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Current Employment

Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins
School of Theology and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University
Assistant Professor of Religion
Department of Religion, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

Previous Employment

Assistant Professor, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA	2000-2005
Lecturer, Department of Religion, University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT	1999
Instructor, Department of Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY	1999
Instructor, Department of Religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	1999
Instructor, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY	1998
Preceptor, Columbia University, New York, NY	1996-1998
Pastor, Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA	1991-1993

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, Columbia University, NY	February 2001
Master of Philosophy in Religion, Columbia University, NY	May 1997
Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary, NY	May 1991
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL	May 1988

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Medieval Greek Summer Program, Gennadius Library, Athens	Summer 2009
Fellow, Henry Luce III Foundation Fellows in Theology	2007-2008
Junior Fellow in the Humanities, Boston University	2007-2008
BU School of Theology Student Association Teaching Award	Spring 2008
Curriculum Innovation Grant, Center for Practical Theology	Fall 2006
American Academy in Rome Program in Advanced Palaeography	Summer 2005
Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study	2003-2004
ACLS/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship for Junior Faculty	2003-2004
Honorary Member, Alpha Sigma Nu	2004
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend	Summer 2003
Charles and Rosanna Batchelor (Ford) Foundation Grant	Summer 2002
Faculty Fellow, Collegium	Summer 2002
American Dissertation Fellow, AAUW Educational Foundation	1999-2000
President's Fellow, Columbia University	1994-1996, 1998-1999
Mellon Summer Fellow	Summer 1998
Faculty Fellow, Columbia University	1993-1994
Traveling Fellow, Union Theological Seminary	1991-1992
Seminary Fellow, Union Theological Seminary	1988-1991
Phi Beta Kappa	May 1988

Research and Publications

Books:

Loose Texts, Loose Women: The History of Jesus, an Adulteress and the Gospel of John, forthcoming.

Beyond the Biblical Sex Wars: Why the Bible is not a Sex Manual. San Francisco: HarperOne, under contract.

Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice: Images, Acts, Meanings, edited with Zuzsanna Várhelyi. New York and London: Oxford University Press, under contract.

Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity. Gender, Theory, Religion; New York: Columbia University Press, 2005.

Journal Articles:

“Earth Accuses Earth: Tracing Jesus’ Writing on the Ground,” with Tommy Wasserman. *Harvard Theological Review*, in press.

“What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice and the Ancient Mediterranean,” with Zsuzsanna Várhelyi. Commissioned for *The Journal Hecob: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from the Second Temple to Late Antiquity*, in press.

“Exegesis: Mark 10.2-16; Mark 10.17-31.” *Lectionary Homeletics* October 2009, in press.

“In Pursuit of a Singular Text: New Testament Textual Criticism and the Desire for the True Original.” *Religion Compass* 2/2 (2008): 180-190.

“Early Christian Re-Writing and the History of the *Pericope Adulterae*,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 14.4 (2006): 485-536.

Book Chapters:

“Jesus’ Conditional Forgiveness.” In *Ancient Forgiveness*. edited by Charles Griswold and David Konstan. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“Roasting the Lamb: Sacrifice and Sacred Text in Justin’s *Dialogue with Trypho*.” In *Religion and Violence: The Biblical Heritage*, edited by Jonathan Klawans and David Bernat, 100-13. Recent Research in Biblical Studies; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2007.

“Enslaved to Demons: Sex and Violence in Justin’s *First Apology*.” In *Mapping Gender in Ancient Religious Discourse*, edited by Todd Penner and Caroline Vander Stichele, 431-56. Biblical Interpretation; Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2006.

“Commentary: Body Critical Embodiment.” In *Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith*, edited by Bruce T. Morrill, Joanna Ziegler and Susan Rodgers, 68-72. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.

“Jesus, an Adulteress, and the Development of Christian Scripture,” In *A Tall Order. Festschrift in honor William V. Harris*, edited by Jean-Jacques Aubert and Zsuzsanna Várhelyi, 59-84. Beiträge zur Altertumskunde. Munich: K. G. Saur Verlag, 2005.

“Paul and the Politics of Virtue and Vice.” In *Paul and the Imperial Order*, edited by Richard Horsley, 155-73. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2004.

“2 Thessalonians and the Discipline of Work.” In *The New Testament and Asceticism*, edited by Vincent Wimbush and Leif Vaage, 255-59. New York: Routledge, 1999.

Essays and Short Notices:

“Latin Versions of the New Testament.” *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, edited by Roger Bagnall, Kai Brodersen, Craig Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine Heubner. London: Blackwell Publishing, in press.

“Irenaeus.” *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, edited by Roger Bagnall, Kai Brodersen, Craig Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine Heubner. London: Blackwell Publishing, forthcoming.

“Cup.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, in press.

“Latin Versions.” In *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfield, Samuel E. Balentine, Brian K. Blount, Joel B. Greek, Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, PHEME Perrens, Eileen Schuller, Paul Franklys and Harriet Jance Olson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, in press.

