M.E. STONE: Biography

Name: Michael Edward Stone

Birthdate: 22.October.1938

Academic Degrees: 1956-60 BA (Hons) Melbourne University (1960), Semitics &

Classics

1961-65 PhD Harvard University (1965), Near Eastern Languages

1986 LittD (senior earned doctorate) Melbourne University.

2004 DHL (Honorary), Hebrew Union College

2005 Honorary Doctor of the National Armenian Academy of

Sciences

Foreign Member, Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences

Foreign Member, Istituto Lombarda: Academy of Sciences and

Letters of Lombardy (Italy)

Honorary Fellow, Australian Humanities Academy

Honorary Member, Associazione "Padus-Araxes" (Venice)

Expert Member, Armenian Philosophical Academy

Honorary Life President, Association Internationale des Etudes

Arméniennes

Member, Israel Association of Writers in English

Awards: Jack Kolligian Award for Outstanding Achievements and

Contributions to Armenian Culture, 1988

Lakritz Prize for Commentary on 4 Ezra, Institute of Jewish Studies,

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1991

Biblical Archeology Society Prize for Biblical Figures Outside the

Bible with T.A. Bergren, 1999

Landau National Prize for Research in Science and the Humanities,

2002.

Alice Tate Lecturer in Judaic Studies, Univ, of North Carolina at

Charlotte, 2007

Cheun King Memorial Lecturer, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2009

Certificate of Distinction, Ministry of the Diaspora, Republic of Armenia, 2010

Academic Positions:

Professor of Armenian Studies and Gail Levin de Nur Professor of Religious Studies, Hebrew University **1980 – 2007.** Now Emeritus

Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania, since 1983

Adjunct Professor of Ancient History, Macquarie University, Sydney, 2004-2007

Chief Professional Roles:

An Editor of the official edition of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Founder of *Orion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, Hebrew University; Director **1995-1998**; Chairman of the Academic Board and the Executive Committee **1998 - 2007**

Founder of the *Association Internationale des Etudes Arméniennes* and President **1980-2000**

Founder and Editor, *Hebrew University Armenian Series*, **2001 - current**

Founder and Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Armenian Texts and Studies*, **1989-2001**

Consultant with Nira Stone for Armenian Collections, Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, **1998-current**

Member, Advisory Board of *The Lost Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Outside of Scripture*, **2004-2008**

Member of the Editorial Board of *Revue des études arméniennes* **current**

Member of the Scientific Board of *Patmabanasirakan Handes*, (Erevan), National Armenian Academy of Sciences until 1999 and **2005-current**

Member of the Editorial Board, *Annual of Armenian Linguistics* to 1988 and **2001-current**

Member, Editorial Board, Dead Sea Discoveries to 2010

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha*, **current.**

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Member, Editorial Board, Review of Rabbinic Judaism, current

Member, Editorial Board, *The Brill Reference Library of Judaism*, current

Member, Scientific Committee, Studia Asiatica (Bucharest) current

Member, Academic Advisory Board, *Scrinium* (St. Petersburg) **current**

Consulting Editor, Dictionary of Early Judaism 2011

Member, Advisory Board, The Enoch Seminar current

Past Positions:

- 1977-1983 Adjunct Tarzian Professor of Armenian History and Culture, University of Pennsylvania
- 1976-80, Associate Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Judaica & Armenian Studies)
- 1969-76, Senior Lecturer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Judaica & Armenian Studies)
- 1966-69, Lecturer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Judaica & Armenian Studies)
- 1965-66, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of California in Santa Barbara (Judaica & Religious Studies)

Visiting Positions:

- Distinguished Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, **2006-7**
- Sugden Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Queen's College, University of Melbourne, **summer 2004**
- Distinguished Senior Visiting Fellow, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, fall 2003
- Visiting Professsor of New Testament and Judaic Studies, Harvard University, fall 2001
- Fellow-in-Residence and Director of Research Group on Translation Techniques, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies 1997-1998
- Director, with G.A. Anderson, NEH Summer Seminar on "Adam and Eve in Jewish and Christian Tradition" and Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, 1993, and at Hebrew University 1996.

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- Distinguished NEH Visiting Professor, University of Richmond, 1993 Spring
- Visiting Professor, Yale University, 1991 Fall.
- Visiting Professor of Jewish Studies, Harvard Divinity School, **1989** Fall.
- Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Ormond College, University of Melbourne, 1988 Spring
- Visiting Scholar, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies, 1986, Summer.
- Distinguished Visiting Summer Professor, University of Pennsylvania, **1985**, Summer.
- Visiting Scholar, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies, **1984**, Fall.
- Fellow-in-Residence, Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies, 1980-81
- Berg Professor of Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania 1977-78
- Visiting Member, Theological Faculty, Leiden University, **1975** (summer)
- George Scott Fellow, Ormond College, University of Melbourne, **1974** (summer).
- Visiting Research Fellow, Harvard University, 1971-2

Professional Experience: Member, Academic Advisory Board, Project Discover! Armenia, **current**

- Director, Jerusalem Armenian Data Base: current
- Member of Board of Directors, Centro di ricerca sulla trasmissione dei testi classici attraverso le lingue orientali, Italy: **current**
- Advisory Board, Centre for Biblical Manuscripts Claremont, CA: **current**
- Founder and Editor, University of Pennsylvania Armenian Texts and Studies: 1980-1999
- Board of Directors, IOUDAIOS network: 1987-1995
- Founder and Director, Rock Inscriptions and Graffiti Project Institute of African and Asian Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem. **current**

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Convenor, Dr H. Markarian Conferences on Armenian Culture 1977-1983

Editor, Armenian Manuscript Catalogues on Microfiche IDC Leiden, 1981-1985

Editor, Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum 1979-1984

Editorial Board, Texts and Studies Pseudepigrapha Series, 1972-1982

Member, Steering Committee, Society of Biblical Literature Pseudepigrapha Group, **1972-1982.**

Editor, Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Division, Encyclopaedia Judaica 1966-1971

Memberships Society for Biblical Literature

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies (past)

Society for Armenian Studies

Association internationale des études arméniennes

International Assn. for Study of Deuterocanonical Literature

Israel Association of Writers in English

Fields of Research:

Jewish Literature and Thought of the Period of the Second Temple, including the Dead Sea Scrolls

The development of apocryphal traditions in Judaism and Christianity

History of the Armenians in the Holy Land and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Armenian literature, particularly that deriving from and associated with the Bible

Armenian palaeography and Armenian epigraphy with a particular stress on the Holy Land and Sinai

Armenian manuscripts

I also write and publish original poetry: see bibliography