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Education

Ph.D., Religious Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington	2008
M.A., Religious Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington	2001
B.A., Comparative Religion and Biomedical Sciences, Western Michigan University	1995

Publications

Books

The Moment of Reckoning: Imagined Death and Its Consequences in Late Ancient Christianity. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

Reviews and Engagements: Sweetland Center for Writing, *Writer to Writer*, March 19, 2019; *WCBN: Living Writers*, April 10, 2019; *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2019.8.50; *Byzantium & Friends* podcast, September 21, 2019; University of Michigan Institute for the Humanities Author's Forum, October 30, 2019; Review panel by the Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence program unit, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 26, 2019; *Ancient Jew Review* forum, April 6-15, 2020; *Church History* 89.1 (2020): 159-60.

Angels in Late Ancient Christianity. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Reviews: *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2013.10.16; *Choice* 51.2 (October 2013); *H-Soz-u-Kult* 24.03.2014; *Journal of Theological Studies* 65.1 (2014): 312-14; *Journal of Late Antiquity* 7.1 (2014): 189-92; *Marginalia Review of Books*, April 28, 2015; *American Historical Review* 120.5 (2015): 1952-53; *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 24.1 (2016): 130-32; *Horizons* 43.1 (2016): 213-14.

Edited Volume

Practice, volume 2 of *The Cambridge Edition of Early Christian Writings*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Perpetual Adjustment: The *Passion of Perpetua and Felicity* and the Entailments of Authenticity." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 30.3 (forthcoming).

"The Will of Others: Coercion, Captivity, and Choice in Late Antiquity," with Mira Balberg. *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.3 (2018): 294-315.

"Theological Anthropology and Medicine: Questions and Directions for Research." *Studia Patristica* 80 (2017): 37-50.

“The Morphing Portrait of a Church Father: Evidence from the *de morte* (PG 4886) attributed to John Chrysostom.” *Eirene: Studia Graeca et Latina* 52 (2016): 407-19.

“Simeon and Other Women in Theodoret’s *Religious History*: Gender in the Representation of Late Ancient Christian Asceticism.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23.4 (2015): 583-606.

“The Legend of Arius’s Death: Imagination, Space, and Filth in Late Ancient Historiography.” *Past & Present: A Journal of Historical Studies* 277 (2015): 3-29.

“Salvage: Macrina and the Christian Project of Cultural Reclamation.” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 81 (2012): 273-97.

“Preserving the Divine: $\alpha\tau\omicron$ -Prefixed Generative Terms and the *Untitled Treatise* in the Bruce Codex.” *Vigiliae Christianae* 65 (2011): 311-28.

“Ambivalence about the Angelic Life: The Promise and Perils of an Early Christian Discourse of Asceticism.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16 (2008): 447-78.

“The Representation of Theatricality in Philo’s *Embassy to Gaius*.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods* 39 (2008): 46-67.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

“Extraordinary Conceptions: Insemination and Theories of Reproduction in Narsai’s Thought.” *Rethinking Narsai: Theology, Asceticism, and Exegesis in Fifth-Century Mesopotamia*, ed. Aaron M. Butts, Kristian S. Heal, and Robert A. Kitchen (Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 2020), 175-85.

“The Ascetic Leader in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses*.” *The Christian Moses: From Philo to the Qur’an*, ed. Philip Rousseau and Janet Timbie (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2020), 134-53.

“Affecting Rhetoric: The Adoption of *Ethopoeia* in Evagrius of Pontus’s Ascetic Program.” *Monastic Education in Late Antiquity: The Transformation of Classical Paideia*, ed. Lillian I. Larsen and Samuel Rubenson (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 182-94.

“Angel.” *Late Ancient Knowing: Explorations in Intellectual History*, ed. Catherine M. Chin and Moulie Vidas (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2015), 117-33.

“Negotiations with Death: Ephrem’s Control of Death in Dialogue.” *Shifting Frontiers VIII: Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity*, ed. David Brakke, Deborah Deliyannis, and Ed Watts (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2012), 23-34.

Under Contract

Reading, an edited volume of translations of late ancient texts in *The Cambridge Edition of Early Christian Writings* series. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (slated for delivery in 2021).

