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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., The Study of Religion **Harvard University** 2003

“Discursive Competition and the Production of Truth in the Pseudo-Clementine  
*Recognitions*”

Doctoral Dissertation

Advisor: François Bovon

B.A., *Summa cum laude*, Religion **Florida State University** 1996

## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor of Religion**, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL, 2003-present

### **Courses Taught**

- Introduction to the New Testament (undergraduate survey)
- Christianity After the New Testament (advanced undergraduate and graduate survey)
- Christianity in Late Antiquity (advanced undergraduate and graduate survey)
- Christian Apocrypha (graduate seminar)
- The Pseudo-Clementines (graduate seminar)
- The Christian Apologists (advanced undergraduate seminar)
- The Gospel of Luke (graduate seminar)
- The Acts of the Apostles (advanced undergraduate seminar)
- Magic and Superstition in the Ancient World (undergraduate survey)
- The Body in Ancient Christianity (graduate seminar)

### **Doctoral Advising**

#### *Dissertation Committee Chair*

- Jordan Smith, “Testify: Origen, *Martyria*, and the Christian Life,” Florida State University Department of Religion, 2008
- Kevin Vaccarella, “Shaping Christian Identity: The False Scripture Argument in Early Christian Literature,” Florida State University Department of Religion, 2007
- Jessica Buser, Florida State University Department of Religion (dissertation in progress)

#### *Dissertation Committee Member*

- Kinde Endeg, Florida State University Department of History (dissertation in progress)
- Sonya Cronin, Florida State University Department of Religion (dissertation in progress)
- Jim Lehman, Florida State University Department of Religion (dissertation in progress)
- Tiffany Yecke Brooks, “Ready-Made Stories: The Rhetorical Function of Myths and Lore Cycles as Agents of Social Commentary,” Florida State University Department of English, 2007

- Thomas Scott Cason, “The Rhetoric of Disablement and Repair in the Testament of Job,” Florida State University Department of Religion, 2007
- Jessica Tinklenberg de Vega, “‘A Man who Fears God’: Constructions of Masculinity in Hellenistic Jewish Interpretations of the Story of Joseph,” Florida State University Department of Religion, 2006

*Qualifying Examinations Committee Member*

- Ed Stafman (Religion)
- Terry Milla (Religion)
- Jim Lehman (Religion)
- Sonya Cronin (Religion)
- Stephanie Chandler (Religion)
- Scott Cason (Religion)
- Kinde Endeg (History)
- Michael Fisher (Religion)
- Kevin Vaccarella (Religion)
- Jordan Smith (Religion)
- Jessica Buser (Religion)
- Tiffany Yecke Brooks (English)

**Undergraduate Advising**

*Honors Thesis Committee Member*

- Aaron Chapnick, “The Dimensions of Bathing: A Spatial Analysis of Pompeian Baths,” Florida State University Department of Classics, 2009

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Monographs**

*Knowledge and Religious Authority in the Pseudo-Clementines: Situating the Recognitions in Fourth-Century Syria* (WUNT 2.213; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006). Reviewed in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 38.3 (2007) 406-7; *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 58.3 (2007) 515-18; *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 15.4 (2007) 576-77.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles and Essays**

“The Deformed Child in Ancient Christianity,” to appear in *Children in Ancient Christianity*, edited by Cornelia B. Horn and published by Mohr Siebeck (revised essay submitted February 2009).

“Astrology in the Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions*,” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 59.4 (2008) 607-29.

“The Theological Significance of Physical Deformity in Two Ancient Christian Interpretations of John 9.1-41,” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 34.1 (2007) 77-90.

“Philosophy as Training for Death: Reading the Ancient Christian Martyr Acts as Spiritual Exercises,” *Church History* 75.4 (2006) 723-47.

“Problems of Knowledge and Authority in the Pseudo-Clementine Romance of *Recognitions*,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 13.3 (2005) 315-48.

“The Cosmopolitan Expression of Josephus’ Prophetic Perspective in the *Jewish War*,” *Harvard Theological Review* 97.3 (2004) 257-74.

**Essays in Edited Volumes**

“On Recycling Texts and Traditions: The Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions* and Religious Life in Fourth-Century Syria,” to be published as part of the proceedings for the colloquium “Late Antique Crossroads in the Levant: Space, Ritual, Texts and Daily Life.”

“Pseudo-Clementine Polemics against Sacrifice: A Window onto Religious Life in the Fourth Century?,” to be published as part of the proceedings for the colloquium “Christian Apocryphal Texts for the New Millennium: Achievements, Prospects, and Challenges.”

“What is the Value of Sense Perception in the Pseudo-Clementine Romance?,” in *Nouvelles intrigues pseudo-clémentines (Plots in the Pseudo-Clementine Romance): Actes du deuxième colloque international sur la littérature apocryphe chrétienne*, ed. Frédéric Amsler, Albert Frey, Charlotte Touati, and Renée Girardet (Publications de l’institut romand des sciences bibliques 6, 2008), 361-69.

“Rethinking Disability in the Greco-Roman World,” in *This Abled Body: Rethinking Disabilities and Biblical Studies*, ed. Hector Avalos, Sarah Melcher, and Jeremy Schipper (Semeia Studies 55; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2007), 31-45.

### **Reviews and Miscellaneous Entries**

Review of Tim Hegeudus, *Early Christianity and Ancient Astrology*, for the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (submitted November 2008).

Review of Peter Jeffery, *The Secret Gospel of Mark Unveiled*, for *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft* (submitted July 2008).

Review of J. K. Elliott, *A Synopsis of the Apocryphal Nativity and Infancy Narratives*, for *Review of Biblical Literature* (appeared in February 2007).

