

## 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

2014–	Associate Professor of Religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
2008–2014	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

#### A. Books

*Apocalypse as Holy War: Divine Politics and Polemics in the World of Paul.* Under contract with Yale University Press, scheduled for publication in the Anchor Yale Bible Series; full manuscript complete and accepted for publication (expected in 2015).

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

#### B. Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Gentile Gods at the Eschaton: A Reconsideration of Paul’s ‘Principalities and Powers’ in 1 Corinthians 15:23–28,” article under review at the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

“Paul and Religion,” entry for *The Oxford Handbook of Pauline Studies* (ed. R. Barry Matlock; Oxford University Press); forthcoming 2014.

“Paul Among the (Ancient) Philosophers: the Case of Romans 7,” in *Paul in Philosophy and Culture* (ed. Ward Blanton, Hent De Vries ; Fordham University Press, 2013), 69–83.

“Beyond Apocalyptic Dualism: Ranks of Divinities in *1 Enoch* and Daniel,” in *The One Who Sows Bountifully: Essays in Honors of Stanley K. Stowers* (ed. Johnson Hodge et al.; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature).

“Paul Beyond the Judaism/Hellenism Divide? The Case of Pauline Anthropology in Romans 7 and 2 Corinthians 4–5,” in *Christian Origins and Hellenistic Judaism: Social and Literary Contexts for the New Testament* (ed. Stanley E. Porter and Andrew W. Pitts; Leiden: Brill, 2012), 259–279

“‘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,” in *Portraits of Jesus: Essays on Christology, Festschrift for Harold W. Attridge* (ed. Susan Myers; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012), 201–227

“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: Revisiting Paul’s Anthropology in Light of Hellenistic Moral Psychology,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 126.4 (2007): 793–816

### C. Book Reviews

Review of T. Engberg-Pedersen, *Cosmology and Self in the Apostle Paul: The Material Spirit* (Oxford, 2010) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*; forthcoming

Review of S. Pearce, *The Land of the Body: Studies in Philo’s Representation of Egypt* (Mohr Siebeck, 2007) 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* (Fortress, 2008) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72.2 (2010): 371–372

### D. Publications in Preparation

“Powers of Evil? A Reconsideration of Paul’s *daimonia* (1 Corinthians 10:19–23) and *stoicheia* (Galatians 4:3, 9),” draft complete; to be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

“The Idolatry Polemics of Philo of Alexandria, Ps-Solomon, and Paul,” partial draft; to be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

“On Earth as it is in Heaven: Eschatological Submission in Philippians 3:21 and 1 Corinthians 15:28,” partial draft; to be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

“Myths of Victory: A Critique 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Theories of Christian Apocalypticism,” partial draft; to be submitted for publication in a peer reviewed journal.

### Papers Delivered

“Gods, Religions, and Divine Exceptionalism: The Case of So-called Idolatry” to be read at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (co-sponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature), San Diego, CA, November, 2014.

“Myths of Victory: Sin and Apocalyptic Battle in Paul’s Letters,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD., November, 2013

“Beyond Christian Ideology: ‘The New Testament’ as Evidence for Ancient Religion,” read at the conference Religious Studies 50 Years After Schempp: History, Institution, Theory, Bloomington, Ind., September, 2013

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

“What is Apocalypticism? ‘Cosmic Dualism’ in *1 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 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, November 2011

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

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

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

“Evil Everywhere? Demons, Spirits, and Powers in the Letters of Paul,” invited lecture in the Blake Lecture Series, Virginia Commonwealth University, October 2010

“Cosmic Hierarchy in the Apocalypticism of the Apostle Paul,” read at the International Association for the History of Religions Quinquennial World Congress, 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 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, 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 meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion and the Society for Psychological Anthropology, March 2009

“What is an Apocalyptic Cosmology? Human and Non-Human Agents in *1 Enoch* and *Jubilees*,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, 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 Conference, November 2008

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

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

“Sin, Death, and the Law in Light of Platonic Moral Psychology,” 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 Conference, November 2003

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

“Paul and the Introspective Manhood of the West: The Inner Man of Romans 2,” read at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, 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, and Theodore Schatzki.

### **Teaching Interests**

Social history of early Christianity and Judaism, especially focused on Paul, Pauline Christianity and Jewish and Christian Apocalypticism; the appropriation of apocalyptic literature in 19<sup>th</sup> century and 20<sup>th</sup> century contexts

Philosophical ethics and cosmology, especially as appropriated by Jewish and Christian writers from Philo of Alexandria to Augustine of Hippo

### **Courses Taught**

Early Christianity/Introduction to the New Testament  
Apocalypse: Christian Movements and the End of Time  
Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Christianity  
The Origins of Western Morality  
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 (graduate level independent study)  
Greek (for reading knowledge of the New Testament)

### **Honors and Awards**

NEH Seminar (“Problems in the Study of Religion”) at the University of Virginia, Summer, 2014

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

## **Service**

### **A. Service to the University**

Member, Department of Religion curriculum committee, 2013–  
Undergraduate Director, Department of Religion, Fall 2010–  
Search committee for Assistant Professor in American Religion, 2009 and 2010  
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, 2009–10  
Byrne Seminars: 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; Heaven and Hell in Western Tradition, Spring  
2014  
Affiliated Faculty, Jewish Studies Department  
Graduate faculty, Classics and Medieval Studies departments

### **B. Service Outside the University**

Columbia New Testament Seminar, co-chair 2012–  
Society of Biblical Literature Pauline Epistles group, planning committee 2008–  
and co-chair of planning committee, 2010–  
Society of Biblical Literature Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Group,  
steering committee, 2006–2011  
Society of Biblical Literature Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, student  
member, 2004–2005  
Panelist for “Teaching Introduction to the Bible” at the Center for the Study of World Religion,  
Harvard Divinity School, April 2012  
Organized an interdisciplinary panel on apocalypticism for the International Association for the  
History of Religions Quinquennial World Congress, August 2010  
Panelist for “Success in the Academic Job Market” at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual  
Conference, November 2008

## **References:**

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