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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity. Harvard Divinity School. 2011-
Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity. Harvard Divinity School. 2008-2011
Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity. Harvard Divinity School. 2003-2008
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies. Occidental College. 2000-2003

EDUCATION

Th.D. New Testament/Early Christianity. Harvard Divinity School. 2002
M.Div. Harvard Divinity School. 1995
A.B. English Literature, Certificate in Near Eastern Studies. Princeton University. 1991

BOOKS

Christian Responses to Roman Art and Architecture: The Second-Century Church Amid the Spaces of Empire. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010. Paperback: 2012. Xvi, 334p.
“*An Ecstasy of Folly*”: *Prophecy and Authority in Early Christianity.* Harvard Theological Studies no. 52. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2003. Xii, 225p.
Archaeology and the Letters of Paul. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

CO-EDITED VOLUMES

From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonikē: Studies in Religion and Archaeology. Laura Nasrallah, Charalambos Bakirtzis, and Steven J. Friesen, eds. Harvard Theological Studies 56; Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2010. Xiv, 437p.
Prejudice and Christian Beginnings: Investigating Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Early Christian Studies. Laura Nasrallah and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, eds. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2009. Paperback: 2010. Xiv, 319p.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Public Letters: Early Christian Letters and Roman Epigraphic Evidence.” In C. Breytenbach and J. M. Ogereau, eds. *Authority and Identity in Emerging Christianities in Asia Minor and Greece.* Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2018.
“Ezekiel’s Vision in Late Antiquity: The Case of the Mosaic of Moni Latomou, Thessalonikē.” Pages 76-89. In Antony Eastmond and Myrto Hatzaki, eds. *The Mosaics of Thessaloniki Revisited: Papers from the 2014 Symposium at the Courtauld Institute of Art.* Athens: Kapon Editions, 2017.
“Imposing Travelers: An Inscription from Galatia and the Journeys of the Earliest Christians.” In Maren Niehoff, ed. *Journeys in the Roman East: Imagined and Real.* Pages 273-86. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.
“Lot Oracles and Fate: On Early Christianity among Others in the Second Century.” Pages 213-42. In James Carleton Paget and Judith Lieu, eds., *Christianity in the Second Century.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.
““Out of Love for Paul”: History and Fiction and the Afterlife of the Apostle Paul.” Pages 73-96. In Judith Perkins and Ilaria Ramelli, eds. *Early Christian and Jewish Narrative: The Role of Religion in Shaping Narrative Forms.* Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015.

- “1 Corinthians.” Pages 427-71. In Margaret Aymer, Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, and David Sanchez, eds., *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The New Testament*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.
- “‘You Were Bought with a Price’: Freedpersons and Things in 1 Corinthians.” In Steven J. Friesen, Sarah James, and Daniel N. Schowalter, eds. *Corinth in Contrast: Studies in Inequality*. New York: Brill, 2013.
- “Grief in Corinth. The Roman City and Paul’s Corinthian Correspondence.” In Annette Weissenrieder and David Balch, eds. *Contested Space: Houses and Temples in Roman Antiquity and the New Testament*. WUNT. Pp. 109-140. Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2012.
- “Spatial Perspectives: Space and Archaeology in Roman Philippi.” In Joseph Marchal, ed. *Studying Paul’s Letters: Contemporary Perspectives and Methods*. Pp. 53-74. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2012.
- “The Embarrassment of Blood: Early Christians and Others on Sacrifice, War, and Rational Worship.” In Jennifer Wright Knust and Zsuzsanna Várhelyi, eds. *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice*. Pp. 142-166. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- and Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre. “Beyond the Heroic Paul: Toward a Feminist and Decolonizing Approach to the Letters of Paul.” In Christopher Stanley, ed. *The Colonized Apostle: Paul through Postcolonial Eyes*. Pp. 161-174. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011.
- “Introduction” and “Early Christian Interpretation in Image and Word: Canon, Sacred Text, and the Mosaics of Moni Latomou.” In *From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonikē: Studies in Religion and Archaeology*, edited by Laura Nasrallah, Charalambos Bakirtzis, and Steven J. Friesen. Pp. 1-9 and 361-96. Harvard Theological Studies 56; Cambridge, MA: distributed through Harvard University Press, 2010.
- “The Knidian Aphrodite in the Roman Empire and Hiram Powers’s *Greek Slave*: On Ethnicity, Gender, and Desire.” In *Prejudice and Christian Beginnings: Investigating Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Early Christian Studies*. Edited by Laura Nasrallah and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. Pp. 51-78. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2009.
- “The Earthen Human, the Breathing Statue: The Sculptor God, Greco-Roman Statuary, and Clement of Alexandria.” In *Beyond Eden: The Biblical Story of Paradise [Genesis 2-3] and Its Reception History*, edited by Konrad Schmid and Christoph Riedweg. Pp. 110-40. Forschungen zum Alten Testament II. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008.
- “The Acts of the Apostles, Greek Cities, and Hadrian’s Panhellenion.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 127.3 (2008) 533-65.
- “The Rhetoric of Conversion and the Construction of Experience: The Case of Justin Martyr.” In *Studia Patristica: Papers presented at the Fourteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2003*, edited by F. Young, M. Edwards, and P. Parvis. Pp. 467-74. Leuven and Dudley, MA: Peeters, 2006.
- “Prophecy, the Periodization of History, and Early Christian Identity: A Case from the So-Called Montanist Controversy.” In *Religious Identity in Late Antiquity*, edited by Elizabeth Digeser and Robert Frakes. Pp. 13-35. Toronto: Edgar Kent, Inc., 2006.
- “Empire and Apocalypse in Thessaloniki: Interpreting the Early Christian Rotunda.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 13.4 (2005) 465–508.
- “Mapping the World: Justin, Tatian, Lucian, and the Second Sophistic.” *Harvard Theological Review* 98.3 (2005) 283-314. Translated into Czech as “Skutky apoštolů, řecká města a Hadriánovo Panhellénion,” *Salve* 3.16 (2017) 153-80.
- “‘Now I Know in Part’: Historiography and Epistemology in Early Christian Debates about Prophecy.” In *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza*. Eds. Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Cynthia Kittredge, and Shelly Matthews. Pp. 244-65. Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 2003.
- “‘She became what the words signified’: The Greek Acts of Andrew’s Construction of the Reader-Disciple.” In *The Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles*, edited by François Bovon et al. Pp. 233-58. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press CSWR, 1999.

