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EDUCATION

PhD: Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University, 2001 (advisor: Elizabeth A. Clark)

MA: Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University, 1998

AB: Ancient Studies (with honors); Comparative Literature (Latin and French), Brown University, 1995

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Harvard Divinity School

Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of World Religions, 2019-present

Lecturer, 2018-2019; 2020; 2021

Boston University

Instructor, Department of Religion, 2023-2025

Dartmouth College

Instructor, Jewish Studies Program, 2024

Department of Religious Studies, Scripps College

Mary W. and J. Stanley Johnson Professor of Humanities, 2015-2019

Department Chair, 2009-2012

Professor, 2012-2019

Associate Professor, 2009-2012

Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside

Associate Professor, 2005-2009

Graduate Advisor, 2005-2008

Undergraduate Advisor, 2002-2005

Assistant Professor, 2001-2005

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

North American Patristics Society

Immediate Past President, 2024-2025

President, 2022-2024

Vice President/President-Elect, 2021-2022

Member, Nominating Committee, 2004-2008 (chair, 2007-2008)

Elements in Religion in Late Antiquity (Cambridge University Press)

General Editor, 2019-present

Boston Area Patristics Group (*Patristica Bostoniensia*)

Coordinator, 2019-present

Christianity in Late Antiquity Book Series (University of California Press)

Board Member, 2014-present

Ancient Jew Review (ancientjewreview.com)

Advisory Board Member, 2014-present

Journal of Early Christian Studies

Advisory Board Member, 2006-2011; 2017-present

Associate Editor, 2011-2017
 Editorial Assistant, 1998-2001
 American Society of Church History
 Council Member, 2010-2013
 Member, *ad hoc* Committee, Evaluation of the ASCH Executive Secretary, 2013
 Program Committee Member, 2003-2004
 Models of Piety in Late Antiquity Seminar Group
 Coordinator, 2008-present
Religion-Compass
 Board Member (Early Christianity), 2006-2012
 Society of Biblical Literature, Early Jewish-Christian Relations Group
 Member, Steering Committee, 2006-2013; 2019-present (chair, 2004-2007)
Religion
 Editorial Board, 2001-2006
 Acting North American Co-Editor, 2003-2004
 Author of entries for the *Watts Children's Dictionary of Religion* (New York: Franklin Watts/Grolier Books, 2001)
 Manuscript and proposal reviewer for: Princeton University Press; Yale University Press; Harvard University Press; University of Michigan Press; University of California Press; Brown University Press; Oxford University Press; Columbia University Press; Blackwell Publishing; Cambridge University Press; Catholic University Press of America; University of Pennsylvania Press; Edinburgh University Press; *Journal of Intellectual History*; *Medieval Encounters*; *Church History*; *Journal of Early Christian Studies*; *Vigiliae Christianae*; *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*; *Journal of Ancient Judaism*; *Harvard Theological Review*
 Promotion and tenure reviewer for: Marquette University; New York University; University of Oklahoma; Iliff School of Theology; Kalamazoo College; Hebrew Union College; Macalester College; University of Oklahoma; Kenyon College

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS

Philip Schaff Book Prize (American Society of Church History), 2017
 Mary W. Johnson Faculty Award (Research), Scripps College, 2012, 2017
 Mary W. Johnson Faculty Award (Teaching), Scripps College, 2010
 Mellon Course Development Grant (Scripps Core Curriculum), 2010-2011
 UCR University Scholar, 2005-2008
 Junior Faculty Teaching Award, UCR College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 2005
 Resident Fellow, UCR Center for Ideas and Society, Spring 2004
 Member, Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society, 2001-present
 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, 2000-2001
 Katherine Sterns Dissertation Fellowship (Duke University), 2000-2001 (declined)
 Joseph Callaway Student Essay Prize (American Schools of Oriental Research), 2000
 Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar, 1999
 Kenneth Willis Clarke Student Essay Prize (Society of Biblical Literature), 1998
 James B. Duke Fellowship, 1995-1999
 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship, 1995-1998

PUBLICATIONS

Books (monographs)

Gospel Thrillers: Conspiracy, Fiction, and the Vulnerable Bible. Cambridge University Press, 2023

Epiphanius of Cyprus: A Cultural Biography of Late Antiquity. University of California Press, 2016

Christ Circumcised: A Study in Early Christian History and Difference. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012

Remains of the Jews: The Holy Land and Christian Empire in Late Antiquity. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003

Books (edited volumes)

Garb of Being: Embodiment and the Pursuit of Holiness in Late Ancient Christianity (co-edited with Georgia Frank and Susan R. Holman). New York: Fordham University Press, 2019

Christianity in Late Antiquity, 300-450 C.E.: A Reader (co-edited with Bart D. Ehrman). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003

Books (translations)

The Life of Thecla: Apocryphal Expansion in the Fifth Century, Early Christian Apocrypha/Westar Tools + Translations. Eugene, OR: Cascade Press, 2024

The Passion of Perpetua and Felicitas in Late Antiquity (edited by L. Stephanie Cobb with translations by L. Stephanie Cobb and Andrew S. Jacobs). Oakland: University of California Press, 2021

Books (works in progress)

