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EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D., Religious Studies
 Brown University, Providence Rhode Island

2005 Master of Arts, Early Christian Studies
 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

2002 Classical Bachelor of Arts, Theology/Greek, *magna cum laude*
 Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2010 Byzantine Greek Summer School
 Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

August 2017–present Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Religion, Florida State University

Summer 2017 Summer Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collections

August 2015–June 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor, Theology Department, Providence College

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Ancient Latin, Greek, Syriac
Modern French, German

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Christianity in Late Antiquity
Religious Ritual in Late Antiquity
Landscape and Memory in Cult and Civic Architecture
Religious Diversity and Boundary-Construction in Late Antiquity
Pilgrimage and Relic Economies
Religion and Violence

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

New Testament and Early Christianity

Christianity in Late Antiquity (Patristics)
The Late Antique World
History of Christianity
Syriac Christianity
Greek and Roman religion and culture
Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Ancient Mediterranean

PUBLICATIONS

- In-press “A School for the Soul: John Chrysostom on Mimesis and the Force of Ritual Habit,” in *The Garb of Being: Embodiment and Other Pursuits of Holiness in Late Ancient Christianity*, edited by Georgia Frank, Andrew S. Jacobs, and Susan R. Holman (Fordham University Press, *sent to type-setter, May 2018*).
- 2017 “Wandering Wombs, Inspired Intellects: Christian Religious Travel in Late Antiquity,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 25.1 (Spring 2017).
- 2016 *The Women Jesus Met: Homilies by Jacob of Sarug*, translation by Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Sebastian Brock, Reyhan Durmaz, Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos, Michael Payne, and Daniel Picus (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2016).

FORTHCOMING AND IN-PROGRESS

“Christian Religious Symbolism and Pilgrimage,” in *Routledge Handbook on Jerusalem*, edited by Suleiman Mourad, Bedros Der Matossian, and Naomi Koltun-Fromm (Routledge Press, *forthcoming*).

“The City a Palimpsest: Fifth-century Historiography and the Rewriting of Arian Violence,” in *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and Para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*, edited by Eric Fournier (Routledge Press, *forthcoming*).

Constantinople: Ritual, Violence, and Memory in the Making of a Christian Imperial Capital [manuscript in progress].

“John Chrysostom and the Antioch School,” in *Literature and the Bible: Late Antiquity through the Medieval Period*, edited by Ian Levy (general editor Stephen Prickett) [translation and commentary; in-progress, due 2019.]

Co-editor for Cotton Matthers’ *Biblia Americana*: John and Acts. With Harry C. Maddux and Rick Kennedy. [primary responsibility: Greek and Latin source-texts (Classical, Patristic, and Medieval); in-progress.]

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2018 *Journal of Early Christian Studies* Best First Article Award
- 2015 Joukowsky Family Foundation Outstanding Dissertation Prize in the Humanities
Brown University
- 2013–2015 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Workshop Grant
“Cultures of Performance in the Post-classical Mediterranean”
Director

Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University
Website: <http://culturesofperformance.weebly.com>

- 2011–2013 Graduate International Colloquium Grant
“Corresponding Landscapes: Religious and Cultural Exchange in the Post-Classical Mediterranean”
Participant
Office of International Affairs, Brown University
- 2012 Gorgias Press Book Grant Program, Semi-Finalist

INVITED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2018 “Ritual Confusion and Violence in the Processions of Late Antique Constantinople”
Moving through time: processions from the classical past to Byzantium
University of London, June 6, 2018
- 2017 “Violence and the Politics of Memory in Late Antique Constantinople”
Models of Piety
Boston, Massachusetts, November 17, 2017
- 2017 “Converting Bodies: Ritual Mutilation in Late Antique Religious Conflict”
Torture, Abuse, and Desecration in the Name of Religion: Visions, Actions, Justifications (Symposium)
Brown University, May 7–9, 2017
- 2016 “‘For Nothing So Moves the Soul’: St. John Chrysostom on *Mimesis* and the Force of Ritual Habit”
Creighton University
Omaha, Nebraska, September 20, 2016

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “Mutilation and Extra-Lethal Violence in Late Antique Historiography”
North American Patristics Society
Chicago, Illinois, May 26, 2018
- 2017 “Of Course They Sacrifice”: Local Practice and the Problem of Christian Identity in Late Antiquity”
Society of Biblical Literature
Boston, Massachusetts, November 18, 2017
- 2017 “He Made the Palace a Monastery: Power, Piety, and the Construction of Orthodoxy under Theodosios II”
North American Patristics Society
Chicago, Illinois, May 26, 2017
- 2016 “Julian and the Revitalization of Imperial Religion: A Response to Ari Finkelstein and Sean Daly”
Society of Biblical Literature
San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2016
- 2016 Panelist, “Civic Space and Ritual Practice in Late Antiquity: New Perspectives”

Society of Biblical Literature
San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2016

