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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion

- Ph.D. *with distinction*, May 1991;
Dissertation: *Ascetic Pantomime: John Chrysostom Against Spiritual Marriage*; Advisor: Elizabeth A. Clark
Qualifying exams passed *with honors*
Major: History of Christianity
Minors: New Testament; Classics
- M.A., May 1988

Yale University

- B.A. *summa cum laude, honors in religious studies*, June 1982
Majors: Classics (Greek) and Religious Studies

EMPLOYMENT

University of Notre Dame

- Professor of Early Christianity, 2022–present
Concurrent Appointment in Classics
- Concurrent Associate Professor of Classics, 2006–present.
- Associate Professor of Early Christianity, with Tenure, 1998–2022.
- Associate Director, Program of International Study in Angers, France, 2003–05.
- Assistant Professor of Theology (Early Christianity), University of Notre Dame, 1991–98.
- Instructor of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 1990–91.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Christians at Home: John Chrysostom and Domestic Rituals in Fourth-Century Antioch*. Inventing Christianity series. College Park, PA: Penn State Press. Forthcoming, June 2024.
2. *The Narrative Shape of Emotion in the Preaching of John Chrysostom*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2020.

Reviews:

- Monica Tobon in *The Classical Review* 71.1 (2021): 1–3
- Chris de Wet in *Journal of Early Christian History* 10.3 (2021): 110–14
- Eduard Iricinschi in *Asdiwal: Revue genevoise d'anthropologie et d'histoire des religions* 16 (2021): 178–80
- Andrew Mellas in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 30.1 (2022):155–57
- Jaclyn Maxwell in *Journal of Late Antiquity* 15.1 (2022): 304–6

Michelle Freeman in *Ancient Jew Review* (2022)
<https://www.ancientjewreview.com/read/2022/9/1/the-narrative-shape-of-emotion-in-the-preaching-of-john-chrysostom>

3. *Ascetic Culture: Essays in Honor of Philip Rousseau*. Edited with Robin Darling Young. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013

Reviews:

Rebecca Krawiec in *Augustinian Studies* 45.2 (2014): 326–29
Christine Luckritz Marquis in *Church History* 84.2 (2015): 423–25
Lucy Grigg in *Journal of Roman Studies* 105 (2015): 452–53
A.D. Rich in *Journal of Theological Studies* 67.1 (2016): 335–36
Laura Holt in *Heythrop Journal* 57.1 (2016): 227

4. *Theatrical Shows and Ascetic Lives: John Chrysostom's Attack on Spiritual Marriage*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2001.

Reviews:

Wendy Mayer in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 10.3 (2002): 406–8
and in *Journal of Roman Studies* 92 (2002): 266–67
Pauline Allen in *Journal of Theological Studies* 53.2 (2002): 713–15
Jon F. Dechow in *Church History* 71:4 (2002): 871–72
Margaret Mitchell in *Journal of Religion* 83.3 (2003): 432–35
P. Van Deun in *Revue Belge de Philologie et d'Histoire* 83.1 (2005): 233–34

Refereed Articles

1. “Imagine the Table, the Bed, the Shoes! John Chrysostom on the Affective Power of Imagined Objects.” *Studies in Late Antiquity* 7.4 (2023): 499–515.
2. “Voices of Others in Egeria’s Pilgrim Narrative.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 29.4 (2021): 553–78.
3. “Tertullian’s Chameleon.” *Journal of Roman Studies* 109 (2019): 275–89.
4. “Animal Passions in the Writings of John Chrysostom.” *Studia Patristica* 83. Papers Presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015. Volume 9: *Emotions*. Edited by Yannis Papadogiannakis. Leuven: Peeters, 2017: 185–201.
5. “The Etiology of Sorrow and its Therapeutic Benefits in the Preaching of John Chrysostom.” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 8 (2015): 368–85.
6. “Lot’s Wife on the Border.” *Harvard Theological Review* 107 (2014): 59–80.
7. “‘Keep me, Lord, as the Apple of Your Eyes’: An Early Christian Child’s Amulet.” *Journal of Early Christian History* 3.2 (2013): 73–93.
8. “Refuse, Filth, and Excrement in the Homilies of John Chrysostom.” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 2:2 (2009): 337–56.
9. “Pilgrim *Eulogiae* and Domestic Devotions.” *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* Bd 10 (2008): 223–37.
10. “Blood is Seed.” *Journal of Religion* 81 (2001): 26–48.
11. “Appealing to Children.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 5 (1997): 243–70.
12. “Landscape as Cartography in Early Christian Pilgrimage Narratives.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 64 (1996): 119–43.
13. “Clement of Alexandria on the Importance of Table Etiquette.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 3:2 (1995): 123–41.

14. "John Chrysostom on Almsgiving and the Use of Money." *Harvard Theological Review* 87:1 (1994): 29–47.
15. "John Chrysostom on the Gaze." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 1:2 (1993): 159–74.