Ex-Jews: Religion and Conversion in Late Antiquity

Special Journal Issues

Guest Editor, "Symposium: Reflections on Maia Kotrosits's *The Lives of Objects*," *Religious Studies Review* 47.3 (2021): 299-314

Articles

"'Jewish Studies, Christianity, and Even Paganism': Disciplining the Ways that Never Parted." *Studies in Late Antiquity* (forthcoming, 2025)

"NAPS 2024 Presidential Address: Ex-Jews, Christians, and Conversion in Late Antiquity." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (forthcoming, 2025)

"Introduction: Shedding our Skin (Symposium: Reflections on Maia Kotrosits's *The Lives of Objects*)." *Religious Studies Review* 47.3 (2021): 299-300

"Interpreting Conversion in Antiquity (and Beyond)." *Religion-Compass* 2021:e12399

"Gender, Conversion, and the End of Empire in the *Teaching of Jacob, Newly Baptized*." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 29 (2021): 93-120

"'This Piece of Parchment Will Shake the World': *The Mystery of Mar Saba* and the Evangelical Prototype of a Secular Fiction Genre." *Christianity & Literature* 69 (2020): 91-106

- "Epiphanius of Salamis and the Antiquarian's Bible." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 21 (2013): 437-64
- "Matters (Un-)Becoming: Conversions in Epiphanius of Salamis." *Church History* 81 (2012): 27-47
- "What Has Rome to do with Bethlehem?' Cultural Capital(s) and Religious Imperialism in Late Ancient Christianity." *Classical Receptions Journal* 2 (2011): 29-45
- "The Kindest Cut: Christ's Circumcision and the Signs of Early Christian Identity." *Jewish Studies Quarterly* 16 (2009): 97-117
- "Blood Will Out: Jesus' Circumcision and Early Christian Readings of Exodus 4:24-26." *Henoch* 30 (2008): 311-32
- "Dialogic Differences: (De-)Judaizing Jesus' Circumcision." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 15 (2007): 291-335
- "A Jew's Jew: Paul and the Early Christian Problem of Jewish Origins." *Journal of Religion* 86 (2006): 258-86
- "Gospel Thrillers." *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds* 1 (2005): 125-42
- "Let Him Guard *Pietas*: Early Christian Exegesis and the Ascetic Family." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 11 (2003): 265-81
- "Fathers Know Best? Christian Families in the Age of Asceticism" (with Rebecca Krawiec). *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 11 (2003): 257-63
- "The Remains of the Jew: Imperial Christian Identity in the Late Ancient Holy Land." *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 33 (2003): 23-45
- "The Most Beautiful Jewesses in the Land': Imperial Travel in The Early Christian Holy Land." *Religion* 32 (2002): 205-25
- "The Place of the Biblical Jew in the Early Christian Holy Land." *Studia Patristica* 38 (2001): 417-22
- "Writing Demetrias: Ascetic Logic in Ancient Christianity." *Church History* 69 (2000): 719-48
- "The Disorder of Books: Priscillian's Canonical Defense of Apocrypha." *Harvard Theological Review* 93 (2000): 135-59
- "A Family Affair: Marriage, Class, and Ethics in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 105-38
- "Solomon's Salacious Song': Foucault's Author Function and the Early Christian Interpretation of the *Canticum Canticorum*." *Medieval Encounters* 4 (1998): 1-23

Essays, Chapters, and Encyclopedia Entries

- "Christians, Jews, and Judaism in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East, c. 150-400 CE" and "Christianizing the Roman Empire: Jews and the Law from Constantine to Justinian, 300-600 CE" in *The Cambridge Companion to Antisemitism*, Cambridge Companions to Religion, ed. Steven Katz. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022, pp. 83-99 and pp. 100-117
- "Coloured by the Nature of Christianity': Nock's Invention of Religion and Ex-Jews in Late Antiquity" in *Celebrating Arthur Darby Nock: Choice, Change, and Conversion*, ed. Robert Matthew Calhoun, James A. Kelhoffer, and Clare R. Rothschild. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021, pp. 257-76

"Circumcision," in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online*, ed. David G. Hunter, Paul J.J. van Gest, Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (2020) (http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2589-7993_EECO_SIM_0000066)

"Epiphanius's Library," in *From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus*, ed. AnneMarie Luijendijk, Laura Nasrallah, and Charalambos Bakirtzis, *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020, pp. 133-52

"Ex-Jews and Early Christians: Conversion and the Allure of the Other," in *Bastards and Believers: Jewish Converts and Conversion from the Bible to the Present*, ed. Theodor Dunkelgrün and Pawel Maciejko. Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020, pp. 42-57

"'I Want To Be Alone': Ascetic Celebrity and the Splendid Isolation of Simeon Stylites," in *Garb of Being: Embodiment and the Pursuit of Holiness in Late Ancient Christianity*, ed. Georgia Frank, Susan R. Holman, and Andrew S. Jacobs. New York: Fordham University Press, 2019, pp. 145-168