REVIEWS

James Harrison and Lawrence Welborn, eds., *The first urban churches 2: Roman Corinth*. Writings from the Greco-Roman world Supplement series, 8. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2016. Bryn Mawr Classical

- Review. <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017-08-37.html>
- Ann Marie Yasin. *Saints and Church Spaces in the Late Antique Mediterranean. Architecture, Cult, and Community*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2009. *Sehepunkte* 11 (2011), Nr. 9 [15.09.2011], <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2011/09/17277.html>
- Rex D. Butler. *The New Prophecy and "New Visions": Evidence of Montanism in The Passion of Perpetua and Felicitas* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2006). *Journal of Religion* 88.1 (Jan. 2008) 103-4.
- Jaś Elsner and Ian Rutherford, eds., *Pilgrimage in Graeco-Roman and Early Christian Antiquity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005). *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. February 2007. <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2007/2007-02-19.html>
- Carolyn Osiek and Margaret Y. MacDonald with Janet H. Tulloch. *A Woman's Place: House Churches in Earliest Christianity*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2006. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 125.3 (2006) 617-622 and online *Review of Biblical Literature* https://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4984_5600.pdf
- Cornelia Cyss Crocker. *Reading 1 Corinthians in the Twenty-First Century*. New York/London: T&T International, 2004. *Religious Studies Review* 32.1 (January 2006) 42.

AT PRESS, WITH AN EDITOR, OR UNDER REVIEW

- “‘I do not wish to be rich’: The ‘Barbarian’ Tatian Responds to *Sortes*.” In AnneMarie Luijendijk and William Klingshirm, eds. *My Lots Are in Thy Hands. Religions in the Graeco-Roman World*; Leiden, Brill, 2018.
- Jennifer Quigley and Laura Nasrallah, “HarvardX’s Early ChristianityX: The Letters of Paul: A retrospective on online teaching and learning.” In Claire Clivaz et al., eds., *Digital Biblical Studies* Leiden: E. J. Brill, forthcoming.
- “Saying ‘No.’ Krister Stendahl on Scripture and on Leadership.” In Paula Fredriksen and Jesper Svartvik, eds., *Krister Among the Jews and Gentiles*. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press.
- “Material Culture and Historical Analysis.” In Benjamin Dunning, ed. *Handbook of Gender and Sexuality in the New Testament*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Jennifer Quigley and Laura Nasrallah, “Cost and Abundance in Roman Philippi: The Letter to the Philippians in its Context.” In Steven J. Friesen, Daniel N. Schowalter, and Michalis Lychounas, eds. *From colonia augusta to communitas christiana: Religion and Society in Transition*. Leiden: E. J. Brill.
- “A Formation of a Christian Archive? The case of Justin Martyr and an imperial rescript.” In Alice König, Rebecca Langlands, and James Uden, eds.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1 Corinthians: A Commentary*. Hermeneia Series. Under contract, Augsburg Fortress Press.
- From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus: Religion and Archaeology*. Co-edited volume with Charalambos Bakirtzis and AnneMarie Luijendijk, under contract at Mohr-Siebeck.

INSTITUTIONAL AND GUILD LEADERSHIP (SELECTED)

- Provost’s Advisory Committee. Harvard University. 2017-.
- Provost’s Academic Leadership Forum. Harvard University. 2015-2016.
- Society of Biblical Literature. Council. 2018-.
- Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair. Society of Biblical Literature. 2012-2014.
- Standing Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University. Th.D. director. 2011-2013, 2015-2016.
- Faculty Council (elected). Harvard Divinity School. 2011-2013.
- Working Group on Religion. Harvard University. 2012-2013.
- Decanal Search Advisory Committee. Harvard University. Fall 2011-Spring 2012.
- Faculty Council (elected position). Occidental College. 2002-2003.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2015 “From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology.” Harvard Divinity School. Co-organized with Dr. Charalambos Bakirtzis (director, Foundation A. G. Leventis, Cyprus) and Prof. AnneMarie Luijendijk, Princeton University. 2-3 October 2015.
- 2013 “How Bodies Matter: The Intersection of Science, the Humanities, and Religion in the Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World.” 15-16 March 2013. Harvard Divinity School. Co-organized with Steven J. Friesen.
- 2007 “Symposium on Race and Ethnicity in New Testament and Early Christian Studies.” Harvard Divinity School. Co-directed with Professor Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza.
- 2007 “From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonikē: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology.” Harvard Divinity School. Co-organized with Dr. Charalambos Bakirtzis, Ephor of Byzantine Antiquities, Thessaloniki, Greece and Prof. Dr. Steven Friesen, University of Texas (Austin).

INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 “Paul’s Letter to the Romans: Between the Obelisks of Psamtik II and Benito Mussolini.” August Boeckh Lecture, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, 4 June 2018.
 “Travel and Hospitality: Epigraphic evidence, the Letter to the Galatians, and Beyond.” August Boeckh Seminar, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, 4 June 2018.
 “A Public-Private Letter: From Ta-Nehisi Coates to the Letters of Paul and Beyond.” UCLA, April 2018.
 “Whom are you addressing?: Paul’s Letters, Imperial Correspondence, and Inscriptions in Antiquity.” Brite Divinity School/Texas Christian University, 8 March 2018.
 “Rethinking History: Obelisks, Statues, and the Letter to the Romans.” Plenary address to the Southwest Regional SBL, 10 March 2018.
- 2017 “The Significance of Monuments. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Augustus’s Obelisks, Mussolini’s Archaeology, and #tearthemdown.” Hearst Lecture, University of Northern Iowa, November 2017.
 “Authoritative Texts and Public Displays in the Spaces of the Roman Empire.” Seminar offered at “Authoritative Texts and Their Reception,” the Norwegian Institute of Paris, March 2017.
- 2015 “Early Christianity and the Roman Empire” for Georgetown University course: “Empires and Religion.” November 2015.
- 2014 “Matter and What Matters in Teaching and Learning: A Field Report from the College Art Museum.” Mead Art Museum, Amherst College. September 2014.
 “Direct Address: On Paul and Seneca, Imperial Rescripts, and Other Matters.” Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium. Duke University. February 2014.
- 2013 “Apostle Paul, Saint Paul: The Ethics of History.” Hammond Lecture. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. October 2013.
 Seminar presentation for course “In the Presence of the Divine,” Princeton and the Ancient World, at the Princeton University Art Museum. October 2013.
 “Out of Love of Paul: Archaeology, Literature, and the Apostle Paul.” Drew Theological School. September 2013.
 “On the Market (in Roman Corinth): Archaeology and Theology in Biblical Studies.” Plenary address, Upper Midwest Regional SBL, Luther Seminary, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN. April 2013.

- 2012 “Christ-Followers as Commodities? 1 Corinthians, Slavery, and Manumission” (lecture).
“Will I be Freed from Slavery/I Endure Slavery? Tatian and other Christians between the *Sortes* and Stoic Philosophy” (seminar). Catholic University of America, October 2012.
- 2011 “Corinthian Grief? Paul’s Letters and the Roman City of Corinth.” Biblical Archaeological Society, San Francisco meeting.
“I do not wish to be rich’: The “Barbarian” Christian Tatian Responds to *Sortes*.” *Sortilege in Late Antiquity*. A symposium at Princeton University. 12-13 Nov. 2011.
“The Letter to the Philippians: Archaeology and Paul’s Early Hearers.” Paul-Philippi: Two Millennia. Centre of Historical Studies, Philippi, Greece. 20-22 May 2011.
Discussion of *Christian Responses to Roman Art and Architecture*. Fordham University. 8 Mar. 2011.
- 2010 “Revelation: From Rasta to Archaeological Ruins.” Kraft-Hiatt Lecture, Brandeis University. April 2010.
“Grief in Corinth: The Roman City and Paul’s Corinthian Correspondence.” Princeton University. (Co-sponsored by the Department of Religion and the Center for Hellenic Studies.) February 2010.
- 2009 “Mobility and Place: Corinth and Grief in the First Century CE.” Herbstattung für TOPOI Excellence Cluster. Humboldt University, Berlin. October 2009.
Senior Fellow, TOPOI Excellence Cluster B-III-2 at Humboldt University, Berlin. 27 Sept. 09-10 Oct. 09.
- 2009 “St. Paul Among Others: How Scholars and Paul’s Communities Have Viewed Him.” St. Paul Jubilee Year Lecture Series. St. Joseph’s College. Hartford, CT. 31 March 2009.
“Paul the Christian, Paul the Jew: Making Sense of Paul for the Church Today.” Keynote Address, Year of St. Paul. St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry and the Diocese of Rochester, NY. 13 March 2009.
- 2008 “The Embarrassment of Blood: Sacrifice and Rational Worship (I-II CE).” What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in Mediterranean Antiquity. Boston University. 19-21 November 2008.
- 2007 “The Earthen Human, the Breathing Statue: Genesis 2’s Sculptor God and Greco-Roman Statuary.” *Al di là dell’Eden: la narrazione biblica del Paradiso (Genesi 2-3) et la storia della sua ricezione (Beyond Eden: The Biblical Story of Paradise [Genesis 2-3] and Its Reception History)*. Organized by the University of Zürich in collaboration with the Istituto Svizzero Roma, the Waldensian Faculty, and the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Rome. 19-20 October 2007.
“A Crisis of Representation: Justin, Roman Violence, and the Semiotics of Empire.” *Sanctified Violence in Ancient Mediterranean Religions: Discourse, Ritual, Community*. University of Minnesota. 6-8 October 2007.
“Revelation in the Early Second Sophistic: Early Christians and Others on Seeing and Knowing God.” Conference on Revelation, Literature, and Community. Princeton University Department of Religion. 14-17 January 2007.
- 2006 “The Pedagogical Image: The Gendered Body, Greco-Roman Statuary, and the Early Christian Imagination.” Harvard Divinity School. Women’s Studies Program in Religion and Women, Gender, Religion Forum. 23 October 2006.
“To Have the Body of a God/dess: Early Christians and Greco-Roman Statuary.” Williams College, MA. 28 September 2006.

