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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Department of Religious Studies

Associate Professor, 2024–present.

Assistant Professor, 2018–2024.

Carolina Postdoctoral Fellow for Faculty Diversity, 2016–2018.

Department of Classics

Adjunct (Assistant/Associate) Professor, 2019–present.

**Yale University**

Yale Divinity School

Lecturer, 2014–16.

Yale Institute of Sacred Music

ISM Fellow in Sacred Music, Worship, and the Related Arts, 2014–2016.

**EDUCATION**

**University of Georgia**

Ph.D., Linguistics, 2013.

M.A., Religion, 2009.

**Southern Adventist University**

B.A., English, 2006.

**HONORS AND FUNDING**

Arts and Humanities Publication Support Grant, Office of Research Development and Institute  
for the Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2025.

Summer Residency, National Humanities Center, 2023.

Grant, Catholic Biblical Association, 2023.  
 Elected Member, Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, 2023.  
 Course Development Grant, Carolina Asia Center and NC Consortium for Middle East Studies, 2023.  
 Robert M. Kingdon Fellowship, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022–23 (declined).  
 Borden Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2022.  
 Summer Online Course Design Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2022.  
 Schwab Academic Excellence Award, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2021.  
 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2016–17 (declined).  
 Fellowship, Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2016–18.  
 ISM Fellowship in Sacred Music, Worship, and the Related Arts, Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, 2014–16.  
 Travel Grant, Society of Oriental Liturgy, 2014.  
 Lilly Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities and the Arts, 2014–16 (declined).  
 Scholarship, North American Academy of Liturgy, 2013.  
 Outstanding Teaching Award in Religion, University of Georgia, 2009.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **Books Authored**

#### **Monographs**

*The Epistles of John: Origins, Authorship, Purpose* (working title; 101,239-word manuscript in production with Cambridge University Press; expected Winter 2026).

*The Gospel of John: A New History*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2025. ISBN 9780197686126 (hardback); ISBN 9780197686157; ISBN 9780197686133 (epub).  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/9780197686157.001.0001>.

*The Cult of Stephen in Jerusalem: Inventing a Patron Martyr*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022. ISBN 9780192846990.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780192846990.001.0001>.

Reviewed: Kyle Smith, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 31, no. 2 (2023): 261–6; Daniel Boice, *Catholic Library World* 93 (2023): 20; Damien Labadie, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 75, no. 2 (2024): 360–62; Scott G. Bruce, *Plekos* 26 (2024): 327–33; Satoshi Ohtani, 西洋古典学研究 (*Western Classical Studies*) 71 (2024): 119–21; David Woods, *Journal of Theological Studies* 20 (2024); Cyrille Jalabert, O.P., *Revue Biblique* (2024): 620–24.

## Academic Textbooks

(Co-authored with Bart D. Ehrman) *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024. ISBN 9780197754023 (paperback), 9780197754030 (epub), 9780197754047 (ebook).  
(<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/9780197754023>)

Reviewed: Salvador Ryan, *Irish Theological Quarterly* (2025): 42–3.

## Articles and Chapters

### Refereed Journal Articles

“Does an Intact Copy of the Early Jerusalem Lectionary Survive in Armenian?” (8,489-word article; accepted by the *Journal of Late Antiquity* on 8 February 2025; forthcoming in Spring 2026).

“‘The Last Day’ in John: Future or Realized?” (11,600-word article published in the *Journal of Theological Studies*; advance access: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jts/flaf008>).

“Jesus’s Secret Journey in John 7: A Symbol of the Ascension.” *Harvard Theological Review* 117 (2024): 58–78 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0017816023000408>).

“Revising the Date of the Armenian Lectionary of Jerusalem.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 29 (2021): 61–92 (<https://doi.org/10.1353/earl.2021.0002>).

“Did the Johannine Community Exist?” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 42 (2020): 350–374 (<https://doi.org/10.1177/0142064X19890490>).

“Mixed Metaphors: Resolving the ‘Eschatological Headache’ of John 5.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 137 (2018): 711–732 (<https://doi.org/10.15699/jbl.1373.2018.409291>).

