

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Duane E. Smith**  
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**Education:**

University of Southern California - BSEE, 1964

School of Theology Claremont California - MTh, Parish Ministries - 1974  
(work completed 1969)

Claremont Graduate University - MA, Hebrew Bible/Comparative Studies - Loren R. Fisher, Adviser - 1974 (Course work with Loren R. Fisher, Rolf Knierim, J. William Whedbee and William H. Brownlee)

**Current Research Vectors:**

The diffusion of Mesopotamian divination traditions as exemplified in *Šumma Ālu ina Mēlē Šakin*, *Šumma Izbu*, *Enuma Anu Enlil*, and <sup>d</sup>*Ziqīqu* into ancient Greek and Hebrew cultures.

Literacy among ancient Near Eastern professionals and rulers.

**Teaching Experience:**

Lecturer - University of California - Riverside - 1971-1972

Taught "Classical Hebrew I" and "Classical Hebrew II" in the Classics Department

Lecturer - California State University - Fullerton 1974-1975

Taught "Introduction of the New Testament" and "Contemporary Issues in Religion"

**Journal and Book Chapter Publications:**

"Portentous Birds Flying West: On the Mesopotamian Origin of Homeric Bird-Divination," *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*, forthcoming.

Four Chapter's 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).

"An Incantation-prayer: Nusku 12," with introduction to Nusku, 179-188.

"A Ritual and Incantation-prayer against Ghost-induced Illness: Shamash 73," with introduction to Shamash, 197-216.

"A Shuilla: Shamash 1," 367-384.

“A Namburbi against the Evil of a Snake: Shamash 25,” 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.

"Wisdom Genres in RS 22.439," *Ras Shamra Parallels; the Texts from Ugarit and the Hebrew Bible* vol. II, Loren R. Fisher ed, Duane E. Smith and Stan Rummel assoc. eds. *Analecta Orientalia*, 50, Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1975, 215-247.

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

Astour, Michael C with **Duane E. Smith**, "Place Names," *Ras Shamra Parallels*, Vol. II, (Loren Fisher, editor, Duane E. Smith and Stan Rummel assoc. eds. *Analecta Orientalia* 50, Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1975) 250-369.

#### **Papers on Academia.net:**

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

#### **Conference Participation:**

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.

“משתין בקיר: An Echo of Divination in Biblical Hebrew,” Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Regional Meeting (WECSOR), 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 (WECSOR), 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 (WECSOR), Santa Clara, CA, Scheduled for March 15, 2012.

#### **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

**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/>)  
Nearly daily reflections on the Hebrew Bible, Ugaritic, Akkadian,  
Religion and other topics of personal interest (January 2005 to present).  
Provided Ancient Near East Archeology Exhibit for the Pomona Public Library,  
June 1- July 30, 2011

**Professional Organization Membership:**

Society of Biblical Literature (since 1967)  
Catholic Biblical Association (Associate Member)

**Languages (reading knowledge):**

Hebrew - Biblical and Epigraphic, some Rabbinic  
Aramaic - primarily Old Aramaic, some Middle Aramaic  
Ugaritic  
Akkadian - Babylonian and Assyrian - all periods with special focus on Late  
Bronze Age peripheral Akkadian from Ugarit and Amarna  
Experience with Phoenician, Moabite, and other Levantine texts in cognate  
dialects and languages  
Greek - Hellenistic, some Classical  
German  
French  
Working knowledge of Arabic, Sumerian, Hurrian, and Egyptian grammar and  
vocabulary