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Peyton R. (Randy) Helm

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Peyton Randolph "Randy" Helm served as Muhlenberg College's eleventh president from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2015. Dr. Helm earned his BA in Archaeology from Yale University and his PhD in ancient history, specializing in ancient Greek and Near Eastern history and literature, from the University of Pennsylvania.

President Helm led the College successfully through two strategic plans, and launched the first comprehensive diversity strategic plan in the College's history; those strategic plans have resulted in a remarkable array of additions to the campus footprint, including a New Science building; two additions to Seegers Union, including the stunning Ilene and Robert Wood Dining Commons; the Hillel House expansion; and six dormitories, including The Village Complex, as well as important renovations to Trumbower Hall, The Rehearsal House, and East Hall.

The academic program was expanded and enriched, with ten new tenure-track lines, new majors in film studies, finance, Jewish Studies, and public health; a new concentration in arts management within the business major; and new minors in African American studies, innovation and entrepreneurship, and Jewish studies.

President Helm led the completion of the \$110 million *Talents Entrusted to Our Care* Campaign, and shepherded the receipt of several of the largest individual gifts in the College's history; his careful stewardship of his fiduciary responsibility resulted in an astounding 350% increase in the value of the College's endowment.

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Education

Yale University, B.A. 1970. Magna Cum Laude; honors in major (Archaeology); Phi Beta Kappa.

University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. 1980. Doctorate in Ancient History, specializing in ancient Greek and Near Eastern history and literature. NDEA Fellow, 1973-75; Teaching Fellow, 1975-76; Dean's Fellow 1976-77.

Academic Administration

- 2003 - 2015 President, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Muhlenberg College is a highly selective, private, residential liberal arts college with an enrollment of approximately 2100 full-time students.
- 2001 - 2003 Vice President for College Relations. Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Reporting to the President of the College as a member of the President's cabinet. Administration of the College's fundraising, alumni relations, and communications/marketing programs (public relations, publications, College magazine, College website), including supervision of 53 full-time staff.
- 1988 - 2001 Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, Campaign Director. Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Reporting to the President of the College as a member of the President's cabinet. Administration of the College's fundraising and alumni relations activities, including supervision of 45 full-time staff. Serve as the College's Principal Gifts Officer, soliciting gifts of \$1 million and above. Close and extensive work with Trustees and Overseers of the College on strategic planning and fund raising. Secretary to the Board of Trustees Development Committee, Nominating Committee, Campaign Steering Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. Led Colby to the successful completion of its \$100 million comprehensive campaign with \$150 million raised, and 51% participation in alumni giving.
- 1986 - 1988 Director of Development, School of Arts & Sciences (SAS), University of Pennsylvania. Reporting to the Dean of SAS and the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations; Supervision of all SAS fundraising activities, including corporate & foundation relations, graduate annual giving, major gifts and principal gifts, in coordination with the

- University's central development office. Responsible for laying groundwork for the SAS component of Penn's \$1 billion campaign.
- 1984-1986 Associate Director of Development, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania. Responsible for foundation grant writing, stewardship and acknowledgements, and major gift solicitations.
- 1981 - 1984 Coordinator of College House Programs, University of Pennsylvania. Chief operating officer for Penn's six College Houses.
- 1979 - 1981 Senior Administrative Fellow and Assistant Dean of the College, Hill College House, University of Pennsylvania. Chief operating officer of Penn's largest College House and Assistant Dean for Academic Advising in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Teaching and Scholarship

- 2003 - 2015 Professor of History, Muhlenberg College. Teach one course annually in ancient history.
- 1988 - 2003 Professor of Classical Studies, Colby College. Teach one course annually in ancient history.
- 1981 - 1988 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Ancient History and Urban Studies, University of Pennsylvania. Taught courses in ancient Greek and Near Eastern myth, epic, and history; history of the city in the ancient world; survey of ancient Near Eastern history.

