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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 2021–Present  
Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Department of Religious Studies
- University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 2014–2021  
Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Department of Religious Studies
- Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, 2012–2014  
Visiting Instructor, Department of Classics
- College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, 2011–2012  
Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 2014  
Department of Religious Studies (Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean)  
Dissertation: “The Beginnings of Gospel Literature”
- M.A., Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 2010  
Department of Religious Studies (Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean)
- M.Div., Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2005  
Early Christianity and Greek and Roman Archaeology
- B.A., Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, 2002  
Major: Ancient Studies (Religious Studies & Classics) Minor: Africana Studies  
*Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Class Valedictorian

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

[\*The Origins of Early Christian Literature: Contextualizing the New Testament within Greco-Roman Literary Culture\*](#), original monograph, Cambridge University Press, 2021; paperback released 2023.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Jenseits der Gemeinde: Eine Neubewertung der Entstehungskontexte der Evangelien,” *Zeitschrift für Neues Testament*, forthcoming.
- “The Miracle-Mongers: The Gospels at the Edges of Empire,” *Early Christianity*, forthcoming.
- “(I’ve Got the) Magic Stick: The *Virgus* and *Vitis* in Roman Imperial and Early Christian Art,” *Source: Notes in the History of Art* 44.2 (Winter 2025), forthcoming.
- [“Argumentum ad lunam: Pauline Discourse, ‘Double Death,’ and Competition on the Moon,”](#) *Harvard Theological Review*, Vol. 117.4 (Oct 2024): 720–743.
- [“Helluari Libris: On Stoicism, Distinction, and Early Christianity,”](#) *Religion and Theology*, Vol. 31 (2024): 161–181.
- [“The Mouse of the Mysteries,”](#) *Journal of the Historical Jesus*, Vol. 22 (Nov 2024): 219–236.
- [“On the Notion of ‘Religion’: A Taxonomic Analysis of a Large-Scale Database,”](#) co-authored with Edward Slingerland, et al., *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, November 2023.
- [“The \*Satyrica\* and the Gospels in the Second Century,”](#) *The Classical Quarterly* 70.1 (May 2020): 356–367.
- [“Historians Respond to Whitehouse et al. \(2019\), ‘Complex Societies Precede Moralizing Gods Throughout World History,’”](#) co-authored with Edward Slingerland, et al., *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 5.1-2 (2020): 124–141.

- “[A Reconsideration of the so-called Synagogue-Basilica of Elche, Spain](#),” *Jewish Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (2016): 91–123.
- “[The Influence of the Romantic Genius in Early Christian Studies](#),” special issue of *Relegere* on “Pre-Critical Readers and Readings: The Bible in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries,” Vol. 5, No.1 (2015): 31–60.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- “[Argumentum ad lunam: Paul the Middle Platonist](#),” *Paul within Paganism*, eds. Paula Fredriksen, Stephen Young, Alexi Chantziantoniou, Fortress Academic, forthcoming.
- “The Last Romantics,” *The Politics of Classification: An Appreciative Engagement with the work of Russell McCutcheon*, eds. Willi Braun and Aaron Hughes (Equinox Publishing Ltd.), forthcoming.
- “On Monotheism and Origins at the *Fin de Siècle*,” book chapter for *The Meanings and End(s) of Monotheism*, eds. Saul Olyan, et al., submitted to editors, proofs pending.
- “[City and Country](#),” *The Next Quest for the Historical Jesus*, eds. James G. Crossley and Chris Keith (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2024), 324–342.
- “[The Epistle to the Laodiceans and the Art of Tradition](#),” *Authorial Fictions and Attributions in the Ancient Mediterranean*, eds. Chance Bonar and Julia Lindenlaub; WUNT II (Mohr Siebeck, 2024), 13–38.
- “[Sigmund Freud](#),” *Field Notes: Revisiting the Classics in the Study of Religion*, eds. Richard Newton and Vaia Touna (Bloomsbury Press, 2023), 69–76.
- “[Syriac Dialogue Hymns and New Comedy](#),” *Worth More Than Many Sparrows: Essays in Honor of Willi Braun*, eds. Sarah Rollens and Pat Hart (Equinox Publishing Ltd., 2023), 137–157.
- “[Of Dualisms and Doppelgängers: Mapping Ancient Minds and Bodies in Religious Studies](#),” *Critique in Contexts Surveying Key Categories in the Study of Religion*, ed. Rebekka King (Equinox Publishing Ltd., 2022), 92–99.
- “[IVDAEA DEVICTA: The Gospels as Imperial ‘Captive Literature’](#),” *Class Struggle in the New Testament*, ed. Robert Myles (London: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, January 2019), 89–114.
- “[Q and the ‘Big Bang’ Theory of Christian Origins](#),” *Redescribing The Gospel of Mark (Early Christianity and its Literature)*, eds. Merrill Miller and Barry Crawford (Society of Biblical Literature Press, 2017), 483–533.
- “[Reliabilism and the Limits of Pragmatism: A Response to Matt Baggett](#),” *Theory in a Time of Excess*, eds. Aaron Hughes and Russell McCutcheon (Equinox Publishing Ltd., 2017), 165–171.
- “[Religion is a ‘Private Matter’](#),” *Stereotyping Religion: Critiquing Clichés*, eds. Craig Martin and Brad Stoddard (Bloomsbury Press, 2017), 69–82.
- “[Civic and Subversive Biography in Antiquity](#),” co-authored with David Konstan, in *Writing Biographies in Greece and Rome: Narrative Technique and Fictionalization*, eds. K. de Temmerman and Kristoffel Demoen (Cambridge University Press, 2016), 26–43.

