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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013–Current *Assistant Professor*, Department of Religion, Wright State University
2013 *Visiting Lecturer*, Department of Religion, Wesleyan University

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Brown University
2013 A.M., Classics, Brown University
2007 M.T.S., New Testament and Christian Origins, Harvard Divinity School
2004 A.B., Religious Studies, Brown University, *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Christian Origins; New Testament Literature (Pauline Epistles, Gospel of Mark, Gospel Authorship and Literary Context); Christian Diversity in the Second Century; Apologetic and Heresiological Literature; Judaism in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods; Religion in the Roman Empire; Roman Religious Legislation; Ancient 'Mystery Cults'; Method and Theory in the Study of Religion.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to the New Testament and Early Christian Literature; Pauline Epistles; Christians in the Roman World; Canonical Gospels; Apocalypse of John; Gnosticism; Bible, Qur'an, and Western Culture.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Classical and Koine Greek, Latin, Biblical Hebrew (basic), Italian, French, German, Spanish.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2016 Professional Development Grant, Wright State University
2015 Honors Teacher of the Year, Honors College, Wright State University
2015 Visiting Scholar, American Academy in Rome
2015 College of Liberal Arts Faculty Research Grant, Wright State University
2014 University Council for International Education Seed Grant, Wright State University
2011–2012 Rome Prize Fellowship, Ancient Studies, American Academy in Rome
2012 Judaic Studies Travel Grant, Brown University (to Erfurt, Germany)
2010 Judaic Studies Travel Grant, Brown University (to Rome, Italy)
2007–2008 Joukowsky Graduate Fellowship for Study of the Ancient World, Brown University
2005 Etruscan Foundation Fellowship, Excavation with the Anglo-American Project, Pompeii

PUBLICATIONS & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Monographs

- 2016 *At the Temple Gates: The Religion of Freelance Experts in the Roman Empire* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming August 2016).

Articles & Chapters

- 2017 “From the Herodians to Hadrian: The Shifting Status of Judean Religion in Post-Flavian Rome.” *Forum* (forthcoming).
- 2016 “Galatians 3:1 as an Allusion to Textual Prophecy.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 135 (2016): 369–89.
- 2015 “*Ea Superstitione*: Christian Martyrdom and the Religion of Freelance Experts.” *Journal of Roman Studies* 105 (2015): 183–202.
- “*Judaica Romana*: A Rereading of Evidence for Judean Expulsions from Rome.” *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 6 (2015): 97–123.
- “Entrusted with the Oracles of God: The Fate of the Judean Writings in Flavian Rome.” Pages 101–09 in *A Most Reliable Witness: Essays in Honor of Ross Shepard Kraemer*, ed. Shira Lander et al. *Brown Judaic Studies* 358. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015.
- 2014 With Lisa Anderson, “Digital Epigraphy and the Via Salaria Necropolis at Rome.” Pages 164–75 in *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*, ed. Morag Kersel and Matthew T. Rutz. *Joukowsky Institute Publications* 6. Oxford: Oxbow: 2014.
- In Progress “Rival Christian Teachers as Freelance Experts in Second-Century Rome.” Forthcoming in *Christian Teachers in Second-Century Rome*, ed. H. Gregory Snyder. Leiden: Brill.
- “Theorizing Gods and Other Divine Agents in Roman Religion.” Forthcoming in *Die Religionen der Menschheit*, v. 17: *The Roman Imperial Period*, ed. Jörg Rüpke and Greg Woolf. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.
- “Magi, Mithras, and Quests for Origins in First-Century Rome.”
- “‘What Could this Rising from the Dead Mean?’ Paul, Mark, and Marcion’s Gospel.”

Dictionary & Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 “Columbarium,” “Dying God,” and “Theurgy,” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (ed. Eric Orlin; New York: Routledge, 2015).