“Too Hot to Handle: The Reception of the Woman Taken in Adultery (John 7:53-8:11).” *Focus: News from Boston University School of Theology*. Spring 2007, 32-43.

“*porneia*.” In *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*, edited by Jamsheed Chosky, Judith Roof and Francesca Sautman. Macmillan Library Reference; Michigan: Thomson Gale, 2007.

“The Politics of Virtue and Vice in the Pauline Epistles.” *Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers* 39 (2000): 436-53.

Book Reviews:

Review of *The Ethics of Obscene Speech in Early Christianity and Its Environment* by Jeremy F. Hultin. *Biblical Interpretation*, in press.

Review of *Tertullian's Aduersus Iudaeos: A Rhetorical Analysis* by Geoffrey D. Dunn. *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, in press.

Review of *Slavery in Early Christianity* by J. Albert Harrill and *Slaves in the New Testament* by Jennifer A. Glancy. *Journal of Religion* (July 2009): 406-409.

Review of *Bible Manuscripts: 1400 Years of Scribes and Scripture* by Scot McKendrick and Kathleen Doyle. *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*, in press.

Review of *Saving Shame: Martyrs, Saints and other Abject Subjects* and *The Sex Lives of Saints: An Erotics of Ancient Hagiography* by Virginia Burrus. *Catholic Historical Review* 94.4 (2008): 765-66.

Review of *Canon and Biblical Interpretation*, edited by Craig Bartholomew, Scott Hahn, Robin Parry, Christopher Seitz and Al Wolters. *Expository Times* 119.8 (2008): 413-14.

Review of *Apologetic Discourse and the Scribal Tradition: Evidence of the Influence of Apologetic Interests on the Text of the Canonical Gospels* by Wayne C. Kannaday. *The Journal of Religion* 86.1 (2006): 671-72.

Review of *Kissing Christians: Ritual and Community in the Late Ancient Church* by Michael Philip Penn, *Church History* 75.3 (2006): 651-53.

Review of *Writing and Holiness: The Practice of Authorship in the Early Christian East* by Derek Krueger. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2005.08.09 [<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2005/2005-08-09.html>]

Review of *Roman Wives, Roman Widows: The Appearance of New Women and the Pauline Communities*, by Bruce W. Winter. *Review of Biblical Literature* 2004.08.28 [<http://www.bookreviews.org>].

Review of *Remembering Jesus: Christian Community Scripture and the Moral Life*, by Allen Verhey. *Review of Biblical Literature* 2004.01.10 [<http://www.bookreviews.org>].

Review of *John's Apologetic Christology: Legitimation and Development in Johannine Christology*, by James McGrath. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2002.06.23 [<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2002/2002-06-23.html>]

Scholarly Papers, Lectures and Presentations:

“Jewish Bones and Christian Bibles: The Maccabean Martyrs in Christian Late Antiquity.” Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2009.

“Earth Accuses Earth: Tracing Jesus’ Writing on the Ground.” Co-authored with Tommy Wasserman, Örebro Theological Seminary. Text Criticism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. 20 November 2008.

Response to “Paul and Other Christians,” by Jerry Sumney. Consultation on the Extent of Theological Diversity in Early Christianity. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. 20 November 2008.

“Paul and Women.” Presentation to the Paulist Center, Boston, MA. 18 November 2008.

“Scripture in Everyday Life.” United Methodist Churches of New England Annual Conference. August 2008.

“The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress.” Catholic Biblical Association. 4 August 2008.

Panelist, “The New Testament and the Roman Empire: Resistance and Reimagination.” Union Theological Seminary, New York. 3-5 April 2008.

“The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress.” University of Birmingham. 19 March 2008

“Too Hot to Handle: The Story of the Woman Taken in Adultery in Late Antique Exegesis, Liturgy and Art.” Oxford University. 18 March 2008.

“The Singular Case of the Missing Adulteress: The *Pericope Adulterae* in the Second and Third Centuries.” University of Edinburgh. 14 March 2008.

“The Text of the New Testament.” Editing Across the Disciplines. Boston University. 14 February 2008.

“The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress.” Society of Fellows. Boston University. 12 February 2008.

“Sacred Text and Symbolic Violence in the *Epistles* of Ambrose of Milan.” Early Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Torture, A Joint Session of the Violence and Representations of Violence Section and the

Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. 19 November 2007.

“Loose Texts, Loose Women: A History of Jesus, an Adulteress and the Gospel of John.” Massachusetts Bible Society. 12 September 2007.

Response to “Theology’s Fascination with Racial Theory: How Jesus became a Nazi in German Protestantism,” by Susannah Heschel. Symposium on Race and Ethnicity in New Testament and Early Christian Studies. Harvard Divinity School. 23-25 March 2007

“New Testament Textual Criticism.” Editing Across the Disciplines. Boston University. 27 February 2007.

“Too Hot to Handle? The Reception of the Woman Taken in Adultery.” Luce Program in Scripture and the Literary Arts, Boston University, 24 October 2006.