- 2016 “‘For Nothing So Moves the Soul’: St. John Chrysostom on *Mimesis* and the Force of Ritual Habit”
Faculty Research Conversations, Department of Theology
Providence College, September 16, 2016
- 2016 “The City a Palimpsest: Fifth-Century Historiography and the Rewriting of Arian Violence”
North American Patristics Society, Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois, May 26–28, 2016
- 2015 “By the World Forgot: Sabbatians and the Manipulation of Memory in Fifth-century Constantinople”
Society of Biblical Literature
Atlanta, Georgia, November 2015
- 2015 “Holy Wanderers: Ancient Christian Pieties”
Providence Patristics, May 9, 2015
- 2014 “Constantinople and the Production of a Christian Cultural Identity under Theodosios II”
Cultures of Performance in the Post-Classical Mediterranean
Brown University, November 14, 2014
- 2014 “Violence, the Politics of Memory, and Religious Boundaries in Fourth-century Constantinople”
Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean Colloquium
Brown University, September 16, 2014
- 2014 “Memorialization and Hegemony in Socrates of Constantinople”
Oxford University Byzantine Society XVI International Graduate Conference
History Faculty, Oxford University, February 28–March 1, 2014
- 2013 “Dictating Religious Experience: Eusebius’ *Ekphrasis* on the Church of the Holy Apostles”
Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland, November 23–26, 2013
- 2013 “Pilgrim or Traveler? Constructions of Ancient Christian Pieties”
North American Patristics Society, Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois, May 23–25, 2013
- 2012 “Producing a Knowledge of Identity in Fifth-Century Constantinopolitan Rhetoric”
“Ways of Knowing”: A Graduate Conference on Religion
Harvard Divinity School, Saturday, October 26, 2012
- 2012 “Living Up To Homer: Julian’s Normative Model of Ritual Expression”
North American Patristics Society, Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois, May 24–26, 2012
- 2011 “Processing Bodies, Discursive Space: Constructing a Christian Identity through Liturgical Processions in Late Antique Constantinople”

Graduate Student Day on “Legacies and Discontinuities in the Eastern Mediterranean: Comparative and Innovative Methodologies in Late Antique, Byzantine and Ottoman Studies”

Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies

Central European University (Budapest, Hungary), June 3–4, 2011

- 2010 “A Fountain of Melodies: The Conjunction of Typology and Music in the *Madrashe* of Ephrem”
27th Annual New England Medieval Studies Consortium Graduate Student Conference
University of Connecticut, April 10, 2010
- 2008 “Becoming Men: Amenorrhea and Female Asceticism”
Ohio Valley History Conference,
Austin Peay State University, October 31, 2008

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- 2016–present Steering Committee, Religious Competition In Late Antiquity Program Unit
Society of Biblical Literature
- 2017 Awards and Prize Committee
North American Patristics Society
- 2012 Panel Organizer
“Not a Simple Text: Rhetoric and the Production of Knowledge”
“Ways of Knowing”: A Graduate Conference on Religion
Harvard Divinity School, Saturday, October 26, 2012
- 2007 Panelist, 12th Annual Asanbe Diversity Symposium
Topic: “Transitioning from Antiquity to Medieval Spain”
Austin Peay State University, Wednesday, April 4, 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Postdoctoral Fellow
Department of Religion, Florida State University
- Topics in Biblical Studies: Religion and Violence–Late Antiquity (Spring 2018)
Topics in Biblical Studies: Women and Religion in the Greco-Roman World (Fall 2017)
Introduction to the New Testament (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- 2015–2016 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Theology, Providence College
- Development of Western Civilization 101: Ancient World to early Middle Ages
(Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
Development of Western Civilization 102: The Carolingians to the early Modern
Period (Spring 2016; Spring 2016)
Biblical Theology (Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2017)
- 2015 Special Lecturer
Department of Theology, Providence College

- Patristic Theology (Master's level, July 2015)
- 2013 Special Lecturer
Department of Theology, Providence College
- Patristic Theology (Master's level, July 2013)
Examiner for comprehensive exam for the Master of Theology
- 2010–2015 Teaching Assistant
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University
- New Testament and the Beginnings of Christianity (Fall 2010, Fall 2011)
Christianity in Late Antiquity (Spring 2011)
Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World (Spring 2012, Spring 2014)
Religion, Culture, and Politics in America: 1865–present (Fall 2012)
The Apocalyptic Imagination (Spring 2013)
Christian Classics (Spring 2015)
- 2006–2009 Instructor
Department of Languages and Literature, Austin Peay State University
- Elementary Latin I (Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008)
Elementary Latin II (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
Intermediate Latin I (Fall 2007, Fall 2008)
Intermediate Latin II (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
Roman Civilization (Spring 2007, Spring 2009)
Roman Religion (Fall 2006)
Greek Religion (Spring 2006)
Women in Antiquity (Spring 2008)
Topics in Classical Studies: Christianity in the Roman Empire (Fall 2007)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2013–2015 Childcare Planning Group, Brown University
- 2012 University Committee on Childcare, Brown University
- 2012 Coordinator, Harvard-Yale-Brown Day
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, May 4, 2012
- 2012 Organizing Committee, 2012 Graduate Conference for Religious Studies
“Authenticity, Origins, and Authority in the Practice and the Study of Religion”
Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, March 16–17, 2012

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- North American Patristics Society
- Society of Biblical Literature