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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor 2022 - present
BYU Department of Comparative Arts and Letters: Classical Studies
BYU Jerusalem Center: Ancient Near Eastern Studies

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Ancient Mediterranean Religions, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2022
M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School 2013
B.A., English, Brigham Young University 2003

PUBLICATIONS

“A Sabbath Rest Still Remains’: The Reception and Transformation of Hebrews 4:9 in Late Antiquity” (accepted, under revision)

“Madness and the Apostle: Paul’s Jewishness in The Euthalian Prologue to the Letters of Paul and in the Writings of John Chrysostom,” (accepted, under revision))

“A New Fragment of Demosthenes, *Third Philippic* 9.31–32.2” (forthcoming) (with Thom Wayment)

“The Coptic Act of Peter in Late Antiquity: Virginity, Disability, Intertextuality,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 31.4 (2023): 493-521.

“The Universal Epistles: James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1-3 John, Jude” in *The Bible and the Latter-day Saint Tradition*, ed. Cory Crawford, Taylor G. Petrey, Eric A. Eliason (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2023).

“Christianity in the Second Century,” in Lincoln Blumell, ed., *New Testament History, Culture, and Society* (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2019).

Instructor’s Manual, PowerPoint slides, test questions, and web tools to accompany Bart Ehrman, *A Brief Introduction to the New Testament*, 7th ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).

François Bovon, *The Emergence of Christianity* (General Editor: Luke Drake; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013).

PUBLISHED ONLINE COURSES AND MATERIALS

Reli 104: Introduction to the New Testament, UNC Chapel Hill, William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education. Semester-based course consisting of 15 lessons, 6 explanatory videos, weekly writing prompts, reading comprehension quizzes, discussion forum, midterm and final exams. (*Sample instructional material available upon request.*)

Reli 207: Jesus and the Early Christian Gospels, UNC Chapel Hill, William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education. Semester-based course consisting of 15 lessons, 15 explanatory videos, weekly writing prompts, reading comprehension quizzes, discussion forum, midterm and final exams. (*Sample instructional material available upon request.*)

“Act of Peter.” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/act-of-peter/>.

WORKING PAPERS

“Narsai’s Memra on the Wheat and the Tares” in *Narsai: A Complete Translation* (Fathers of the Church Series: A New Translation [Patristic Series])

“Monstrosity and Tragedy in the *Apocryphon of John*”

“Did Justin Martyr worship on Sunday?”

“Misunderstanding and the Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark”

“Paul and Judaism in the Syriac Witnesses of the Euthalian Apparatus”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Brigham Young University

NES 336R: Ancient Near Eastern Studies	2023
Greek 311: Greek New Testament	2023
CL CV 363: Judaism and Christianity in the Ancient Near East	2023
CL CV 307 (Hist 248): Roman History	2022
Greek 201: Xenophon	2022
Rel A 121: The Book of Mormon (Introduction - Alma 29)	2016

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	2020
Early Christian Gospels	2020
Introduction to the New Testament	2019
Jesus in History, Myth, and Tradition	2019

The Birth of Christianity	2019
Introduction to the New Testament	2018
The Birth of Christianity	2018
Introduction to the History of Christian Traditions	2018

North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Dan River Prison Work Farm	2021
Introduction to the New Testament and Early Christian Literature, Warren Correctional Institution	2020

Tampa, FL and Chapel Hill/Durham Institutes of Religion

Introduction to the Book of Mormon	2022
Passion and Resurrection Narratives of the New Testament	2022
Infancy Narratives of the New Testament	2021
Introduction to the New Testament (Rel A 395)	2021
The Gospel of Luke (Rel A 211)	2021
The Book of Revelation (Rel A 212)	2020
The Gospel of Luke (Rel A 211)	2020
The Letters of Paul (Rel A 212)	2019
The New Testament Gospels (Rel A 211)	2019
The New Testament Gospels (Rel A 211)	2018

TELEVISION/MEDIA

“Come, Follow Me” (BYU TV). Principal writer for 2024 season on the Book of Mormon. 52 episodes.	2024
“In Good Faith” Podcast: “Ephesus and the Temple of Artemis”	2023
“Come, Follow Me” (BYU TV). Principal writer for 2023 season on the New Testament. 52 episodes.	2023
“Come, Follow Me” (BYU TV). Principal writer for 2022 season on the Old Testament. 52 episodes.	2022

PRESENTATIONS/INVITED LECTURES/SEMINARS

International, National, and Regional Conferences

“The Coptic Act of Peter in Late Antiquity: Virginity, Disability, Intertextuality.” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society. Chicago, 2021.