“He Spoke... Forever’: A Hebrew Idiom in Luke 1:55.” *Biblica* 98 (2017): 257–269 (<https://doi.org/10.2143/BIB.98.2.3217846>).

“Stephen the Martyr (Acts vi-viii) in the Early Jerusalem Lectionary System.” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 68 (2017): 22–39 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046916001421>).

“Semitic Poetic Techniques in the Magnificat: Luke 1:46–47, 55.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 135 (2016): 557–574 (<https://doi.org/10.15699/jbl.1353.2016.2713>).

“‘Night’ and ‘Day’ in John 9.4–5: A Reassessment.” *New Testament Studies* 61 (2015): 468–481. (<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0028688515000223>).

"The Origin of the Post-Nativity Commemorations." *Vigiliae Christianae* 68 (2014): 290–309 (<https://doi.org/10.1163/15700720-12341169>).

"'Overcoming Divide' as a Motif in Eastern Christian Liturgy." *Studia Liturgica* 43 (2013): 281–302.

"Celestial Liturgy as Cause of the Eschatological Judgment." *Ecclesia Orans* 28 (2011): 267–286.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

"2 and 3 John (Textual Issues and Specific Readings)" (for the *T&T Clark Handbook on Johannine Studies*, under contract with T&T Clark; 7,385-word invited chapter submitted to editors on 26 December 2024).

"The *Epistula Apostolorum* as a Johannine Text" (for *Studia Patristica*; 5,526-word chapter accepted by editors on 24 October 2024).

"John in Early Lectionaries" (for *The Reception of John's Gospel*, under contract with Baylor University Press; 5,996-word invited chapter submitted to editors on 17 May 2024).

"1, 2, 3 John." In *Judeophobia and the New Testament: Texts, Contexts, and Pedagogy*, ed. Sarah Rollens, Eric M. Vanden Eykel, and Meredith J. C. Warren, 305–11. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2025.

"Jewish Feasts on the Jerusalem Calendar? Challenging Another 'Myth of Jewish-Christian Origins.'" In *ΛΟΓΙΚΗ ΛΑΤΡΕΙΑ: Proceedings of the Eighth International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, Thessaloniki, Greece, 13–18 June 2022*, ed. Chrysostom Nassis, Arsenius Mikhail, and Daniel Galadza, 351–70. *Studies in Eastern Christian Liturgies*, no. 6. Münster: Aschendorff, 2025.

"Renewing Johannine Historical Criticism: A Proposal." In *The Johannine Community in Contemporary Debate*, 139–56. Lanham, MD: Lexington/Fortress Academic, 2024.

"What Does Lazarus Have to Do with the Epiphany? Unraveling a Mystery in the Early Jerusalem Lectionary." In *Studia Patristica, Vol. CXXV: Papers presented at the Eighteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2019*, ed. by Markus Vinzent, vol. 21, 51–63. Leuven: Peeters, 2021 (<https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv27vt62m.7>).

"The Ritual Year of Fourth- and Fifth-Century Constantinople: Insights from the Gothic Calendar." In *Studies in Oriental Liturgy: Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, New York, 10–15 June 2014*, ed. by Bert Groen, et al., 167–178. *Eastern Christian Studies* 28. Leuven: Peeters, 2019 (<https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv1q26zsg.12>).

## Unpublished Presentations

### Conference and Panel Presentations

*Invited presentation/panelist.* "They Went Out From Us: Mapping the Johannine Community Debate." 2025 SBL Annual Meeting (Johannine Literature Section), Boston, MA, *future*.

*Invited presentation.* "Who is 'Born of God?': Constructing Insiders and Outsiders in 1 John." 2025 SNTS General Meeting, Regensburg, Germany, *future*.

*Invited presentation/panelist.* Review panel of Andrew Jacobs's *Gospel Thrillers: Conspiracy, Fiction, and the Vulnerable Bible* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), SBL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible / AAR Religion and Popular Culture), 24 November 2024.

