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Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. (1991–1997), Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (defense with distinction)

University of Michigan, M.A. (1987–1991), Department of Near Eastern Studies

Gordon College, B.A. (1982–1986), Department of Biblical and Theological Studies (valedictorian)

Employment

- 2010– Executive Director of the Society of Biblical Literature
- The Executive Director (ED) of SBL is the Chief Executive Officer of the Society, and also serves as Treasurer. The ED is responsible for providing support to the Council and committees, setting strategic direction, managing programs and departments, managing finances and operations, leading and managing staff resources, directing professional and public relations, leading development and fundraising initiatives, and acting as the public spokesperson (www.sbl-site.org).
 - Directed the International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA) Consultation (www.iqsaweb.org).
- 2010– Affiliate Professor of Biblical Studies, The Candler School of Theology, Emory University
- 2003–2010 Abingdon Press/United Methodist Publishing House
- Associate Publisher on UMPH Executive Group
 - Director of Acquisitions for Books, Bibles, and Media
 - Director of Academic and Professional Resources
- 1996–2003 Hendrickson Publishers
- Associate Editorial Director
 - Senior Editor, Academic Books

Books Authored

Between Heaven and Earth: Divine Presence and Absence in the Book of Ezekiel.
Biblical and Judaic Studies at the University of California, San Diego, 7.
Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2000.

Books Edited or Directed

Kutsko, John F. (Director), *The SBL Handbook of Style*, second edition. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014.

- Burke, David, John F. Kutsko, and Philip Towner, eds. *The King James Version at 400: Assessing Its Genius as Bible Translation and Its Literary Influence*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2013.
- Kutsko, John F. (Director, volumes 2–5), *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by Kathryn Sakenfeld. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007-2009.
- Alexander, Patrick A., John F. Kutsko, James D. Ernest, Shirley Decker-Lucke, and David L. Petersen, eds. *The SBL Handbook of Style*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Publishers, 1999.

Articles Authored

- Kutsko, John F. "Compromise as a Biblical Value," in *The Bible in Political Debate: What Does It Really Say?* Edited by Frances Flannery and Rodney A. Werline. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016.
- Kutsko, John F. "Challenges for Educators Teaching the Bible in a Multi-Religious Context: The Curious Case of the Christian Bible and the U.S. Constitution," in *Proceedings from the Bible In American Life Conference*. Edited by Philip Goff, Arthur E. Farnsley II, Peter J. Thuesen. Indianapolis, Ind.: Center for Civic Literacy. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2016).
- Kutsko, John F. "Ezekiel's Anthropology and Its Ethical Implications," in *The Book of Ezekiel: Theological and Anthropological Perspectives*. Edited by Margaret S. Odell and John T. Strong. SBL Symposium Series 9. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000.

Work in Progress

A Durable Good: The Bible, Compromise, and Pluralism in the 21st Century.

Teaching and Workshops

- 2000– "The Fund for Theological Education Dissertation Fellows' Workshop on Writing and Publishing" (annual 3-day workshop).
- 1997 Instructor, Biblical Hebrew, Gordon College.
- 1993–1995 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University.
- 1988–1990 Teaching Fellow, University of Michigan.

Invited Lectures and Conference Papers

- 2014 "Challenges for Educators Teaching the Bible in a Multi-Religious Context: The Curious Case of the Christian Bible and the U.S. Constitution," at The Bible in American Life Conference, 6-8 August 2014, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2014 "Compromise Your Values: Learning Lessons from Religion," 51st Jean Fortner Ward Lecture, Greensboro College, 20 March 2014.
- 2002 "Publishing in the Academy," at the Expanding Horizons Summer Conference "The Scholarly Vocation and the Common Good," sponsored by The Fund for Theological Education, June 14–16, Harvard Divinity School.
- 2001 "Holy Text, Wholly Other: Ancient and Modern Scribal Practice," at Middlebury College, November 7, 2001.

- 2000 “Publishing in the Academy,” at the Expanding Horizons Summer Conference “The Scholarly Calling: Theological Teaching and Research,” sponsored by The Fund for Theological Education, June 2–4, Howard University.
- 2000 “From Codex to Code: Re-Producing Aron Dotan’s *Biblia Hebraica Leningradensia*” (IOMS at annual AAR/SBL; Nashville).
- 2000 Presider, Hebrew Bible section (New England regional SBL/CBA).
- 1999 Response to Risa Levitt Kohn, “Ezekiel, the Exile, and the Torah” (Ezekiel Seminar response; Annual AAR/SBL; Boston).
- 1999 “Reissuing Dotan’s Bible: A Look behind the Scenes” (IOMS at annual AAR/SBL; Boston).
- 1998 “Will the Real *Tselem ‘elohim* Please Stand Up? The Image of God in the Book of Ezekiel” (Ezekiel Seminar paper; Annual AAR/SBL; Orlando).
- 1997 “Turning Swords into Plowshares: Ezekiel’s Response to Imperial Rhetoric” and “*Kabod*: The Hypostasis of Things Hoped For, the Evidence of Things Not Seen” (Ezekiel Seminar responses; Annual AAR/SBL; San Francisco).
- 1993 “Conflict of Interest: Palace-Priest Relations during the Monarchy” (Annual AAR/SBL; Washington, D.C.).
- 1989 “The Use of the New Testament in the Old: Prophetic Discourse in Matthew 13” (Midwest Regional AAR/SBL; Chicago).

Awards

- 2014 51st Jean Fortner Ward Lecturer, Greensboro College
- 2008 The Fund for Theological Education for “commitment to the mission of FTE and to the cause of excellence and diversity in ministry and teaching”

Committees, Boards, and Groups

- The Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute Advisory Board, 2016–
- Consultant, National Council of Churches, 2015–
- Consultant, International Qur’anic Studies Association, 2014–
- Journal of General Education* Editorial Advisory Board, 2013–
- ACLS Open Access Publishing Working Group, 2013
- Founding and consulting director of the International Qur’anic Studies Association Consultation, 2012–2014
- ACLS Labor Issues Working Group, 2011
- Biblical Archaeology Review* Editorial Advisory Board, 2011–
- The SBL Career Center Advisory Board, 2008–2010
- The SBL *Religious Studies News* Editorial Advisory Board, 2002–2009
- Steering Committee for the Ezekiel Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature, 2002–2004
- Cochair of the Ezekiel Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature, 1999–2001

Scholarly Society Memberships

American Council of Learned Societies, Conference of
Executive Officers, 2010–

American Academy of Religion, 2007–

American Schools of Oriental Research, 2010–

Catholic Biblical Association, 1997–

Society of Biblical Literature, 1987–