- “‘Those Who Have Stirred Up the World’? The Geography of Acts.” Furman University, South Carolina. 4 April 2006.
- “Crises of Justice, Crises of Representation: Early Christian Apologetics and Metropolitan Centers.” Keynote Address. Graduate Student Conference. Pappas Patristic Institute. 23 March 2006.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS (*INVITED)

- 2018 “The Worshipping Self: Christians and Jews in the Liturgical Spaces of Late Antiquity.” Conference: Constructions of the Self in Ancient Mediterranean Cultures. Israel Institute of Advanced Study. May 2018.
- 2017 “Roman Thessalonikē: Labor and Quiet.” SBL Program Unit Polis and Ekklesia. Boston, MA. November 2017.
- *“Letters and Voice. Paul’s Letters, Imperial correspondence, Diogenes of Oinoanda, and an Epigraphic not-quite-Habit.” Columbia Seminar for the Study of the New Testament. New York City. October 2017.
- *Panelist. “Using Material Culture to Teach the Bible.” Regional Society of Biblical Literature. Yale University. March 2017.
- *“My mind hesitates about what it should be quiet about’: Vision and the Limits of Knowledge in Late Antiquity.” conference: “The Sacred Image between Revealing and Concealing: New directions in the interpretation of the sacred in ancient and medieval art,” organized by Prof. Adrian Staehli et al. April 2017.
- *“Beyond Relevance: Teaching and Researching Early Christianity in the Present Moment.” Panelist. North American Patristics Society, May 2017.
- 2016 * “What’s all this about ‘pagan monotheism’? Ancient and modern investments in the idea of the highest god. Bowdoin College Conference “Religion Before Religion.” October 2016.
- “HarvardX’s Early Christianity: The Letters of Paul: A retrospective on online teaching and learning.” with Jennifer Quigley and Chan Sok Park. SBL Digital Humanities Program Unit. November 2016.
- *“Direct Address and the Formation of an Archive: Early Christianity in the Second Century.” Literary and Cultural Interactions in the Roman Empire. University of Exeter, UK. June 2016.
- “Seeing God? Mosaics, Optics, and Theology in Late Antiquity.” North American Patristic Society. May 2016.
- 2015 * “What Violence Does: Representing *Bia* in Antiquity.” For retrospective for Program Unit Violence and Representations of Violence among Christians and Jews. Society of Biblical Literature. Atlanta, GA. November 2015.
- *“Public Letters: Early Christian Letters and Roman Epigraphic Evidence.” Conference: Authority and Identity in Emerging Christianities in Asia Minor and Greece. Excellence Cluster TOPOI. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin. October 2015.
- “From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus: A Case Study in the House of Eustolios.” From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology. Harvard Divinity School. October 2015.
- *Jennifer Quigley and Laura Nasrallah, “Cost and Abundance in Roman Philippi: The Letter to the Philippians in its Context.” Paper for a conference: Philippi: From *colonia augusta* to *communitas christiana*: Religion and Society in Transition.” July 2015, Philippi/Kavala, Greece.
- *“Imposing Travelers: An Inscription from Galatia and the Journeys of the Earliest Christians.” Paper for a conference: Journeys in the Roman East: Imagined and Real. Hebrew University, June 2015.
- *“Practices of Seeing God(s) in Late Antiquity.” Ranieri Colloquium (“Integrating Judaism and Christianity into the Study of the Ancient World”), The Center for Ancient Studies/Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaism Studies, New York University. 27 March 2015.