*Presentation.* "The *Epistula Apostolorum* as a 'Johannine' Text." XIX International Conference on Patristics Studies, Oxford, UK, 7 August 2024.

*Presentation.* "'I Have Much to Write' (2 John 12): Expanding the Catalogue of 'Johannine Literature.'" CBA Annual General Meeting, Washington, DC, 4 August 2024.

*Presentation.* "3 John as a Pseudo-Historical Letter." 2023 SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (Johannine Literature), 18 November 2023.

*Invited presentation/panelist.* Review panel of Robyn Faith Walsh's *Origins of Early Christian Literature* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), SBL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (Redescribing Christian Origins), 20 November 2022.

*Presentation.* "The Relationship between the Gospel and Letters of John." 2022 CBA Annual General Meeting, Santa Clara, CA (virtual), 2 August 2022.

*Presentation.* "Rethinking the Relationship Between the Jerusalem Lectionary and the Armenian Lectionary." Eighth International SOL Congress, Thessaloniki, Greece, 14 June 2022.

*Invited presentation/panelist.* Review panel of Sherri Brown's *Come and See: Invitations and Imperatives to Discipleship in the Gospel of John* (Biblical Studies from the Catholic Biblical Association; Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2022). CBA Unbound Book Review Series (Online), 2 May 2022.

*Presentation.* "How Did Pseudepigrapha Surface? Exploring the Ancient Data." 2021 SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (Book History and Biblical Literatures), 20 November 2021.

*Invited response.* Review panel of Hindy Najman and Irene Peirano Garrison, "Pseudepigraphy as an Interpretive Construct." BRANE Collective (Authorial Fictions and Attributions in the Ancient Mediterranean), 24 September 2021.

*Presentation.* "Jewish Christianity and the Making of the Armenian Lectionary." 2021 NAPS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 28 May 2021.

*Presentation.* "The Invented Eyewitness of the Gospel and Epistles of John: A Literary History." 2020 SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (Johannine Literature), 7 December 2020.

*Presentation.* "The Sixth Day of the Epiphany in the Early Jerusalem Lectionary." 2020 NAAL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 3 January 2020.

*Presentation.* "Did They Really Talk This Way?: The Johannine Epistles and the Scholarly Construction of a 'Johannine Sociolect.'" 2019 SBL Annual Meeting (Johannine Literature), San Diego, CA, 23 November 2019.

*Presentation.* "In the Beginning Was the Word?: The Johannine Community as a 'Textual Community' in Recent Scholarship." 2019 SBL Annual Meeting (Social-Scientific Criticism of the New Testament), San Diego, CA, 23 November 2019.

*Presentation.* "Duplicate Feasts, Different Homilies: Liturgical Tailoring in Hesychius of Jerusalem's Homilies at Bethany (Serm. 11, 12)." XVIII International Conference on Patristics Studies. Oxford, UK, 22 August 2019.

*Presentation.* "Questioning the Existence of the Johannine Community." CBA Annual Meeting (Gospel and Letters of John), Washington, DC, 30 July 2019.

*Presentation.* "A Revised Dating of the Old Jerusalem/Armenian Lectionary System." 2019 NAAL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 4 January 2019.

*Presentation.* "The Date of the *Armenian Lectionary*: Reconsidering Renoux." Seventh International SOL Congress, Košice, Slovakia, 13 June 2018.

*Presentation.* "Teaching Biblical Languages and Tools Without Leaving Our Minority Students Behind: A Curriculum Proposal." 2017 CBA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 8 August 2017.

*Presentation.* "Mixing Metaphors: Reconsidering How Jesus Speaks About Last Things in John 5." 2017 Southeast SBL Regional Meeting (SECSOR), Raleigh, NC, 3 March 2017. (Nominated for SBL Regional Scholar Award).

*Presentation.* "'(Do Not) Hold This Sin Against Them' (Acts 7.60): Imposed Intertextualities and the Bracketing of Stephen's Dying Prayer." 2016 SBL Annual Meeting (Book of Acts), San Antonio, TX, 20 November 2016.

