

SAFWAT MARZOUK
Associate Professor of Old Testament
Union Presbyterian Seminary
3401 Brook Rd, Richmond, VA 23227
804-503-0038 (cell)
smarzouk@upsem.edu

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 2012;
Area: Old Testament
Dissertation: "'Not a Lion, But a Dragon,' The Monstrification of Egypt in the Book of Ezekiel 29:1-16 and 32:1-16"
Advisor: Prof. Jacqueline Lapsley
Published as: *Egypt as a Monster in the Book of Ezekiel*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015.

S.T.M., Union Theological Seminary in New York City, 2002;

M.A.T.S., Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, 2001;

B.Th., Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, 1999.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Union Presbyterian Seminary: Associate Professor of Old Testament, July 2021 – present;

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Associate Professor of OT/HB, July 2011- June 2021;

Saint Joseph's University: Adjunct Instructor, Spring 2010 – Fall 2010;

Princeton Theological Seminary: teaching fellow, January 2010; Fall 2009; Summer 2006, Summer 2008; Fall 2006, Fall 2008; research assistant to Dennis Olson, 2005-2006;

Princeton University: teaching fellow, 2005-2006;

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo: adjunct instructor, 2002–2005; Jan 2013; Jan 2019;

The Coptic Catholic Seminary in Cairo: adjunct instructor, 2002-2005.

COURSES TAUGHT

The Strange New World of the Bible-1 (Introduction to the Old Testament)
Beginning Hebrew
Hebrew Exegesis: Exodus
Hebrew Exegesis: Ezekiel

Biblical Hermeneutics and History of Interpretation
Job and Wisdom
Psalms
The Other in the Old Testament
Stranger No More: Migration in the Bible and the Church
Biblical Foundations for Peace and Justice
Encountering Egypt: A Traveling Course

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Published:

Intercultural Church: A Biblical Vision for an Age of Migration. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019.

Exodus, Joshua, Ezekiel in the Arabic Contemporary Commentary. Cairo: Dar Al Thaqafa, 2018.
(Arabic).

Egypt as a Monster in the Book of Ezekiel. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015.

Under Contract:

Exodus: A Commentary. New Interpretation Series. Louisville: John Knox Westminster, 2022.

Contract in Process:

Safwat Marzouk and Deidre Dempsey, *A Translation of Ibn at-Tayib's Commentary on Genesis*. This is a joint translation of a Christian Arabic commentary on Genesis from the 11th century CE. It will be a part of the Christian Arabic Texts in Translation, published by Fordham Press.

Safwat Marzouk, Elisabeth Robertson, and Julianna Smith, *Genesis: A Commentary*. This is a pilot commentary on Genesis as part of a new series of commentaries on the Bible that are written by and to readers of the Bible in the Muslim World.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Published:

"Migration in the Joseph Narrative: Integration, Separation, and Transnationalism." *Hebrew Studies* 60 (2019): 71-90.

"‘The desolate land will be tilled’: devastation and renewal of the land in Ezekiel." Pages 67-83 in *The Earth Is the Lord's: Essays on Creation and the Bible in Honor of Ben C. Ollenburger*. Edited by Ryan D Harker and Heather L Bunce. University Park, Pennsylvania: Eisenbrauns, 2019.

Jacqueline Lapsley and Safwat Marzouk, "Ezekiel," in *Biblical Studies: Oxford Bibliographies*, 2019.

“Interrogating Identity: A Christian Egyptian Reading of the Hagar-Ishmael Traditions.” Pages 3-30 in *Colonialism and the Bible: Contemporary Reflections from the Global South*. Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology. Edited by Tat-siong Benny Liew. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2018.

“Famine, Migration, and Conflict, the Way of Peace: A Reading of Genesis 26.” Pages 3-18 in *Where Are We?: Pastoral Environments and Care for Migrants, Intercultural and Interreligious Perspectives*. Edited by Daniel S. Schipani, Martin Walton, Dominiek Lootens, and Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling. Düsseldorf, Germany: Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling/Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung, 2018.