- 2014 **“Lack, Abundance, and Religious Life at Philippi (I-II CE).”* Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2014, San Diego, CA.
 **“How Do Paul’s Letters Matter for Political Philosophy?”* Paul and Politics Section. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2014, San Diego, CA.
 **“Ezekiel’s Vision at Moni Latomou (Thessalonikē).”* Paper for a workshop *“The Mosaics of Thessalonikē Revisited.”* Courtauld Institute of Art. London, UK. 30 May 2014.
 **“Anagkē and Material Transformation at Corinth.”* Paper for a conference *“Coming Back to Life: Performance, Memory, and Cognition in the Ancient Mediterranean.”* McGill University/Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. 8-11 May 2014.
- 2013 **“Dice Oracles, Fate, and Providence: A project in collapsing doctrine and practice.”* Conference: *Christianity in the second century: themes and developments.* Cambridge University. March 2013.
 **“Religion and the Materialist Turn.”* At symposium *“How Bodies Matter: The Intersection of Science, the Humanities, and Religion in the Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World.”* March 2013.
- 2012 **“What Matters: Material Culture and Commodity in the Study of the Corinthian Correspondence.”* Polis and Ekklesia Section. Society of Biblical Literature. Chicago, IL. November 2012.
 **“Expansive Archaeology and the New Testament.”* Invited panelist for the topic *The Future of Biblical Studies* hosted by the SBL student advisory board. Society of Biblical Literature. Chicago, IL. November 2012.
- 2010 Panelist. *Academic Excellence, Scholarship, and Diversity in Theological and Religious Studies.* Sponsored by the Standing Committee on Diversity, Harvard Divinity School. 4 March 2010.
- 2009 Invited Reviewer. Discussion of Joe Marchal, *The Politics of Heaven: Women, Gender, and Empire in the Study of Paul* and Davina Lopez, *Apostle to the Conquered: Reimagining Paul’s Mission.* Paul and Politics Section. Society of Biblical Literature. New Orleans, LA. November 2009.
 Invited Panelist. *“Rethinking Prophecy in Late Antiquity.”* Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins. At the Society of Biblical Literature. New Orleans, LA. November 2009.
- 2008 **“The Aphrodite of Knidos: Early Christians and Others on Images and Desire.”* Art and Religions of Antiquity Section. Society of Biblical Literature. Boston, MA. November 2008.
 **“The Earthen Human, the Breathing Statue: The Sculptor God, Greco-Roman Statuary, and Clement of Alexandria.”* Boston Area Patristics Society. January 2008.
- 2007 **“Thessalonikē’s Revelation: Towards a New Understanding of Iconography and Canon.”* From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonikē: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology. Harvard Divinity School. 10-14 May 2007.
- 2006 **“The Pauline Correspondence: Struggling Subjectivities under Empire.”* Paul and Politics Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 2006. Co-written and delivered with Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre.
 **“A Mad Passion for Idols?: Early Christianity and Cities of Statues.”* Christian Late Antiquity and Its Reception Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 2006.

- “Statuary Anxieties: Debates over Representation, Power, and True Religion in the Second Century.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 2006.
- 2005 “Justin and Athenagoras Talk to the Empire: Rethinking the Category of Apologetic.” Boston Area Patristics Society. December 2005.
 “Greek Cities under Rome: Hadrian’s Panhellenion and Paul’s Travels.” Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. November 2005.
 “Who Apologizes? Questioning the Category of Apologetic.” Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. November 2005.
- 2004 “Empire and Apocalypse in Thessaloniki: Interpreting the Early Christian Rotunda (Church of St. George).” Boston Area Patristics Society. December 2004.
 “Reconstructing Sites, Constructing Religion.” Archaeological Excavations and Discoveries: Illuminating the Biblical World Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. November 2004.
 “Violent Rhetoric, Roman Violence: Justin Martyr and Tatian.” Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. November 2004.
 “The Rhetoric of Conversion in Early Christianity: The Case of the Rotunda in Thessaloniki.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 2004.
 “New Testament and Early Christianity: Disciplinary Boundaries, or, Is There a Discipline at All?” Panel: From New Testament to Church History: Early Christian Studies and Disciplinary Boundaries. American Society of Church History. January 2004.
- 2003 “The Rhetoric of Conversion and the Construction of Experience: The Case of Justin Martyr.” Oxford Patristic Conference. Oxford, England. August 2003.
- 2002 “‘An Ecstasy of Folly’: Early Christian Struggles over Prophecy in Tertullian and Epiphanius’ *Panarion* 48.1.4-13.8.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 2002.
- 2000 “Early Christian Constructions of Identity through Debates over Prophecy and Ecstasy.” SBL. Nashville, TN. November 2000.
- 1998 “Eusebius and the Construction of Constantine’s Empire.” Regional conference of the SBL/AAR. Newton, MA. April 1998.

AWARDS AND GRANTS: RESEARCH

- 2017 Participant, Institute for Advanced Study, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Seminar: “The Subject of Antiquity: Contours and Expressions of the Self in Ancient Mediterranean Cultures.” December 2017.
 Dumbarton Oaks Director’s Fellow. September 2017.
 Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation travel grant, with Jennifer Quigley (\$2,612 for travel to a workshop on epigraphy in early Christian Philippi, at TOPOI Excellence Cluster, Berlin)
- 2013-2014 Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology (\$70,000)
- 2006-2007 Lilly Faculty Fellowship
- 2004 American Association of University Women American Postdoctoral Fellowship
 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Summer Research Grant. (\$2,000)
- 1999-2000 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1998-1999 Harvard Divinity School Dissertation Fellowship.

1998 (Sept.) scholarship, stipend. School of Modern Greek. Aristotle University, Thessaloniki.
 1997-1998 Clarence G. Campbell Scholarship. Harvard Divinity School.
 1995-1997 Harvard Divinity School Tuition Grant and Stipend.