*Presentation.* "Weaponizing Stephen: Caricature and Competition in the *Revelatio Sancti Stephani*." 2016 SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (Religious Competition in Late Antiquity), 22 November 2016.

*Presentation.* "The Relationship between the Johannine 'Hour' and 'Last Day': Insights from LXX Daniel." John Seminar, 2016 CBA Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, 8 August 2016.

*Presentation.* "'Are We Also Blind?': Impairment, Inclusion, and Metaphor in John 9." 2016 New England/Eastern Canada SBL Regional Meeting, Providence, RI, 10 April 2016.

*Presentation.* "Did God 'Speak Forever?': Reconsidering the Sources and Formation of the Lukan Infancy Hymns." 2015 SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (Formation of Luke and Acts), 22 November 2015.

*Presentation.* "'And the Darkness He Called Night': John 9.4–5 and the P Creation Account." 2015 New England/Eastern Canada SBL Regional Meeting, Newton, MA, 24 April 2015.

*Presentation.* "The Occasion(s) of Hesychius of Jerusalem's Homilies at the Lazarium." 2015 NAAL Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2 January 2015.

*Presentation.* "Stylistic Preposition/Case Alternation in Luke 1.55 and the Original Language of the Magnificat." 2014 SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (Jewish Christianities/Christian Judaisms), 23 November 2014.

*Presentation.* "The Place of the Arian 'Gothic Calendar' Fragment in Heortological Research." Fifth International SOL Congress, Yonkers/Crestwood, NY, 12 June 2014.

*Presentation.* "The Origins of the Post-Epiphany Feast for Stephen in Jerusalem and Syria." 2014 NAAL Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 4 January 2014.

*Presentation.* "Martyr, Eschaton, and Liturgy in Two First Century Apocalypses." 2013 Southeast SBL Regional Meeting (SECSOR), Greenville, SC, 17 March 2013.

### **Invited Named Lectures**

*Presentation.* "The Invented Library of an Invented Disciple: Reimagining the 'Johannine' Literature." 2024 David Noel Freedman Lecture, Department of Middle East Studies, University of Michigan, 9 October 2024.

### **Invited Lectures**

*Presentation/Workshop.* "Understanding the Epistles of John." Department of Religious Studies and the Ptarmigan Fund for the Study of Late Antiquity, Stanford University, 16 May 2024.

*Presentation/Workshop.* "Understanding the Gospel of John." Department of Religious Studies and the Ptarmigan Fund for the Study of Late Antiquity, Stanford University, 19 April 2024.

*Presentation (Virtual, pre-distributed paper).* "1 John: A Call to Sinlessness." BCBS Global Seminar. Australian Catholic University, 7 March 2024.

*Presentation (Virtual).* "'Angels Ascending and Descending': Human Exaltation in the Gospel of John." Birmingham Biblical Studies Seminar, University of Birmingham, 24 January 2024.

*Presentation.* "The Community of the Invented Disciple: Rethinking Johannine Origins," Duke New Testament and Jewish Studies Colloquium, Duke University, 27 February 2019.

### **Invited External Symposia**

*Invited Paper.* "The Gospel of Theosis: Deification in John." 2024 Study Days: "Scripture in the Eastern Traditions." Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies in the University of St. Michaels College, University of Toronto, *future*.

*Invited Paper.* [Title TBD]. "Reading the New Testament within Judaism." The Enoch Seminar, 20–12 June, *future*.

*Invited Paper.* "Why (Not) Write a Pseudepigraphal Epistle? The Ambiguous Genre of 1 John." The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy Conference. Chicago, IL, 31 March 2024.

*Invited Paper.* "Ancient Visions of the Post-Human: Exaltation in the Gospel of John." Ancient Religion and Modern Debates (Symposium), King's College London, London, UK, 14 March 2022.

*Invited Paper.* "John as a Hidden Gospel." Reimagining Gospel Literature Symposium, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, 6 March 2022.

*Invited Paper.* "The Reception of John in the Johannine Epistles." Reception of the Gospel of John as a Literary Source (Workshop), Durham University, Durham, UK, 14 July 2022.