Academic Publications

- "Greeks in the New-Assyrian Levant and "Assyria" in Early Greek Writers. University of Pennsylvania doctoral dissertation, Ann Arbor, 1980.
- "Herodotus VII.63 and the Geographical Connotations of the Toponym Assyria in the Achaemenid Period." Paper presented at the 190th meeting of the American Oriental Society, San Francisco, April 1980.
- "Herodotus' Medikos Logos and Median History." Iran XIX (1981).
- Cambridge Ancient History III.1 (third edition). Index. 1982.
- "Kind Hearts and Cold Cash: Dowry and Bride-Price in Homeric Society." paper presented at the meetings of the American Philological Association, December 1982.
- "Races and Physical Types in the Classical World." in Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean, Greece and Rome, Volume I (edited by Michael Grant and Rachel Kitzinger). New York, 1987.

Other Publications

Professional Service, Presentations, & Awards

- 1989 "Career Paths in Development," panel presentation at CASE District I Conference, Montreal.
- 1991 Chair, Management Track, CASE District I Conference, Boston.

- "Stewardship" -- presentation at CASE District I Conference, February 1991.
- 1992 Chair, Fundraising Track, CASE District I Conference, Boston.
 "ABCs of Institutional Advancement: Development," presentation at CASE District I Conference.
 "Building a Major Gifts Team in the Small to Medium Shop," CASE District I Conference.
 "From the Donor's Perspective: Stewardship." Panel presentation at the University of Maine, Orono, June 1992.
 Faculty member, CASE Institute for Newcomers to Advancement, Philadelphia, PA (September, 1992).
 Faculty member, CASE Conference on Raising Major Gifts, Boston, MA (September 1992).
- 1991 & 1992 Twice recipient of CASE USX AIMS Award: Special Recognition for Total Development Effort (general baccalaureate-granting institutions with more than 10,000 alumni).
- 1993 - 1994 Chair, Senior Management Track, CASE District I Conference, Montreal, February 1-3, 1993.
 Board of Directors, CASE District I
 Article: "A Farewell to Prospects: Maintain perennial growth by managing staff turnover" CASE Currents, March, 1993.
 Faculty Chair, CASE Institute for Newcomers to Advancement, Baltimore Maryland, September 1993.
 Faculty member, CASE Conference on Major Gifts Fundraising, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1993.
 "Conduct A Pre-Campaign Inventory," Successful Fund Raising I.11 (December 1993).
 "Minimizing No, Maximizing Yes in Major Gift Solicitations," presentation to CASE / NAIS Conference, Boston, MA (January 18, 1994).
 Program Chair, CASE District I Conference, Boston, MA (January 30 - February 2, 1994).
 "Stewardship," address to Planned Giving Group of New England, Boston, MA (April 13, 1994).
 "Stewardship in the '90's: Good Manners, Good Business, Good Sense" address to National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Northern New England Chapter, Portland, ME (November 18, 1994).
- 1995 CASE Circle of Excellence Award for overall fund raising program
 Chair-elect, CASE District I (January, 1995)
 Chair, CASE District I (July, 1995)
 "State of the Union" (social and economic trends affecting philanthropy in the United States -- and how educational advancement must respond).
 Keynote address, Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education, Halifax, Nova Scotia (January 22, 1995). Presented with Susan Montague, Director of Development and Public Relations, University of New Brunswick.

- "Is Anybody Out There Listening? The Role of Attitudinal Research in the Advancement Program" Panel presentation at CASE District I, Providence, R.I. (January 29, 1995). With Will Melton (V.P. For College Advancement, Middlebury College; Ron Neif, Director of Communications, Middlebury College; John Becker, The Becker Institute, Inc.
 Faculty Chair, CASE Conference on Training Volunteers in the Art of Asking, Cambridge, MA.
 Faculty member, CASE Conference on Major Gifts Fundraising, Tampa, Florida, November, 1995.
- 1996 Chair, CASE District I (through June 30)
 Past-Chair, CASE District I (chair of nominating committee, site committee)
 Faculty member, CASE Conference on Major Gifts Fundraising, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1996.
- 1997 Past Chair, CASE District I (through June 30)
 Faculty member, CASE Winter Institute, Sarasota, FL, March 1997
- 1998 Chair, CASE Winter Institute for Senior Advancement Professionals, Fort Lauderdale, FL, February 1998.
 "After the (Victory) Ball is Over: Planning for the Post-Campaign Development Effort," National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Northern New England Chapter, Fall Conference, Portland, ME. (With William A. Torrey III).
- 1999 Article: "Dogs Watching Television — or why good advancement officers make bad technology managers — and how to change that" CASE Currents, May 1999.
- 2000 Chair, CASE Summer Institute in Educational Fund Raising. Hanover, NH. July 2000.
- 2001 Practitioner/Reactor, Presidential Seminar on Leading the Advancement Function. Harvard School of Education, January 2001.
 Chair, CASE Winter Institute for Chief Development Professionals, New Orleans, LA. February-March, 2001.
 Chair, CASE Summer Institute in Educational Fund Raising. Hanover, NH. July 2001.
- 2002 Chair, CASE Winter Institute for Chief Development Professionals, New Orleans, LA. March, 2002.
 Faculty member (Fund Raising Ethics, Capital Campaigns), Fund Raising Nuts and Bolts, A CASE Web-based Seminar. May 15-July 15, 2002.
 Faculty member, Symposium on Educational Advancement in the 21st Century, Fu Jen University, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC. June, 2002.
 Faculty member, Campaign Fund Raising: Case Studies and Experiences, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong, PRC. June, 2002.
 Chair, CASE Summer Institute in Educational Fund Raising. Hanover, NH. July, 2002.
- 2003 Chair, CASE Summer Institute in Educational Fund Raising. Hanover,

