

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D., Yale University in New Testament; December, 2005; dissertation: "The Death of the Soul in Romans 7: Sin, Death, and the Law in Light of Hellenistic Moral Psychology."

A.B., Brown University in Religious Studies and Classics: Greek; 1997

Academic Appointments

2008– Assistant professor of Religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2006–08 Visiting assistant professor of Religion, Reed College
2006 (Spring) Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University
2005 (Summer) Instructor, Yale Divinity School

Publications and Forthcoming Publications

"Paul Among the Philosophers: The Case of Sin in Romans 6–8." *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 30.4 (2008) 387–415.

The Death of the Soul in Romans 7: Sin, Death, and the Law in Light of Hellenistic Moral Psychology. (WUNT 2.56; Mohr Siebeck, 2008).

"The Death of the Soul in Romans 7: Revisiting Paul's Anthropology in Light of Hellenistic Moral Psychology." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 126.4 (2007) 793–816.

"Paul Among the (Ancient) Philosophers: the Case of Romans 7," in *Paul in Philosophy and Culture*. Ed. Ward Blanton (Fordham University Press). (In production)

"Paul Beyond the Judaism/Hellenism Divide? The Case of Pauline Anthropology in Romans 7 and 2 Cor 4–5," in *The New Testament in its Hellenistic Context*, ed. Stanley E. Porter and Andrew W. Pitts (Brill Academic). (In production)

"'An Idol is Nothing in the World' (1 Cor 8:4): The Metaphysical Contradictions of 1 Corinthians 8:1–11:1 in the Context of Jewish Idolatry Polemics." *Portraits of Jesus: Essays on Christology*, ed. Susan Myers (Mohr Siebeck, 2012). (In production)

Publications in Preparation

“Chapter 1: Creation, Battle, and Cosmic Intrigue Among the Gods,” full chapter draft completed for a monograph, tentatively entitled *Apocalypse as Holy War: Hierarchy and Conflict in Paul’s Cosmology*

“Chapter 2: Apocalyptic Cosmology: Cosmic Hierarchy and Conflict in Hellenistic Jewish Literature,” full chapter draft completed for monograph: *Apocalypse as Holy War*

“Chapter 3: Jesus as Apocalyptic Warrior in 1 Cor 15 and Philippians 2,” full chapter draft completed for monograph: *Apocalypse as Holy War*

“Chapter 4: Gods, *Daimonia*, and the Metaphysical Contradictions of 1 Cor 8–11:1,” full chapter draft completed for monograph: *Apocalypse as Holy War*

“Chapter 5: Conflict, Inner Turmoil, and Heroic Submission in Paul’s Letters,” partial draft completed for monograph: *Apocalypse as Holy War*

“Paul in the History of Religion,” entry for *The Oxford Handbook of Pauline Studies* ed. R. Barry Matlock (Oxford University Press)

“What is Apocalypticism? A Critique and Proposal,” draft for a Festschrift to be published in 2013

“Aeons, Powers, and Conflict: A Critique of Ernst Käsemann’s Theory of Apocalypticism and its Legacies in Contemporary Scholarship,” partial draft; to be submitted as an article in a peer reviewed journal

“What are Paul’s *Daimonia*? A Reconsideration of Paul’s Language about Gods in 1 Cor 8–11:1” article draft to be submitted to be submitted for publication in a peer reviewed journal

“Beyond the Philosophical/Apocalyptic Divide: Synthesis and Adaptation in Ancient Cosmologies.” Partial draft; research underway, to be submitted as an article in a peer reviewed journal

Reviews

Review of S. Pearce, *The Land of the Body: Studies in Philo’s Representation of Egypt* in *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 43.1 (2012) 121–122.

Review of N. Elliott, *The Arrogance of the Nations: Reading Romans in the Shadow of Empire* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 72.2 (2010) 371–372.

Review of T. Engberg-Pedersen, *Cosmology and the Self in the Apostle Paul: The Material Spirit* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. (In production).

Papers Delivered

“Are *Daimonia* Apocalyptic Powers? A Reconsideration of Paul’s Language about Gods in 1 Cor 8–11:1” to be read at the 2012 Annual Society of Biblical Literature Conference, November, 2012.

“What is Apocalypticism? ‘Cosmic Dualism’ in *I Enoch*, Daniel 10, and 1 Corinthians 15” presented to the Boston Patristics Group, February, 2012.

