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Abbreviations

ABDIJ	African and Black Diaspora: An International Journal
AcBib	Academia Biblica
Achill.	Dio Chrysostom, Achilles (Or. 58)
AfrAmRev	African American Review
AJS	American Journal of Sociology
ALH	American Literary History
AmerJ	Amerasia Journal
BCS	Buddhist-Christian Studies
Bell. jug.	Sallust, Bellum jugurthinum
BFHSP	Bulletin of Friends' Historical Society of Philadelphia
BibInt	Biblical Interpretation Series
BibRec	Biblical Reception
<i>B.J.</i>	Josephus, Bellum judaicum
BSNA	Biblical Scholarship in North America
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wis-
	senschaft
Cat.	Cicero, In Catalinam
CBQ	Catholic Biblical Quarterly
С&С	Christianity and Crisis
CI	Critical Inquiry
CollEng	College English
CommQuart	Communication Quarterly
CRIT	Concilium: Revista Internacional de Teología
CSA	Cultural Studies of the Americas
CSSH	Comparative Studies in Society and History
CultAnthr	Cultural Anthropology
DDD	Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible. Edited
	by Karel van der Toorn, Bob Becking, and Pieter W.
	van der Horst. Leiden: Brill, 1995. 2nd rev. ed. Grand
	Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.

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ECN	Estudios de Cultura Náhuatl
EGP	Ethics & Global Politics
ESV	English Standard Version
FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament
GlobS	Global South
HistTheor	History and Theory
HTR	Harvard Theological Review
IGSAP	Intersections: Gender and Sexuality in Asia and the
	Pacific
IJLC	International Journal of Law in Context
IMR	International Migration Review
Int	Interpretation
JAH	Journal of American History
JAR	Journal of Africana Religions
JBL	Journal of Biblical Literature
JCLC	Journal of Criminal Law and Criminality
JHCPU	Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved
JLE	Journal of Latinos and Education
Jorn	La Jornada
JSH	Journal of Social History
JSNT	Journal for the Study of the New Testament
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supple-
	ment Series
JSpecPhil	Journal of Speculative Philosophy
JWCCC	Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime
JWCS	Journal of Working Class Studies
LatSt	Latino Studies
loc.	location
LXX	Septuagint
Metam.	Ovid, Metamorphoses
MonthRev	Monthly Review
Mor.	Pseudo-Plutarch, Moralia
MQR	Michigan Quarterly Review
M&W	Man and World
NEQ	The New England Quarterly
NLR	New Left Review
NovT	Novum Testamentum
NPT	New Perspectives on Turkey
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version

Abbreviations

Off.	Cicero, <i>De officiis</i>
PB	Policy Brief
Р&G	Politics and Governance
PJ	The Prison Journal
PMLA	Proceedings of the Modern Language Association
PresAfric	Presence Africaine
PsychDial	Psychoanalytic Dialogues
PTMS	Princeton Theological Monograph Series
PublCult	Public Culture
QH	Quaker History
QJS	Quarterly Journal of Speech
Rep	Representations
-	Res gestae divi Augusti
RFBC	Review (Fernand Braudel Center)
RSV	Revised Standard Version
SAQ	<i>The South Atlantic Quarterly</i>
SCID	Studies in Comparative International Development
SecCent	Second Century
SemeiaSt	Semeia Studies
SocRes	Social Research
StImp	Studies in Imperialism
SymS	Symposium Series
T@C	Texts @ Contexts
TCL	Twentieth-Century Literature
TCS	Theory, Culture & Society
TheatJ	Theater Journal
TiA	Theory in Action
TSWL	Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature
UMLR	University of Miami Law Review
USQR	Union Seminary Quarterly Review
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testa-
	ment
YJC	Yale Journal of Criticism
YJLF	Yale Journal of Law & Feminism