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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Religious Studies
Brown University, Providence Rhode Island
Dissertation: “‘A Land Cleansed of Heretics’: Cult Practice and Contestation in the Christianization of Late Antique Constantinople”
Committee: Susan Ashbrook Harvey (director), Ross Shepard Kraemer, and Stratis Papaioannou
- 2005 Master of Arts, Early Christian Studies
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2002 Classical Bachelor of Arts, Theology/Greek, *Magna cum laude*
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2010 Byzantine Greek Summer School
Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015–2016 Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, Providence College

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Ancient Latin, Greek, Syriac
Modern French, German

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Christianity in Late Antiquity

Religious Ritual in Late Antiquity
Landscape and Memory in Cult and Civic Architecture
Religious Diversity and Boundary-Construction in Late Antiquity
Pilgrimage and Relic Economies
Religion and Violence

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

New Testament and Early Christianity
Christianity in Late Antiquity (Patristics)
The Late Antique World
History of Christianity
Syriac Christianity
Greek and Roman religion and culture
Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Ancient Mediterranean

PUBLICATIONS

The Women Jesus Met: Jacob of Serug's Homilies on the Canaanite Woman, the Samaritan Woman, and the Paralytic Woman, translation by Reyhan Durmaz, Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos, Susan Ashbrook Harvey, and Daniel Picus (under contract with Gorgias Press; on track for final submission in December 2015)

“Christian Religious Symbolism and Pilgrimage,” in *Routledge Handbook on Jerusalem*, edited by Suleiman Mourad, Bedros Der Matossian, and Naomi Koltun-Fromm (under contract with Routledge)

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2015 | Joukowsky Family Foundation Outstanding Dissertation Prize in the Humanities
Brown University |
| 2013–2015 | Mellon Workshop Grant
“Cultures of Performance in the Post-classical Mediterranean”
Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University
<i>Organizer and convener</i>
Website: http://culturesofperformance.weebly.com |
| 2012–2013 | Graduate International Colloquium Grant, (renewal)
“Corresponding Landscapes: Religious and Cultural Exchange in the Post-Classical Mediterranean”
<i>Grant writing committee</i>
Office of International Affairs, Brown University |

- 2012 Gorgias Press Book Grant Program, Semi-Finalist
- 2011–2012 International Colloquium Grant
“Corresponding Landscapes: Religious and Cultural Exchange in the Post-
Classical Mediterranean”
Grant writing committee
Office of International Affairs, Brown University

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 “By the World Forgotten: Sabbatians and the Manipulation of Memory in Fifth-
century Constantinople”
Society of Biblical Literature
Atlanta, Georgia, November 2015
- 2015 “Holy Wanderers: Ancient Christian Pieties”
Providence Patristics, May 9, 2015
- 2014 “Constantinople and the Production of a Christian Cultural Identity under
Theodosios II”
Cultures of Performance in the Post-Classical Mediterranean
Brown University, November 14, 2014
- 2014 “Violence, the Politics of Memory, and Religious Boundaries in Fourth-century
Constantinople”
Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium
Brown University, September 16, 2014
- 2014 “Memorialization and Hegemony in Socrates of Constantinople”
Oxford University Byzantine Society XVI International Graduate Conference
History Faculty, Oxford University, February 28–March 1, 2014
- 2013 “Dictating Religious Experience: Eusebius’ *Ekphrasis* on the Church of the Holy
Apostles”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland, November 23–26, 2013
- 2013 “Pilgrim or Traveler? Constructions of Ancient Christian Pieties”
North American Patristics Society, Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois, May 23–25, 2013
- 2012 “Producing a Knowledge of Identity in Fifth-Century Constantinopolitan
Rhetoric”
“Ways of Knowing”: A Graduate Conference on Religion
Harvard Divinity School, Saturday, October 26, 2012

- 2012 “Living Up To Homer: Julian’s Normative Model of Ritual Expression”
North American Patristics Society, Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois, May 24–26, 2012
- 2011 “Processing Bodies, Discursive Space: Constructing a Christian Identity through Liturgical Processions in Late Antique Constantinople”
Graduate Student Day on “Legacies and Discontinuities in the Eastern Mediterranean: Comparative and Innovative Methodologies in Late Antique, Byzantine and Ottoman Studies”
Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies
Central European University (Budapest, Hungary), June 3–4, 2011
- 2010 “A Fountain of Melodies: The Conjunction of Typology and Music in the *Madrashe* of Ephrem”
27th Annual New England Medieval Studies Consortium Graduate Student Conference
University of Connecticut, April 10, 2010
- 2008 “Becoming Men: Amenorrhea and Female Asceticism”
Ohio Valley History Conference,
Austin Peay State University, October 31, 2008

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 2012 Panel Organizer
“Not a Simple Text: Rhetoric and the Production of Knowledge”
“Ways of Knowing”: A Graduate Conference on Religion
Harvard Divinity School, Saturday, October 26, 2012
- 2007 Panelist, 12th Annual Asanbe Diversity Symposium
Topic: “Transitioning from Antiquity to Medieval Spain”
Austin Peay State University, Wednesday, April 4, 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015–2016 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Theology, Providence College

Development of Western Civilization (2 sections, Fall 2015)
Biblical Theology (2 sections, Fall 2015)
- 2015 Special Lecturer
Department of Theology, Providence College

Patristic Theology (Master’s level, July 2015)

- 2013 Special Lecturer
Department of Theology, Providence College
- Patristic Theology (Master's level, July 2013)
Examiner for comprehensive exam for the Master of Theology
- 2010–2015 Teaching Assistant
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University
- New Testament and the Beginnings of Christianity (Fall 2010, Fall 2011)
Christianity in Late Antiquity (Spring 2011)
Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World (Spring 2012, Spring 2014)
Religion, Culture, and Politics in America: 1865–present (Fall 2012)
The Apocalyptic Imagination (Spring 2013)
Christian Classics (Spring 2015)
- 2006–2009 Instructor
Department of Languages and Literature, Austin Peay State University
- Elementary Latin I (Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008)
Elementary Latin II (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
Intermediate Latin I (Fall 2007, Fall 2008)
Intermediate Latin II (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
Roman Civilization (Spring 2007, Spring 2009)
Roman Religion (Fall 2006)
Greek Religion (Spring 2006)
Women in Antiquity (Spring 2008)
Topics in Classical Studies: Christianity in the Roman Empire (Fall 2007)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2013–2015 Childcare Planning Group, Brown University
- 2012 University Committee on Childcare, Brown University
- 2012 Coordinator, Harvard-Yale-Brown Day
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, May 4, 2012
- 2012 Organizing Committee, 2012 Graduate Conference for Religious Studies
“Authenticity, Origins, and Authority in the Practice and the Study of Religion”
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, March 16–17, 2012

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

North American Patristics Society

Society of Biblical Literature

REFERENCES

Available upon request