“Suffering and Victimization in Paul’s Letters,” read at the Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2011

“Does Christian Apocalyptic Further Progressive Politics? Cosmic Hierarchy, Apocalypticism, and Subjectivity in the Letters of Paul” read at the Annual Meeting of the Modern Languages Association, Los Angeles, CA; January, 2011

“A Reconsideration of ‘Cosmic Dualism’ in *I Enoch*, Daniel 10, and 1 Corinthians 15” read at the Columbia University New Testament Seminar, New York, New York, February 2011

“Cosmic Hierarchy and Rebellion in 1 Corinthians 15,” read at the Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2010

“Evil Everywhere? Demons, Spirits, and Powers in the Letters of Paul,” presented at Virginia Commonwealth University in the Blake lecture series, October, 2010

“Cosmic Hierarchy in the Apocalypticism of the Apostle Paul” read at the International Association for the History of Religions Quinquennial World Congress, Toronto, CA; August 2010

“Does Paul Have a Consistent Anthropology? Appropriation and Synthesis of Philosophical Traditions in Romans 7 and 2 Corinthians 4–5,” read at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA; November, 2009

“Situating the Subject in Paul’s Letter to the Romans: The Lutheran Interpretation of Paul and its Legacies in Contemporary Thought,” read at the joint Society for the Anthropology of Religion and Society for Psychological Anthropology meeting in Asilomar, CA; March, 2009

“What is an Apocalyptic Cosmology? Human and Non-Human Agents in the *Book of the Watchers*, the *Similitudes* of Enoch, and *Jubilees*,” read at the Annual Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Boston; November, 2008

“Demons Yes, Powers No: An Historical Critique of the Notion of Sin as a ‘Power’ in Romans,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston; November, 2008

“Paul Among the Philosophers: The Case of Sin in Romans 6–8,” read at the International Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna; July, 2007

“*Akrasia, akolasia*, and Self-Contradiction in Romans 7,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia; November, 2005

“Sin, Death, and the Law in Light of Platonic Moral Psychology,” paper presented to the Seminar on Culture and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean, Brown University; October, 2005

“The Limits of Law: Written Law in Romans 7,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta; November, 2003

“Unwritten Law and Custom in Philo’s *Hypothetica*,” read at the New England Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Boston; May, 2003

“Paul and the Introspective Manhood of the West: The Inner Man of Romans 2,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver; November, 2001

Research Interests

The letters of Paul and the social description of Christian origins; apocalypticism and cosmology in early Judaism and Christianity; demonology in early Judaism and Christianity; Philo of Alexandria; Hellenistic philosophy, especially ethics and cosmology.

Theories of religion, especially as applied to the study of early Christian groups and their histories; strong interest in particular types of social theory, especially Emile Durkheim, Max Weber, Anthony Giddens, Pierre Bourdieu, Jonathan Z. Smith, Catherine Bell, and Theodore Schatzki

Teaching Interests

Social history of early Christianity and Judaism, especially focused on Paul, Pauline Christianity and Jewish and Christian Apocalypticism

Ancient ethical thought, especially involving emotions and human psychology and as appropriated by later writers from Philo to Augustine

Apocalyptic and Millennial writings and movements, from antiquity to the present

Courses Taught

Introduction to the New Testament
Apocalypse Now? Religious Movements and the End of Time
Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Christianity
The Origins of Western Morality
Paul and Pauline Christianity
Paul and His Interpreters
Introduction to Ancient Christianity: From Paul to Constantine

Introduction to the Humanities: Greece and Rome
Philosophical Views of the Self in Antiquity (independent study with Brown graduate student)
Biblical Greek

Honors and Awards

Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University 2011–12
Jacob Javitz Fellowship, 1998–2002
Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship, 1998–2002

Service

A. Service to the University

Undergraduate Director, Department of Religion, Fall 2010-
Search committee, Religion Department for assistant professor in American Religion
Thesis co-advisor for Christopher Mercurio "New Approaches in the Interpretation of
Genesis 4: Cain and Abel," winner of the Henry Rutgers Scholars award, 2010
Independent Study on Pauline Christianity with Bethany Januszka, Fall 2009
Department organizer for Rutgers Day, 2009, 2010, 2011
Byrne Seminar: Apocalypse Now? Religious Movements and the End of Time, Spring
2010 and Fall 2012
Honors seminars: The Origins of Western Morality, Fall 2009; Apocalypse Now?
Religious Movements and the End of Time, Fall 2010

B. Service Outside the University

Organized an interdisciplinary panel on apocalypticism for the International
Association for the History of Religions Quinquennial World Congress, Toronto,
CA; August 2010
Society of Biblical Literature Pauline Epistles group, planning committee 2008-
and co-chair of planning committee, 2010-
Society of Biblical Literature section on Hellenistic Moralists and the New Testament,
steering committee, 2006-2011
Society of Biblical Literature Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession,
student member, 2004-2005