"Introduction: Dangling Bodies, Robes of Glory: The Garb of Embodiment in Ancient Christianity" (with Georgia Frank and Susan H. Holman), in *Garb of Being: Embodiment and the Pursuit of Holiness in Late Ancient Christianity*, ed. Georgia Frank, Susan R. Holman, and Andrew S. Jacobs. New York: Fordham University Press, 2019, pp. 1-12

"The Lost Generation," in *MELANIA: Early Christianity Through the Life of One Family*, ed. C. Michael Chin and Caroline T. Schroeder. Oakland: University of California Press, 2016, pp. 207-21

"Sordid Bodies: Christ's Circumcision and Sacrifice in Origen's Fourteenth Homily on Luke," in *Asceticism and Exegesis in Early Christianity*, ed. Hans-Ulrich Weidemann, *Novum Testamentum et Antiquus*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013, pp. 219-34

"Adversus Iudaeos" and "Relics," in *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, ed. Roger Bagnall et al. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013, pp. 111-13 and 5766-77

Introduction and annotations to "Jude, Epistle of," in *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, ed. Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 460-62 (2d edition [2017], pp. 532-35; 3d edition forthcoming)

"Passing: Jesus' Circumcision and Strategic Self-Sacrifice," in *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice*, ed. Jennifer Wright Knust and Zsuzsanna Várhelyi. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 251-64

"Church Fathers, Attitudes to Jews and Judaism," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish History, Religion, and Culture*, ed. Judith Baskin. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. 105-6

"Jews and Christians," in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies*. Ed. Susan Ashbrook Harvey and David G. Hunter. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 169-85

"'Her Own Proper Kinship': Marriage, Class, and Women in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles." In *A Feminist Companion to the New Testament Apocrypha*. Ed. Amy-Jill Levine. London: T. & T. Clark, 2006, pp. 18-46

"Papinian Commands One Thing, Our Paul Another': Roman Christians and Jewish Law in the *Collatio Legum Mosaicarum et Romanarum*," in *Religion and Law in Classical and Christian Rome*. Ed. Clifford Ando and Jörg Rüpke. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2006, pp. 85-99

"The Lion and the Lamb: Reconsidering 'Jewish-Christian Relations' in Antiquity." In *The Ways that Never Parted: Jews and Christians in Antiquity and the Middle Ages*. Ed. Adam H. Becker and Annette Yoshiko Reed. Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 95. Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 2003, pp. 95-118; repr. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007

"Visible Ghosts and Invisible Demons: The Place of Jews in Early Christian *Terra Sancta*" in *Galilee Through the Centuries: Confluence of Cultures*, ed. Eric M. Meyers. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1999, pp. 359-76

Online essays

"Imagining the Vulnerable Bible," *Fifteen Eighty Four* (Cambridge Press Blog) (<https://cambridgeblog.org/2024/03/imagining-the-vulnerable-bible/>), March 27, 2024

"The Vulnerable Bible in Fact and Fiction," *Center for the Study of World Religions* (<https://cswr.hds.harvard.edu/news/2024/02/27/vulnerable-bible-fact-and-fiction>), February 27, 2024

"Why Late Antiquity (and All History) Needs Twits," *UC Press Blog* (<https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/27532/why-late-antiquity-and-all-history-needs-twits/>), May 25, 2017

"Out of the Shadows: An introduction to Young Richard Kim's *Epiphanius of Cyprus: Imagining an Orthodox World*," *Ancient Jew Review* (<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2017/2/7/out-of-the-shadows-an-introduction-to-young-richard-kims-epiphanius-of-cyprus-imagining-an-orthodox-world>), February 8, 2017

"On the Eighth Day of Christmas..." *Ancient Jew Review* (<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2016/1/1/on-the-eighth-day-of-christmas>), January 1, 2016

"Unexpected Influences," *Ancient Jew Review* (<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2015/4/15/unexpected-influences-with-adele-reinhart-and-andrew-jacobs>), April 15, 2015

"Early Jewish Christian Relations: A 25 Year Retrospective," *Ancient Jew Review* (<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2014/12/7/early-jewish-christian-relations-at-sbl-a-25-year-retrospective>), December 8, 2014

Book Reviews

Review of Mark Letteney, *The Christianization of Knowledge in Late Antiquity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023) in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (forthcoming)

Review of *Religious and Philosophical Conversion in the Ancient Mediterranean Traditions*, ed. Athanasios Despotis and Hermut Löhr (Leiden: Brill, 2022) in *Arys* (forthcoming)

Review of Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, Martin Goodman (eds.), *Essays on Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity in Honour of Oded Irshai*. Cultural Encounters in late antiquity and the Middle Ages, 40 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2023) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews* 2024 (online journal)

Review of Geoffrey Smith and Brent Landau, *The Secret Gospel of Mark: A Controversial Scholar, a Scandalous Gospel of Jesus, and the Fierce Debate over Its Authenticity*, *Ancient Jew Review*, February 25, 2024 (<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/read/2023/12/24/the-secret-gospel-of-mark-a-controversial-scholar-a-scandalous-gospel-of-jesus-and-the-fierce-debate-over-its-authenticity>)

Review of *The Narrative Self in Early Christianity: Essays in Honor of Judith Perkins*, ed. Janet Spittler (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2019) in *Church History* 90 (2021): 167-69

