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EMPLOYMENT

2021–present Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor
Department of Religion, Florida State University

EDUCATION

2021 Doctor of Philosophy in Religion (Religions of Western Antiquity)
Florida State University

2015 Master of Divinity
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

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

AREAS OF INTEREST

Works of Flavius Josephus
Ancient Jewish scriptural adaptation and rewriting
Second Temple Judaism / Early Judaism
Greco-Roman moralism and exemplarity
Religious competition, conflict, and violence
New Testament

REFEREED BOOKS

Under contract *An Orientation to Josephus for Biblical Studies*. Oxford University Press. (manuscript in preparation)

2023 *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 209. Brill.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Under review** “Explaining Evil in Early Judaism: The Place of Cain and his Descendants in Conceptions of the Origin and Spread of Sin.” *Journal of Ancient Judaism*.
- In press** “The Dilemma of King David: Reading Josephus’ *Antiquities* against the Grain through the Lens of Greco-Roman Tyrant Typologies.” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha*.
- In press** “Diagnosing Decline: Greco-Roman Rhetoric about the Middle and Late Roman Republic as Inspiration for Josephus’s Interpretation of the Book of Judges.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism*.
- 2022** “‘Taken Up in Glory’: Early Christian Traditions of the Ascension in Light of 1 Timothy 3:16.” *Journal of Early Christian History* 12, no. 3: 22–47.
- 2020** “On the Rhetoric of Ruins and Restorations: Conflict over Cult Sites in Late Antiquity.” *Journal of Early Christian History* 10, no. 2: 49–67.
- 2019** “The Economic Spark of the Burning of the Temple of Apollo in Daphne.” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 78, no. 2: 307–321.

REFEREED CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- In press** “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 Yosippon and Beyond: Text—Re-interpretations—Afterlives*. Edited by Carson Bay, Michael Avioz, and Jan Willem van Henten. *Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements* 215. Brill.

NON-REFEREED CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- 2023** “The Theme of *Stasis* in *Antiquities*: Josephus’ Political Philosophy and Periodization of History.” Pages 177–194 in *Peace and War in Josephus*. Edited by Viktor Kókai-Nagy and Ádám Vér. *Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies* 52. De Gruyter.

REVIEWS (* = invited)

- In progress *** Review of Ursula Westwood, *Moses among the Greek Lawgivers: Reading Josephus’ Antiquities through Plutarch’s Lives*. *Classical Review*.

PRESENTATIONS (* = refereed abstract; † = invited)

- 2023** † “The Placement of Josephus’ Tales of the Tobiads (*AJ* 12.154–236) within Book 12 of *Antiquities*: Some Thematic Threads and Chronological Conundrums.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Josephus Seminar.
- 2022** * “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.
- 2021** * “Divine Providence in Philo and Josephus: *De Iosepho* and *Antiquities* 2.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philo of Alexandria Unit.
- 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.
- 2020** * “Tradition and Innovation in Josephus’ *Antiquities*.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Josephus Seminar.
- 2019** * “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 Religion.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019** Dissertation Research Grant, The Graduate School, Florida State University (\$1,000)
- 2019** Betty Coate Travel Award, Association of Ancient Historians (\$450)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Florida State University, Department of Religion
1. Introduction to World Religions (REL1300)
 2. Introduction to New Testament (REL2240)
 3. Introduction to Old Testament (REL2210)

SERVICE

- 2023–** Invited reviewer, *Classical Review*
- 2022–** Invited peer reviewer, Bloomsbury Academic
- 2018** Created handbook for instructors of online asynchronous course for departmental use. REL1300 (Introduction to World Religions), Florida State University
- 2017** Built online asynchronous course into Canvas learning management system for departmental use. REL1300 (Introduction to World Religions), Florida State University
- 2015** Copyeditor
Joseph R. Dodson and David Briones, eds. *Paul and Seneca: In Dialogue*. New Testament and Ancient Philosophy Series. Leiden: Brill, 2107.
- 2015** Copyeditor
Joseph R. Dodson and Andrew Pitts, eds. *Paul and the Greco-Roman Philosophical Tradition*. Library of New Testament Studies. London: Bloomsbury, 2017.

AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
Association of Ancient Historians

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

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

MODERN LANGUAGES

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

REFERENCES

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