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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor
Department of Theological Studies
Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

Aug 2016 – present

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Ph.D. in Theology

Aug 2009 – May 2016

Major: New Testament/Early Judaism; Minor: Hebrew Bible

Dissertation: “A Prophet Like Moses: Prophecy and Canon in Early Judaism and Christianity”

Committee: Prof. James C. VanderKam (Director); Profs. Gary Anderson, John P. Meier, and Tzvi Novick (readers)

My dissertation examines the concept of the “prophet like Moses” in its origin in Deuteronomy 18 and in its influence in Second Temple Judaism and nascent Christianity. It is the first full reception history of this passage, including (but not limited to) the Deuteronomistic History, Jeremiah, Ben Sira, the writings of Josephus, Luke-Acts, and the gospel of John. I show that Deuteronomy shapes the discourse around prophecy in this time period, influencing both the profile and the perception of prophetic claimants. This reception history thus establishes the importance of the “prophet like Moses” for the construction of normative tradition (i.e., canon) in both early Judaism and Christianity.

Tel Aviv University

Summer Program: Jewish-Christian Encounters in Late Antiquity **July – Aug 2011**

This summer program involved two graduate level courses (Rabbinic Hebrew, and Jewish-Christian Encounters), as well as field trips to key sites of archaeological and historical importance.

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

M.A. in Religious Studies

Sept 2007 – July 2009

Major: New Testament

Thesis: “The Origin of Paul’s Gentile Mission: A Survey and Analysis of the Contemporary Debate”

Supervisor: Dr. Stephen Westerholm

Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary, Hamilton, ON

M.Div.

Sept 2003 – May 2007

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

B.A. in Philosophy

Sept 2000 – May 2003

Graduated with distinction

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Prophecy (Second Temple Judaism/NT); Synoptic Gospels; Second Peter; Luke-Acts; Justin Martyr; Canon Formation; the Parting of the Ways; Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic History; History of Biblical Interpretation (ancient and modern)

TEACHING INTERESTS

History and Literature of early Christianity (1st-3rd cen. CE); particularly New Testament, non-canonical gospels, early church fathers
History and Literature of Second Temple Judaism; particularly Apocalyptic Literature, Pseudepigrapha, Qumran/Dead Sea Scrolls, Josephus
Hebrew Bible; particularly Deuteronomy, Deuteronomistic History, Prophets

PUBLICATIONS

“The Decline of Human Longevity in the Book of *Jubilees*.” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 21 no.4 (2012): 340-365.

INVITED PAPERS

“A Prophet Like Moses: Prophecy and Canon in Early Judaism and Christianity.” Paper Presented at the Colloquium for Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, University of Notre Dame. February 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Paul’s Messiah Concept and Roman Imperial Ideology.” Paper Presented in the Pauline Epistles section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2016.
- “Apostolic Authority in the Epistle of Second Peter.” Paper Presented at the Mid-West Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Bourbonnais, Illinois. February 2014.
- “Second Peter and the Contested Prophetic Status of Jesus.” Paper Presented at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in St. Andrews, Scotland. July 2013.
- “Is Moses Among the Prophets? The Relationship between Moses and Prophecy in the Pentateuch.” Paper Presented at the Mid-West Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Bourbonnais, Illinois. February 2013.
- “‘No Prophet Like Moses’ (Deut 34:9): Priestly Power Play or Prophetic Promise?” Paper Presented at the Graduate Student Colloquium on Moses in Jewish and Christian Tradition at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. October 2012.
- “The Literary Development of the Narrative of Saul’s Deliverance of Jabesh-gilead in 1 Samuel 11.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Francisco, California. November 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO****Assistant Professor****Aug 2016 – present**

THEO 4930, "Jewish-Christian Encounters in Antiquity"

THEO 2110, "Introduction to the Old Testament"

THEO 2210, "Introduction to the New Testament"

THEO 3115, "Old Testament Prophets"

THEO 1000, "Foundations of Theology"

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN**Instructor****Aug 2013 – Dec 2015**

THEO 10001/10002: "Foundations of Theology"

At Notre Dame I five times taught the first course in Theology, which provides a survey of the Bible and key events from the history of the early church.

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON**Teaching Assistant****Sept 2007 – Apr 2009**

"Prophets of the Bible" (Instructor: Dr. Eileen Schuller)

"Theory and Practice of Non-Violence" (Instructor: Dr. Anne Pearson)

"The Five Books of Moses" (Instructor: Dr. Daniel Machiela)

SERVICE

Theology Representative to the GSU (Graduate Student Union), 2014-2015

Co-Organizer, Graduate Student Colloquium on Moses in Jewish and Christian Tradition, held at the University of Notre Dame in October 2012.

Committee of Local Arrangements, for the 75th Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, held at the University of Notre Dame, July 2012.

AWARDS

O'Brien Fellowship

May 2014

O'Brien Fellowship

May 2013

ISLA Professional Development Award

April 2013

GSU Conference Presentation Grant (2x)

Nov 2011, Jan 2013

Professional Development Award

April 2011

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (\$80,000)

Aug 2009 – Aug 2013

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)

Sept 2008 – Aug 2009

The Dr. Harry Lyman Hooker Senior Fellowship (\$23,000)

Sept 2007 – Aug 2009

The Dr. Harry Lyman Hooker Scholarship

Sept 2002

The University (Senate) Scholarship

Sept 2001

The McMaster Honours Award (Lv 1)

Sept 2000

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

"Preparing For an Academic Career"

June 2014

A one-credit course dealing with pedagogy, research, and service to the academy

Theology Department Workshop

Aug – Dec 2012

A series of focused workshops on pedagogy, for teaching in Biblical Studies

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature
Catholic Biblical Association

Feb 2011 – present
July 2012 – present

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Aramaic, Coptic, Greek, Hebrew, Latin; *Modern (Reading Knowledge):* German, French

REFERENCES

Available upon request