

### **The author**

Robert D. Miller II is professor of Old Testament at the Catholic University of America. He is Affiliated Faculty at the University of Pretoria.

## **FORSCHUNGEN ZUR RELIGION UND LITERATUR DES ALTEN UND NEUEN TESTAMENTS**

**VOLUME 284**

The purpose of this study is to find those origins, to locate the earliest Yahwists, to explain the process by which Yahweh became *the* God of the Israelite people. In order to do so, the author uses a variety of methods and focuses in particular on the 'southern' desert origins, addressing not only the biblical evidence but also 'extrabiblical Yahwehs', the Shasu, aspects of Edomite and Midianite religion, as well as the crucial role of the smiths in how Yahweh moved from Midian to Israel.