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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

- 2012-present *Associate Professor of Religion, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX*
- 2006-2012 *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

“The Acts of the Apostles: Narrative and History,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Biblical Narrative*, ed. Danna Nolan Fewell, pp. 330-40 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

“The Challenges of Latino/a Biblical Criticism,” in *Latino/a Biblical Hermeneutics: Problematics, Objectives, Strategies*, eds. Francisco Lozada and Fernando Segovia, pp. 133-149 (Semeia Studies 68; Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014).

“Comic Book Bibles: Translation and the Politics of Interpretation,” in *The Bible in the Public Square: Its Enduring Influence in American Life*, eds. Mark A. Chancey, Carol Meyers, and Eric M. Meyers, pp. 159-178 (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014).

“The Apostles Become Philosophers,” in *Acts and Christian Beginnings*, eds. Joseph Tyson and Dennis Smith (Salem, OR: Polebridge Press, 2013).

Edited with Todd Penner, *Engaging Early Christian History: Reading Acts in the Second Century* (London: Acumen, 2013).

“Bold Speech, Opposition and Philosophical Imagery in Acts,” in *Engaging Early Christian History: Reading Acts in the Second Century*, eds. Rubén Dupertuis and Todd Penner, pp. 153-168 (London:

Acumen, 2013)

"Translating the Bible into Pictures," in *Image, Text, and Otherness in Children's Bibles*, ed. Caroline Vander Stichele and Hugh Pyper, pp. 271-290 (Semeia Studies; Atlanta: SBL Publications, 2012).

"Socratizing Paul: The Trials of Paul in the Acts of the Apostles," in *The Fourth R* 22.6 (November-December, 2009): 11-18, 28.

"Writing and Imitation: Greek Education in the Greco-Roman World," *FORUM* (Third Series) 1.1, (Spring 2007): 3-29.

"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, pp. 275-95 (SBL Symposium Series 32; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005).

#### DICTIONARY ENTRIES AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

"Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles," in *The People's Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009), 1536-1537.

"Aristotle," "Asiarch," "Cicero," and "Crescens," "Demosthenes," "Diogenes," "Forum of Appius," "Games (NT)," "Great," "Hercules," "Homer," "Latin Language," "Literacy," "Mammon," "Manaen," "Marketplace," "Master as a title of Jesus," "Mimesis," "Parmenas," "Sergius Paulus," "Pausanias," "Poetry in the NT," "Python," "Quintillian," "Sapphira," "The Seven," "Sophocles," "Socrates," "Teaching of the Apostles," "Tertullus" in *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 1: A-C; Volume 2: D-F; Volume 3: I-Ma.; Volume 4: Me-R; Volume 5: S-Z. Eds. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, Samuel E. Balentine, Brian K. Blount, N. T. Wright. Abingdon Press, November, 2006-2009.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Revelation 21-22 in Light of Jewish and Greco-Roman Utopianism*, by Eric J. Gilchrest, in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 47.1(February, 2017): 61-62.

Review of *The Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel of Peter: A Tradition-Historical Study of the Akhmîm Gospel Fragment*, by Jeremiah Johnston, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (August, 2016)

Review of *World Upside Down: Reading Acts in the Graeco-Roman Age*, by Kavin C. Rowe, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (August, 2010)

Review of *Jesus of Hollywood*, by Adele Reinhartz, in *The Fourth R* 21.6 (November-December, 2008): 25-26.

Review of *The HarperCollins Visual Guide to the New Testament: What Archaeology Reveals about the First Christians*, by Jonathan L. Reed, in *The Fourth R* 21.4 (July-August, 2008): 22-23.

Review of *Jesús y sus primeros discípulos*, by Santiago Guijarro Oporto, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (12/29/2007).

Review of *Rhetoric and Reality in Early Christianities*, edited by Willi Braun, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* [<http://www.bmcr.org>] (8/8/2007).

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 Memory, *Tradition and Text: Uses of the Past in Early Christianity*, edited by Alan Kirk and Tom Thatcher, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 33.3 (July, 2007): 246-246.

Booknote Review of *Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity*, by Jennifer Wright Knust, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 33.3 (July, 2007): 247.