- NH. July, 2003.
- 2004 Panelist, CASE District II Conference, Philadelphia. February, 2004.
- 2005 Keynote speaker, CASE Winter Institute for Senior Development Professionals, March, 2005.
- 2006 Panelist, AICUP Annual Meeting, Harrisburg, PA March 2006.
Panelist, CASE Summit, New York City, NY July 2006
- 2007 Workshop on the Role of Presidents and Trustees in Advancement, AGB National Conference on Trusteeship, Phoenix, AZ March 2007 (co-presenter with Dr. Elizabeth Flanagan, Virginia Tech University).
- 2008 Workshop on the Role of Presidents and Trustees in Advancement, AGB National Conference on Trusteeship, Boston, MA April 2008 (co-presenter with Dr. Elizabeth Flanagan, Virginia Tech University).

Professional Service

AICUP (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania), Board of Directors , 2007-
CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education), Board of Trustees, 2007-
LVAIC (Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges and Universities), Board of Directors 2003-
NAICU (National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities) Board of Directors, 2008

Community Service

Waterville, Maine City Council (1991 - 1993)
Waterville, Maine Welfare Appeals Board (1991-1993)
St. Marks Episcopal Church, Waterville, Maine -- Sunday School teacher (1990 - 1993); Sunday School director (1993-94).
Trustee, Waterville Public Library, 1993 – 1999
Allentown Ahead (economic development working group), Allentown, Pennsylvania (2003-2004)
Arts District Visioning Team, Allentown, Pennsylvania (2003-2004)
Board of Governors, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation (2004 - 2007)
19th Street Champions Group, Allentown, Pennsylvania (2004-)

Personal

Married, two sons.

Eric M. Meyers

From <http://religiousstudies.duke.edu/people?Gurl=&Uil=1690&subpage=profile>

Eric M. Meyers is a 1962 graduate of Dartmouth College, holds an M.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, and received the Ph.D. with distinction from Harvard University in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, specializing in Bible, Jewish History, and archaeology. He served on the active faculty of Duke University from 1969 to 2015 where he was Professor since 1979; he presently is Bernice and Morton Lerner Emeritus Professor of Judaic Studies and Archaeology. He served as Director of the Graduate Program in Religion from 1979-1985 and as Associate Director in 2000-2001. He became Director again in academic year 2001-2002, a position he held until 2007. In 1972 he was instrumental in the founding of the Cooperative Program in Judaic Studies at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill, of which he was Director until 1987. He served as visiting Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill from 1973-1977. He served as Director of The Center for Judaic Studies at Duke from 1972-1987, and from 2002 to 2015.

From 1975-1976 he served as Director of the W. F. Albright School of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. From 1982-1990 he served as First Vice President for Publications of the American Schools of Oriental Research, which founded the Jerusalem School in 1900. He served as editor of the prestigious and award-winning magazine, *Biblical Archaeologist*, from 1982-1992, and as associate editor of the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research (BASOR)* from 1976-1993. In January 1990 he became President of the American Schools, a position he held until July 1, 1996; he was elected again to serve as President in May 2006 and finished his third term December 30, 2008. He was Director of the Annenberg Research Institute in Philadelphia from 1991-1992.