Review of Paula Fredriksen, *When Christians Were Jews: The First Generation* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2019 (online journal)

Review of *Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity, Islam, and Beyond*, ed. Arietta Papaconstantinou, Neil McLynn, and L. Schwartz (Burlington: Ashgate, 2015) in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 68 (2017): 394-96

Review of Susanna Drake, *Slandering the Jew: Sexuality and Difference in Early Christian Texts*, Divinations (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013) in *Journal of Late Antiquity* 7 (2014): 187-89

Review of David Nirenberg, *Anti-Judaism: The Western Tradition* (New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 2013) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2013 (online journal)

Review of Claude Rambaux, *La genèse du judaïsme et du christianisme: Les faits et les problèmes dans leur contexte historique*, Collection Latomus, 332 (Bruxelles: Éditions Latomus, 2011) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews* 2012 (online journal)

Brief response to David M. Freidenreich, *Foreigners and Their Food: Constructing Otherness in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Law*, Religion & Culture Web Forum, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, March 2012 (<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum/032012/Jacobs%20response%20to%20Freidenreich%20Final.pdf>)

Review of Gail Corrington Streete, *Redeemed Bodies: Women Martyrs in Early Christianity* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2009) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74 (2012): 401-3

Review of Leonard V. Rutgers, *Making Myths: Jews in Early Christian Identity Formation* (Leuven: Peeters, 2009) in *AJS Review* 34 (2010): 416-18

Review of Paul Foster (ed.), *The Non-Canonical Gospels* (London/New York: Clark, 2008) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010): 409-10

Review of Guy G. Stroumsa, *The End of Sacrifice: Religious Transformations in Late Antiquity*; translated by Susan Emanuel (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009) in *Journal of Religion* 90 (2010): 593-95

Review of Virginia Burrus, *Saving Shame: Martyrs, Saints, and Other Abject Subjects* (Divinations: Rereading Late Ancient Religions. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008) in *Journal of Religion* 89 (2009): 103-4

Review of Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, *Encountering the Sacred: The Debate on Christian Pilgrimage in Late Antiquity* (The Transformation of the Classical Heritage 38; Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005) in *Catholic Historical Review* 93 (2007): 131-32

Review of Dale B. Martin and Patricia Cox Miller (eds.), *The Cultural Turn in Late Ancient Studies: Gender, Asceticism, and Historiography* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2005) in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75 (2007): 185-88

Review of Karen L. King, *What is Gnosticism?* (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University, 2003) in *Journal of Religious History* 30 (2006): 371-72

Review of A. Mirkovic, *Prehude to Constantine: The Abgar Tradition in Early Christianity* (Arbeiten zur Religion und Geschichte des Urchristentums; Studies in the Religion and History of Early Christianity 15; Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2004) in *Journal of Roman Studies* 96 (2006): 305-6

Review of Dennis R. MacDonald, *The Acts of Andrew* (Early Christian Apocrypha 1; Santa Rosa, CA: Polebridge, 2005) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68 (2006): 770-72

Review of Derek Krueger, *Writing and Holiness: The Practice of Authorship in the Early Christian East* (Divinations: Rereading Late Ancient Religion; Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004) in *Religious Studies Review* 32 (2006): 126-27

Review of Anthony J. Blasi, Jean Duhaime, and Paul-André Turcotte (eds.), *Handbook of Early Christianity: Social Science Approaches* (Walnut Creek: Altamira Press, 2002) in *Journal of Religious History* 29 (2005): 314-15

Review of Virginia Burrus, *The Sex Lives of Saints: An Erotics of Ancient Hagiography* (Divinations: Rereading Late Ancient Religions; Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004) in *Church History* 73 (2004): 838-41

Review of David L. Balch and Carolyn Osiek (eds.), *Early Christian Families in Context: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003) in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 12 (2004): 376-78

Review of Erich S. Gruen, *Diaspora: Jews amidst Greeks and Romans* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002) in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2004) (online journal)

Review of Tomas Hägg and Philip Rousseau (eds.), *Greek Biography and Panegyric in Late Antiquity* (Transformation of the Classical Heritage 31; Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000) in *Church History* 72 (2003): 189-90

Review of Peter Brown, Oleg Grabar, and Glen Bowersock, *Late Antiquity: A Guide to the Postclassical World* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999) in *Archaeology Odyssey* 5:1 (2002): 58-61

Review of Georgia Frank, *The Memory of the Eyes: Pilgrimage to Living Saints in Christian Late Antiquity* (Transformation of the Classical Heritage 30; Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000) in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 20 (2002): 131-33

Review of Rémi Gounelle, *La descente du Christ aux enfers: Institutionnalisation d'une croyance* (Collection d'études augustinienes, Série antiquité 162; Paris: Institut d'Études Augustiniennes, 2000) in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 10 (2002): 139-41

Review of Peter Garnsey and Caroline Humfress, *The Evolution of the Late Antique World* (Cambridge: Orchard Academic, 2001) in *Bryn Mawr Classical Reviews* (2001) (online journal)

Review of Jörg Ulrich, *Euseb von Caesarea und die Juden: Studien zur Rolle der Juden in der Theologie des Eusebius von Caesarea* (Patristische Texte und Studien 49; Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1999) in *Church History* 70 (2001): 558-60