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*, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

With Timothy Fehler, Milton Moreland, and Jenny Olin Shanahan, "Models for Supporting Undergraduate Research in the Arts and Humanities," CUR Conference 2014, Washington, D.C., June 29, 2014.

"The Importance of the Cross in the Gospel of Peter." Paper presented to the Second Century Seminar, Dallas, TX, February 13, 2014.

"The Gospel of Peter's Theology of the Cross." Paper presented at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March, 2013.

"Translating the Bible into Pictures: Comic-Book Bibles and the Politics of Interpretation." Invited presentation at The Bible in the Public Square conference, Duke University, September 9-10, 2012. <http://jewishstudies.duke.edu/the-bible-in-the-public-square>

"Reading Resistance in the Ending of Acts: Arrests and Trials in Texts of the Second Sophistic." Paper presented in the Book of Acts Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, November, 2012.

"Imitating Socrates' Utopia in Philo and Acts," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November, 2009.

"Displacing the emperor: Paul's Journey to Rome in Acts," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November, 2009.

"Translating the Bible into Pictures," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Cambridge, MA, March, 2009. I presented a different version of the project at the International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, in Rome, July, 2009.

"What Does it Mean to Be a Latino/a Biblical Critic?" panelist, Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, November 23, 2008.

"Acts and Philosophical Imagery," paper presented at Westar Institute Spring Meeting, Santa Rosa, CA, March 7-8, 2008

"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**

"The Fifth Gospel: The Gospel of Thomas and the Wisdom of Jesus," a Jesus Seminar on the Road Presentation with Milton C. Moreland; Ft. Wayne, IN, October 28-29; Brevard, NC, April 20-21, 2012; Jackson, MI, September 28-29, 2012.

"Encountering the Parables of Jesus," a three-day course for the SoL Center, October, 2011  
"Peter, Paul and Mary: Three Early Christian Voices," a Jesus Seminar on the Road presentation with Shelly Matthews, Brevard, NC, April 15-16, 2011.

"Competing Early Christian Voices: The Contest for Authority," a Jesus Seminar on the Road presentation with Milton C. Moreland, East Lansing, MI, April 9-10, 2010.

"The Gospel of Matthew," SoL Center, University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX, September 29, 2010.

"Socratizing Paul," presentation at Trinity University's Research Dinner Series, November 16, 2009.

"Rewriting the Stories of Jesus and Paul: Archaeology Meets Texts," a Jesus Seminar on the Road presentation with Milton C. Moreland, Bethlehem, PA, October 23-24, 2009.

"The Gospel of Luke and the Poor," 2008-2009 Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study, SoL Center, San Antonio, TX, August 4-6, 2008.

"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**

CUR Councilor, Humanities Division, elected in 2015 for a three-year term

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2013-present

Member of Steering Committee, “Ethics, Love and the Other in Early Christianity,” Society of Biblical Literature, 2008-2011

Co-Chair, “Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Group,” Society of Biblical Literature, 2006-present; Member of the Steering Committee, 2001-2013

Member of the Steering Committee, “The Bible and American Popular Culture,” Society of Biblical Literature, 2007-2010

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-present

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

### **COLLEGE SERVICE**

*Trinity University*

Director, Humanities Collective, 2016-present

Director, Mellon Initiative for Undergraduate Research in the Arts and Humanities, 2013-2016

Member of the Ideas Lab (Curriculum Review), January 3-6, 2012

Member of the Curricular Review and Development Coordinating Committee, fall 2010-present

Member of the Faculty Senate, 2010-present

Facilitator for the ACS Teaching Workshop, Rollins College, 2009-present

Member of the Faculty Orientation ad-hoc committee, 2009-2012

Committee for the Assessment of the Common Curriculum Member, 2008-2010

Library Committee Member, 2008-2009

Member of ad-hoc committee evaluating the Margerite B. Parker Chapel Mission Statement, 2007-2009

Lecturers and Visiting Scholars Committee Member, 2007-2010; Chair, 2009-2010

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Trinity Summer Research Grant, 2011

Trinity Information Literacy Grant for spring, 2010

Trinity Summer Research Grant, 2007

Junior Scholar Grant, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 2007

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**

American Academy of Religion

American Philological Association

Society of Biblical Literature