

MATTHEW J. KLEM

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Education

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 2025, est. 2026
MA in Classics, PhD (High Honors) in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT 2020
STM in New Testament

Bethlehem College & Seminary, Minneapolis, MN 2015, 2019
BTh, MDiv in Biblical Exegesis

Other Training

American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Athens, Greece 2025
Associate Student Membership; Summer Seminar: People and Places of Ancient Philosophy

National Archaeological Museum of Naples, Naples, Italy 2024
Research on Herculaneum

Biblioteca Ambrosiana, Milan, Italy 2023
Multispectral Imaging, Processing, Transcribing F130sup

University of Oxford, Oxford, England 2022
Lincoln College Summer School Diploma in Greek Palaeography

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel 2022
Archaeological Dig at Tel Azekah

University of Notre Dame at Tantur, Jerusalem, Israel 2022
Land of Israel Symposium and Archaeological Dig

Publications

Articles

“The Fall of Eve and the Fate of Her Daughters: Competing Interpretations of Genesis 3:13 in 1 Timothy and Gregory of Nazianzus.” *Harvard Theological Review* 118 (2025): forthcoming.

“Prophecy in Plutarch and Philo of Alexandria.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 55 (2024): 415–35.

“Elijah and Elisha in the Signs of the Gospel of John: Assessing Prophetic Christologies.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 86 (2024): 528–49.

“John 21:15–19 as a Prophetic Succession: A Reading in Light of 2 Kings 2:1–18.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 142 (2023): 513–31.

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“The Voice behind the Mask: Problematizing the Theatre Metaphor for Ecstatic Prophecy in Plutarch’s *De Pythiae oraculis*.” *Classical Quarterly* 73 (2023): 311–19.

“Prophecy in Philo and the Fourth Gospel: Beyond Wayne Meeks’s Prophet-King.” *Novum Testamentum* 65 (2023): 192–204.

“Heavenly Writing and the Authority of Rewritten Scripture: Reevaluating Explicit References to the Pentateuch in Jubilees.” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 32 (2022–2023): 285–99.

“Flipping Tables and Building Temples: An Intertextual Reading of Psalm 68:10 LXX in John 2:17.” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 43 (2021): 70–98.

“Travel as a Political and Spiritual Act: A Conversation with Rick Steves.” *Yale Journal of International Affairs*. 21 February 2020. <https://www.yalejournal.org/publications/travel-as-a-political-and-spiritual-act-a-conversation-with-rick-steves>.

Book Reviews

Review of *A Prophet like Moses (Deut 18:15, 18): The Origin, History, and Influence of the Mosaic Prophetic Succession*, by David DeJong. *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 56 (2025): forthcoming.

Review of *Gospel Jesuses and Other Nonhumans: Biblical Criticism Post-poststructuralism*, by Stephen D. Moore. *Review of Biblical Literature* (2022): https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/11922_72057.pdf.

Conference Papers

“Texts and Ritual Meals among Epicureans and Early Christians.” Paper to be presented at the SBL Annual Meeting. Boston, 22–25 November 2025.

“Epicurean Pseudepigraphy in the Second Sophistic.” Paper presented at The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy: Authorship and Imagination in Ancient Epistolary Fictions. Chicago, 30 March 2025.

“Becoming an Animal for Love and Religion: Animality in Longus’s *Daphnis and Chloe*.” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting. San Diego, 25 November 2024.

“Crucified by Jesus: Joshua 10:22–27 as Christian Scripture.” Paper presented at Understanding the Old Testament as Christian Scripture: An International Symposium. Rome, 17 June 2024.

“Prophecy in Plutarch and Philo of Alexandria.” Paper presented at the SBL Annual Meeting. Denver, 20 November 2022.

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“Competing Interpretations of Eve in 1 Timothy and Gregory of Nazianzus.” Paper presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, 27 May 2022.

“Reevaluating Explicit References to the Pentateuch in Jubilees.” Paper presented at the SBL Midwest Regional Annual Meeting. Notre Dame, IN, 5 February 2022.