Book Reviews

- 2016 Heidi Marx-Wolf, *Spiritual Taxonomies and Ritual Authority: Platonists, Priests, and Gnostics in the Third Century C.E.* Divinations. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (forthcoming).
- 2014 James C. Hanges, *Paul, Founder of Churches: A Study in Light of the Evidence for the Role of “Founder-Figures” in the Hellenistic Roman Period. A Review Essay.* *Religion & Theology* 3–4 (2014): 292–302.
- 2013 Guy MacLean Rogers, *The Mysteries of Artemis of Ephesos: Cult, Polis, and Change in the Graeco-Roman World.* Synkrisis. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (Oct. 5, 2013).

Conference Papers & Presentations

- 2016 “Forty Lashes Minus One: Rethinking Images of Paul and *the* Judeans as Persecutors of early ‘Christians,’” *Afterlives of Violence: New Approaches to Ancient Christian Martyrdom*, Conference at Queens University, September 16–18.
- “The Limitations of Polythetic Classification: Freelance Religious Expertise in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond,” *Religion Before Religion*, Symposium at Bowdoin College, October 14–15.
- “Paul, Mark, and Marcion’s Gospel,” *Pauline Epistles*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “Theorizing Religious Intellectuals and Intellectualizing Groups of the Early Imperial Period: The Greek Backdrop of the Dead Sea Scrolls,” *Redescribing Greco-Roman Religions*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- 2015 “From the Herodians to Hadrian: The Shifting Status of Judean Religion in Post-Flavian Rome,” *Westar Institute Christianity Seminar at AAR/SBL*.
- Invited reviewer of Barbetta Stanley Spaeth, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, *Redescribing Greco-Roman Religions*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “Migrating Mysteries: Judean and Persian Religious Experts in the Early Imperial Period,” *Midwestern Consortium on Ancient Religions (MiCAR)*, University of Chicago.
- 2014 “Not Twelve, But Five: Theorizing Christian Practice in the Second Century,” *Redescribing Early Christianity*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “Entrusted with the Oracles of God,” *Religious Competition in Late Antiquity*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- 2013 “‘Not that I seek the Gift’: Restoring Interests to the Study of Early Christianity,” *Redescribing Early Christianity*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “With Far More Imprisonments and Often Near Death: Paul’s Hardships Amidst Roman Punishments of Freelance Experts,” *Pauline Epistles*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- 2012 “Another Jesus, A Different Gospel: The Religion of Independent Specialists and its Consequences for Earliest Christianity,” *NAASR/SBL*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “Interpres Legum: Judean Diviners in the Early Roman Empire,” *SAMR/Greco-Roman Religions*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “Iudaica Romana: A Re-reading of Evidence for Judean Expulsions from Rome,” *Hellenistic Judaism*, SBL International Meeting.
- “Ea Superstitione: Christian Martyrdom and the Regulation of Independent Specialists,” *Christianity Between Judaism and Hellenism (EABS)*, SBL International Meeting.
- 2011 “Methodological Dualism in Pauline Archaeology,” *SAMR/Greco-Roman Religions*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- Invited Respondent to James Hanges, *Paul, Founder of Churches*, *Redescribing Greco-Roman Religions*, SBL Annual Meeting.
- “An Alternate Reading of Evidence for Expulsions of the Roman Jewish Community,” *12th International Spring School in Ancient Religions*, University of Erfurt, Germany.

- 2010 “Methodological Implications of the Term ‘Pagan’ in Modern Academic Vocabulary,” NAASR/SBL, SBL Annual Meeting.
 “Tokens of Mystery? Redescribing Roman Exotica in Terms of Social Practices and Material Signatures,” Redescribing Greco-Roman Religions, SBL Annual Meeting.
- 2008 Respondent to David Frankfurter, “Where the Spirits Dwell: Possession, Christianization, and Saints’ Shrines in Late Antiquity,” Harvard Divinity School.