Invited Talks

“Suspicion, Projection, Conviction: Making Enemies in Early Christianity.” Regional Late Antique Consortium Southeast. University of Missouri. Columbia, MO. November 6, 2020.

“The Prostitute and the Paint: Conjured Agency and Its Thrills in Late Antiquity.” Workshop on Late Antiquity. University of Texas. Austin, TX. January 23, 2020.

“Local Knowledge: The Order of the World at the End of Late Antiquity.” North American Syriac Symposium Plenary. Brown University. Providence, RI. June 16-19, 2019.

“The Moment of Reckoning: Imagined Death in Late Ancient Christianity.” Aarhus University. Aarhus, Denmark. March 22, 2018.

“Perpetual Adjustment: Untangling Tradition, Cult, and the *Passio Perpetuae et Felicitatis*.” Medieval Studies Institute Alumni Lecture. Indiana University. Bloomington, IN. September 28, 2017.

“Orienting Oneself to Death: Preaching and the Role of Rhetoric in Late Ancient Christianity.” Center for Late Ancient Studies Spring Symposium. Duke University. Durham, NC. April 1, 2016.

“Early Christian Preaching about the Moment of Death.” Department of Religion, Bowdoin College. New Brunswick, ME. April 2, 2015.

“Learning to Die: Ancient Pedagogy and Preaching about the Hour of Death.” Vandalia: A Symposium on Late Ancient Studies. Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. October 24, 2014.

“Preparatory Remarks: The *Protrepticus* and *Paraeneticus* in Evagrius’s Educational Program.” Early Monasticism and Classical *Paideia*. Lund University, Sweden. October 9-12, 2013.

“Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses* and Evagrian Ascetic Traditions.” The Christian Moses: From Philo to the Qur’an. Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. May 31-June 3, 2012.

“Religious Training and Visualization: Mapping the Power of the Early Christian Priest.” Department of Comparative Religion, Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI. March 20, 2012.

“The Ignoble Death of Heretics and the Ingressive Memory of Place in Christian Historiography.” Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. October 6, 2011.

“Powerful Helpers: Antony’s Monastic Tradition and Its Interpretation in Late Antiquity.” Late Antiquity and Its Renaissance Legacies, Center for the Study of Early Christianity, Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. February 7, 2011.

“Training the Religious Imagination: Angels in Late Ancient Christian Ritual.” Department of Religious Studies, Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. April 16, 2010.

Conference and Workshop Presentations

Panelist, “Clamor and Chaos,” Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan. October 23, 2020.

Featured writer, Sweetland Center for Writing’s Writer-to-Writer Series. Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI. March 19, 2019.

“Fits and Starts.” The Process of Discovery: How Scholars Write Books Today. Center for Middle East and North African Studies Colloquium, University of Michigan. September 17, 2018.

“Casting the Future: John Rufus’s *Plerophoriae* and the Creation of a Non-Chalcedonian Church.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 24-26, 2018.

“Famous Last Words: The *Life of Constantine* as Deathbed Propaganda.” Inscribing Death: Memorial and the Transmission of Text in the Ancient World. Yale University. February 23, 2018.

“Extraordinary Conceptions: Insemination and Theories of Reproduction in Narsai’s Thought.” Narsai Workshop, Neil A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship. Brigham Young University. June 22-23, 2017.

“Cumulative Assignment Design and Students’ Intellectual Development.” The Craft of Teaching Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School. January 23, 2017.

“Training for Death: Rhetorical Formation and the Cast of Early Christian Thanatology.” Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School. January 23, 2017.

“Reading and Rhetoric: A Reinterpretation of *The Letter to Marcellinus*.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 26-28, 2016.

“The Influence of Rhetorical Training on Late Ancient Christian Preaching about Death.” Interdepartmental Program in Greek and Roman History. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. March 23, 2016.

“Why Death?” Undergraduate Society for the Study of Religion. Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, LA. January 26, 2016.

“The Third Person: Finding the Self in Ancient Regulation.” Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 21-24, 2015.

“Theological Anthropology and Medicine,” part of arranged panel titled “Christianity, Health, Medicine, and Disability: State of the Art (or State of the Question).” International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford, England. August 10-14, 2015.