Review of Peder Borgen, Kåre Fuglseth, and Roald Skarsten (eds.), *The Philo Index: A Complete Greek Word Index to the Writings of Philo of Alexandria* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2000; Leiden: Brill, 2000) in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 8 (2000): 594-95

Review of François Bovon and Pierre Geoltrain (eds.), *Écrits apocryphes chrétiens* (Paris: Gallimard, 1997) in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 118 (1999): 571-73

Review of Hermann Hauser, *L'église à l'âge apostolique: Structure et évolution des ministères* (Lectio divina 164; Paris: Cerf, 1996) in *Review of Biblical Literature* (1999) (online journal)

COURSES

Dartmouth College

JWST 74: The Jewish Jesus

Boston University

JS 120/RN 101: The Bible

RN 200: Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Religion

RN 301: Varieties of Early Christianity

Harvard Divinity School

HDS 1202: Introduction to the New Testament

HDS 2011: Early Christian Bodies

HDS 4226/4227: Advanced Greek (Topics: Heresies; Jewish-Christian Dialogues; Biblical Apocrypha)

Scripps College

Core I: Histories of the Present: Violence; Community

Core II: Religion and Travel: Encountering and Representing the Other (revised version: Travel, Encounter, and the History of Religion)

Core III: Biblical Fictions and the Religious Imagination

RLST 60: Feminist Interpretations of the Bible

RLST 61: New Testament and Christian Origins

RLST 90: Early Christian Bodies

RLST 91: Early Christian Heresies

RLST 92: Varieties of Early Christianity

RLST 93: Early Christianity and/as Theory

RLST 94: Feminist Histories of Early Christianity

RLST 135: Jewish-Christian Relations (with Gary Gilbert, Claremont McKenna College)

RLST 170: Women and Religion in Greco-Roman Antiquity

RLST 180: Interpreting Religious Worlds

University of California, Riverside*Undergraduate courses*

RLST 007: Introduction to Western Religions

RLST 010: Introduction to the Bible

RLST 124I: Varieties of Ancient Judaism

RLST 124J: The Essentials of Judaism

RLST 128F: Biblical Fictions

RLST 130: New Testament

RLST 133: Christian Origins

RLST/WMST 163: Women in Early Christianity

RLST 179: Pilgrimage across Religious Traditions

Graduate courses

RLST 200B: Religion and Representation: Travel Texts

RLST 235: Christian Hagiography

RLST 237: Asceticism

Duke University Department of Religion

RELI 40: Introduction to Judaism

RELI 41: Introduction to Christianity

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Academic Conferences

NAPS 2024 Presidential Address: "Ex-Jews, Christians, and Conversion in Late Antiquity" (North American Patristics Society, 2024)

"'Jewish Studies, Christianity, and Even Paganism': Disciplining the Ways that Never Parted" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2023)

"A Clear Account of the Codex Simonideios': Ideological Infrastructures of Biblical Vulnerability in the 19th Century" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2023)

"An Early Christian Studies Scholar Reads the *Oxford Annotated Mishnah* Three Times" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2022)

"The Children's Hour: Conversion and Play in 'The History of the Slave of Christ'" (Eighth North American Syriac Studies Symposium, 2019)

"When Saul Became Paul: The Apostle as 'Convert' in Late Antiquity" (Association of Jewish Studies, 2018)

"*Ad religionis lucem de tenebris superstitionis*: Jewish Converts Under Christian Law" (North American Patristics Society, 2018)

"Dialogue and Conversion: Producing Otherness in an Ancient Genre and Its Modern Interpretations" (North American Patristics Society, 2016)

"Whose Body? The Subject of Conversion in Late Antiquity" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2015)

"Epiphanius's Library" ("From Roman to Early Christian Cyprus: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology," Harvard Divinity School, October 2-3, 2015)

"Epiphanius's Library" (Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, 2015)

"Epiphanius the Heresiologist and the Christian 'Other': Rethinking the Bounds of Late Antiquity" (Late Antique and Early Modern Studies Conference, Pomona College, 2015)

Panel Organizer, "Early Jewish Christian Relations: 25 Years" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2014)

"Early Jewish Christian Relations: A 25 Year Retrospective" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2014)

Panel Co-Organizer, "Epiphanius of Cyprus: Controversies and Contexts" (North American Patristics Society, 2014)

"Improvisational Discipline: Epiphanius of Cyprus and the Style of Early Christian Authority" (North American Patristics Society, 2014)

"The Lost Generation: Aristocracy, Migration, and Empire in the Age of the Melanias" (Late Antiquity Made New: A Symposium Celebrating the Work of Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University, April 11-13, 2013)

"*Fatuus Senex, Pater Episcoporum*: Epiphanius of Cyprus and Episcopal Fame" (North American Patristics Society, 2012)

"Epiphanius of Salamis and the Antiquarian's Bible" (Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, 2011)

"Matters (Un-)Becoming: Conversions in Epiphanius of Salamis" (North American Patristics Society, 2010)

Moderator: "Teaching Workshop: Organizing and Enjoying the Survey Course" (North American Patristics Society 2010)

