

Duane E. Smith
Academic Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

University of Southern California – BSEE, 1964
School of Theology Claremont – MTh, Parish Ministries – 1974
(work completed 1969)
Claremont Graduate University – MA, Hebrew Bible/Comparative Studies – Loren R. Fisher, Advisor – 1974 (Course work with Loren R. Fisher, Rolf Knierim, J. William Whedbee, William H. Brownlee, and Henri Cazelles)

Areas of Specialty:

Akkadian divination texts, Akkadian ritual texts, divination in the Hebrew Bible, cultural diffusion

Areas of Competence:

The Akkadian, Aramaic, Hebrew, and Ugaritic languages; literacy in the Ancient Near East; history and archaeology of the Levant; Hebrew Bible

Publications:

“The Color of Fortune: The Role of Color in Mesopotamian Divination” in Rachael B. Goldman ed., *Essays in Global Color History: Interpreting the Ancient Spectrum* (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, [forthcoming] 2016)

“The Divining Snake: Reading Genesis 3 in the Context of Mesopotamian Ophiomancy,” *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 134:1 (2015), 31-49

“[Portentous Birds Flying West: On the Mesopotamian Origin of Homeric Bird-Divination](#),” *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*, 13:1 (2013), 49-85

“An Incantation-prayer: Nusku 12” with introduction to Nusku, in Alan Lenzi, ed. [Reading Akkadian Prayers and Hymns: An Introduction](#) (Ancient Near East Monographs – Monografías sobre el Antiguo Cercano Oriente, Society of Biblical Literature, Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente, series 3, Ehud Ben Zvi and Roxana Flammini eds.; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011), 179-188

“A Ritual and Incantation-prayer against Ghost-induced Illness: Shamash 73” with introduction to Shamash, in Lenzi, *Reading Akkadian Prayers*, 197-216

“A Shuilla: Shamash 1” in Lenzi, *Reading Akkadian Prayers*, 367-384

“A Namburbi against the Evil of a Snake: Shamash 25” in Lenzi, *Reading Akkadian*

Prayers, 421-432

“Pisser against a Wall: an echo of divination in Biblical Hebrew,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 72:4 (October 2010), 699-717

“Ugaritic *hw* equals Hurrian *manni*,” *Ugarit Forschungen*, 9, 1977, 376-378

Loren R. Fisher ed, **Duane E. Smith** and Stan Rummel assoc. eds., *Ras Shamra Parallels; the Texts from Ugarit and the Hebrew Bible* vol. II (*Analecta Orientalia*, 50; Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1975)

"Wisdom Genres in RS 22.439" in Fisher, *Ras Shamra Parallels*, II, 215-247

Astour, Michael C. and **Duane E. Smith**, "Place Names" in Fisher, *Ras Shamra Parallels*, II, 250-369

Work in Progress:

“A Note on *grpl* // *hmt* in KTU 1:107 and Enuma Elish V:50-51” - working title

“Royal Literacy at Ugarit” working title

Conference Presentations:

Panel member and session moderator, at *A Convocation on Job* (with Loren Fisher and his critics), The Center for Process Studies, School of Theology at Claremont, March 19, 2007

“משתיין בקיר: An Echo of Divination in Biblical Hebrew,” Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March 31, 2008

“Blood and Dust: Listening for Sommer’s ‘Echo’ in Akkadian and Hebrew Texts,” Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Tempe, AZ, March 15, 2010

“The Divining Snake: Reading Genesis 3 in the Context of *Šumma Ālu* Tablets 22-26,” Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, March 26, 2012

“Professional Literacy at Ugarit,” Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Azusa, CA, March 8, 2015

Archaeological Field Experience:

Volunteer Excavator – Tell Gezer Excavations, Israel, 1970 season – William Dever, Director; H. Darrell Lance, Field Archeologist; Seymour Gitin, Area Supervisor
Area Supervisor – Tell Gezer, Israel, 1971 season, Field VI, NW, Area 16 – William Dever, Director; Jack Holliday; Field Archeologist
Area Supervisor – Tell Gezer, Israel, 1973 season, Field II, Area 4 – Joe Seger, Director; Seymour Gitin, Field Archeologist

Unpublished Paper on Academia.edu:

[The Tiryns Alphabetic Inscription: An Alternative Interpretation](#) (2012)

Awards:

Layne Fellowship in Archeology – 1970 and 1971

Ford Foundation Grant for Graduate Archaeological Research in Israel – 1973

Other Activities:

Blog – *Abnormal Interests* (<http://www.telecomtally.com/blog/>)

Occasional reflections on the Hebrew Bible, Ugaritic, Akkadian, religion and other topics of personal interest (January, 2005 to April, 2014)

Curated Ancient Near East Archeology Exhibit for the Pomona Public Library – June 1-July 30, 2011 and June 17- June 30, 2012

Talk – “Ashurbanipal’s Libraries at Nineveh” at the Pomona Public Library (September 23, 2014)

Talk – “The Library of Alexandria and its Scholars” at the Pomona Public Library (November 1, 2014)

Talk – “The Libraries of Ugarit’s Scholars and Priests” at the Pomona Public Library (December 6, 2014)

Professional Organization Membership:

Society of Biblical Literature (since 1967)

Catholic Biblical Association (Associate Member)

CST Library Scholar

Languages (reading knowledge):

Akkadian – Babylonian and Assyrian – all periods with special focus on Standard Babylonian and Late Bronze Age peripheral Akkadian from Ugarit, Amarna and elsewhere

Aramaic – primarily Old Aramaic, some Middle Aramaic

French

German

Greek – Homeric, Classical, Hellenistic

Hebrew – Biblical and Epigraphic, some Rabbinic

Ugaritic

Experience with Phoenician, Moabite, and various Levantine texts in cognate dialects and languages; working knowledge of Arabic, Sumerian, Hurrian, Egyptian, and Latin grammar and vocabulary

Teaching Experience:

Lecturer - University of California Riverside, Classics Department - 1971-1972

Classical Hebrew I

Classical Hebrew II

Lecturer - California State University - Fullerton 1974-1975

Introduction of the New Testament

Contemporary Issues in Religion

Experience in Industry:

Manager: Product Applications Marketing, Rockwell International, Semiconductor Products Division – February 1979 to January 1984

Division Manager – Industrial Products, Silicon General Inc. – January 1984 to December 1988

Business Director – Advanced Communications Products, Rockwell International Inc. Semiconductor Division (Now Conexant and Skyworks) – January 1990 to March 1995

President - Senior Analyst, Telecom Tally/Visionquest 2000 – April, 1995 to July, 1998

Vice President Operations and Marketing, 3DSP Corporation – August, 1998 to April, 2003

Retired – April 2003

Community Involvement:

NAACP - Pomona Valley Branch, webmaster, January 1, 2015 to present

Coordinator, Save Our Pomona Public Library Advocacy Group, January 1, 2015 to present

Member Board of Library Trustees, City of Pomona, July 6, 2015 to present