“On Authors, Fathers, and Holy Men.” Roundtable on Late Antiquity and the New Humanities. International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 14-17, 2015.

“Tears without Sadness: Methods and Passions in Evagrian Practice.” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting. New York, NY. January 2-5, 2015.

“Learning to Die: Jacob of Serug on the Experience of Death.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 22-24, 2014.

“Remaining: The Dead beyond Their Death.” Co-presentation with Mira Balberg of Northwestern University. Models of Piety Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 22, 2013.

“Going Public: Legends of the Death of Arius.” Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 17-20, 2012.

“Simeon and Other Women in Theodoret’s *Religious History*.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 24-26, 2012.

“Tracing the Christian Community in the Fourth Century: Changing Perspectives on ‘Public’ and ‘Private’.” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting. Chicago, IL. January 6, 2012.

“Evagrian Death Meditation and Amphilochius’s Homily on Lazarus.” Esotericism and Mysticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 19-22, 2011.

“Knowing Angels.” Colloquium on Late Ancient Knowing: A New Doxography. University of California-Davis. Davis, CA. November 17-18, 2011.

“Restoring Philosophy: Gregory of Nyssa’s *Treatise on the Soul and the Resurrection* as Cultural Salvage.” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting. Grand Rapids, MI. April 7-10, 2011.

“Saving Socrates: Macrina and the Christian Project of Cultural Reclamation.” Greater Michigan Ancient Christianity Society, Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo, MI. February 4, 2011.

“Macrina and Socrates: Gregory of Nyssa’s New Martyrs of the Majority.” Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2010.

“The Changing Role of Representation in Late Ancient Christian Ritual.” Invention, Rewriting, and Usurpation: Discursive Fights over Religious Traditions in Antiquity. Ebeltoft, Denmark. May 31-June 4, 2010.

“Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses* and Its Ascetic Context.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 2010.

“Garnering a Companion: The *Letter on the Cultivation of Grace* and Angelic Assistants in Antony’s Community.” Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religions; Magic and Religion in Greco-Roman Egypt. Ann Arbor, MI. April 9-10, 2010.

“Faces of Death: Death as a Character in Late Ancient West Asian Literature.” Religious World of Late Antiquity Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2009.

“Shenoute’s Estimation of the Experience of Death in *de iudicio*.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 2009.

“Negotiations with Death: Ephrem’s Control of Death in Dialogue.” Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity VIII. Bloomington, IN. April 2009.

“The Influence of Numenius: The ‘Self-Originate’ in Sethian Literature and the Gospel of Judas.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 2008.

“Seeing the Light: A Re-Evaluation of the Context of *Life of Antony* 10.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 2008.

“Multiple Voices in Iamblichus’s *de mysteriis*.” Indiana University Religious Studies Graduate Conference. Bloomington, IN. March 2007.

“The Limits of Critique: Augustine’s Concepts of Angelic Nature.” Jews, Christians, and Pagans in Antiquity: Critique and Apologetics, Ph.D. Seminar. Sponsored by Aarhus University. Aarhus, Denmark. January 2007.

“Origen and Jerome on Accusations of Jewish Angel Worship.” Early Jewish-Christian Relations Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. November 2006.

“Imagining Angels at Ritual: John Chrysostom and Narsai of Edessa on the Power of the Priest.” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. June 2006.

“How to Avoid Gossip: Angelic Appearances and Heresy in the Ascetic Literature of Egypt.” Religion in Roman Egypt Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2005.

“A New Source of Scripture in John Chrysostom’s Homilies on Matthew.” History of Interpretation Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2005.

“The Angelic Life Revisited.” Ancient Studies Colloquium. Bloomington, IN. November 2005.

“Ambiguity about ‘The Angelic Life’: Evidence from Shenoute’s *Fourth Canon*.” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. June 2005.

“How Do Angels Speak? Diadochus of Photice on the Voice of the Angels.” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. May 2004.

“Basil’s Use of Biblical *Exempla*: Models for Lay and Monastic Fasting.” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. May 2002.

Comments and Responses

Respondent for “Origen and the Roots of Human Freedom and Human Dignity in the West.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 18-21, 2017.