"Patristic Jews: Biographical Otherness from Antiquity to the Present" (North American Patristics Society, 2009)

"Passing: Jesus' Circumcision and Strategic Self-Sacrifice" ("What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in Mediterranean Antiquity," Boston University, 2008)

"Passing: Jesus' Human Charade" (Society of Biblical Literature, 2008)

"Between the Lines: Jesus' Circumcision and Early Christian Commentary" (North American Patristics Society, 2008)

"Ps.-Amphilochius's *In circumcisionem* (BHG 261): Early Evidence for the Feast of the Circumcision?" (Fifteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, 2007)

"Secret Gospels, Gospel Thrillers, and the American Religious Imaginary" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 2006)

"What Has Rome to do with Bethlehem? Cultural Capital(s) and Religious Imperialism in the Origenist Controversy" (Jerome of Stridon: Religion, Culture, Society, and Literature in Late Antiquity [International Conference], University of Cardiff, July 2006)

"Let us be Circumcised! Commemorating Christ's Circumcision in Late Antiquity" (North American Patristics Society, 2006)

"Gospel Thrillers" (North American Patristics Society, 2005)

"The Kindest Cut: Christ's Circumcision and the Signs of Early Christian Identity" (A Covenant to the People, A Light to the Nations: Universalism, Exceptionalism, and the Problem of Chosenness in Jewish Thought, McMaster University, May 18-20, 2005)

"The Poverty of the Law': Christ's Circumcision, Jewish-Christianity, and the Hybridization of Ancient Religious Identities" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 2004)

"The Kindest Cut of All: Christ's Circumcision and the Boundaries of Early Christian Identity" (North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, 2004)

"It Shall Be a Sign': The Fathers on Jesus' Circumcision" (Fourteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, 2003)

"A Jew's Jew: A Pauline Epithet and the Early Christian Problem of Jewish Origins" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 2002)

"The Invention of the Jew in the Early Christian Holy Land" (Promised Lands: The Bible, Christian Missions, and Colonial Histories in Latin Christendom from the Late Roman Empire to the European Settlement of North America. 32nd Annual Medieval Workshop, University of British Columbia, October 24-26, 2002)

"Beautiful Jewesses in the Synagogues of Satan: Desire and Ambivalence in the Ancient Christian Holy Land" (Drew Colloquium in Transdisciplinary Theological Studies 2002: Com/Promised Lands: The Colonial, the Postcolonial, and the Theological, September 28-29, 2002)

"The Lion and the Lamb: Reconsidering 'Jewish-Christian Relations' in Antiquity" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 2001)

"The Lion and the Lamb: Rethinking Rhetoric, Reality, and 'Jewish-Christian Relations'" (North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, 2001)

"The Remains of the Jew: Imperial Christian Identity in Late Ancient Jerusalem" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 2000)

"Fathers Know Best? Late Ancient Christianity and Family Studies" (with Rebecca Krawiec of SUNY-Buffalo; American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 2000)

"Jewish Knowledge and the Making of a Christian Empire" (North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, 2000)

"*Hagiopolis Basilikē*: Jews, Christians, and Imperial Power in the Early Byzantine Holy Land" (Southeastern Regional American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature/ASOR, 2000)

"'When in doubt ask the Jews': The *Judaesus Biblicus* and Biblical Interpretation in the Early Christian Holy Land" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 1999)

"The Place of the Biblical Jew in the Early Christian Holy Land" (Thirteenth International Oxford Conference in Patristic Studies, 1999)

"The Disorder of Books: Priscillian's Canonical Defense of Apocrypha" (Southeastern Regional Meeting American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature/ASOR, 1999)

"'The Most Beautiful Jewesses in the Country': Imperial Visions of the Christian Holy Land" (American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 1998)

"Jerome, Tully, and Barabbas: Translation and the Intellectual History of the Origenist Controversy" (North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, 1998)

"'A Family Affair': Marriage, Class, and Ethics in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles" (Southeastern Regional Meeting American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, 1998)

"'Solomon's Salacious Song': Foucault's Author Function and the Early Christian Interpretation of the *Canticum Canticorum*" (North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, 1997)

Respondent for panels at: American Academy of Religion; Society of Biblical Literature; Association of Jewish Studies; American Society of Church History

Invited Presentations: Academic

"How Do You Know an Ex-Jew in Late Antiquity When You See One?" Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins (February 23, 2023)

"Gospel Thrillers: Unruly Knowledge in a Fictional Archive," Center for Advanced Studies, Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (June 8, 2022)

"Gospel Thrillers: Bible & Conspiracy in U.S. Culture," Williams College, Departments of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies (September 19, 2019)

"Jewish Conversion, Women's Resistance, and the End of Empire in the *Doctrina Jacobi Nuper Baptizati*," Cultures and Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean (CRAM), Brown University (March 12, 2019)

"Gospel Thrillers: The Bible and Conspiracy in U.S. Popular Culture," Brown University, Department of Religious Studies (March 12, 2019)

"When Saul Became Paul: The Apostle as 'Convert' in Late Antiquity," Providence Patristics Society-Boston Area Patristics Group (December 8, 2018)