“Elijah, Elisha, and the Johannine Jesus in Gregory of Nazianzus.” Paper presented at New Horizons in Early Christian Studies. Toronto, 26 March 2021.

“Prophetic Banquets in Philo and the Fourth Gospel (*Mos.* 1.181–88, 210–13; John 2:1–11).” Paper presented at the SBL New England/Eastern Canada Regional Annual Meeting. Boston, 6 March 2021. Awarded Best Student Paper.

“Elijah and Elisha in the Signs of the Gospel of John.” Paper presented at the SBL New England/Eastern Canada Regional Annual Meeting. Boston, 6 March 2020.

“Formative Contexts for Faithful Reading: A Response to Michal Beth Dinkler.” Paper presented at the St. John’s Lecture. New Haven, CT, 5 October 2019.

“Soaring Prophets and Searing Questions: Assessing a Possible Allusion to 2 Kgs 2 in John 21.” Paper presented at the SBL Upper Midwest Regional Annual Meeting. St. Paul, MN, 6 April 2019.

Awards and Grants

University of Notre Dame , Notre Dame, IN	2021–2026
Richard and Peggy Notebaert Premier Fellowship	
American School of Classical Studies at Athens , Athens, Greece	2025
Lawler Scholarship (\$1,000)	
University of Notre Dame , Notre Dame, IN	2025
Global Dissertation Grant (\$6,050)	
University of Notre Dame , Notre Dame, IN	2022–2025
Graduate Student Government Conference Presentation Grant (\$2,010 over 5 grants)	
University of Notre Dame , Notre Dame, IN	2022–2025
Graduate School Professional Development Award (\$8,309 over 7 grants)	
University of Notre Dame , Notre Dame, IN	2022–2025
Gary N. Knoppers Award in Theology (\$1,100 over 4 grants)	
University of Notre Dame , Notre Dame, IN	2024
ISLA Graduate Student Research Award (\$931)	

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University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 2022
Nanovic Institute Graduate Grant (\$2,700)

Society of Biblical Literature New England/Eastern Canada Region 2021
Best Student Paper Award (\$300)

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT 2020
Conference Travel Grant (\$400)

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT 2019–2020
Claude R. Welch Scholarship

Teaching Experience

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant to David Lincicum

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant to Jennie Grillo

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN Spring 2023
Teaching Assistant to Daniel Machiela

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant to John F. Fitzgerald

Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT Fall 2020
Lecturer in New Testament

Bethlehem College & Seminary, Minneapolis, MN 2015–2019
Teaching Assistant in New Testament and Theology

Bethlehem College & Seminary, Minneapolis, MN Fall 2018
Instructor in English Grammar

Research Experience

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN Spring 2024
Research Assistant to David Lincicum

Oxford University, Oxford, England Summer 2022
Research Assistant to Jeremiah Coogan

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Yale Divinity School , New Haven, CT Research Assistant to Gregory E. Sterling	Summer–Fall 2021
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Yale Divinity School , New Haven, CT Research Assistant to Michal Beth Dinkler	Spring 2021
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Freelance , New Haven, CT Research Assistant to Kathryn Greene-McCreight	Spring 2021
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Yale Divinity School , New Haven, CT Research Assistant to Miroslav Volf	2020–2021
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Yale Divinity School , New Haven, CT Research Assistant to Laura Nasrallah	Fall 2019
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Bethlehem College & Seminary , Minneapolis, MN Research Assistant in New Testament and Theology	2015–2019
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Professional Organizations

Society of Biblical Literature Student Member	2017–present
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North American Patristics Society Student Member	2021–present
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Society for Classical Studies Student Member	2022–present
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Catholic Biblical Association Graduate Student Member	2025–present
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Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Student Member	2025–present
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Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Region Student Representative for the Midwest Region	2021–2022
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Society of Biblical Literature New England/Eastern Canada Region On Campus Representative for Yale Divinity School	2019–2020
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Publishing Experience

University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, IN Summer 2022
Publishing Boot Camp

Yale University Press, New Haven, CT 2019–2021
Online Marketing Intern

Yale Journal of International Affairs, New Haven, CT 2019–2020
Copyeditor