song of Songs, Job, and "Wisdom Literature" (15,000 words)*  
M.Div., Biblical and Theological Studies, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky (2005–2007)  
B.A., English, minor Religious Studies, *with distinction*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (1999–2003)

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### Grants and Awards

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Manfred Lautenschläger Award for Theological Promise, Research Center of International and Interdisciplinary Theology, University of Heidelberg, Germany, 2015 (\$3,000)  
PC(USA) Teaching the Bible Grant, 2017 (\$10,000)

## Curriculum Vitae ~ Kynes

Grant from the Templeton Religion Trust to participate in a seminar on wisdom and adversity at Fordham University, June 14–16, 2017 (\$2,000)

### **Whitworth University**

Hugh Johnston Interdisciplinary Research Grant for research at the Smithsonian Institution, 2018 (\$5,360)

Outstanding Integration of Vocation in the Classroom, 2017

Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning Research Grant, 2017 (\$2,000)

Provost's Junior Faculty Award, 2016

Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2016 (\$2,000)

Provost's Award for Scholarly Promise, 2015 (\$3,000)

Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning Research Grant, 2014 (\$2,000)

### **University of Cambridge**

Grant from the Alasdair Charles Macpherson Fund and Divinity (German Language) Fund for study at the University of Heidelberg, 2010

Grants from the Robert Sloley Fund and the Dorothy Garrod Memorial Trust for an archaeological dig in Ramat Rahel, Israel in July 2009

Grants from the Bethune Baker Fund to present papers at the Society of Biblical Literature, 2009, 2010, 2011

### **University of Virginia**

Wagenheim Memorial Scholarship in English, 2003 (\$1,000)

## **Publications**

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### **Authored Books**

*The Meaning Between: An Introduction to Biblical Intertextuality*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, in preparation.

*An Obituary for "Wisdom Literature": The Birth, Death, and Intertextual Reintegration of a Biblical Corpus*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.

*My Psalm Has Turned into Weeping: Job's Dialogue with the Psalms*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft 437. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2012. [Awarded Manfred Lautenschläger Award for Theological Promise]

### **Edited volumes**

*The Oxford Handbook of Wisdom and Wisdom Literature*. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2020.

Edited with Katharine Dell. *Reading Proverbs Intertextually*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 629. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2019.

Edited with Katharine Dell. *Reading Ecclesiastes Intertextually*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 587. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014.

Edited with Katharine Dell. *Reading Job Intertextually*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 574. New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2013.

### **Journal Articles**

"Morality and Mortality: The Dialogical Interpretation of Psalm 90 in the Book of Job." *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* (forthcoming 2019).

Kidd, Ian James, Will Kynes, Laura E. R. Blackie, and Kate C. McLean “Narratives of Adversity and Wisdom in Ancient Ethical and Spiritual Texts.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* (in press, forthcoming 2019).

“The ‘Wisdom Literature’ Category: An Obituary.” *Journal of Theological Studies* 69 (2018): 1–24.

“The Trials of Job: Re-litigating Job’s ‘Good Case’ in Christian Interpretation.” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 66 (2013): 174–91.

“God, Justice, and Society: An Overview.” *Political Theology* 14 (2013): 589–601.

“My Psalm Has Turned into Weeping: The Dialogical Intertextuality of Allusions to the Psalms in Job.” *Tyndale Bulletin* 63 (2012): 317–19.

“Beat Your Parodies into Swords, and Your Parodied Books into Spears: A New Paradigm for Parody in the Hebrew Bible.” *Biblical Interpretation* 19 (2011): 276–310.

### Essays in Multi-Authored Volumes

“*Weisheit* and Job.” In *Fifty Years of Wisdom: Gerhard von Rad and the Study of the Wisdom Literature*. Edited by Timothy J. Sandoval and Bernd Schipper. Ancient Israel and Its Literature. Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, in preparation.

“Job.” In *The Cambridge Companion to the Biblical Wisdom Literature*. Edited by Katharine Dell with Arthur Keefer and Suzanna Millar. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in preparation.