"Gender, Conversion, and the end of the World in *The Teaching of Jacob, Newly Baptized*," Elizabeth A. Clark Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke University (October 11, 2018)

"Gospel Thrillers: Conspiracy and the Bible in Popular Culture," Bowdoin College, Department of Religious Studies (September 26, 2018)

"Gospel Thrillers: Fear, Desire, and the U.S. Bible," Michigan State University, Department of Religious Studies (October 16, 2017)

"Early Christianity, Theory, and Me," University of Pennsylvania, Department of Religious Studies (May 5, 2016)

Presenter, "2016 Corcoran Chair Conference: Marginality and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World" (Boston College, April 3-4, 2016)

Panelist, "Moskow Workshop: A Conversation on Jews in the Late Antique Mediterranean (Outside the Land of Israel & Environs)" (Brown University, May 10-12, 2015)

"Imperial Lives: St. Epiphanius of Salamis and Religious Anxieties," 2013-2014 At-Large Lectures in Religion Series, The Ohio State University (March 27, 2014)

"Revisiting 'Reconsidering Jewish-Christian Relations': Some Thoughts on Theory, History, Antiquity," Cornell University Program in Religious Studies (March 7, 2013)

"Celebrity in Early Christianity: The Case of Epiphanius of Cyprus," Ira E. Gaston Lecture in Christianity, Department of Religious Studies, University of Oregon (November 1, 2012)

"Ex-Jews, Early Christians: Biographical 'Others' Then and Now," University of Pennsylvania Department of Religious Studies Colloquium (April 15, 2010)

"How odd of God/To choose the Jews: A History of Early Christian 'Flesh'" (with Paula Fredriksen), Boston University Department of Religion Annual Lecture (February 9, 2010)

"Go Ask the Jews: Jewish Knowledge and Christian Power in Late Antiquity," Bill and Frances Julian Program for Inter- and Intra-Faith Understanding, Borns Jewish Studies Program, Indiana University (March 29, 2006)

"Imperial Politics and the Gospel Account of Jesus' Circumcision," Institute for Signifying Scriptures Brown Bag Lunch Series, Claremont Graduate University (April 6, 2006)

Closing Remarks, UCLA Graduate Student Conference on Late Antiquity (April 30, 2005)

"Most Kindest Cut of All: Christ's Circumcision and Early Christian Identities," Brown University, Culture and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium (April 12, 2005)

"Heresy, Theology, and the Divine Circumcision in Early Christianity," Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke University (February 25, 2005)

"The Kindest Cut: The Circumcision of Christ and the Boundaries of Ancient Christianity," Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate University (September 18, 2003)

"*Interpretatio Sacra*: Late Latin Translations of the Christian Bible," Summer Latin Institute, Colorado College, July 2-3, 2003

"Priscillian and Apocrypha." Panel Presentation on Para-biblical Literature (Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins at the Society of Biblical Literature, 2002)

"Academic Imperialism in the Early Christian Holy Land." Multicampus Research Group in Late Antiquity/LARES/Penates (northern and southern California research groups on late antique religion, culture, and history), University of California, Los Angeles, October 14, 2001

"Postcolonial theory and the study of religion in late antiquity." Panel presentation to the Models of Piety in Late Antiquity colloquium of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, Colorado. November 17, 2001

Invited Presentations: Public

"Gospel Thrillers," 2024 Compagna-Sennett Lecture, Colby College (March 11, 2024)

"Gospel Thrillers! Popular Fiction and American Anxieties About the Bible," Scripps College Family Weekend "Master Class," February 16, 2013

Guest Speaker on "Gospel Thrillers," Theta Alpha Kappa (Alpha Gamma Lambda Chapter) Induction Ceremony, May 16, 2011

"The Circumcised Messiah? Early Christian Anxieties of Difference," Tuesday Noon Academy, Scripps College, April 9, 2010

"Gospel Thrillers: Popular Culture and Earliest Christianity," UC Riverside, Homecoming "Back to Class" Presentation, February 24, 2007

"Revealing *The Da Vinci Code*," St. Andrew Newman Center, Riverside, June 7, 2006

Guest Speaker on *The Da Vinci Code*, Theta Alpha Kappa (Alpha Delta Xi Chapter) Banquet and Induction ceremony, May 30, 2006

"Counter History and *The Da Vinci Code*," Citizen's University Committee (UCR) Breakfast Meeting, March 22, 2006

"Intersection of Historical Fact and Fiction," as part of the series of lectures on "Discovering Christianity: Between Historical Fact and Fiction," Osher Lifelong Learning Institution (UCR), October 20, 2005

"Lions and Lambs: Jewish Christian Relations in Antiquity." The Affiliates of UC Riverside, September 12, 2005

"History, Counter History: What's Wrong, and What's Right, with *The Da Vinci Code*." LIFE Society (a Learning in Retirement Organization associated with the UC Riverside Extension), April 19, 2005

Radio Interview on "The *Da Vinci Code*," "Let's Talk" radio program, KVCR news radio, air date May 16, 2005

Panel discussion on *The Da Vinci Code*, Chaffey College, May 4, 2005

"The Essentials of Judaism." Religious Inquiry Group/University of California, Riverside. March 11, 2004