“Healing and Hemorrhage: Jesus and the Hazardous Cure.” Women in the World Conference, Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University School of Theology, 15-16 March 2006.

“Roasting the Lamb: Sacrifice and Sacred Text in Justin’s *Dialogue with Trypho*.” Religion and Violence: The Biblical Heritage Conference. Sponsored by the Wellesley College Department of Religion in Conjunction with the Boston University Department of Religion, 19-20 February 2006.

“The *Pericope Adulterae* Reconsidered: Multiple Meanings, Mutable Text, and the Articulation of Christian Difference.” Tertulia, Boston University, October 2005.

Presentation of *Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity* to the Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University School of Theology, October 2005.

“Jesus, an Adulteress, and the Development of Christian Scripture.” Boston Patristics Society, March 2005.

“Emancipatory Discourse and the Trouble with the Text.” Symposium in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, May 2004.

“Untamed Texts: The *Pericope Adulterae* and the Fluidity of Ancient Christian Scripture.” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, January 2004.

“Early Christian Rewriting and the History of the *Pericope Adulterae*.” New Testament Textual Criticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2004.

“Divine Justice, Imperial Violence, and Jewish Depravity: Sex and Death in the Writings of Justin Martyr.” Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2004.

“Loose Texts, Loose Women: A Short History of an Adulteress, Some Text Critics, and Multiple (Mis)Readings.” Ideological Criticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2002.

Respondent, “Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith.” College of the Holy Cross, October 18-21, 2002.

“Sexual Depravity, *Boni Mores*, and Christian Virtue: On the Production of the ‘Bad’ Woman in Roman Law and Ancient Christian Literature.” Gender Sexuality, and Law II, Keele University, Staffordshire, U.K., June 2002.

“A Depraved Empire and the Licentious Heretics: Sexualized Invective in Christian Apology.” Boston Patristics Society, April 2002.

“Passion Politics: Paul, Justin, and the Sexual Vice of Pagans.” Second Annual Graduate Conference in the Classics, Columbia University, November 1999.

Conferences Organized

“What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean.” Co-directed with Zsuzsanna Varhelyi. 18-20 November 2008.

Courses Taught

The Christian Bible: A History	Introduction to Western Religions
Christianity	Jesus and His Contemporaries
Contemporary Civilization	Jesus in the Gospels
Core Curriculum II: The Humanities	New Testament Greek I-II
Gender and the Family in Earliest Christianity	Paul the Apostle
Gnostics, Heretics, and Martyrs	The Rise of Christianity
The Gospel of John	Varieties of Ancient Christianity
Hellenistic Greek Readings	War, Violence, and the New Testament
Intensive Introduction to New Testament Greek	Women in Early Christianity
Intermediate Greek Reading	Women and Religion
Introduction to the New Testament	Women in Western Religions

Professional Service and Affiliations

Organizing Committee, Consultation on the Extent of Theological Diversity in Early Christianity, Society of Biblical Literature	2009-present
Editorial Board, <i>Religion Compass</i>	2006-present
Advisory Board, Boston Patristics Group	2006-present
Feminist Approaches to the Bible Group, Catholic Biblical Association	2006-present
Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Research Associate	2005-present
American Academy of Religion	1993-present
Society of Biblical Literature	1993-present
Catholic Biblical Association	2003-present
North American Patristics Society	2002-present
Referee, Columbia University Press	2006
Referee, Palgrave Macmillan	2003
Referee, <i>Journal of the History of Sexuality</i>	2001

At Boston University:

Organizing Committee, “Carnal Knowledge,” a conference to be held at Boston University, 12 April 2010	2009-present
Organizing Committee, Symposium honoring Eve Sedgwick, Boston University, 31 October 2009	2009-present
Faculty Council	Fall 2008, Fall 2009-present
Advanced Studies Committee, STH	2008-present
Omnibus Search Committee, STH	2009-2010
Religion and the Literary Arts Search Committee, CAS	2008-2009

Founding Member, Gender and Sexuality Reading Group, CAS	2007-present
Integration of Theology and Practice Leader, STH	2006-2007
Co-convener Tertullia, CAS	2006-2007
Curriculum Revision Planning Group, STH	2006
Educational Excellence Committee, STH	2006
Pastoral Spiritual Formation Leader, STH	2005-2006
Ad-hoc Fellowship Committee, STH	2006-present
Lecture Committee, STH	2005-present

At the College of the Holy Cross

Departmental Representative, Academic Affairs Committee	2002-3, 2004-5
Priorities Committee, Academic Affairs Committee	2004-2005
Steering Committee, Curriculum Review	2004-2005
First Year Experiences Committee	2004-2005
Faculty Advisor, ALLIES	2002-3
Graduate Studies Advisor, Department of Religious Studies	2002-3, 2004-5
Chapter Moderator, Theta Alpha Kappa, College of the Holy Cross	2000-3, 2004-5
Women's Studies Committee	2001-2005