AWARDS AND GRANTS: TEACHING AND CONFERENCES

2017 Harvard Provostial Fund for the Arts and the Humanities for a course on late antique Antioch, to be taught in fall 2018 in conjunction with a course at Princeton by Prof. AnneMarie Luijendijk. \$4,000.
 2015 “From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology.” Harvard Divinity School. \$10,000 with additional contributions from the A. G. Leventis Foundation (\$15,000) and Princeton University (\$7,000).
 2011-2013 “How Bodies Matter: Religion, Archaeology, and Physical Anthropology in the Ancient Mediterranean World: A Symposium.” Battelle Memorial Institute. \$35,000.
 2009-2010 “Archaeology of the New Testament World.” Provost’s Instructional Technology Content Fund. Harvard University. \$10,000.
 2006-2007 “Symposium on Race and Ethnicity in New Testament and Early Christian Studies.” Co-directed with Professor Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School. \$15,000.
 “From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonikē: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology.” Center for the Study of World Religions. Harvard Divinity School. Co-organized with Dr. Charalambos Bakirtzis, Ephor of Byzantine Antiquities, Thessaloniki, Greece and Prof. Dr. Steven Friesen, University of Texas (Austin). \$15,000.
 spring 2005 “Uses of the Bible in Present-Day Popular and Political Culture.” Harvard University Provost’s Instructional Technology Content Fund. \$8,200.
 2003-2004 Selected participant. Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Undergraduate Religion Faculty.
 1995 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.

COURSES

HarvardX

Course module: Early Christianity: The Letters of Paul. (ca. 30,000 registrants, launched January-February 2014. Materials available at <http://div.hds.harvard.edu/lettersofpaul/>.)

Harvard University/Harvard Divinity School

Freshman Seminar: The Christian Bible Then and Now: Formation and Debates. Fall 2015.
 HDS 1202/FAS Rel 1400. Introduction to the New Testament: History and Interpretation. Offered regularly, in rotation with other faculty. (lecture)
 HDS 1518/FAS Rel 1404. Early Christianity in the Roman Empire. Fall 2008. (lecture)
 HDS 1544/FAS Rel 1413. Paul’s Letters and Their Interpreters: Ethnicity, Empire, the Body, and the End of the World. Offered regularly. (lecture)
 HDS 1546/FAS 1315. Prophecy, Ecstasy, and Dreams in Early Christian History. Fall 2003, Fall 2013. (lecture)
 HDS 1555. Greek Exegesis of 1 Corinthians. Spring 2012.
 HDS 1870/FAS Rel 2348ab. Archaeology of the New Testament World. The course includes three to five weeks of travel in Greece and Turkey. Spring 2005, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 (2005: co-taught with Professor David Mitten, Loeb Professor of Classical Art and Archaeology). (seminar)
 HDS 1880. Seminar: Paul and his Afterlife. Spring 2006. (seminar)
 HDS 1887/FAS Rel 1409. The New Testament, Biblical Studies, and Empire: Seminar. Fall 2003, 2007. 2011. (seminar)
 HDS 1893/FAS Rel 1440. On Grief: Theology, Philosophy, and Demography in Earliest Christianity. Spring 2010, Spring 2016. (seminar)

HDS 1980/FAS Rel 3420f. Seminar for Advanced New Testament Students. Topic: Apologetics in Antiquity. 2005-2006. (seminar)
 HDS 1980/FAS Rel 3420f. Seminar for Advanced New Testament Students. Topic: Slavery and Manumission. 2012-2013. (seminar)
 HDS 2010. Politics and Scripture in the United States. Offered with Prof. David Holland. Spring 2018. (seminar)
 HDS 4511. Introduction to the Histories, Theologies, and Practices of Christianity. Co-taught with Professor Kevin Madigan. Fall 2005. (lecture)
 Religion 2002. Contemporary Conversations in the Study of Religion. Spring 2018. (seminar for fourth-semester Ph.D. students)

Occidental College

The World of the New Testament. Spring 2001, 2002.
 The History of Early Christianity. Fall 2001, 2002.
 The Suffering Self: Ascetics, Martyrs, and 'Hypochondriacs' in the Ancient Greco-Roman World. Spring 2001, 2002.
 Dreams, Visions, and Prophecy in Judaism, Pagan Religions, and Early Christianity. Fall 2000.
 The Bible and Colonialism. Fall 2002.
 The Politics of Prophecy in the Ancient Mediterranean World. Fall 2000, 2001.
 Tale of Three Cities (team-taught, interdisciplinary course). Spring 2003.
 Independent studies and theses supervised: "Early Christian Entertainment: The Masculinization of Roman Spectacle"; "Women in the New Testament"; "Feminist/Womanist Perspectives"; "Theories of the Bible and Empire."