Book panelist on Todd S. Berzon’s *Classifying Christians: Ethnography, Heresiology, and the Limits of Knowledge in Late Antiquity*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 18-21, 2017.

Panelist for “Emerging Themes and Methods of Humanities Research.” American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. May 12, 2017.

Respondent for “Unreadable Scriptures in Late Antique Judaism(s).” Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies Symposium. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. March 28, 2016.

Respondent for “Jews and the Roman Empire: Beyond the Resistance/Accommodation Paradigm.” Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. February 9, 2015.

Book panelist on Elizabeth DePalma Digeser’s *A Threat to Public Piety: Christians, Platonists, and the Great Persecution*. North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. May 2013.

“Tracing the Christian Community in the Fourth Century: Changing Perspectives on ‘Public’ and ‘Private’.” Response to Xueying Wang. American Society of Church History Winter Meeting. Chicago, IL. January 6, 2012.

Respondent for Eleanor Leach, “Rhetorical *Inventio* and the Expectations of Roman Continuous Narrative Painting.” Art and Religions of Antiquity Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2009.

Book Reviews, Notes, Encyclopedia Entries, and New Media Work

Review of *Not All Dead White Men: Classics and Misogyny in the Digital Age* by Donna Zuckerberg, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2019.5.20).

Review of *Evagrius and His Legacy*, ed. Joel Kalvesmaki and Robin Darling Young, for *Speculum* 94 (2019): 230-31.

Review of *Classifying Christians: Ethnography, Heresiology, and the Limits of Knowledge in Late Antiquity* by Todd S. Berzon, for *Ancient Jew Review*, June 10, 2018.

Review of *Perpetua’s Journey: Faith, Gender, & Power in the Roman Empire* by Jennifer A. Rea and Liz Clarke, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2018.04.49).

Review of *The Virgin in Song: Mary and the Poetry of Romanos the Melodist* by Thomas Arentzen, for *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.1 (2018): 129-131.

Review of *Incorruptible Bodies: Christology, Society, and Authority in Late Antiquity* by Yonatan Moss, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 25 (2017): 660-661.

Review of *Group Identity and Religious Individuality in Late Antiquity*, ed. Éric Rebillard and Jörg Rüpke, for *Catholic Historical Review* 102 (2016): 375-76.

“On Authors, Fathers, and Holy Men.” Forum: Late Antiquity and the New Humanities. *Marginalia Review of Books*. September 20, 2015.

“Accretion.” Past & Present Blog. May 8, 2015.

“Angels” and “Arianism.” Entries in the *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Ed. Eric Orlin, Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, and Michael Satlow (Routledge, 2015).

Review of *Greek Models of Mind and Self* by A. A. Long, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2015.07.25)

Review of *Coming Out Christian in the Roman World: How the Followers of Jesus Made a Place in Caesar’s Empire* by Douglas Boin, for *Marginalia Review of Books*, March 31, 2015.

Account curator, @WeTheHumanities, April 7-14, 2014.

Review of *Reconstructing the Theology of Evagrius Ponticus: Beyond Heresy* by Augustine Casiday, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2014.04.38).

“Angels in Late Ancient Christianity.” *Oxford Scholarship Online News*, July 15, 2013.

Review of *Apophysis and Pseudonymity in Dionysius the Areopagite: “No Longer I”* by Charles M. Stang, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 21 (2013): 144-45.

Review of *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars: Critical Explorations in the History of Religions* by Bruce Lincoln, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2012.11.38).

Note, with Jacob Latham. “Trends in Art and Religions in Antiquity at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.” *Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 34 (2012): 188-89.

Review of *Symbol and Icon: Dionysius the Areopagite and the Iconoclastic Crisis* by Filip Ivanović, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 20 (2012): 168-72.

Review of *Mind, Text, and Commentary: Noetic Exegesis in Origen of Alexandria, Didymus the Blind, and Evagrius Ponticus* by Blossom Stefaniw, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2011.05.56).

Review of *Baptism in the Early Church: History, Theology, and Liturgy in the First Five Centuries* by Everett Ferguson, for *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130 (2010): 283-85.