#### EDITED JOURNALS

- “[Celluloid Jesus: Beyond the Text-Centric Paradigm](#),” special issue (open access), *Religions*, co-editors Chan Sok Park and Teng-Kuan Ng (2024), ISSN: 2077-1444.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- “[God’s Library: The Archaeology of the Earliest Christian Manuscripts](#) by Brent Nongbri (Yale University Press, 2018).” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89.2 (June 2021), 752–756.
- “[A Century of Miracles. Christians, Pagans, Jews, and the Supernatural](#) by H.A. Drake (Oxford University Press, 2017).” *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 70.2 (April 2020), 384–386.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, DATABASES, & ANTHOLOGIES

- “[Elche Synagogue \(Spain\)](#)” with Abbie Auster, *The Database of Religious History*, Religious Supervised Expert Poll, Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia (DOI: [10.14288/1.0422053](https://doi.org/10.14288/1.0422053)), 2022.
- “[The Double-Basilica at Thasos \(Alikí\)](#)” with Abbie Auster, *The Database of Religious History*, Religious Supervised Expert Poll, Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia (DOI: [10.14288/1.0422052](https://doi.org/10.14288/1.0422052)), 2022.

- “[Elche Synagogue \(Spain\)](#)” with Emma Lagno, *The Database of Religious History*, Religious Supervised Expert Poll, Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia (DOI: [10.14288/1.0422076](#)), 2022.
- “[Paul the Apostle](#),” *The Database of Religious History*, Religious Expert Poll, Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia (DOI: [10.14288/1.0363889](#)), 2018.
- “[What does it take for something to be classified a ‘religion?’](#)” *Religion in Five Minutes*, eds. Russell McCutcheon and Aaron Hughes, (Equinox Publishing Ltd., 2017), 11–13.
- “[Is it true that religions outside of Christianity have stories of a virgin mother, crucifixion, etc.?](#)” *Religion in Five Minutes*, eds. Russell McCutcheon and Aaron Hughes, (Equinox Publishing Ltd., 2017), 152–154.
- “[What is the cognitive science of religion?](#)” *Religion in Five Minutes*, eds. Russell McCutcheon and Aaron Hughes, (Equinox Publishing Ltd., 2017), 276–277.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIES & OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS

- “A Bibliography of Books on Luke-Acts, 1980–2005,” in F. Bovon, *Luke the Theologian* [Second Revised Edition] (Baylor University Press, 2006), 567–622; *Luc le théologien*, 2006, as “Complément Bibliographique L’Évangile De Luc Et Les Actes Des Apôtres,” 519–563.
- “Bibliographic Index on Acts 1–28, 1980–2005,” in F. Bovon, *Luke the Theologian* [Second Revised Edition] (Baylor University Press, 2006), 62–629; *Luc le théologien* [Third Revised Edition] (Le Monde de la Bible, 5; Les Editions Labor et Fides, 2006) as “Index Bibliographique Les Actes Des Apôtres 1980–2005,” 579–581.
- “Bibliographic and Thematic Index on Luke-Acts,” with F. Bovon, in Bovon, *Luke the Theologian* [Second Revised Edition] (Baylor University Press, 2006), 631–645; *Luc le théologien*, 2006, “Index Bibliographique et Thématique Luc-Actes 1980–2005,” 565–574.
- “Thessaloniki,” with Laura Nasrallah, in H. Koester, ed., *Cities of Paul: Images and Interpretations from the Harvard New Testament and Archaeology Project* (CD-ROM). Fortress Press, 2005.