“Wisdom and Wisdom Literature: Past, Present, and Future.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Wisdom and Wisdom Literature*. Edited by Will Kynes. New York: Oxford University Press, in preparation.

“Proverbs.” In *The Oxford Bible Commentary*. Edited by Katharine Dell and David Lincicum. Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press (19,500 words).

“Debating Suffering: The Voices of Lamentations Personified in Job’s Dialogue.” In *Reading Lamentations Intertextually*. Edited by Heath Thomas and Brittany Melton. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, in press, forthcoming 2019.

“Wisdom Defined in Narration and Intertextual Networks: Proverbs and 1 Kings 1–11.” Pages 35–47 in *Reading Proverbs Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 629. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2019.

“‘Wisdom’ as Mask and Mirror: Methodological Questions for ‘Wisdom’s’ Dialogue with the Canon.” Pages 19–29 in *Riddles and Revelations: Explorations into the Relationship between Wisdom and Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible*. Edited by Mark J. Boda, Russel L. Meek, and Rusty Osborne. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 634. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2018.

“The Nineteenth-Century Beginnings of ‘Wisdom Literature,’ and Its Twenty-first-Century End?” Pages 83–108 in *Perspectives on Israelite Wisdom: Proceedings of the Oxford Old Testament Seminar*. Edited by John Jarick. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 618. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016.

“The Modern Scholarly Wisdom Tradition and the Threat of Pan-Sapientialism: A Case Report.” Pages 11–38 in *Is There a Wisdom Tradition? New Prospects in Israelite Wisdom Studies*. Edited by Mark Sneed. Ancient Israel and Its Literature 23. Atlanta: SBL, 2015.

“Reading Job Following the Psalms.” Pages 131–45 in *The Shape of the Writings*. Edited by Julius Steinberg and Timothy J. Stone. Siphut 16. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2015.

“Follow Your Heart and Do Not Say It Was a Mistake: Qoheleth’s Allusions to Numbers 15 and the Story of the Spies.” Pages 15–27 in *Reading Ecclesiastes Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 587. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014.

## Curriculum Vitae ~ Kynes

“Intertextuality: Method and Theory in Job and Psalm 119.” Pages 201–13 in *Biblical Interpretation and Method: Essays in Honour of John Barton*. Edited by Katharine J. Dell and Paul M. Joyce. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Job and Isaiah 40–55: Intertextualities in Dialogue.” Pages 94–105 in *Reading Job Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 574. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2013.

“Lament Personified: Job in the *Bedeutungsnetz* of Psalm 22.” Pages 34–48 in *Spiritual Complaint: Theology and Practice of Lament*. Edited by Tim Bulkeley and Miriam Bier. Eugene, OR.: Wipf & Stock, 2013.

### Dictionary and Encyclopedia Articles

“Satan.” Pages 264–67 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology*. Edited by Samuel Balentine, Clifton Black, Katharine Dell, Andreas Schuele, and Jerry Sumney. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015 (2,000 words).

34 short entries in *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*. Edited by Tremper Longman, Peter Enns, and Mark Strauss. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.

### Book Reviews

D. Lambert, *How Repentance Became Biblical: Judaism, Christianity, and the Interpretation of Scripture*. *Journal of Theological Studies* 70 (2019): 356–59.

M. Sneed, *The Social World of the Sages: An Introduction to Israelite and Jewish Wisdom Literature*. *Journal of Theological Studies* 67 (2016): 665–68.

W. Brown, *Wisdom’s Wonder: Character, Creation, and Crisis in the Bible’s Wisdom Literature*. *Journal of Theological Studies* 66 (2015): 708–10.

D. Penchansky, *Understanding Wisdom Literature: Conflict and Dissonance in the Hebrew Text*. *Theology* 116 (2013): 131–32.

S. Weeks, *Ecclesiastes and Scepticism*. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 37 (2013): 121.

E. Arndt, *Demanding Our Attention: The Hebrew Bible as a Source for Christian Ethics*. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 36 (2012): 143–44.

P. Van Hecke, *From Linguistics to Hermeneutics: A Functional and Cognitive Approach to Job 12–14*. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 36 (2012): 119.