### **Internal Presentations**

*Presentation.* "Transitioning to Faculty: Keys to Success." Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 4 April 2024.

*Presentation.* "The Christianity That Never Was: Rethinking the 'Johannine Community'." Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 18 October 2023.

*Departmental Talk.* "How 'Devout Men Buried Stephen' (Acts 8:2): Lectionaries and the Manipulation of Stephen Tradition." ISM Fellows Series, Yale University, 14 April 2016.

*Internal Conference Presentation.* “‘The Dividing Wall of Hostility’? Deconstructing a Symbol of Alienation.” Beyond the Veil: Negotiating Boundaries in Sacred Music, Worship, and the Arts (Conference), Yale University, 27 March 2015.

*Departmental Talk.* “A(nother) Proto-feast for the Protomartyr,” Liturgy Symposium Series, Yale University, 2 March 2015.

*Departmental Talk.* “Feasts for the First Fruits’: Commemorating Stephen, James, John, Peter, and Paul in the Fourth Century,” ISM Fellows Series, Yale University, 29 January 2015.

## Media Appearances

### Mainstream Media Appearances

*Documentary Expert.* Discovery Channel: *Expedition Files*.

Season 2 (one episode)

*Documentary Expert.* History Channel: *History’s Greatest Mysteries*.

(Also syndicated in Spanish as *Grandes Misterios de la Historia*)

Season 4, Episode 6 (Airdate: 6 March 2023)

Season 4, Episode 20 (Airdate: 10 July 2023)

Season 5, Episode 9 (Airdate: 3 June 2024)

Season 5, Episode 11 (Airdate: 17 June 2024)

Season 6, Episode 9 (Airdate: 14 April 2025)

Season 6, Episode 14 (Airdate: 19 May 2025)

Additional Season 6 episodes, TBA

*Documentary Expert.* History Channel: *Holy Marvels*.

(Also syndicated in Spanish as *Maravillas Sagradas*)

Season 1, Episode 1 (Airdate: 3 June 2024).

Season 1, Episode 2 (Airdate: 10 June 2024)

Season 1, Episode 3 (Airdate: 17 June 2024)

Season 1, Episode 4 (Airdate: 24 June 2024)

Season 1, Episode 5 (Airdate: 1 July 2024)

Season 1, Episode 6 (Airdate: 8 July 2024)

Season 2, Episode 1 (Airdate: 14 April 2025)

Season 2, Episode 3 (Airdate: 28 April 2025)

Season 6, Episode 5 (Airdate: 12 May 2025)

Additional Season 2 episodes, TBA

*Documentary Expert.* History Channel: *Mysteries Unearthed*.

(Also syndicated in Spanish as *Misterios Inexplorados*)

Season 1, Episode 2 (Airdate: 13 Dec. 2024)

Season 1, Episode 3 (Airdate: 20 Dec. 2024)

Season 1, Episode 5 (Airdate: 3 Jan. 2025)

Season 1, Episode 7 (Airdate: 17 Jan. 2025)  
Additional Season 2 episodes, TBA

### **Other Public-Facing Teaching and Presentations**

*16-Week Online Course. "Introduction to the New Testament." Biblical Studies Academy, scheduled for Spring 2024.*

*Online Course Expert. "Conceptions of God," 1895 Films. Distributed by Ricketts Great Books College, 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. "The Gospel of John is Fabricated." History Valley. Airdate: 19 March 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. NTPod 106: "In Conversation with Hugo Méndez." NTPod with Mark Goodacre. Airdate: 27 January 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. "Simplistic Take on John Falls Apart (feat. Dr Hugo Méndez)". Paulogia. Airdate: 25 January 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. "False Authorship in the New Testament with Hugo Méndez". Bible and Archeology. Airdate: 25 January 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. "Is the Gospel of John a Forgery?" Mythvision Podcast. Airdate: 10 January 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. "Church vs. Universities: Who Gets the New Testament Right?" Misquoting Jesus Podcast. Airdate: 7 January 2025.*