Dr. Meyers has been a fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford University, where he was also a fellow at the Oxford Centre for Post-graduate Hebrew Studies; a visiting fellow at Princeton University; and a member of the Center of Theological Inquiry at Princeton at Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Meyers has twice been a visiting Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York (1973, 1988) and was Croghan visiting Bicentennial Professor at Williams College in the spring of 1993. He has served as Martin Buber Guest Professor at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt am Main, for spring 1995; he also served as Visiting Professor in Judaic Studies at the Free University of Berlin (2000). Dr. Meyers was a guest lecturer in the Honors College of the University of Leiden in spring of 2012.

Dr. Meyers was recognized by ASOR in 2007 and awarded him its highest honor, the Richard J. Scheuer Medal for distinguished service and a Festschrift entitled: "The Archaeology of Difference: Gender, Ethnicity, Class, and the 'Other' in Antiquity" Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research, vols.60-61, 2007. The Society of Biblical Literature also celebrated his work in a special session in his honor in San Diego in November 2007. In the spring of 2008 he was a fellow at the Institute for Arts and Humanities at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he remains a life

member. Tel Hai College and Kinneret College together with the Upper Galilee Regional Council in Israel honored Dr. Meyers on June 21, 2009, with a lifetime achievement award for his work in Galilee. In June 2012 Dr. Meyers was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth College and delivered an address to the inductees at graduation.

Dr. Meyers has authored or co-authored 15 books, edited 20 others, and has published approximately 370 scholarly papers, reports, and reviews in the field of Hebrew Bible and Biblical Archaeology and Jewish History. Some of his recent works, co-authored with his wife Carol, include the *Anchor Bible Commentary on Haggai and Zechariah 1-8* published by Doubleday and Co., in 1987, *Zechariah 9-14*, published in 1993, and *Excavations at Gush Halav*, published by Eisenbrauns and ASOR. He also served as editor-in-chief of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology of the Near East* (5 vols.), which was published in 1997, and as co-author of the *Cambridge Companion to the Bible*, which also appeared in 1997 (a fully expanded and revised edition appeared in 2008). The final report on the *Ancient Synagogue Excavations at Nabratein* was published by Eisenbrauns in 2009. His co-edited book, *Aramaic in Postbiblical Judaism and Aramaic and Early Christianity* appeared in 2010 also at Eisenbrauns and most recently his co-edited book, *Light Against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World*, with Armin Lange, et al in 2011 published by Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht. Yale University Press recently published his volume with Mark A. Chancey: *Alexander to Constantine: Archaeology of the Land of the Bible*, Volume 3, in 2012 in its Anchor Bible Reference Library. The first of a series of final reports on Sepphoris came out in 2013 at Eisenbrauns: *The Pottery from Ancient Sepphoris*, edited by Eric M. Meyers and Carol L. Meyers. Most recently, fall 2014, the Society for Biblical Literature has published the co-edited volume (with C. Meyers and M. Chancey), *The Bible in the Public Square: Its Enduring Influence in American Life*.

Dr. Meyers has been active in many learned societies besides ASOR including the Association of Jewish Studies, the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion, and the Archaeological Institute of America. He served as a delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies from 2009 to 2014. He is also active in the Jewish Heritage Foundation of North Carolina of which he became President in 2011. He is a singer in and member of the Board of Directors of the Triangle Jewish Chorale. Meyers won the Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation's Mutt and Sara Evans Leadership Award in 2014.

Dr. Meyers has been the recipient of two major National Endowment for the Humanities awards: in 2005 for a faculty seminar on the study of ancient Aramaic (with Paul Flesher) and in 2009 he became Project Director of a major two and a half year grant for archiving the history of American archaeology in the Middle East through ASOR. Dr. Meyers has directed digs in Israel and Italy for forty years and is perhaps best known for his 1981 discovery of the oldest Ark from ancient Israel, which coincided with the film, *The Raiders of the Lost Ark*. He currently is completing publication work on the site of Sepphoris, near Nazareth, capital of the Galilee in the time of Jesus and the place where the Mishnah was compiled under the leadership of Rabbi Judah the Prince.