C. Bartholomew and R. O’Dowd, *Old Testament Wisdom Literature: A Theological Introduction*. *The Churchman* 126 (2012): 178–80.

Jeffrey Boss, *Human Consciousness of God in the Book of Job: A Theological and Psychological Commentary*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (2011).

U. Nömmik, *Die Freundesreden des ursprünglichen Hiobdialogs*. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 35 (2011): 125.

R. Alter, *The Book of Psalms: A Translation with Commentary*. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 34 (2010): 112–13.

L. Fisher, *The Many Voices of Job*. *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 34 (2010): 114–15.

### Invited Academic Presentations

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“Genre in Three Dimensions: A Reception-Oriented Approach to Genre and the Death of ‘Wisdom Literature,’” Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity Seminar, co-sponsored by the Virginia

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Center for the Study of Religion and the Department of English, University of Virginia, 18 April 2019.

“An Obituary for ‘Wisdom Literature’: New Paradigms for Biblical Wisdom and Genre,” Samford University, 18 March 2019.

“Laying the ‘Wisdom Literature’ Category to Rest: A New Approach to Wisdom and the So-called Wisdom Books in the Hebrew Bible”:

Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, 28 Jan 2019;

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 31 Jan 2019;

Phoenix Seminary, Phoenix, AZ, 4 Feb 2019.

“Genre as Reception and the Contingency of Critical Consensus: *An Obituary for ‘Wisdom Literature,’*” Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 17 Nov 2018.

“An Obituary for ‘Wisdom’: The Birth, Death, and Canonical Reintegration of a Biblical Category,” Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise Winners’ Colloquium, Heidelberg, Germany, 11 May 2015.

“‘Wisdom’ as Mask and Mirror: Response to Russell L. Meek, ‘Prophet and Sage in Dialogue: History and Methodology,’” Wisdom and Prophecy Panel; Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting, 22 Nov 2013.

“Follow Your Heart and Do Not Say It Was a Mistake: Allusions to Numbers 15 in Ecclesiastes,” Whitworth University, 18 Feb 2013.

“The Nineteenth-Century Beginnings of ‘Wisdom Literature’, and Its Twenty-first-Century End?”: Senior Old Testament Seminar, University of Oxford, 21 May 2012; Tyndale Fellowship Annual Meeting, 4 July 2012.

“Date in Debate: An ‘Interchronic’ Approach to Intertextuality between Job and the Psalms,” Psalmen datieren?, Conference at the University of Heidelberg, 29–31 Oct 2010.

“Beat Your Parodies into Swords, and Your Parodied Books into Spears: A New Paradigm for Parody in the Hebrew Bible,” Senior Old Testament Seminar, University of Cambridge, 12 May 2010.

### **Additional Conference Papers**

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“Wrestle On, Jacob: Antebellum Spirituals and the Defiant Faith of the Hebrew Bible,” Intertextuality in the Hebrew Bible program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, forthcoming Nov 2019.

“Wisdom and Wisdom Literature: Past, Present, and Future,” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, forthcoming Nov 2019.

“A Suitable Match: Eve, Enkidu, and the Boundaries of Humanity in the Eden Narrative and the Epic of Gilgamesh,” Genesis program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 18 Nov 2018.

“Reading Proverbs according to the Definition of Wisdom Narrated in 1 Kings 1–11,” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 19 Nov 2017.

“Debating Suffering: The Voices of Lamentations Personified in Job’s Dialogue,” Megilloth program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 18 Nov 2017.

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- “The Death of the ‘Wisdom Genre’ and the Rebirth of ‘Wisdom’ and Genre,” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 21 Nov 2015.
- “The Wisdom Category: Ancient Tradition or Modern Invention?” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 23 Nov 2014.
- “Follow Your Heart and Do Not Say It Was a Mistake: Allusions to Numbers 15 in Ecclesiastes,” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 17 Nov 2012.
- “Job and Isaiah 40–55: Intertextualities in Dialogue,” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 20 Nov 2011.
- “Reading Job Following the Psalms,” Writings program unit; International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 4 July 2011.
- “Re-interpreting Retribution: The Use of Psalms 1 and 73 in the Book of Job,” Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Traditions program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 21 Nov 2010.
- “Doxology in Disputation: The Use of Psalms 8 and 107 in the Book of Job,” Book of Psalms program unit; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 23 Nov 2009.