Review of *Christianity, Empire, and the Making of Religion in Late Antiquity* by Jeremy M. Schott, for *Bible and Critical Theory* 5 (2009): 48.1-4.

Review of *Pseudo-Dionysius as Polemicist: The Development and Purpose of the Angelic Hierarchy in Sixth Century Syria* by Rosemary A. Arthur, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17 (2009): 151-52.

Review of *Il battesimo gnostico: Dottrine, simboli e riti iniziatici nello gnosticismo* by Augusto Cosentino, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2008.6.15).

Note on *John Cassian and the Reading of Egyptian Monastic Culture* by Steven D. Driver, for *Religious Studies Review* 32 (April 2006): 126.

Review of *Tobit and Judith* by Benedict Otzen, for *Journal of Semitic Studies* 50 (2005): 386-88.

Review of *The Ascension of Authorship: Attribution and Canon Formation in Jewish, Hellenistic, and Christian Traditions* by Jed Wyrick, for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2005.05.54).

Review of *Playing a Jewish Game: Gentile Christian Judaizing in the First and Second Centuries C.E.* by Michele Murray, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 13 (2005): 123-24.

Employment

Professor Departments of Middle East Studies and History, University of Michigan	September 2019-present
Affiliated Faculty (dry appointment) Department of Classical Studies and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan	October 2015-present
Associate Professor Departments of Middle East Studies and History, University of Michigan	May 2015-August 2019
Assistant Professor Departments of Middle East Studies and History, University of Michigan	July 2009-May 2015
Part-time Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies, DePauw University	August 2008-May 2009
Editorial Assistant, <i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>	July 2005-May 2008
Instructor, Biblical Hebrew Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University-Bloomington	August 2003-May 2008
Associate Instructor Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington	August 2000-May 2003

Service to the University of Michigan

Leaves/Fellowships: Winter 2012, Fall 2014-Winter 2015, Fall 2016-Winter 2017, Fall 2019-Winter 2020

To the Middle East Studies Department

Executive Committee, 2018-2019
Director of Graduate Studies, 2015-2016, 2017-2019
Curriculum Committee, 2009-2010, 2012-2014
Graduate Committee, 2010-2011
Library Committee, 2011 (Fall)

To the History Department

Chair, Third Year Review Committee, 2021
Executive Committee, 2018-2019
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, 2017-2018
Collegiate Post-Doc Selection Committee, 2017-2018
Augmented Executive Committee, 2015-2016
Development Liaison, 2013-2014
Undergraduate Committee, 2011 (Fall)
Fellowship Committee, 2010-2011

To other units

Interdepartmental Program in Greek and Roman History Executive Committee, 2017-2018
Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies FLAS Evaluation Committee, 2011
Individual Concentration Program Advisor, 2009-2010
Classical Studies External Review participant, November 2009

To the University as a whole

Rackham Merit Fellowship faculty reviewer (2018-)
ADVANCE Succeed Grants Evaluator (2019-)
ADVANCE LSA Advisory Board (2018-)
Faculty Senate Assembly (2011-2014)
2013 Vandalia: A Symposium on Late Ancient Studies (September 2013)
Organized, with Paolo Squatriti, the annual Vandalia conference for graduate students from Indiana University, Ohio State University, and the University of Michigan, and raised \$3042 from university units to support it
Faculty Marshall, Honors Convocation (2013)
Faculty Marshall, Graduate Exercises (2013)
Development Advisory Committee (2012-2013)
Sweetland Center for Writing's "Turning the Tables" Faculty Writing Event (2012)
Consultant to curator of Special Collections Library, Shenoute digitization project (April 2011)
Worked with Pablo Alvarez to campaign to have Shenoute fragments in Michigan's collection digitized and helped him as he created a finding aid
CRLT Teaching Academy Mentor Group (Fall 2011)
Rackham-CRLT Preparing Future Faculty Series (May 2011)
Faculty Marshall, Spring Commencement (2010, 2011)
2011 Michigan Lecture in Judaism and Christianity in the Roman World (October 2011)
Organized visit and raised \$4570 from university units and the Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies to support it
2010 Michigan Lecture in Judaism and Christianity in the Roman World (March 2010)

