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Curriculum vitae

Berkeley School of Theology
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Biblical Studies, Sacred Texts and Their Interpretation, Graduate Theological Union, 2021
Dissertation: *The Blood of Christ as a Ritual Detergent: Romans 3:24-26a through the Lens of the Purity Laws of Leviticus*
- M.A. Hebrew Bible, Yale Divinity School, 2010
- B.A. Religious Studies, Minor in Jewish Studies, Religious Studies Department, The University of Texas at Austin, 2005

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2022–Present Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of Latina/o Programs, Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA
- 2012–15 Instructor of Religion, Religion Department, Lane College, Jackson, TN
- 2010–11 Theology Instructor, Theology Department, San Juan Diego Catholic High School, Austin, TX
- 2006–08 Religion Instructor, Religion Department, St. Michael’s High School, Santa Fe, NM

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- forthcoming LeAnn Snow Flesher & **Eric Sias**. *Accessing Biblical Languages*. Berkeley School of Theology, GlossaHouse Publishing. 2022
- forthcoming LeAnn Snow Flesher & **Eric Sias**. *Accessing Biblical Languages: A Theological Companion*. Berkeley School of Theology, GlossaHouse Publishing. 2022

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2021 “Milgrom, Jacob,” and “Mixed Multitude,” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, De Gruyter Publishing

2019 “Martyr, Martyrdom: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament,” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, De Gruyter Publishing

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020–21 Hispanic Theological Initiative Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union
2018–19 Newhall Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union
2018 Latinx and the Changing Landscapes of Theological Education Seminar Travel Scholarship, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX
2017–18 Newhall Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union
2014 Faculty of the Year nomination, Lane College
2011 Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction, San Juan Diego High School
2010 Student Marshal, Yale Divinity School
2009 Two Brothers Fellowship, Yale Divinity School

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Paper Presentations

2017 “The Bible and Digital Humanities,” Catholic Biblical Association of America, 80th International Meeting, August 5–8
2016 “The Bible in Its Traditions,” Catholic Biblical Association of America, 79th International Meeting, August 6–9
2014 “Religion in Academia: Distinguishing Between Academic Study of Religion and Faith Formation,” HBCU Faculty Development Network Conference, October 30–November 1

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Saint Mary’s College of California

Paul’s Letters (Spring 2022)
The Bible and Its Interpretation (Fall 2021–2022)
The Gospel of Mark (Fall 2021)

Berkeley School of Theology

Using Biblical Languages (Spring 2017–present)
Nuevo Testamento, online (Fall 2019)
Antiguo Testamento, hybrid format (Fall 2018)

Antropología, online (Fall 2017)
Historia del Cristianismo, hybrid format (Fall 2016)
Libro de Job, TA (Fall 2015)

Graduate Theological Union

Elementary Biblical Hebrew I (Fall 2017, 2018)
Elementary Biblical Hebrew II (Spring 2018, 2019)

Pacific School of Religion

Critical Introduction to the New Testament, TA (Spring 2017)
Critical Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, TA (Fall 2016, online and F2F)

San Francisco Theological Seminary

Basic Hebrew I (Fall 2018, 2019)
Basic Hebrew II (Intersession 2019, 2020)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

“The Pedagogical Challenge: Transforming Two Barriers into Bridges for Learners of Classical Languages,” *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, May 2020

To Departmental/University Service

GTU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Select Committee, Graduate Theological Union, 2020–2021
GTU PhD Program Review Committee, Graduate Theological Union, 2019
Steering Committee, *Iniciativa Latina* program, Berkeley School of Theology, 2017–present
Admissions Associate, Berkeley School of Theology, 2016; 2018
Lane College Community Garden coordinator, Lane College, 2014–2015
Student Advisory Committee, Graduate Theological Union, 2017–2019

Community Outreach

Apple Core Committee Member, Farm Trails, Sebastopol, CA, 2018
Animal Husbandry Volunteer, Lindsey Wildlife Experience, Walnut Creek, CA, 2017-2018
Community Outreach Adult Education, St. Ann’s Rectory, New Britain, CT, 2009

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Teaching Evolution through a Culturally Competent Lens.” RecoEvo Conference, Brigham Young University, October 2021

Latinx and the Changing Landscapes of Theological Education Seminar, Perkins School of Theology, March 2018

Certificate: Centro Anglicano de Estudios Teológicos Superiores (CAETS), Theological Congress: Gustavo Gutierrez Conference, San Salvador, March 2010

TEACHING AREAS

Hebrew Bible
New Testament
Biblical Hebrew
Koine Greek
Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation
Biblical Law
Ritual and Sacrifice
Early Christianity/Christian Origins
The Bible and Culture
Biblical Translation

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent reading, writing, and speaking)
Biblical Hebrew (advanced reading)
Koine Greek (advanced reading)
Aramaic (moderate reading)
Syriac (beginner reading)
German (beginner reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature, 2016–present
Catholic Biblical Association, 2016–present
Hispanic Theological Initiative, 2019–present