Refereed Book Chapters

16. "A Creedal Gloss in the Baptismal Catecheses of John Chrysostom." *The New Testament and the Creed*. Edited by Nathan Eubank and Markus Bockmuehl. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, WUNT I. Forthcoming in 2024.
17. "Animal Riddles in Tertullian's *De Pallio*." In *Essays in Memory of Maureen A. Tilley*. Edited by Zachary Smith. Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press. Forthcoming, 2024.
18. "The Strategic Use of Fear in the Preaching of John Chrysostom." *Social Control in Late Antiquity: The Violence of Small Worlds*. Edited by Kate Cooper and Jamie Wood. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020: 173–87.
19. "Locating Animals in John Chrysostom's Thought." *Revisioning John Chrysostom: New Approaches, New Perspectives*. Critical Approaches to Early Christianity 1. Edited by Chris L. de Wet and Wendy Mayer. Leiden: Brill, 2019: 276–99.
20. "Imagining Antioch, or The Fictional Space of Alleys and Markets." *Antioch II. The Many Faces of Antioch: Intellectual Exchange and Religious Diversity, CE 350–450*. Edited by Silke-Petra Bergjan and Susanna Elm. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018: 255–78.
21. "Monks and Other Animals." *The Cultural Turn in Late Ancient Studies*. Edited by Dale Martin and Patricia Cox Miller. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005: 150–71.
22. "Pilgrims to the Land: Early Christian Perceptions of the Galilee." *Galilee: Confluence of Cultures. Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Galilee*. Edited by Eric Meyers. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns Press, 1999: 345–57.
23. "Meal Customs in the Greco-Roman World." *Passover and Easter: Origin and History to Modern Times*. Edited by Paul Bradshaw and Lawrence A. Hoffman. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1999: 29–61.

Non-Refereed Articles/Book Chapters

24. "Networks and Aesthetics: E. A. Clark's *Origenist Controversy*." Forthcoming, *Marginalia*.
25. "Travel and Communication." Revised and expanded. *The Early Christian World. 2d Edition*. Edited by Philip Esler. London: Routledge, 2017: 442–64.
26. "The Consolation of Nature: Trees and Gardens in the Ascetic Program of John Chrysostom." *Ascetic Culture: Essays in Honor of Philip Rousseau*. Edited by Blake Leyerle and Robin Darling Young. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013: 269–92.
27. "Children and 'The Child' in Early Christianity." *Oxford Handbook of Childhood and Education in the Classical World*. Edited by Judith Evans Grubbs and Tim Parkin. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013: 559–79.

28. "Mobility and the Traces of Empire." *The Blackwell Companion to Late Antiquity*. Edited by Philip Rousseau. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009: 110–23.
29. "Monastic Formation and Christian Practice: Food in the Desert." *Educating People of Faith: Exploring the History of Jewish and Christian Communities*. Edited by John Van Engen. Eerdmans Press, 2004: 85–112.
30. "Children and Disease in a Sixth Century Monastery." *What Athens Has to Do with Jerusalem: Festschrift for Gideon Förster*. Edited by Leonard V. Rutgers. Leuven: Peeters Press, 2003: 345–68.
31. "Travel and Communication." *The Early Christian World*. Edited by Philip Esler. London: Routledge Press, 2000: 452–74.
32. "Selections from Chrysostom's Sermons: on City Life." *Religions of Late Antiquity in Practice*. Edited by Richard Valantasis. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000: 247–60.

Other Publications

33. "Getting People to Care: John Chrysostom's Approach to Social Justice." *Visions of the Reign of God: Preaching and Catholic Social Teaching*, Edited by Michael E. Connors, CSC. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications (Forthcoming 2025)
34. "Teaching Good and Welfare." *Labors from the Heart: Mission and Ministry in a Catholic University*. Edited by Mark L. Poorman, CSC. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1996: 133–39.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Articles

- *John Chrysostom on Paul: Praises and Problem Passages*, by Margaret M. Mitchell, Forthcoming, *Early Christianity* (2024).
- *Jephthah's Daughter, Sarah's Son: The Death of Children in Late Antiquity*, by Maria E. Doerfler. *Journal of Late Antiquity* (2023): 252-54.
- *Melania the Younger: From Rome to Jerusalem*, by Elizabeth A. Clark. *ARYS: Antiquity, Religions and Societies* (2022): 432–35.
- *Simplicity and Humility in Late Antique Christian Thought: Elites and the Challenges of Apostolic Life*, by Jaclyn Maxwell. *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 91.3 (2022), 630–32.
- *In the Eye of the Animal: Zoological Imagination in Early Christianity*, by Patricia Cox Miller. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 29.2 (2021): 291–94.
- *Controlling Contested Spaces: Late Antique Antioch and the Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy*, by Christine Shepardson. *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 67 (2016): 617–19.
- *Pilgrimage in Graeco-Roman and Early Christian Antiquity: Seeing the Gods*, edited by Jas Elsner and Ian Rutherford. *Religious Studies Review* 35:4 (2009): 269–70.
- *Christianization and Communication in Late Antiquity: John Chrysostom and his Congregation in Antioch*, by Jaclyn L. Maxwell. *The American Historical Review* 113 (2008): 887–88.
- *Scenting Salvation: Ancient Christianity and the Olfactory Imagination*, by Susan Ashbrook Harvey. *Journal of Religion* 88.1 (2008): 107–09.

