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curriculum vitae

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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

Chad Spigel and Rubén Dupertuis, *Undergraduate Research in Religious Studies: A Guide for Students* (Routledge, forthcoming).

Sara Johnson, Rubén Dupertuis, and Chris Shea, editors, *Reading and Teaching Ancient Fiction* (Writings from the Greco-Roman World Supplement, 11; Atlanta: SBL Press, 2018).

“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 SHORTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Grout, Zoe, Kathleen Arbogast, and Rubén R. Dupertuis, "Gospel of Peter", n.p. [cited 8 Sep 2022]. Online: <https://www.bibleodyssey.org:443/passages/main-articles/gospel-of-peter>

Arbogast, Kathleen, Zoe Grout, and Rubén R. Dupertuis, "Preaching of Peter", n.p. [cited 8 Sep 2022]. Online: <https://www.bibleodyssey.org:443/passages/main-articles/preaching-of-peter>

"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," "Pausanius," "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 Apôtres: 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*, 2nd 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

“Racism and the Field of Biblical Studies.” Presentation and panel discussion; SBL-SW Plenary Session, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Irving, TX, March 5, 2022

“Martyrdom Narratives and the Building of Christian Communities.” Paper presented at the International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 22, 2015.

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

"Christianity, Identity, and Race," SoL Center, University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX, December 7, 2022.

"Reading Acts with a Map," a seminar for the Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, Brite Divinity School; January 11, 2020; Fort Worth, TX.

"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

Co-Organizer, Colloquium on Material Culture and Religion, Rome, 2018

Facilitator, CUR Humanities Institute, 2017, 2018, 2019

CUR Councilor, Humanities Division, 2015-2021

Member of the Editorial Board of the *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2013-2019

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Trinity University

Member of the Humanities Collective Advisory Board, 2021-present

Co-Chair of the Chapman/Halsell/Dicke Hall Renovation Committee, 2015-2021

Member, Chapman/Halsell/Dicke Hall Renovation Committee, 2021-present

Member, Workload Task Force, 2018-2020

Chair, Religion Department, 2018-present

Interim Chair, Religion Department, fall 2017

Director, Humanities Collective, 2016-2020

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

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

Member of the Curricular Review and Development Coordinating Committee, fall 2010-2012

Member of the Faculty Senate, 2010-2012

Facilitator for the ACS Teaching Workshop, Rollins College, 2009-2014

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

2020 Council for Undergraduate Research—Arts and Humanities Faculty Mentoring Award
Trinity Award for Distinguished University, Community, and Professional Service, 2020
Trinity University Mellon Initiative Summer Research Grant, 2020
Arts, Letters, and Enterprise Fellow 2017-2020
Trinity University Mellon Initiative Summer Research Institute, 2017
Trinity University Mellon Initiative Summer Research Grant, 2011
Trinity University Information Literacy Grant for spring, 2010
Trinity University 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
Society for Classical Studies
Society of Biblical Literature