National Geographic Television featured the Sepphoris mosaic discovery in November 1989, with Dr. Meyers as narrator. A full-length documentary of the dig, *The Mona Lisa of Galilee*, has been produced by Biblical Productions, Ltd. of Israel and has appeared on TV worldwide. Dr. Meyers also served as co-curator of the exhibition *Sepphoris in Galilee: Crosscurrents in Culture*, which opened at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh in 1996, and as co-editor of the catalogue of the same name. The exhibition traveled through 1998. Dr. Meyers also served as a principal consultant for WNET's award-winning series, *Civilization and the Jews*, and was part of the original planning group that conceptualized the show. He also served as academic advisor and on-screen host for a 1993 film on the Dead Sea Scrolls, *The Enigma of the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Dr. Meyers and his wife Dr. Carol Meyers have appeared frequently on the A&E Channel in the series *Mysteries of the Bible*. Recently (1998) Dr. Meyers served as on-screen consultant and advisor to the PBS Frontline show *From Jesus to Christ*. He appeared recently on the BBC/Discovery Channel series on the historical Jesus, *Son of Man*, in 2001. He also appeared on a History Channel special on Masada in the December of 2002, and appeared with the History Channel on a special on the James Ossuary controversy in the spring of 2003. He recently filmed with the BBC/Discovery Channel in Jerusalem for the TV film, *Jesus' Family Tree*. Dr. Meyers appeared recently on a History Channel special on "*Canon*" in Scripture. He also served as an advisor and on-screen expert for the NOVA special that was broadcast in November, 2008, "The Bible's Buried Secrets." Dr. Meyers has also appeared with National Geographic in several shows on topics relating to Second Temple Judaism and the archaeology of the Land of Israel.

James F. Strange

From <http://religious-studies.usf.edu/faculty/jstrange/>:

James F. Strange is Professor of Religious Studies and Distinguished University Professor. He has served as Chairperson of Religious Studies and as Dean of the College of Arts and Letters (1981-89). He earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Rice University in 1959, the M.Div. from Yale Divinity School in 1964, and a PhD. in New Testament Studies from Drew University in 1970. He was Montgomery Fellow at the W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research in Jerusalem in 1970-71 and NEH fellow at the same Institute in 1980. He has lectured widely in his research areas in the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Spain, Denmark, Norway, South Africa, Bosnia, and Israel.

Dr. Strange's research interests are in Biblical Archaeology, New Testament Studies, Christian Origins and post-Biblical Judaism. He also has research interests in Religion and Material culture, Greek Fathers, theoretical archaeology and planetary SETI. His published co-authored books include *Ancient Synagogue Excavations at Khirbet Shema, Israel* (1976), *Excavations at Ancient Meiron, Upper Galilee, Israel* (1981), *Archaeology, the Rabbis and Early Christianity* (1981), and *Excavations in the Ancient Synagogue of Gush Halav* (1990). He also revised and edited H.T. Frank's *Discovering the Biblical World* (1987). His most recent book is *Excavations at Sepphoris, Vol. I: The University of South Florida Excavations 1983-1989* (Brill: 2006). Dr. Strange has received the USF, "Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award" and the USF "Professional Excellence Program" award.

Dr. Strange's articles have appeared in journals such as the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, *The Biblical Archeologist*, *The Biblical Archaeology Review* (for which he sits on the editorial board), *Revue Biblique*, *The Israel Exploration Journal*, *the Anglican Theological Review*, and *Tel* (a Danish review of biblical Archaeology). His reference articles have appeared in *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* and the *Mercer Bible Dictionary*, and he has served as the Art and Archaeology Editor for the *Macmillan Dictionary of Religion*. Other articles appeared in the *Anchor Dictionary of the Bible* (1992) and most recently in *The Oxford handbook of the Archaeology of Ritual & Religion* (2011). He appears in 10 hours of videoed lectures on 3 DVDs: *Dirt, Bones, Potsherds and Stones: Archaeologists Probe the Galilee in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods*, Washington, DC: Biblical Archaeology Society, 2009.

Strange has participated in field archaeology annually since 1969 and directed the USF Excavations at Sepphoris, Israel annually from 1983 to 2010. Currently he is Senior Archaeological Advisor for the Excavations at Shikhin, Israel.