- *Wandering Monks, Virgins, and Pilgrims: Ascetic Travel in the Mediterranean World, A.D. 300-800*, by Maribel Dietz. *Spiritus* 7.2 (2007): 220–23.
- *John Chrysostom and the Transformation of the City*, by Aideen M. Hartney. *Classics Ireland* 13 (2006): 104–06.
- *The Hungry Are Dying: Beggars and Bishops in Roman Cappadocia*, by Susan R. Holman. *Journal of Religion* 83 (2003): 631–33.
- *The Heavenly Trumpet: John Chrysostom and the Art of Pauline Interpretation*, by Margaret M. Mitchell. *Journal of Church History* 72 (2003): 640–41.
- “*Begotten Not Made*”: *Conceiving Manhood in Late Antiquity*, by Virginia Burrus. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 10 (2002): 398–400.
- *Pilgrimage & Holy Space in Late Antique Egypt*, edited by David Frankfurter. *Church History* 69 (2000): 407–09.
- *The Burden of the Flesh: Fasting and Sexuality in Early Christianity*, by Teresa M. Shaw. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 478–80.
- *Constructing Early Christian Families: Family as Social Reality and Metaphor*, edited by Halvor Moxnes. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 169–70.
- *From Feasting to Fasting, The Evolution of a Sin: Attitudes to Food in Late Antiquity*, by Veronica E. Grimm. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 5 (1997): 467–68.
- *The Rise of Christianity: A Sociologist Reconsiders History*, by Rodney Stark. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 5 (1997): 306–08.
- “*Virgins of God*”: *The Making of Asceticism in Late Antiquity*, by Susanna Elm. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 4 (1996): 576–78.
- “Eustochium,” “John Chrysostom,” “Manichaeism.” *Encyclopedia of Catholicism*. Edited by Richard P. McBrien. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1995.
- *When Women Were Priests*, by Karen Jo Torjesen. *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 24 (1995): 497–99.
- *Restless Youth in Ancient Rome*, by Emiel Eyben. *The Journal of Early Christian Studies* 3:1 (1995): 91–93.
- *The Women's Bible Commentary*, edited by Carol Newsom and Sharon Ringe. *Bible Review* 9:3 (1993): 14–16
- *Spiritual Guides*, by Richard Valantasis. *Second Century* 9:3 (1992): 189–91.
- *John Chrysostom: A Comparison Between a King and a Monk*, by David G. Hunter. *Patristics* 20 (1991): 2–3.

Work in Progress

- Book chapter on household religion in Early Christianity, for *The Oxford Handbook of Households in the Biblical World*. Edited by John T. Fitzgerald, Carol Meyers, Eric M. Meyers, and Chris L. de Wet. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Anticipated, 2024.
- Book chapter on “Biblical Animals in the Church Fathers,” for *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and Animals*. Edited by Suzanna Millar. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Anticipated, 2025.

- Book chapter on John Chrysostom as Preacher,” for *The Oxford Handbook of Christian Homiletics*. Edited by Carolyn J. Sharp. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Anticipated, 2026.
- Monograph tentatively entitled *Writing Early Christian Pilgrimage*. Anticipated completion date in 2025.

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses:

Theology: Foundations of Theology (regular and honors sections); Medicine and Health(care) in the Ancient and Early Christian World; Pilgrimage in the Christian Tradition; Martyrs and Monastic Lives; Women and Sexuality in the Western Christian Tradition,
 Classics: Ancient Emotions; Medicine and Health(care) in the Ancient and Early Christian World; Ancient Travel and Travel Narratives
 Old Core: Children and Childhood
 College Seminar: Ancient Medicine and Christian Healing

Graduate courses:

MA level: Introduction to Early Christianity; Monasticism; Social Issues in Early Christianity; Critical Theory in Early Christian Studies
 Ph.D. level: Ancient Medicine and Early Christianity; John Chrysostom and the Emotions; Early Christian Asceticism; John Chrysostom and Friends: An Introduction to the Social World of Late Antiquity; North Africa Before Augustine; Holy Travel in the Ancient World

HONORS AND AWARDS

Major fellowships

- Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology, 2003–2004.

Other honors and awards

- Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, April 2022.
- Appointed the John Cardinal O’Hara, C.S.C. Associate Professor of Early Christianity, 2006–11.
- Offered position as the Stella Koetter Darrow Professor in Catholic Studies at Washington University, 2006 (declined).
- Kaneb Teaching Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, May 1999.
- Offered position as the John Cardinal Henry Newman Assistant Professor at the University of Rochester, 1994 (declined).
- Offered position as Assistant Professor at Barnard University, 1991 (declined).
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1991.
- Andrew Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 1989–90
- Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship (declined), 1989–90
- Doctoral Examinations passed with honors, Duke University, 1988
- Kearns Graduate Fellowship, Duke University, 1985–89
- New Testament Greek Translation Prize, Yale University, 1982

- Sophomore Greek Translation Prize, Yale University, 1980