*Podcast Interview. "Examining Biblical Texts with Assistant Professor Hugo Mendez." The Institute Podcast. UNC Institute for Arts and Humanities. Airdate: 12 February 2024.*

*Video Lecture. "¿Cuál es el mensaje del evangelio y las cartas de Juan?" United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Sunday of the Word of God, Catholic Bible), 22 January 2024.*

*Public Lecture. "Unlocking the Symbolism of the Fourth Gospel." New Insights into the New Testament Conference. Bart Ehrman Blog, 23 August 2023.*

*Podcast Interview. "Is the Gospel of John a Forgery?" Misquoting Jesus Podcast. Airdate: 30 May 2023.*

*Audio Lectures. "The Triduum Gospels" (3 episodes). Continuing Education and Formation of Priests, Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, 2022.*

*Video Lectures.* "Introducing the Gospel of Mark" (2 episodes). Continuing Education and Formation of Priests, Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, 2021.

*Public Lecture.* "Introducing Mark," UNC Newman Catholic Student Center, Chapel Hill, NC, 11 January 2020 (pre-recorded due to COVID).

*Public Lecture.* "Early Christian Forgery: Reflections of a Byzantine Catholic Scholar," UNC Catholic Faculty Forum, Chapel Hill, NC, 5 December 2019.

*Public Lecture.* "Making (Ritual) Time: The Forgotten Origin of Christianity's Feasts and Fasts," 2018 Speaker Series, Franciscan Center of Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, 5 April 2018.

*Public Lecture.* "Ancient Christian House Churches: Separating Myth from Reality," Christian Faculty Forum, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 15 March 2018.

*Public Lecture.* "The 'Mass' You Wouldn't Recognize: Breaking Bread in an Early Christian Community." 2017 Speaker Series, Franciscan Center of Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, 26 October 2017.

*Public Lecture.* "The Word Made Paint: How Byzantine Iconography Translates the Bible." 2016 Speaker Series, Franciscan Center of Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, 13 October 2016.

## Other Un-Refereed Publications

### Book Reviews, Entries, and Online Articles

*Online Article.* "The Elusive Contexts of the Johannine Literature: A Response to Paul Anderson." Bible and Interpretation. Online: <https://bibleinterp.arizona.edu/articles/elusive-contexts-johannine-literature>.

*Book Review.* "Syrien im 1.-7. Jahrhundert nach Christus, edited by Dmitrij Bumazhnov and Hans Reinhard Seeliger." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137 (2017), 622–24.

*Encyclopedia Entry.* "Church." *Islam: A Worldwide Encyclopedia*, edited by Cenap Cakmak. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

*Book Review.* "Advent to Pentecost: Comparing the Seasons in the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms of the Roman Rite, by Patrick Regan." *Theological Studies* 74 (2013): 1045–46.

*Book Review.* "Practices of Wonder: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives, edited by Sophia Vasalou." *Theological Book Review* 25 (2013): 6–7.

## Current Research

### Manuscripts Under Review

"Genre Blending in the Early Christian 'First Epistle of John'" (6,064 words; submitted to peer review on 5/23/25).

"John as an Apocryphal Gospel" (8,971 words; submitted to peer review for a themed journal issue on 8/30/24).

"First John as a Call to Sinlessness" (9,983 words; submitted to peer review on 6/29/24).

### **Invited Manuscripts in Preparation**

"What is a Gospel?" (for the *Cambridge Companion to the Non-Canonical Gospels*, under contract with Cambridge University Press; due 30 December 2025).

"John's Writings: The Literature of a Community, Network, or Pseudepigrapher?" (for the *Cambridge Companion to St. John*, under contract with Cambridge University Press; due 1 June 2026).

"Thomas Among the Gospels" (for the *The Oxford Handbook of the Gospel of Thomas*, under contract with Oxford University press; due 31 August 2026).

