

M.A. in the Bible & the Ancient Near East Alumni



Yinghua Li, China

I am a research student in the School of Jewish Studies and Archeology at Tel Aviv University. My research is about temporal notices in the Hebrew bible and calendars in ancient Israel. After completing my research, I plan to enroll for a PhD.

Class of 2022



Elle Grover Fricks, USA

I am located on the Palouse in Washington State, where I am the pastor of Refuge Church Pullman. I am part of the BEMA Podcast teaching team, host of the Text in Us Podcast, and teach Biblical Hebrew courses online over Zoom. You can find me at Ellegroverfricks.com.

Class of 2021



Wilian Cardoso, Brazil

I now live in Brazil and work as an online teacher of biblical languages at the Israel Institute of Biblical Studies. Thanks to the classes I took on ancient Egypt at the Hebrew University, I also teach Egyptology in an archeology course at a university in São Paulo. Next year, I plan to enter a Ph.D. program. I feel very happy not only with my time and everything I learned in Jerusalem, but also with the doors it opened in my academic and professional life.

Class of 2021



Edith W. Muriu, Kenya

I am forever grateful for the opportunity to study at the Hebrew University. My professors left a lasting impression and the rigorous study expanded my breadth of knowledge in amazing ways. My expectations of understanding the Bible in its historical, geographical and cultural context were met. I love that I can read Akkadian and communicate fluently in Modern Hebrew. I am currently living in Nairobi and practicing law as I prepare for doctoral studies in the near future.

Class of 2020

Luis Quiñones-Román, USA

I am working towards a PhD in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. I loved my time at Rothberg. The professors were very helpful in guiding me to better understand the Biblical text, and I have thus gained a strong foundation in Biblical Studies.

Class of 2020







Joyce Leung, Hong Kong

I really loved the program, professors and all the people I met during my studies at the Rothberg International School. I have gained a strong academic foundation and wonderful friendships. I am currently doing a supplementary year in preparation for a PhD in Assyriology at the Hebrew University. Hopefully I will continue to work on my PhD in this beautiful city - Jerusalem!

Class of 2020



Connor Boyd, USA

I am currently working towards a PhD in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies at the University of Edinburgh (New College) in Scotland. I am so thankful for my time at Hebrew University. The program provided an enriching academic community that both enlarged my world view and laid a solid foundation upon which to build during my PhD studies. In particular, the program is strong in biblical languages (Hebrew and Aramaic), ancient Semitic languages (e.g. Akkadian, Ugaritic), the background of the Hebrew Bible (historical and archaeological), and the Jewish interpretation of the Hebrew Bible (Rabbinical literature as well as Medieval Jewish Exegesis). And, of course, Modern Hebrew!

Class of 2019



Matheus Grillo R. de Carvalho, Brazil

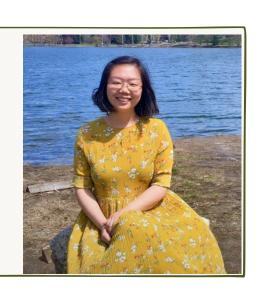
I am a Brazilian scholar who, thanks to the opportunities I received at the Hebrew University, was able to learn tools of research and languages, and to join conversations in which people like me, from developing countries, are often underrepresented. Currently, I am in the fourth year of my PhD in Second Temple Judaism at McGill University, in Montréal, Canada.

Class of 2018

Wenxuan Yuan, China

I am currently working towards a PhD in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at the University of Notre Dame. I am very grateful for the Bible & the ANE program at the Hebrew University, which enabled me to lay a strong foundation in Semitic languages (especially Hebrew and Akkadian) and ANE history.

Class of 2018





Steinar Skarpnes, Norway

Thanks to completing my graduate degree in the Bible and the Ancient Near East at the Hebrew University's Rothberg International School, I was able to attain a position as a PhD Research Fellow at the Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society.

Class of 2018



I'm still living in Jerusalem, at the Ecole Biblique (a Catholic Dominican Monastery). I'm a second year PhD student at the Hebrew University, in the Department of Talmud and Halakhah. My dissertation deals with fasting in early Christian and Rabbinic traditions.

Class of 2018