"Jewish/Christian Relations in Antiquity." Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon, Virginia, November 28, 2003

"Beautiful Jewesses and Saracen Stones: The Colonial and Exotic in Byzantine Pilgrimage," Occidental College, February 14, 2003

"Jews in the New Testament." Congregation Beth Shalom, Bermuda Dunes, California, February 6, 2003

"How it All Began: Jewish/Christian Relations in Antiquity." Congregation Beth Shalom, Bermuda Dunes, California, February 28, 2002

"World of Late Antiquity." Inland Area History/Social Science Project and Multicampus Research Group on Late Antiquity, California State University, San Bernardino, March 9, 2002

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Jewish Studies, 2018-2020

American Society of Church History, 2001-present

Multi-Campus Research Group in Late Antiquity, 2001-2009

Models of Piety in Late Antiquity Seminar Group, 2000-present

North American Patristics Society, 1998-present

Society of Biblical Literature, 1995-present

American Academy of Religion, 1995-2007, 2024-present

CAMPUS SERVICE

Scripps College

Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, 2016-2017
 Member, Board of Trustees Finance Committee, 2016-2017
 Member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Budget, 2016-2017
 Vice-Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, 2015-2016
 Member, Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee, 2015-2016
 Member, Board of Trustees Institutional Advancement Committee, 2015-2016
 Chair, Search Committee, Hartley Burr Alexander Chair in the Humanities, 2014-2015
 Member, Ad Hoc Committee, WASC Assessment, 2013
 Member, Search Committee, Scripps College Registrar, 2012
 Member, Search Committee, Dorothy Cruikshank Backstrand Chair in Gender and Women Studies, 2011-2012
 Member, Design Committee, Edwards Humanities Faculty Office Expansion, 2011
 Member, Faculty Executive Committee, 2010-2012; 2015-2017
 Member, Committee on Academic Review, 2010-2012 (chair, 2011-2012); 2015-2016 (chair)
 Member, Facilities Planning Committee, 2010-2012
 Member, Board of Trustees Building & Grounds Committee, 2010-2012
 Member, Steering Committee for the Center for Women's Research and Leadership, 2010-2011
 Member, Search Committee (Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology), 2011
 Member, Internal Review Committee (Music Department), 2010-2011
 Member, Internal Review Committee (Anthropology Department), 2009-2010
 Member, Orientation Committee, 2009-2010
 Chair, Kathleen O'Brien Wicker Endowment Lecture Committee, 2009-2017
 Panelist, "Life After Scripps" (Career Planning & Resources), 2009

Claremont Consortium

Participating Faculty, Late Antique and Medieval Studies Program, 2013-2018
 Member, Religious Studies Intercollegiate Coordinating Committee, 2009-2018
 Chair, 2011-2013
 Examiner, Claremont Graduate University: School of Religion dissertation committees (Ryan Carhart; Kevin McGinnis; Ian Sundwell-Byers [*chair*]; Patricia Eshagh; Leslie Hayes); qualifying examination committee (Cameron Parhoussanian); Master's thesis committees (Seth Clark; Catherine Ballard)

Other institutions

Preliminary examination committee, Tzipporah Klapper (Harvard University), 2024
 Dissertation committee, Jordan Conley (Boston University), 2023
 Dissertation committee, Lydia Bremer-McCollum (Harvard University), 2022
 Dissertation committee, Natalie Smith (Edinburgh University), 2022
 Dissertation committee, Michail Kitsos (University of Michigan), 2020
 Dissertation committee, Matthew Chalmers (University of Pennsylvania), 2019
 Qualifying examination committee, Matthew Chalmers (University of Pennsylvania), 2016
 Dissertation prospectus committee, Michail Kitsos (University of Michigan), 2016

University of California, Riverside

University-Wide

Secretary-Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate, 2007-2009

Member, Rules & Jurisdictions Committee, 2007-2009

Member, Executive Council, 2007-2009

Panelist, New Faculty Workshop, September 22, 2006

Speaker, Summer University Honors Program, July 8, 2006

Member, Chancellor's Distinguished Lecture Series Committee, 2005-2007

Member, Library Committee, 2005-2007

Member, Search Committee, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, 2005-2006

College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences

Member, Executive Committee, 2004-2006

Member, CHASS Teaching Award Committee, 2006

Department of Religious Studies

Faculty Graduate Advisor, 2005-2008

Affirmative Action Officer, Search Committee, Associate or Full Professor, Modern Judaism, 2007-2008

Chair, Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Islam, 2006-2007

Chair, Search Committee, Visiting Assistant or Associate Professor, Modern Judaism, 2006

Chair, Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Global Christianities, 2005-2006

Undergraduate Faculty Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, 2002-2005

Lead Author and Liaison, Draft of the Proposal for a Graduate Program in Religious Studies, 2002-2004

Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Islam, 2001-2002

Library Liaison, Department of Religious Studies, 2001-2009

LANGUAGES

Modern

French (speaking and writing), German (reading)

Ancient

Greek, Latin, Syriac, Coptic, Hebrew (biblical and rabbinic), Aramaic (Palestinian)