### Teaching Experience

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#### Whitworth University (2013–2019)

Graduate courses (for M.A. in Theology)

- Old Testament Theology
- Biblical Hebrew I
- Biblical Hebrew II
- Hebrew Reading & Exegesis I (Narrative)
- Hebrew Reading & Exegesis II (Poetry)

Undergraduate courses

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Old Testament Theology
- Wisdom Literature (Honors)
- Biblical Hebrew I
- Biblical Hebrew II
- Hebrew Reading & Exegesis I (Narrative)
- Hebrew Reading & Exegesis II (Poetry)
- Introduction to the Theology Major
- Core 350: Biblical Law and Modern Legislation
- Core 350: Religious Liberty
- Smithsonian Seminar
- First-Year Seminar

**Teaching Fellowship Preparation Programme**, Oxford Learning Institute (April 2012–Jan 2013)

*Upon completion, I became a fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy.*

#### University of Oxford (2011–2013)

Lecture courses: Selected Psalms: Hebrew Text; History of Israel; 2 Samuel 11–14: Hebrew Text; Types of Old Testament Literature; Apocalyptic Literature

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Tutorials: God and Israel in the Old Testament; Archaeology in Relation to the Old Testament; Religions and Mythology of the Ancient Near East; The Study of Old Testament Set Texts: Genesis 1-11 and Amos

Graduate teaching: M.Phil. courses (2 Samuel 9–20: Hebrew Text; Ecclesiastes: Hebrew Text) and thesis supervision on the theological implications of the Assyrian invasion of Judah

Examining: Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (Old Testament)

### **University of Cambridge (2009–2011)**

Lecture courses: One God? Hearing the Old Testament; The Literature, History and Theology of the Exilic Age (3 lectures on exilic psalms, Job, and Proverbs)

Tutorials: Elementary Hebrew; One God? Hearing the Old Testament; The Literature, History and Theology of the Exilic Age

### **Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge Theological Federation**

Lectures on Isaiah 40–55, Ruth and Jonah

### **Academic Service**

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Editorial board, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* (2019–present)

External Reader, Cooper Smith, “‘I Have Heard the Sound of Your Words’: Allusion in the Elihu Speeches of Job 32–37,” PhD diss., Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 1 Feb 2019.

Program Leader, Smithsonian Internship Semester, Whitworth University (fall 2018)

Contributor, *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft Zeitschriftenschau* (2013–2016)

Peer Reviewer, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Bloomsbury T&T Clark, *Journal of Theological Studies*, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, *Journal of the Bible and Its Reception*, *Irish Theological Quarterly*

Coordinator, Overflow, Student Theology Discussions, Whitworth University (2015–2018)

Member, Curriculum Oversight, Vision and Approval Committee, Whitworth University (2016–2018) *US Diversity and Global Perspectives subcommittee member* (2017)

Member, General Education Rationale Task Force, Whitworth University (2015–2016)

Member, Honors Committee, Whitworth University (2014–2018)

Member, search Committee for Hugh Johnston Professor of Chemistry, Whitworth University (2016)

Member, search Committee for Assistant Professor in Biblical Studies, Whitworth University (2014)

Member, Academic Committee, Keble College, University of Oxford (2012–2013)

Member, Old Testament Subject Committee, University of Oxford (2011–2013)

Organizer, conference on biblical law in the Abrahamic religions, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics in cooperation with the Cambridge Inter-faith Programme (2011)

Chair, Old Testament Graduate Seminar, University of Cambridge (2010–2011)

### **Research Interests**

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Job	Suffering	Hermeneutics
Writings	Intertextuality	Theological interpretation
Wisdom	Genre	History of interpretation

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### **Languages Studied**

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Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Koine Greek, Latin  
Modern: German, French, Spanish

### **Academic Societies**

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Member, Society of Biblical Literature  
Member, Council on Undergraduate Research