ADVISING

Doctoral Students—Advisor

Cavan Concannon. Ph.D. 2010. "Ecclesia Laus Corinthiensis: Negotiating Ethnicity Under Empire." Associate Professor of Religion (tenured), University of Southern California.
 Katherine Shaner. Th.D. 2012. "The Religious Practices of the Enslaved: A Case Study of Roman Ephesus." Assistant Professor of New Testament, Wake Forest Divinity School.
 Jung Choi. Th.D. 2017. "'Earn the Grace of Prophecy': Early Christian Prophecy as Practice." Assistant Professor, North Carolina Wesleyan College.
 Tyler Schwaller. Th.D. 2017. "The Use of Slaves in Early Christianity: Slaves as Subjects of Life and Thought." Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Ackerman/Hurdle Chaplaincy Chair, Wesleyan College, Macon, GA.
 Eunyoung Lim. Th.D. 2018. "Entering the Kingdom of God (Not) Like Little Children: Images of Infants and Religious Ideas Contested in Christian Origins." Assistant Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.
 Jennifer Quigley. Th.D., 2018. "Divine Accounting: Theo-economics in the Letter to the Philippians." Louisville Postdoctoral Fellowship, Drew School of Theology.
 Karen Connor McGugan. Ph.D., ongoing. "Suppers in the times of the Kingdom"? Food, Drink, and the Resurrection Body in Early Christian Thought.
 Sarah Porter. Ph.D., ongoing.
 Jeremy Williams. Ph.D., ongoing.

Dissertation Committee Member, Harvard University

Sarah Griffis, Heather McLetchie-Leader, J. Gregory Given, Margaret Butterfield, Roberto Mata, Margaret Stevenson, Katherine Bain, Mitzi Smith, Simon Lee, Mikael Haxby, Thomas Christopher Hoklotubbe

Dissertation Committee Member, external

David Kaden, University of Toronto, external examiner (2014)
 Jason Combs, UNC, Department of Religion, external examiner (2016).

M.Div. theses supervised, selected (full list available upon request)

2017 Sitraka St. Michael, "#wearenotafraidtokisshistory: A Homiletical Letter on Parenting for the 21st Century"

- Rachel Jeon, "The Peace of Christ, to Far and Near: A Rhetorical Critical Reading of Ephesians 2:11–22 from a Korean Perspective"
- 2016 Hannah Stoler, "A Feminist De-centering and Re-centering of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 for Survivors of Domestic Violence"
- Undergraduate theses supervised
- 2016 Elizabeth McLampy, "How to Read Body Language: Constructions of Power, Women, and 'The Gaze' in Early Christianity" (Committee on the Study of Religion) (winner of the Hoopes Prize)
- 2009 Jacob Buchholz, "First Timothy and the Question of Women's Leadership in the Church: An Analysis of Evangelical Biblical Hermeneutics" (Committee on the Study of Religion)

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- Faculty Speaker. Multireligious Commencement Service. Harvard Divinity School. May 2018.
<https://hds.harvard.edu/news/2018/05/24/joy-saying-i-don%E2%80%99t-know>.
- Panelist. Archaeology at Philippi. Greek Embassy on behalf of Dumbarton Oaks. Washington, D.C. 4 May 2018.
- Panelist. Gender in Academia. Norwegian Institute of Paris, March 2017.
- American Values and Religious Voices, Letter to the President and Administration.
<http://www.valuesandvoices.com/letter45/>
- "Casting out Fear." Morning Prayers, Holden Chapel, Harvard University. 15 November 2016.
<https://hds.harvard.edu/news/2016/11/15/casting-out-fear>
- "Black Lives Matter and the Bible." University Lutheran Church, Cambridge MA; Christian Graduate Student Leadership Group, Cambridge MA.
- "What Violence Does: Representing *Bia* in Antiquity."
<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2016/3/8/what-violence-does-representing-bia-in-antiquity>
- "Ancient Christian Communities and Present-Day Events." Panel with Charles Stang, Sargon Donabed, Jason Ur. Center for Middle Eastern Studies. March 2015.
- "The Matter of Religion and Theology." With Barbara Schreur (M.Div. candidate) and Tyler Schwaller (Th.D. candidate). Convocation Address, Harvard Divinity School.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0RKxoFbzss>
- "34,000 People and the Letters of Paul: A presentation about the HarvardX course module The Letters of the Apostle Paul." with Jennifer Quigley. Massachusetts Bible Society. October 2014.
- "Sacred Meat" (original title: "On the Market in Roman Corinth"). *Biblical Archaeology Review* (January/February 2014) 67-68. https://www.baslibrary.org/biblical-archaeology-review/40/1/14?ip_login_no_cache=%FA%22%FA%86%1D%AF%C7%8C
- "Whence and For Whom Do We Study Religion?" *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 39.1-2 (2011).
<https://bulletin.hds.harvard.edu/articles/winterspring2011/whence-and-whom-do-we-study-religion>
- "Christianity, Images, and the Second Sophistic." Presentation in the Classics Department Colloquium, "Edifices of History." Harvard University. March 2007.
- Introduction to Luke. Presentation in Morning Forum, University Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA. January 2006.
- "Walking the Ancient City." In Philip Sellew and James D. Smith, III., eds. *The Fabric of Early Christianity: Reflections in Honor of Helmut Koester by Fifty Years of Harvard Students*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2006. 126-30.
- Invited Participant. "Workshop: How to Give a Better Presentation at the Meeting." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 2006.
- "The Politics of Memory." *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 33.2 (Fall 2005) 103-9.
<https://bulletin.hds.harvard.edu/articles/autumn2005/politics-memory>
- "(Who Counts as a) Woman in the New Testament World?" Lecture to Staff at Harvard Divinity School. March 2005.
- Sermon on Matthew 5. Harvard Divinity School Episcopalian Chapel Service. February 2005.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Project Associate. Library Digital Initiative Grant for Archaeological Resources for New Testament Studies, Harvard Divinity School. (Approximately \$120,000 to digitize slides of archaeological sites in the Mediterranean.) 2004-2006.