Invited Lectures

- 2016 “Christian Origins and Freelance Experts,” Westar Institute at AAR/SBL (November).
- 2015 “Judaism and Christianity as Religion in the Roman Empire: The Case of the Apostle Paul,” Ohio Wesleyan University (November).
- 2014 “Christian Martyrdom and the Religion of Freelance Experts,” Ohio University (April).
- 2013 “*Ea Superstitione*: Christian Martyrdom and the Religion of Freelance Experts,” Culture and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium, Brown University (May).
- 2012 “Redescribing Earliest Christianity as a Religion of Independent Specialists,” Public Lecture, Creighton University (October).
 “Entrepreneurial Religion in the Early Roman Empire: the Case of Astrology,” Brown Club of Italy, Papal Palace, Castel Gandolfo, Italy (April).
 “Iudaica Romana: Judean Religious Specialists and Flavian Rome,” *Associazione Internazionale di Archaeologia Classica*, Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut Rome (March).
 “Entrepreneurial Religion in First-Century Rome,” Babcock Lecture Series; Duke University, Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, Rome, Italy (March).
 “Catechizing the Charlatans: Entrepreneurial Religion in Early Imperial Rome,” American Academy in Rome (February).
- 2011 “Digital Epigraphy and the Via Salaria Necropolis,” *Archaeologies of Text: Archaeology, Technology, and Ethics*, Joukowsky Institute Symposium, Brown University (December).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

- 2016 Program Unit Co-Chair, *The Historical Paul*, SBL Consultation (proposal under review)
- 2015–Current Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*
- 2015–Current Member of the Westar Institute Early Christianity Seminar
- 2004–Current Member of the Society of Biblical Literature

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2016–2017 Elections Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2015–Current Internship Coordinator, Religion, Philosophy, and Classics, Wright State University
- 2014–2016 Faculty Senator, College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University
- 2013–Current Student Affairs Committee, Department of Religion, Wright State University
- 2013–Current Departmental Outreach, Department of Religion, Wright State University
- 2013–Current Undergraduate and Graduate Student Advisor, Wright State University

THESES SUPERVISED

- In progress Sandra Moran, "The Resurrected Body in the Pauline Epistles and their Reception," Master of Humanities Thesis (Director), Wright State University.
- 2014 Jeremy Gambrell, "Paul: Renegade Apostle or Judean Religious Expert," Honors Thesis (Director), Department of Religion, Wright State University.
- 2013 Em Kianka, "Queer(y)ing Pentecostal Conversion and Lesbian Feminist Coming Out Narratives: A Redescription of Religion and Sexuality," Honors Thesis (Reader), Department of Religion, Wesleyan University.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013–Current Participant, Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization: Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (GISRAM) Colloquium, Ohio State University.
- 2009–2013 Project Manager, U. S. Epigraphy Project, Professor John Bodel, Brown University. Digital humanities resource for Greek and Latin inscriptions held in U.S. collections.
- 2012 Course Assistant, NEH Summer Seminar: *Networks, Communication, and the City of Rome*, Professors Richard Talbert and Michael Maas, American Academy in Rome.
- 2011 Participant, 12th International Spring School in Ancient Religions, Dr. Jörg Rüpke and Dr. Richard Gordon, University of Erfurt, Germany.
- 2010–2011 Mellon Foundation Graduate Workshop Leader: *Intellectual Coherence and Methodological Consistency in the Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World*.
- 2009–2010 Research Proctor, Disappearance of the Mediterranean Diaspora, Dr. Ross Kraemer.
- 2008 Participant and Excavator, Summer Program in Archaeology, American Academy in Rome and the University of Bologna, Ravenna, Italy.
- 2007–2013 Participant, Cultures and Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, Brown University.
- 2005–2007 Cataloger, Research Team for New Testament Archaeology, Professor Helmut Koester, Harvard University. Digital humanities resource for Mediterranean archaeology.
- 2005 Excavator, Anglo-American Project in Pompeii Archaeological Field School.