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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Florida State University, 2019 (anticipated)
Religions of Western Antiquity
Dissertation: "Textual Orientations: Josephus, John Chrysostom, and the Politics of Identity"
Committee: David Levenson (advisor), Matthew Goff, Nicole Kelley, and Svetla Slaveva-Griffin
- Th.M. Columbia Theological Seminary, 2013
Thesis: "The Naked Gardener: Creation and Desire in John 20.1-18"
Committee: E. Elizabeth Johnson and Christine Roy Yoder
- M.Div. Columbia Theological Seminary, 2012
- B.A. Flagler College, Philosophy/Religion, 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida State University

Intro to World Religions (Instructor of Record—Fall 2017, Spring 2016; Teaching Assistant—Spring 2015, Summer 2015)

Intro to World Religions, Online (Teaching Assistant—Fall 2015, Spring 2016)

Intro to the New Testament (Instructor of Record—Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016; Teaching Assistant—Fall 2014, Summer 2016;)

Columbia Theological Seminary

Essentials of Greek (Teaching Assistant—Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

"The Blair Martyr Project: the *Passion of Perpetua* and Found Footage Horror," in *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* (forthcoming)

“Strange Bedfellows?: David Brog, Josephus, and the Rhetoric of Contested Allegiances,” in *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 29 (2017): 155-180.

Essays in Edited Volumes

“Why don’t Jewish people believe Jesus was the Messiah?” Pages 135-137 in *Religion in 5 Minutes*. Edited by Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon. Sheffield, UK: Equinox, 2017.

Book Reviews

Review of Christopher A. Frilingos, *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Family Trouble in the Infancy Gospels* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017). Reviewed in *Review in Religion & Theology* 25.3 (2018): 475-478.

Review of Tony Burke (ed.), *Forbidden Texts on the Western Frontier: The Christian Apocrypha from North American Perspectives: Proceedings from the 2013 York University Christian Apocrypha Symposium* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2015). Review in *Review of Biblical Literature* (7/2018).

Review of John J. Collins, *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016). Reviews in *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 24.4 (2017): 679-681.

Review of Emma England and William John Lyons (eds.), *Reception History and Biblical Studies: Theory and Practice* (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015). Reviewed in *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 24.1 (2017): 78-81.

Review of James A. Kelhoffer, *Conceptions of “Gospel” and Legitimacy in Early Christianity* (WUNT 324; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014). Reviewed in *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* 1 (2016): 338-341.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Myth and/as Ideology: Josephus Reads Daniel in Rome,” in the Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory section at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO, 2018 (accepted).

“A witness whom the Jews regard with the highest trust”: John Chrysostom’s Weaponization of Josephus,” at the North American Patristics Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 2018.

“The Blair Martyr Project: The *Passion of Perpetua* and Found Footage Horror,” in the Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative section at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, 2016.

“Inscribing Authority: Writing and Authority in the Book of Revelation,” in the New Testament section at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, 2016.

“Strange Bedfellows?: David Brog, Josephus, and the Rhetoric of Contested Allegiances,” at the Florida State Department of Religion 15th Annual Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, FL, 2016.

“Him Whom My Soul Loves: Song 3:1–5 as Narrative Framework for John's Resurrection Account” in the Intertextuality in the New Testament section at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, 2015.

“Myth and Resistance: Revelation 12 as Catachresis” in the New Testament section at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Nashville, TN, 2015.

“Locating Desire: John’s Resurrection Narrative and the Song of Songs,” in the New Testament section at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion 2014.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (Nominated), 2017
Florida State University

Fannie Jordan Bryant Fellowship, 2012
Columbia Theological Seminary

Toms-McGarrahan Award in Theology and Worship, 2012
Columbia Theological Seminary

Merit Scholarship, 2011-12
Columbia Theological Seminary

Dr. Mattie Hart Religion Scholarship, 2005
Flagler College

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

SBL Southeastern Regional Student Representative 2016–2017

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Aramaic (Biblical), Greek (Classical, Koine), Hebrew (Biblical), Latin, Syriac

Modern: French (basic reading knowledge), German (basic reading knowledge), Hebrew (basic reading knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature
North American Patristics Society

American Academy of Religion
North American Association for the Study of Religion