

William F. Nation III (Trey)

Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary - 130 Essex St. South Hamilton, MA 01982

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Assyriology (2024)

Harvard University, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

- Advisors: Piotr Steinkeller and Gojko Barjamovic
- Thesis: Human and Divine at Bronze Age Kanesh: The religious world of an Assyrian merchant community in central Anatolia, ca. 1895-1865

Master of Arts in Old Testament (2015)

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts

- Byington Research Fellowship
- Summa Cum Laude

Master of Divinity (2014)

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts

- J. Christy Wilson Scholarship
- Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts in International Economic Development (2008)

Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Georgia

- Maclellan Scholarship for leadership and academics
- Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Nation, Trey. Forthcoming 2024. "Rites for the Dead, Amity for the Living: The Old Assyrian *nasbītum* rite and its relation to the Old Babylonian *kispum*," in *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions (JANER)*, Brill.

Nation, Trey. 2022. "Religion in the Old Assyrian Period," in *The Database for Religious History (DRH)*, University of British Columbia. <https://dx.doi.org/10.14288/1.0422089>

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS

"The Concept of Religion in Antiquity." PERSIAS Workshop, MF-Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society. 14 October 2024. (Keynote Speaker)

"The City-God and Access to Power at Kültepe / Kanesh." *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale 2023*, University of Leiden. 19 August 2023.

"Gods and Trade at Assur and Kanesh." Harvard / Yale / Brown Graduate Symposium in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Harvard University. 4 March, 2023. (Invited)

"Rites for the Dead in Anatolia and Assur." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Overseas Research. 15th November, 2020.

"Did Religion Exist in the Ancient World? The Divine Households of Lagash and Ancient 'Religion'." Harvard / Yale / Brown Graduate Symposium in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Yale University. 16 February, 2019.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

"Religion, Ritual, and Inequality in the Ancient Near East." Organized as part of the Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale 2023, University of Leiden. 17-20 August 2023.

"Religion and Ritual." Harvard / Yale / Brown Graduate Symposium in Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Yale University. With Evelyn Koubkova and Zachary Rubin. 15-16 February 2019.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Editor, China Partnership and Center for House Church Theology (2021 – 2023)

- Edit and reference check theological articles translated from Chinese

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University (2018 – 2021)

- Instructor – Introductory Akkadian; Intermediate Akkadian; Old Assyrian Language
- Teaching Fellow – Ancient Lives (undergraduate Gen. Ed. course)

Fulbright Research Fellow (2019 – 2020)

- Building database of Old Assyrian texts related to religion

Adjunct Lecturer, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2015 – 2017)

- Instructor - Akkadian

Byington Research Assistant, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2014 – 2015)

- Assist Dr. Thomas Petter in academic research and teaching

Teaching Fellow, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2013 – 2014)

- Semlink - Hebrew I and II; Introduction to the Old Testament

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

H.A.P.S. Summer Research Fellowship (2022)

- Completion of the onomasticon for the Old Assyrian Research Environment (OARE)
- Presentation of research at the Kültepe International Meeting (KIM) - Käyseri, Turkey

Fulbright Fellowship (2019 – 2020)

- Research fellowship at the Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten (NINO) - Leiden, Netherlands
- Built database of Old Assyrian cuneiform texts
- Organized conference on religion in the ancient Near East

Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University (2019 – 2020)

President's Award for Highest Academic Achievement, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2015)

Old Testament Divisional Award, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2015)

SELECT MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Theologian in Residence, City Reformed Presbyterian Church - Pittsburgh, PA (Fall 2022)

- Adult education teaching

Campus Minister, China Outreach Ministries - Cambridge, MA (Fall 2012 – Spring 2016)

- Campus outreach to Chinese graduate students at Harvard and MIT

Pastoral Internship, Christ the King Presbyterian Church - Cambridge, MA (Fall 2011 – Spring 2019)

- Adult education teaching
- Lead weekly Bible study
- Occasional preaching

Consultant, Food for the Hungry International - Anlong Veng, Cambodia (2010)

- Evaluation of poverty-alleviation projects run by FH Cambodia
- Conducted ethnographic interviews in subsistence communities

Intern, Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) - Fort Myers, FL (2009)

- Research into subsistence, tropical agriculture techniques

MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)

American Oriental Society (AOS)

American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)

International Association for Assyriology (IAA)