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#### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor, Florida State University, Dept. of Religion 2021–

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Instructor of Record, Florida State University, Dept. of Religion	2017-2021

### **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, Florida State University 2021

Area of Specialization: Religions of Western Antiquity

Advisor: David B. Levenson

Dissertation: "Tradition and Innovation in Josephus' *Antiquities*: The Adaptation of the Joseph and Esther Court-Tales in the Accounts of the

Tobiads and Agrippa I"

Master of Divinity, Southeastern Seminary 2015

Bachelor of Arts in History (*cum laude*), University of South Carolina 2009

#### **BOOKS**

In the Court of the Gentiles: Narrative, Exemplarity, and Scriptural Adaptation in the Court-Tales of Flavius Josephus. Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements Series. Brill. (formal proposal accepted, manuscript in progress)

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Taken Up in Glory': Early Christian Traditions of the Ascension in Light of 1 Timothy 3:16." (under review)
- "On the Rhetoric of Ruins and Restorations: Conflict over Cult Sites in Late Antiquity." *Journal of Early Christian History* 10, no. 2 (2020): 49–67.
- "The Economic Spark of the Burning of the Temple of Apollo in Daphne." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 78, no. 2 (2019): 307–321.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

"Ancient Jewish Court-Tales, Scriptural Adaptation, and Greco-Roman Discourses of Exemplarity: Joseph, Esther, and Agrippa I in Josephus' *Antiquitates Judaicae*." In *From Josephus to Josippon and Beyond*, edited by Jan Willem van Henten, Michael Avioz, and Carson Bay. Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements. Brill. (expected 2022/23)

## **ENTRIES**

"Why did animals always end up getting sacrificed?" In *Ancient Religion in Five Minutes*, edited by Andrew Durdin. Equinox Publishing. (expected 2022/23)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- "Editorial Techniques and the Use of Sources in Josephus' 'Tales of the Tobiads' (AJ 12.158–236)." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period Unit, November 2022. (proposal accepted, in progress)
- "Divine Providence in Philo and Josephus: *De Iosepho* and *Antiquities* 2." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philo of Alexandria Unit, November 2021.
- "Taken up in Glory': Early Christian Traditions of the Ascension of Jesus in Light of 1 Tim. 3:16." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Disputed Paulines Unit, November 2021.
- "Tradition and Innovation in Josephus' *Antiquities*." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Josephus Unit, December 2020.
- "On the Rhetoric of Ruins and Restorations: Conflict over Cult Sites in Late Antiquity." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Joint Session with Greco-Roman Religions Unit and Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions, November 2019.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

Excellence in Research, Department of Religion, Florida State University, 2021 (nominated) Excellence in Research, Department of Religion, Florida State University, 2020 (nominated) Dissertation Research Grant, The Graduate School, Florida State University, 2019 (\$1,000) Betty Coate Travel Award, Association of Ancient Historians, 2019 (\$450)

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to World Religions (REL1300)

Introduction to New Testament (REL2240)

Introduction to Old Testament (REL2210)

#### SERVICE

Built online asynchronous course (Introduction to World Religions) into Canvas learning management system for departmental use.

Created handbook for instructors of online asynchronous course (Introduction to World Religions) for departmental use.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Society of Biblical Literature Association of Ancient Historians Society for Classical Studies

## ANCIENT LANGUAGES

Greek (Classical, Koine) Latin (Classical, Ecclesiastical) Hebrew (Biblical, Qumran, Rabbinic) Syriac (Estrangela, Serto) Aramaic (Biblical, Talmudic)

# **MODERN LANGUAGES**

German (reading)
French (reading)
Italian (reading)
Spanish (reading and speaking)

#### REFERENCES

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