Review of Antti Marjanen and Petri Luomanen, eds., *A Companion to Second-Century Christian ‘Heretics’*, for *Henoch* 28 (2006) 176-78.

Review of Derek Krueger, *Writing and Holiness: The Practice of Authorship in the Early Christian East*, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 14.1 (2006) 131-32.

Review of Pamela Barmash, *Homicide in the Biblical World*, for *Church History* 75.1 (March 2006) 163-64.

Review of Naomi Janowitz, *Icons of Power: Ritual Practices in Late Antiquity*, for *Church History* 74.3 (September 2005) 595-96.

Note of *Prayer, Magic, and the Stars in the Ancient and Late Antique World*, ed. Scott Noegel et al., for *Church History* 74.1 (March 2005) 146.

“The Ending of the Gospel of Mark” and “Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount,” pages 310-311 and 320-321 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*, ed. Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press, 2005.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Epilepsy in Late Antique Christian Writings,” in preparation.

“The Reception of Jesus’ Healing Miracles in Late Antique Christianity,” to appear in a volume edited by Jeremy Schipper and Candida Moss and published by T&T Clark/Continuum (due May 2010).

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PAPERS**

“Epilepsy in Late Antique Christian Writings,” presented at the Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November 2007

“The Epidemiology of Religion in the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies,” presented at the XV International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford UK, August 2007

“On Recycling Texts and Traditions: The Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions* and Religious Life in Fourth-Century Syria,” presented at the colloquium “Late Antique Crossroads in the Levant: Space, Ritual, Texts and Daily Life,” Montreal, Canada, November 2006

“Pseudo-Clementine Polemics against Sacrifice: A Window onto Religious Life in the Fourth Century?,” presented at the colloquium “Christian Apocryphal Texts for the New Millennium: Achievements, Prospects, and Challenges,” Ottawa, Canada, September-October 2006

“What is the Value of Sense Perception in the Pseudo-Clementine Romance?,” presented at the Colloquium on the Pseudo-Clementine Romance, Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland, July-August 2006

“Astrological Knowledge and Apostolic Competition: The Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions* in the Context of Fourth-Century Syria,” presented at the Christian Apocrypha Section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November 2005

“Two Ancient Christian Interpretations of John 9.1-3,” presented at the Biblical Scholarship and Disabilities Section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November 2005

“Philosophy as Training for Death: Reading the Ancient Christian Martyr Acts as Spiritual Exercises,” presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, June 2005

“Seeing is Believing: The Acquisition of Prophetic Knowledge in the Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions*,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association pour l’étude de la littérature apocryphe chrétienne (AELAC), Pseudo-Clementine Working Group, July 2004

“The Deformed Body as Theological Terrain in the Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions* and Gregory of Tours,” presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, June 2004

“Knowledge, Authority, and the Pseudo-Clementine Romance of *Recognitions*,” presented at the Christian Apocrypha Section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November 2003

“When Center and Periphery Meet: Josephus and the Politics of Jewish Identity in the Roman Empire,” presented at the Social Scientific Studies of the Second Temple Period Section, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, November 2003

“History of the World, Part I: Creation and the Rhetoric of Authenticity in the Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions*,” presented at the New England Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, April 2002

“Josephus’ Construction of Masada: A Response to Imperial Rome,” presented at the New England Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, April 2000

“Mimesis and Martyr Acts: Violence and the Early Christian ‘Way of Life’,” presented at the New England Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, April 1999

### **SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Nominated for Graduate Teaching Award, Florida State University, 2008-2009

Primary Source Materials Grant, Florida State University, 2007, 2008

COFRS Grant, Florida State University, 2006 (Summer Research Support)

First Year Assistant Professor Grant, Florida State University, 2004 (Summer Research Support)

Provost’s Travel Grant, Florida State University, 2004, 2005, 2007

Dissertation nominated for publication in Harvard Theological Studies, 2003

Graduate Society Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University, 2002-2003

Best student paper, New England Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, 2000

Passed general exams with distinction, Harvard University, 2000

Graduate Writing Fellow, Harvard University, 1998

Mellon Fellowship for Summer Language Study, Harvard University, 1998

### **SERVICE**

#### *Service to Department*

Graduate Studies Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2003-present

Executive Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2008-2009

Courtesy Appointments Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2008-2009

Respondent for FSU Religion Department Graduate Student Symposium, 2007, 2008

Departmental Chair Search Committee, FSU Department of Religion, 2004-2005

Search Committee for Hebrew Bible Position, FSU Department of Religion, 2004

Advisor for FSU Department of Religion Graduate Student Forum, 2003-2004

Departmental representative for FSU GradQuest, October 2003

#### *Service to University*

Committee member, Mediterranean Studies Cluster Initiative, Florida State University, 2006

#### *Service to Discipline*

Steering Committee Member, Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2008-present

Respondent, Disability Studies and Healthcare in the Bible and Near East section meeting, SBL Annual Meeting, 2008

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, 2008

Steering Committee Member, Biblical Scholarship and Disabilities Program Unit, SBL International Meeting, 2005

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2005  
Chair, Christian Apocrypha section meeting, SBL Annual Meeting, 2004  
Chair, session on Christian Apocryphal Literature, NAPS Annual Meeting, 2004  
Peer Reviewer, *Harvard Theological Review*, 2002-2003

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Society of Biblical Literature  
North American Patristic Society  
Association pour l'étude de la littérature apocryphe chrétienne  
Catholic Biblical Association

### **LANGUAGES**

Classical Greek; Hebrew (reading knowledge of biblical, rabbinic, modern); Syriac; Latin; German (reading knowledge); French (reading knowledge); Spanish (reading knowledge)

### **REFERENCES**

Bart D. Ehrman, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina, Saunders 125, CB# 3225, Chapel Hill NC 27599; (919) 962-3940

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