“Reading Paul, Rehabilitating Paul: Judaism and the Law in the Euthalian Apparatus.” The Bible in Ancient (and Modern) Media. Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, 2019.

“Christian Identity, Scribal Practice, and the Construction of Judaism.” History of Christianity Section. American Academy of Religion. Southeastern Regional Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2018.

Respondent to Zlatko Pleše (UNC Chapel Hill). “Is God Blamess (*ἀναίτιος*): The Archeology of Evil in Gnosticism.” Duke and UNC Center of Late Ancient Studies Symposium. Duke University, Durham, NC, 2018.

“Competing Christian Visions of Jewish Redemption in Christ's Descent into Hell.” Jewish Christian Dialogue and Sacred Texts Section. Society of Biblical Literature. Boston, MA, 2017.

“The Role of Ambiguous Inscriptional Evidences in the Historical Reconstruction of Jewish Diaspora Communities.” Archaeology of the Biblical World Section. Society of Biblical Literature. Atlanta, GA, 2015.

“Reading Orthodoxy and Heresy in 2 Clement.” The International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford, England, 2015.

“Jewish and Non-Jewish Synagogues”: The Meaning of *sunagoge* in the Ancient World.” The Conference of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion in Nashville, Tennessee, 2015. Co-authored with Brad Erickson and Daniel Schindler.

“Sacred Sites, Paralyzed Bodies: The Account of Peter’s Daughter in the Coptic *Act of Peter*.” Function of Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Section. Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, CA, 2014.

“Monstrosity in the *Apocryphon of John*.” The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Religious Studies Association. Chapel Hill, NC, 2014.

“When You Become Two?: Twinship in the *Gospel of Thomas* and the *Book of Thomas*.” The ninth annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies and the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Boston, MA, 2013.

Academic Institutions

“The Rise of Early Christian Anti-Judaism,” UNC JWST 390 “Confronting Antisemitism”	2024
“Introduction to Academic Research,” BYU, CLSCS 297	2023
“Madness and the Apostle: Paul’s Jewishness in Late Antiquity” BYU, CLSCS 497	2022
“The Legacy of Antiquity: Christian-Jewish Polemics in the New Testament” UNC GSSL 56: Germans, Jews, and the History of Antisemitism	2022
“Early Christian Anti-Judaism: Origins and Complications” UNC JWST 390: Confronting Antisemitism	2021
“Biblical Plagues: Theology, Memory, Empire” UNC COVID Investigations and Learning Communities	2020
“The Origins of Christian Anti-Judaism” UNC JWST 390: Confronting Antisemitism	2020
“Jesus the Jew: Geza Vermes and the Historical Jesus” UNC Reli 208: Jesus in History, Myth, and Tradition	2019
“Greek Translation and Exegesis of Revelation 1” UNC Greek 409: New Testament Greek	2018
“Greek Translation and Exegesis of 1 Peter 2-3” UNC Greek 409: New Testament Greek	2018
“Greek Translation and Exegesis of Mark 15” UNC Greek 409: New Testament Greek	2018
“Greek Translation and Exegesis of John 3” UNC Greek 409: New Testament Greek	2018
“Early Christian Gospels and Max Weber’s <i>Sociology of Religion</i> ” UNC Reli 209: Varieties of Early Christianity	2017
“Orthodoxy and Heresy in Earliest Christianity” Reli 104: Introduction to the New Testament	2017
“Religion and Science in Christian Antiquity: Paul’s Pneumatic Body” UNC Reli 421: Reli & Science	2017
“The Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke: from Antiquity to Franco Zeffirelli” UNC Reli 070: Jesus in Scholarship and Film First Year Seminar	2016
“The Religious Context of the Jesus Movement: from Republican Rome to the Rise of the Roman Empire” UNC Reli 209: Varieties of Early Christianity	2016
“Introduction to the Study of the Historical Jesus” UNC Reli 104: Introduction to the New Testament	2016
“Jesus, The Man from Heaven: A Comparative Overview of the Gospel of John” UNC Reli 104: Introduction to the New Testament	2016
“Non-Canonical Gospels: Peter, Thomas and Other Marginal Christian Traditions” UNC Reli 207:	2016