#### ONLINE & PUBLIC MEDIA PIECES

- “[Paul and the Anachronistic Origins of Christianity](#),” two-part series on [The Bart Ehrman Blog](#), September 2024.
- “[The Origins of the Gospels](#),” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 48.3 (Fall 2022), 62–63.
- “[Ancient Jew Review Conversations Profaning Paul](#),” with Cavan Concannon in *Ancient Jew Review*, February 2, 2022.
- “[A Jesus Before Paul? Response to Dr. Willi Braun on Methods in Christian Origins](#),” *Religious Studies Project*, September 2021.
- “[Notes on a Text -or- The Signal-Man](#),” *Urbs and Polis*, September 2021.
- “[Why Aren’t More Doctors Talking About the COVID Vaccine and Our Periods](#),” *The Daily Beast*, June 2021.
- “[The Ancient Romans Had a Strange Way of Dealing with Figures Like Donald Trump](#),” *Slate Magazine*, February 2021.
- “[Reza Aslan and the Myth of Information](#),” *The Huffington Post*, March 2017.
- “[Learning Curve: Bienvenido a Miami](#),” invited blog entry for *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)* series: “Practicum: Religion, Critical Theory, and Pedagogy: ‘What I Learned at School Today,’” February 2016.
- “[Is Star Wars a Religion?](#)” *The Huffington Post*, February 2016.
- “[Strange Pencils](#),” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, June 2015.

#### WORKS UNDER CONTRACT

##### BOOKS

- [The Origins of Early Christian Literature: Contextualizing the New Testament within Greco-Roman Literary Culture](#), original monograph, Cambridge University Press, Russian and Ukrainian translation(s) under contract with [Academic Studies Press](#).

##### JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Cobbled Fictions: Lessons from Cultural History in Reception and Aesthetics,” *Religion and Theology*, accepted.

#### EDITED VOLUMES

*The Cambridge Companion to the Non-Canonical Gospels*, editor, Cambridge University Press, under contract.  
*New Directions in Gospel Research*, editor with Sarah E. Rollens (Rhodes College), Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, under contract.  
*Christianity in Five Minutes*, editor, Equinox Publishing, under contract.

#### ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

“What is a Gospel?” *Bible Odyssey*, Society of Biblical Literature, under contract.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, DATABASES, & ANTHOLOGIES

“Roman Spain,” invited piece for revised edition of the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology*, ed., Katherine Shaner, Oxford University Press, under contract.

### WORKS UNDER REVIEW / IN DEVELOPMENT

#### BOOKS

*Popularizing Jesus: The Gospels as Roman Literature*, original monograph, in development for Oxford University Press.  
*Jesus in Berlin: Romanticism’s Legacy and the New Testament*, original monograph, in development for Edinburgh University Press.  
*Textual Transmission and Diffusion*, original monograph, Cambridge Elements in Early Christian Literature, Cambridge University Press, accepted invitation.

#### EDITED VOLUMES

*Economic Aspects of Reading in Antiquity*, editor with Jan Heilmann, Cambridge University Press, contract pending.

#### ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

“Pauline Discourse on the Moon,” eds. Laurel Fulkerson and Thomas Bolt, *Disruptions of Decorum: Genre, Aesthetics, and Audience in Early Greco-Roman Imperial Literature*, De Gruyter Trends in Classics Supplementary Volume, submitted to editors June 2022, awaiting proofs.  
 “Q and the Jewish War,” invited chapter for *The Oxford Handbook of the Sayings Gospel Q*, eds. Sarah E. Rollens and John S. Kloppenborg, Oxford University Press.  
 “Literary Eyewitnesses and the Concept of Faith in Philostratus’ *Heroicus* and Early Christian Writings,” *Belief in/ Believing Christian Narratives? Reading Strategies of Christian Fiction*, Ancient Narrative Supplements (Groningen: Barkhuis), ed. K. de Temmerman.  
 “Pseudangelion: Social Authorship and Romantic Invention in Jesus Literature,” book chapter for *Rewriting Jesus: Forgotten Pasts and Possible Futures*, eds. Brandon Massey and Wolfgang Grünstäudl; LNTS (Bloomsbury).  
 “For Whom the Codex Tolls: the Cult of Difficulty and the Gospel of Mark,” book chapter for *Editorial Fatigue in the Synoptic Gospels and Beyond*, ed. Olegs Andrejevs.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA & BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRIES

“Gospel Authors and Literary Networks,” invited entry for *Oxford Bibliographies*, Oxford University Press, due November 2024.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

*The Letters of Paul in their Roman Context: Reassessing Apostolic Authorship* by Nina E. Livesey, *Antiquité Classique*, accepted invitation.  
*The Gospel and the Gospels: Christian Proclamation and Early Jesus Books* by Simon Gathercole, *Review of Biblical Literature*, accepted invitation.

*The Christianization of Knowledge in Late Antiquity* by Mark Letteney, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, accepted invitation.

