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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D. in New Testament Studies
Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- 1998 M.A. in Theological Studies
School of Theology at Claremont, Claremont, CA
- 1995 B.A. in English Literature
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2006-present *Assistant Professor of Religion, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX*
- 2004-2006 *Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Centre College, Danville, KY*
- 2002-2004 *Visiting Instructor of Religion, Centre College, Danville, KY*
- 2000-2001 *Adjunct Professor, Victor Valley Community College, Victorville, CA*

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

“The Summaries of Acts 2, 4 and 5 and Plato's *Republic*,” in *Ancient Fiction: The Matrix of Early Christian and Jewish Narrative*, ed. Jo-Ann A. Brant, Charles W. Hedrick, and Chris Shea, 275-95 (SBL Symposium Series 32; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005).

“Greek Literate Education in the Late Hellenistic and Early Roman Periods,” in *Reading and Writing in Ancient Israel*, ed. Ryan Byrne (SBL Symposium Series; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, forthcoming).

“Aristotle,” “Asiarch,” “Cicero,” and “Crescens,” in *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible Volume 1: A-C*. Eds. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Samuel E. Balentine, Brian K. Blount, N. T. Wright. Abingdon Press, November, 2006. I am also under contract for the following entries: Demosthenes, Diogenes the Cynic, Forum of Appius, Hercules, Latin Language, Literacy, Mammon, Manaen, Marketplace, Master as a title of Jesus, Parmenas, Sergius Paulus, Pausanius, Poet, Python, Quintillian, Sapphira, The Seven, Sophocles, Socrates, Teaching of the Apostles, Tertullus

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Rhetoric and Reality in Early Christianities*, edited by Willi Braun, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [<http://www.bmcr.org>](forthcoming).

Review of *Paul the Reluctant Witness: Power and Weakness in Luke's Portrayal*, by Blake Shipp, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>], (6/23/2007).

Booknote Review of *Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity*, by Jennifer Wright Knust, in *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

Booknote Review of *Orality, Literacy and Colonialism in Antiquity*, edited by Jonathan A. Draper, in *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

Booknote Review of *The Sex Lives of Saints: An Erotics of Ancient Hagiography*, by Virginia Burrus, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 32.1 (January, 2006): 49.

Booknote Review of *An Ecstasy of Folly: Prophecy and Authority in Early Christianity*, by Laura Nasrallah, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 32.1 (January, 2006): 49.

Booknote Review of *Lost Christianities: The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew*, by Bart Ehrman, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 31 (January and April, 2005): 96.

Review of *Les Actes des Apotres: Histoire, récit, théologie: XXe congrès de l'Association catholique française pour l'étude de la Bible*, edited by Michel Berder, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>], (9/25/2005).

Review of *Spectacles of Empire: Monsters, Martyrs, and the Book of Revelation*, by Christopher A. Frilingos, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [<http://www.bmcr.org>], (2005.9.38).

Review of *The Message of Acts in Codex Bezae: A Comparison with the Alexandrian Tradition, Volume 1, Acts 1.1—5:42: Jerusalem*, by Josep Rius-Camps and Jenny Read-Heimerdinger, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>], (9/10/2005).

Review of *The Reception of Luke and Acts in the Period before Irenaeus*, by Andrew Gregory, in *Bulletin of the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity*, vol. 32 (Summer, 2005).

Review of *Introduction to the New Testament, vol. 2: History and Literature of Early Christianity*, 2nd edition, by Helmut Koester, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (10/14/2002).

Review of *Cuatro Viajes en la Literatura del Antiguo Egipto*, by José M. Galán, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (11/13/2000).

Review of *The Tapestry of Early Christian Discourse: Rhetoric, Society and Ideology*, by Vernon K. Robbins, in *Andrews University Seminary Studies* 36 (Autumn 1998): 306-308.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Way in Acts and the Philosophical Life”, paper presented at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 3-4, 2007.

“Reading the Bible Brick by Brick: Exploring the ‘Lego Bible,’” paper presented at the SBL meeting in Washington, D.C., November 19, 2006.

“The Trial Scenes in Acts and the Philosophers’ *parresia*,” paper presented at SECSOR, Atlanta, March 10-12, 2006, and in revised form at the SBL meeting in Washington, D.C., on November 19, 2006.

“Greek Literate Education in the Late Hellenistic and Early Roman Periods,” paper presented to the Bluegrass Ancient Studies Seminar, Centre College, April 30, 2005.

“The Rhetorical Function of Philosophical Imagery in Acts,” paper presented at SECSOR, Wake Forest University, March 11-13, 2005.

“Imitation of Plato in Acts 2-6: Mimesis or Intertextuality?” paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20-23, 2004.

“Acts 2, 4 and 5 and Utopian Literary Traditions,” paper presented at the Pacific Coast Region SBL meeting, March 24-26, 2002; a later version was presented at the SBL Annual meeting, November 23-26, 2002.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Jesus Saves! But How? Comparing the Gospels of Mark, Luke and Thomas,” seminar presentation, Berea College, May 9, 2006.

“Socratizing Jesus? Literary Aspects of the Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke,” Family Weekend Academic Sampler, Centre College, October 8, 2005.

“Mary Magdalene: The Foremost Apostle?” presentation to the Study Group of Danville, KY, March 10, 2005.

“Women of the Bible: Ruth,” presentation to the Morning Circle, Presbyterian Church of Danville, KY, February 15, 2005.

“Myth is not a four-letter word,” presentation to the New York Chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums, New York, NY, February 12, 2005.

“Luke-Acts as Literature,” a five week class for the Presbyterian Church of Danville, KY, April 18-May 16, 2004.

Member of Panel Discussion of Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*, Centre College, Danville, KY, March 10, 2004.

“Acts and Utopia,” presentation to the Ohio Chapter of the Association of Adventist Forums, Kettering, OH, May 31, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair, Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Group, Society of Biblical Literature, 2006-present; Member of the Steering Committee, 2001-present

Member of the Steering Committee, The Bible and American Popular Culture, Society of Biblical Literature, 2007-present

Sub-editor for History of Christianity (through Early Modern Period), *Religious Studies Review*, 2005-2006

Project Member, “Mimesis in Ancient Jewish and Christian Literature,” Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont, CA, 2005-2006

Co-organizer, inaugural meeting of the Bluegrass Ancient Studies Seminar, Centre College, April 30, 2005

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Omicron Delta Kappa Rookie of the Year, Centre College, 2002-2003

Doctoral Fellowship Renewal, Hispanic Theological Initiative/Pew Charitable Trusts, 1999-2000

Doctoral Fellowship, Hispanic Theological Initiative/Pew Charitable Trusts, 1998-1999

Ron Olson Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, 1998-1999

Ron Olson Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, 1997-1998

Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies, Claremont School of Theology, 1998

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

North American Patristics Society

Society of Biblical Literature