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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (2013–2019)
Candidacy exams passed with High Honors
Major Field: New Testament/Ancient Christianity
Minor Field: Hebrew Bible/Ancient Judaism
Dissertation: "Paul and the 'Interlopers': Apostleship and Antagonism in the Corinthian Correspondence"
Advisor: John T. Fitzgerald

M.T.S., Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (2011–2013)
Major Field: Biblical Studies

B.A. (Honors), Department of Religious Studies, University of Chicago (2005–2009)
Thesis: "Text and Body, Soul and Scripture: Exegesis and Epektasis in Gregory of Nyssa's Commentary on the Song of Songs"
Advisor: Margaret M. Mitchell

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Notre Dame

Fall 2017 "Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical"
(Introductory course covering Old Testament, New Testament, and early Christian texts)

Instructor of Record, Bethel College

Spring 2017 "Elementary New Testament Greek II"

Fall 2016 "Elementary New Testament Greek I"

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame

Fall 2015 Gabriel Reynolds, "Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical"

Fall 2012 Candida Moss and Brad Gregory, "Dying to Live Forever: Christian Martyrdom from Jesus to 9/11"

Additional Teaching Experience

Fall 2018 Workshops on pedagogy and diversity (race, gender, socioeconomic status)

HONORS

Richard and Peggy Notebaert Premier Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2013–2019

Susan Perry Award for Best Graduate Student Paper: "The Unfinished Christ: Sickness and Healing in the Apocryphal Acts of John and Peter." Awarded at the College Theology Society, June 2012.

Graduate Student Award for Best Paper: "The Unfinished Christ: Sickness and Healing in the Apocryphal Acts of John and Peter." Awarded at the Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, February 2012.

MTS Scholarship Award, University of Notre Dame, 2011–2013

Dean's List, University of Chicago, 2005–2009

University Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2005–2009

PUBLICATIONS

"The Perils and Virtues of Laughter in the Works of John Chrysostom." Pages 139–158 in vol. 9: *Emotions*, in *Studia Patristica Supplements LXXXIII: Papers Presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015*. Edited by Markus Vinzent and Yannis Papadogiannakis. Leuven/Paris/Bristol, CT: Peeters, 2017.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Driven by Grief, Inspired by Christ: Paul 'Beside Himself' in 2 Cor 5:13" (under review at *Novum Testamentum*)

"Death and Atonement in Paul and the Rabbis" (under revision)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

"Inured to Injustice — 1 Samuel 8:4–20," in *Political Theology Network*, June 4, 2018. Ongoing contributor as of 2018.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"The Magical *Wirkungsgeschichte* of the Three Youths in Nebuchadnezzar's Furnace." Society of Biblical Literature, November 2016.

"Divine Ecstasy and Pauline Madness in 2 Cor 5:13." Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, February 2016.

"The Perils and Virtues of Laughter in the Works of John Chrysostom." Society of Biblical Literature, November 2014.

"Towards a Moral Account of Unwanted Thoughts: Origen and the Temptation of the Soul." Center for Theological Inquiry Young Scholars Workshop: Religious Experience and Moral Identity, June 2014.

"An Exegetical Model for Reading Scripture." Society of Vineyard Scholars Conference, April 2014.

"When Old and New Collide: Visual and Textual Exegesis in the Codex Rossanensis." Society of Biblical Literature, November 2012.

"The Unfinished Christ: Sickness and Healing in the Apocryphal Acts of John and Peter." College Theology Society, June 2012. Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, February 2012.

"Violence in Scripture: A Hermeneutic for the Church." Society of Vineyard Scholars Conference, April 2012.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018–2019	Graduate Associate at the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame
2015–2017	President, Graduate Theological Society, University of Notre Dame
2015, 2016	Graduate Coordinator, Prospective PhD Student Weekend, University of Notre Dame
2015, 2016, 2017	Area Coordinator for Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, Prospective PhD Student Weekend, University of Notre Dame
2012–2013	MTS Committee Student Representative
2011–2013	Graduate Assistant, Qur'an Seminar, University of Notre Dame

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Attended workshops on "Restorative Justice," "Teaching as a Westville Prison Instructor," "Teaching for Social Justice," "Teaching with Current Events," "Active Learning," "Facilitating Discussion," "Race," "Class," "On Teaching Religion"

CHURCH AFFILIATION

Church of the Savior — Christian Reformed (2012–present)

Deacon (2016–present), Administrative Council (2018), Graduate/Undergraduate Student Small Group Leader (2013–2017), Adult Education Lecturer

Lectures on "The Eucharist in the Early Church" (March 2017), "The Apocryphal Infancy Gospels" (December 2017), a three-part series on "The Apocalypse of John" (April 2018), "The Acts of the Apostles: History and Theology" (September 2018), a three-part series on "Women, Slaves, and the Poor in Early Christianity" (October 2018)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient: Greek (Koine and Attic); Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic); Latin

Modern: English, French, German