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS) (Elected 2023)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Catholic Biblical Association of America (CBA)

North American Patristics Society (NAPS)

North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)

Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

### **Courses Taught**

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

<i>Graduate:</i>	Early Christian History and Literature (rotating): Metacriticism of New Testament Studies Teaching the New Testament in the Public University
<i>Undergrad/Graduate:</i>	The Cult of Saints: Narratives, Materialities, Practices Cultural Histories of the New Testament (rotating): Mark Written and Rewritten John and its Earliest Readers Paul and His Imitators
<i>Undergraduate:</i>	Early Christian Worship, Ritual, and Bodies

Religious Frauds: Lies, Forgeries, and Fake News  
 Christian Cultures  
 Jesus in the Early Christian Gospels  
 Birth of Christianity  
 Introduction to the New Testament

*Independent Studies:* Apocryphal Gospels  
 Gospel of John  
 Classical Syriac

### **Yale Divinity School**

*Graduate/Professional:* Galatians and Romans: Greek Exegesis  
 Gospel and Epistles of John  
 The Parting of the Ways: Synagogue and Church  
 New Testament Poetics: Hymns and Prayers  
 The Cult of Martyrs in Early Christianity  
 Churches of the East (*co-taught with Bryan Spinks*)

### **University of Georgia**

*Undergraduate:* Judaism, Christianity, and Islam  
 The Study of Language

### **Theses Supervised and/or Read**

#### **Ph.D. Dissertations**

Reader, Thomas Waldrup, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, *in progress*.  
 Reader, Michelle Freeman, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2024.  
 Reader, Luke Drake, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2022.

#### **M.A. Theses**

Advisor, Ciara Mulcahy, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2025.

#### **Undergraduate Honors Theses**

Advisor, Haley Gray, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2025.  
 Reader, Ashley Davis Huff, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2021.  
 Reader, Santoro Giuggio, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2021.  
 Reader, Josh Howard, History, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2021.  
 Reader, Christopher Picorillo, German and Slavic Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2020.  
 Advisor, Brodie Heginbotham, Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2019.

## **LANGUAGE TRAINING**

### **Ancient Languages Studied**

Indo-European: Ancient Greek, Latin, Classical Armenian, Gothic, Old Church Slavic, Sanskrit (Classical, Vedic).  
 Semitic: Aramaic (Biblical Aramaic, Classical Syriac), Classical Hebrew, Akkadian.

### **Modern Languages**

Native: English, Spanish.  
 Reading Proficiency: French, German, Italian.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Editorial and Reviewer Responsibilities**

Editorial Board  
*Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2025–present.

Guest reviewer  
*Journal of Theological Studies*, 2023.  
*Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, 2023.  
*Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2021.  
*Neotestamentica*, 2021.

### **Scholarly Societies and Institutes**

Society of Biblical Literature  
 Co-Chair, “Connecting John: Intertextualities, Contexts, Reception” Section, 2022–present.  
 Steering Committee, “Johannine Literature” Section, 2021–present.

Elizabeth A. Clark Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke University  
 Board, 2019–present.

North American Academy of Liturgy  
 Membership Committee, 2017–2019.

Catholic Biblical Association  
 Co-Convener, “Race, Ethnicity, and Revelation” Round Table, 2016.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

## University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

Faculty Advisor/Liaison (3-year appointment), Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity, 2022–2025.

### Office of Faculty Governance

Faculty Council, 2022–2024.

### Office of Undergraduate Curricula

IDEAs in Action Course Review Committee (WK), UNC-Chapel Hill, 2019–2020.

### Department of Religious Studies

#### Equity Committee

Chair/Diversity Liaison, 2023–2024.

Member, 2020–2021, 2022–2023.

#### Community and Mentoring Committee

Chair, 2024–2025.

#### Undergraduate Studies Committee

Member, 2018–2021, 2022–2023.

#### Space Committee

Member, 2020–2021, 2022–2023.

#### Office of Undergraduate Research Liaison, 2020–2021.

Faculty Search Committee, Islamic Studies Position, 2018–2019.

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### Office of Student Life and Leadership

Faculty Advisor, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, 2018–present.

Faculty Advisor, Thomistic Institute, 2022–present.

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## Yale University

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