“Monstrous Empires and the Kingdom of God in Daniel 7: What Do Monsters Reveal about the Empire?” in *@this point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture*; Volume 11, No. 1. Spring 2016. <http://www.atthispoint.net/articles/monstrous-empires-and-the-kingdom-of-god-what-do-monsters-reveal-about-the-empire/275/>

“The Paradoxical Monstrification of Egypt in the Book of Ezekiel: Violence, Impurity, and the Other.” Pages 67-78 in *Struggles for Shalom: Peace and Violence across the Testaments*. Edited by Laura L. Brenneman and Brad D. Schantz. Eugene, Or.: Wipf and Stock, 2014.

Nicholas Rowe and Safwat Marzouk “God’s Shalom for Postcolonial Communities: Two Reflections.” in *Evangelical Postcolonial Conversations: Global Awakenings in Theology and Praxis*. Edited by Kay Higuera Smith, Jayachitra Lalitha, and L. Daniel Hawk. Downers Grove, Il.: InterVarsity Press, 2014.

“Reading Jeremiah 42-44 as a Christian Egyptian.” and “Lessons from Esther for Christians in Egypt.” in *Global Perspectives on the Old Testament*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver. Boston: Pearson, 2014.

Jeremy Hutton and Safwat Marzouk, “The Morphology of the tG-Stem in Hebrew and Tîrgaltî in Hos 11:3.” *Journal of Hebrew Scripture* 12 (2012): 1-41. http://www.jhsonline.org/Articles/article_171.pdf

Forthcoming:

“Migration and Reconciliation in the Joseph Narrative.” in *Joseph between Israel and Egypt*. Edited by Konrad Schmid and Thomas Römer. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.

“Different Kinds of Foreignness: The Hebrew Bible’s Terminology for Foreigners.” in *Christianity and the Law of Migration*. Edited by Silas Allard, Kristin Heyer, Raj Nadella.

Donald M. Kerwin and Safwat Marzouk, “Hospitality, Integration, Assimilation.” in *Christianity and the Law of Migration*. Edited by Silas Allard, Kristin Heyer, Raj Nadella.

“Egypt in the Book of Jeremiah.” in the *Oxford Handbook of Jeremiah*. Edited by Louis Stulman & Edward Silver.

“Assyrian Empire.” in the *Oxford Handbook of Postcolonialism and the Bible*. Edited by R. S. Sugirtharajah.

“Egypt and Israel.” in *Baker Illustrated Background Bible Commentary*. Edited by Danny Hays and Scott Duvall.

Entries in Encyclopedias

“Oppression,” “Dragon,” “Horns of Moses,” “Ahban,” “Ahiam,” “Ahian,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*; <https://www.degruyter.com/view/db/ebr>

“Libya” *New Interpreter's Bible Dictionary*, vol. III (2008).

Book Reviews

The Decalogue: Living as the People of God, by David L. Baker (Downers Grove, IL.: Intervarsity, 2017). *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 73 (2018): 71-72.

Dictionary of Daily Life in Biblical and Post-Biblical Antiquity Vol 1 A-Da, by Edwin M. Yamauchi and Marvin R. Wilson (Peabody, MA.: Hendrickson Publishers, 2014). *Near Eastern Archaeology* 78.4 (2015): 306-307.

Egypt as a Place of Refuge, by Garrett Galvin, (FAT, II/51; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011). *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 13 (2013). http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review640.htm

Images of Egypt in Early Biblical Literature: Cisjordan-Israelite, Transjordan-Israelite, and Judahite Portrayals, by Stephen C. Russell, (BZAW, 403; Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009). *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11 (2011). http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review558.htm

Ezekiel, New International Biblical Commentary, by Steven Tuell (Peabody, MA.: Hendrickson Publishers, 2009). *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (2010) 40:179-180.

Popular Writings

The Mennonite: <https://themennonite.org/opinion/place-refuge-oppression/>

Huffington Post Religion Blog: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/safwat-marzouk-phd/>

Christian Century: <https://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/safwat-marzouk>

The Institute of Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary: Paris, Syria and Iraq, Talking ISIS with Youth <http://iym.ptsem.edu/resources/engage/paris-syria-iraq-talking-isis-with-youth-with-youth/#tab-id-5>

PRESENTATIONS:

AAR and SBL Presentations:

“Economy, Injustice and Integration of Migrants in Genesis 39 and 47,” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall 2019.