Organized visit and raised \$3600 from university units to support it; solicited the Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies to sponsor a reception
UM Chapter Advisor, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Nov 2010-May 2013)
Participant, Religion and the Secular Faculty Seminar (2009-2010)

Service to the Profession

Manuscript review for Ashgate, Gorgias Press, Harvard University Press, Routledge, and University of California Press; article review for *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Hugoye*, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Journal of Religion, Media, and Digital Culture*, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, and *Studies in Late Antiquity*; grant review, Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt; grant review, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Associate Editor, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2018-)

Member, Editorial Board, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2013-)

Member, Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion Seminar on Origen and Origen's Reception (2017-)

Member, Advisory Board, Coptic SCRIPTORIUM (2017-)

Member, Editorial Board, *Studies in Late Antiquity* (2016-)

Contributing Editor, *Marginalia Review of Books* (2015-2016)

Member, Grants and Awards Committee, North American Patristics Society (2016)

Member, North American Patristics Society Board of Directors (2013-2016)

Member, Advisory Board, *Ancient Jew Review* (2015-)

Member, Program Committee for Annual Meeting, American Society of Church History (2014)

Member, Series Advisory Board, *Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity* (2013-)

Member, Editorial Team, *Cambridge Editions of Early Christian Writings* (2011-)

Art and Religions in Antiquity Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature (chair 2009-2012, member 2012-2013)

Dissertation Students

Director or Co-director

Michail Kitsos (MES, 2020, with Rachel Rafael Neis): "Cultures of Disputations: Jewish-Christian Encounters in Late Antiquity"

Anne S. Kreps (NES, 2013): "The Crucified Book, Textual Authority and the *Gospel of Truth*"

Committee Member

Rodney Alan Caruthers II (MES, 2018): "Learning How to Write Narrative: Jewish Education in the Hellenistic and Early Roman Periods"

Louis Loehndorff (IPGRH, 2018): "Translation as Narrative and Translator as Active Guide: Rufinus' Process of Translating Origen's Narrative of the Soul's Descent"

Deborah Forger (NES, 2017): "Divine Embodiment in Jewish Antiquity: Rediscovering the Jewishness of John's Incarnate Christ"

Alexandra Talarico McLaughlin (IPGRH, 2017): "Christian Pedagogy and Christian Community in the Fifth- and Sixth-Century Mediterranean"

Gina Konstantopoulos (NES, 2015): "'They are Seven': Demons and Monsters in the Mesopotamian Textual and Artistic Tradition"

Elizabeth Platte (IPGRH, 2013): “Monks and Matrons: The Economy of Charity in the Late Antique Mediterranean”

Isaac Oliver (NES, 2012): “Torah Praxis after 70 C.E.: Reading Matthew and Luke-Acts as Jewish Texts”

Jared Secord (IPGRH, 2012): “Elites and Outsiders: The Greek-Speaking Scholars of Rome, 100 BCE–200 CE”

External Committee Member

Daniel Becerra (Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion, 2019): “Asceticism and the Other: Angels and Animals in the Late Ancient Egyptian Ascetic Tradition”

Katie Kleinkopf (University of Tennessee Knoxville, History, 2019): “Second Skin: Ascetics as Body-Places in Late Antique Christianity”

Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

Michigan Humanities Award University of Michigan	2019
Associate Professor Support Fund Grant University of Michigan	2017-2019
ADVANCE Faculty Summer Writing Grant University of Michigan	2017
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2016-2017
Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award University of Michigan	2015
Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship American Council of Learned Societies	2014-2015
Faculty Fellowship Enhancement Award Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	2013
Ludolph Junior Faculty Development Award University of Michigan	2010, 2013, 2014
Borns Jewish Studies Program Conference Funding Indiana University-Bloomington	2006
College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant Indiana University-Bloomington	2002, 2005
Chancellor’s Fellowship Indiana University-Bloomington	1999-2004
Presidential Scholar in Comparative Religion Western Michigan University	1995

Medallion Scholar, Western Michigan University

1991-1995

Research Languages

Ancient: Armenian (novice), Coptic, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Syriac

Modern: French, German, Italian

Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion

Association of Ancient Historians

Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques/International Association of Patristic Studies

North American Patristics Society