Director. Archaeological Resources for New Testament Studies. Harvard Divinity School. 2003- (co-director 2003-2010).

Shalom Hartmann Institute Theology Conference. 2016.

Invited discussant. Inaugural Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross School of Theology. Brookline, MA. April 2004.

Invited participant. "Teaching the Bible: An Interactive Consultation for Educators and Practitioners." Sponsored by the Massachusetts Bible Society. Spring 2000.

Graduate Writing Fellow. Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University. Spring 1998.

Archaeology Intern. June 1995. Participated in review of an excavation of a basilica and *episkopeion* in Abdera in Thrace, Greece, under Professor Dr. Charalambos Bakirtzis.

Judge. Biblical Archaeological Society New Testament book award. Spring 2009.

GUILD SERVICE (SELECTED)

American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Managing Committee. Harvard co-representative. 2018-.

Annual Meeting Program Committee. Society of Biblical Literature. 2009-2014. Chair. 2012-2014.

Co-Chair. "Violence and Representations of Violence Among Jews and Christians Consultation." Society of Biblical Literature. 2005-2009. Member of steering committee. 2003-2011.

Steering Committee Member. "Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity." Society of Biblical Literature. 2009-2016.

Steering Committee Member. Historical Paul. Society of Biblical Literature. 2016-2017.

Editorial Boards:

- Co-editor with L. L. Welborn of Paul in Critical Contexts, Rowman and Littlefield. 2018-.
- Culture, Religion, and Politics in the Greco-Roman World. Mohr Siebeck. 2015-.
- Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft (BZNW), De Gruyter. 2016-.
- Early Christian Literature, Society of Biblical Literature. 2016-.
- Hermeneia* Commentary Series (Fortress Press). 2015-.
- Biblical Interpretation*. 2017-.
- Journal of Early Christian Studies*. 2016-.
- Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 2010-2012.
- Journal of Biblical Literature*. 2010-2013.
- Religion Compass*. Blackwell Publishing. 2006-2011.
- American Editorial Board. *The Journal Henoch: Studies on Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity*. 2007-2011.

Reviews for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Princeton University Press, *Harvard Theological Review*, the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, the *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, among others.

Various promotion reviews.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (SELECTED)

Standing Committee on the Study of Religion. Harvard University (FAS). Spring 2010-2013, 2014-.

- Doctoral Subcommittee. 2011-2013, 2015-2017.
- Doctoral Admissions Subcommittee. 2010-2013.
- A.B. Subcommittee of the Committee on the Study of Religion. 2010-2011, 2013-2014.

Vice Provost for Advancement in Learning Advisory Committee. 2014- .

Standing Committee on Archaeology. Harvard University (FAS). Fall 2007-.

Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. Harvard University. 2017-.

Harvard Instructional Learning and Technology review committee. 2015.

Search Committee, Hebrew Bible. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. 2017-.

Search Committee, Dorot Chair for the Archaeology of Israel. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Harvard University. 2015-2017.
Vice Provost for Advancement in Learning Advisory Committee. 2014- .
Faculty Council (elected). Harvard Divinity School. 2011-2013.
Working Group on Religion. Harvard University. 2012-2013.
Chair, promotion review to tenure. 2016.
Chair, promotion review to associate. 2013.
Standing Committee for the Study of Women and Gender in Religion. Harvard University. Fall 2005-.
Calendar Review Committee. Harvard Divinity School. Fall 2008.
New Testament Search Committee. Harvard Divinity School. Spring-Fall 2008.
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Search Committee. Harvard Divinity School. Fall 2007.
M.T.S. Review Committee, Harvard Divinity School. 2005-2006, Fall 2007.
Faculty Council (elected position). Harvard Divinity School. 2005-2006.
Standing Committee on the Study of Religion. Harvard University (FAS). 2004-2006.
 Doctoral Admissions Subcommittee of the Committee on the Study of Religion. 2004-2006.
M. Div. Implementation Committee. Harvard Divinity School. Spring 2005.
Administrative Board. Harvard Divinity School. Fall 2003.
Faculty Council (elected). Occidental College. 2002-2003.
Faculty Lunch Discussions on Pedagogy. Co-organizer. Occidental College. 2002-2003.
Ad hoc Committee on the Evaluation of Teaching. Occidental College. 2001-2003.
Watson Fellowship Committee. Occidental College. 2001-2003.
Huntington Library and Botanical Garden Internship Committee. Occidental College. Spring 2002.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion. 1994-2005, 2010-.
Society of Biblical Literature. 1994-.
North American Patristic Society. 2001-.
Archaeological Institute of America. 2010-.
Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. 2014-. (elected)