“The Emergence of Tyranny and its Resistance in Exodus 1-2,” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall 2018.

“Cross-cultural Interactions, Migration in the Joseph Narrative: Integration, Separation, and Transnationality,” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall 2017.

“Micah 4:1-5 A Vision of Peace Subverting Imperial Discourse,” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall 2015.

“Exodus and Assimilation: The perspectives of Moses Mendelssohn and Christian Egyptians” and a panelist on “Immigration, Militarization, Economy,” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall, 2014.

“The Semiotics of the Dismembered Body of the Monster in the ANE Chaotkampf Myths and Ezekiel In the Light of Foucault’s Discipline and Punish,” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall 2012.

“A Postcolonial Reading of the Hagar-Ishmael Narratives in Genesis,” American Academy of Religion, Fall 2011.

“The Monstrification of Egypt in Ezekiel: Why is Egypt a monster in Ezekiel?,” and “Putting the Monster, Egypt, under Check: Geo-Political minimization of Egypt (Ezekiel 29:12-16) and Pharaoh’s Descent into Sheol (Ezekiel 32:17-32),” SBL Annual Meeting, Fall 2010.

“Not a Lion, But a Dragon: Funeral Dirge and Combat Myth in Ezekiel 32:1-16,” Mid-Atlantic Regional SBL meeting, Spring 2008.

Public Lectures and Talks:

“Interfaith Exploration: Cultivating Hope in Anxious Times,” Panelist at University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, Fall 2019.

“Migration in the Joseph Narrative: Integration, Separation, and Transnationalism,” Bethel College, Newton Kansas, Fall 2018.

“The Emergence of Tyranny and its Resistance in Exodus 1-2,” Bethel College, Newton Kansas, Fall 2018.

“Intercultural Church,” Co-Taught with Rachel Miller Jacobs, Leadership Clinic at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, January 2017.

“Joseph and Migration: Integration, Assimilation, Separation and Transnationalism,” University of Zurich, March 2017.

“Paradoxical Nature of the Covenant” and “Intercultural Church: Biblical Foundations,” Mennonite Church Canada, July 2016.

“Bible, Empire, Reception History in Africa,” A Panelist, Columbia Theological Seminary, November 2015.

“What Monsters Reveal about Empires: the differences between the Kingdom of God and the Monstrous Empires in Daniel 7,” Bethel College, the Staley Lectures, October 2015.

“Love Liberates,” Michiana Mennonite Church Annual Assembly, June 2014.

“Holy Ground: Worship as Our Mission,” Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Annual Assembly, Spring 2014.

“Blessed Be the Odd: Ishmael as an Interstitial Figure,” Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Pastors Week, Jan 2014.

“Hagar and Ishmael as an Other,” Fellowship of Hope Mennonite Church, Fall 2013.

“Egypt: an ongoing revolution,” Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend, Fall 2013.

“The Land” and “Immigration” from a Biblical Perspective, Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013.

“Reading Difficult Texts in the Old Testament,” Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, Summer 2012.

"Reading the Old Testament and the Middle East," PCUSA Big Tent, Atlanta, June 2009.

"Introduction to Islam," co-leader of a seminar at Riverside Church in NYC, spring 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Arabic American Evangelical Church in Jersey City, “part-time Pastor”, 2010-2011.

SAT-7, the First Arabic Christian Satellite Channel, “program host”, 2003-2004.

El-Saraya Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Egypt, "Assistant Pastor," 2002-2005.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Society of Biblical Literature.

The Synod of the Nile, Presbyterian Church in Egypt.

Wabash Valley Presbytery (Presbyterian Church USA).

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Thinking theologically about monsters in the Bible, Ancient Near East, and popular culture;
Constructing the Other in the Old Testament; Middle Eastern Christian Hermeneutics; Immigration and the Bible.

LANGUAGES:

Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Middle Egyptian.
Arabic, some German, some French.

GRANTS:

Summer Fellowship, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion; Summer 2015.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING:

“Word, Spirit and the Renewal of the Church,” with Jamie Pitts and John Roth, an ecumenical and a global conference commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (Fall, 2017; Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary).

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Course Development Institute, Goshen College, Summer 2019.

Intercultural Development Inventory Qualifying Seminar, January 2015.

Pre-Tenure Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2014-2015.