Jesus in Myth, Tradition, and History 30-200 CE	
“The Synoptic Problem: The Relationship between Matthew, Mark, and Luke Examined” UNC Reli 207:	2016
Jesus in Myth, Tradition, and History 30-200 CE	
“Words and Flesh: Prescribing Sexuality in 1 st - 4 th Century Christianity” UNC Reli 424: Gender, Theory and the Study of Religion	2015
“Between Jesus and the Gospels: Oral Traditions about Jesus” UNC Reli 104: Intro to the New Testament	2015
“Portraits of Jesus of Nazareth in the Synoptic Gospels” UNC Reli 207: Varieties of Early Christianity	2014

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

Brigham Award Nominee, BYU Student Connection and Leadership Center	2023
Graduate Student Research and Writing Grant, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies	2020
Thomas S. Kenan III Graduate Fellowship, UNC College of Arts and Sciences	2018-2019
Summer Scholar in Residence, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2017
Future Faculty Fellowship Program, Center for Faculty Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill	2017
William J. Peck Student Teacher Award, Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill	2016
Peer Recognition Teaching Award, Department of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill	2016
Summer Teaching Fellowship, Department of Religious Education, Brigham Young University	2016
Summer Research Fellowship, Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts, Vatican	2016
Travel Award, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, UNC Chapel Hill	2016
Graduate Stipend, Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2015
Hugh W. Nibley Conference Grant, Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2015
Summer Scholar, NEH Summer Institute for College and University Teachers, Athens, Greece	2014
Hugh W. Nibley Fellowship, Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2014
Travel Grant, Vatican Syriac Manuscript Project, The Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts, Vatican Library	2014
Hugh W. Nibley Fellowship, Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2013
Chancellor’s Fellowship. Royster Society of Fellows, UNC Chapel Hill	2013-2018
Pfeiffer Fund, The Archaeology of the New Testament World, Harvard University	2013
Hugh W. Nibley Fellowship, Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2012

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS ORGANIZED

UNC Department of Religious Studies McLester Lecture, organized by Luke Drake. Visiting scholar: Paula Fredriksen, "Urban Fires, Roman Emperors, and the Persecution of Christians." Reading Group: "Philo, Herod, Paul, and The Many Gods of Ancient Jewish 'Monotheism.'" Jan 28-29, 2020.

UNC Department of Religious Studies McLester Lecture, organized by Luke Drake. Visiting scholar: David Frankfurter, "Ancient Magic in a New Key: Refining an Exotic Discipline in the History of Religions." Reading Group: "'Religion,' and the Imagination of the Other," Mar 21-22, 2018.

The Gospel of Truth. International conference (Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network) organized by Luke Drake (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Oct 5-7, 2017. Faculty advisor: Zlatko Pleše (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill). www.nhgn2017.wordpress.com

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Steering Committee, Christianity in Antiquity Reading Group (UNC, Duke, NC State)	2017 – 2021
Teaching Committee, Department of Religious Studies (UNC)	2016 – 2021

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project Associate. Vatican Syriac Manuscript Project, The Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts. Vatican City.	2014, 2016
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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
 North American Patristics Society
 Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network
 The American Society of Papyrologists

LANGUAGES

In order of proficiency:

Ancient: Greek, Sahidic Coptic, Syriac, Latin

Modern: Spanish (fluent), German (reading proficiency), French (reading proficiency)