## EDITORIAL WORK, PEER-REVIEW

Editorial Board, [Journal for the Study of the New Testament](#), Sage Publications, 2024–present.  
 Editorial Board, “New Testament: Biblical Interpretation Series,” Brill, 2023–present.  
 Editorial Board, [Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus](#), Brill, 2023–present.  
 Editorial Board, *Mimesis Press*, 2020–present.  
 Series Editor, [New Directions in Gospel Research](#), Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2019–present.  
 Consultant, *Religion in 50 Words: A Critical Vocabulary*, eds. Aaron W. Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon, Routledge 2021.  
 Reviewer, CRDF Global Proposals for Fundamental Research Competition, National Science Foundation, 2017–present.  
 Manuscript Referee for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of California Press, Bloomsbury Publishing, Routledge, Sage, Wiley.  
 Article Referee for *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, *The Classical Quarterly*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Studies in Late Antiquity*, and *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, NOMINATIONS

Gabelli Senior Scholar Award, University of Miami, nominated 2025, 2023.  
 Post-Tenure Teaching Release, University of Miami, Fall 2024.  
 Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities Award, University of Miami, FY 2023, 2022, 2020.  
*The Database of Religious History* (DRH), University of British Columbia and Templeton Foundation award for “Best Editor,” 2022.  
 Fritz Thyssen Stiftung für Wissenschaftsförderung, funding for conference “Economic Aspects of Reading in Antiquity” at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München (Münich), August 2022.  
 Provost Teaching Awards, University of Miami, nominated 2022.  
 The Max Orovitz Research Awards in the Humanities, Provost Research Award, University of Miami, FY 2021, 2018, 2015.  
 The Luis Glaser Mentorship Award, University of Miami, nominated 2022, 2021.  
 The National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, University of Miami nominee, 2021.  
 University of Miami Faculty Learning Community Fellowship on Learning through Dialogue and Discussion, 2019-2020.  
 Research Travel Funding, University of Miami; Berlin, Germany, May 2019.  
 University of British Columbia and Templeton Foundation funded course release, Spring 2018.  
 Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, 2016–2017.  
 “Magic Teacher Award” Camp Kesem, University of Miami, 2017  
 Research Travel Funding, Stanford University’s Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), April 2016.  
 Fondation Hardt for the Study of Classical Antiquity, Research Scholarship, Vandoeuvres, Switzerland, Fellow-in-Residence, May 2016.  
 Research Travel Grant, Brown University, Judaic Studies; Spain, 2011, 2009.  
 Research Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University; Greece, Turkey, and Italy, 2005, 2003.  
 Research Travel Grant, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University; Israel, 2004.

## DIGITAL HUMANITIES

Advisory Board & Editor, Early Christianity, Roman Religions, and Archaeology, [The Database of Religious History](#) (DRH), University of British Columbia and The Templeton Foundation.  
 Advisory Board, Editor, & Contributor, [Urbs and Polis](#).

## VISITING LECTURES

- Thomas L. King Lecture in Religious Studies, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, 2023.  
 The Nadine Beacham and Charlton F. Hall Sr. Visiting Lectureship in New Testament and Early Christianity, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2022.

## SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PAPER, PANELS

- Panelist, Johannine Literature Group, *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, November 2025.
- Respondent, review session for Nina E. Livesey's *The Letters of Paul in their Roman Context: Reassessing Apostolic Authorship* (2024), *SBL Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, November 2025.
- “[Cobbled Fictions: Lessons from Cultural History in Reception and Aesthetics](#),” invited keynote address for *NAASR* annual conference “Interlocutions,” *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2024.
- Respondent, review session for Candida Moss' *God's Ghostwriters: Enslaved Christians and the Making of the Bible* (2024), Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Unit, *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2024.
- “For Whom the Codex Tolls: the Cult of Difficulty and the Gospel of Mark,” invited paper for the “Editorial Fatigue” Project, Interrelations of the Gospels Unit, *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2024.
- “Reclaiming the Muse,” invited paper for the Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar (RCO) and NAASR joint 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary panel on J.Z. Smith's *Drudgery Divine*, *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2024.
- “Gospel Anonymity and Pauline Erasure in the Last Supper Narrative,” *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2023.
- “*Helluari Libris*: On Stoicism, Distinction, and Early Christianity,” *Italian Centre for Advanced Studies on Religions (CISSR)*, Bertinoro, Italy, September 2023.
- “Mark and Messianic Wonder: Enigmatic Heroes and Revisiting the Messianic Secret,” *CISSR*, Bertinoro, Italy, September 2023.
- “The Miracle-Mongers: The Gospels at the Edges of Empire,” *European Association for Biblical Studies (EABS)*, Siracuse, Sicily, July 2023 (via Zoom).
- Panelist, “Critique in the Study of Religion: Past, Present, and Future,” *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, *SBL Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, November 2022.
- Respondent to book session on Robyn Faith Walsh, *The Origins of Early Christian Literature: Contextualizing the New Testament within Greco-Roman Literary Culture* (Cambridge University Press), *SBL Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, November 2022.
- “The Object Poll,” *History in Ones and Zeros—The Challenges Involved in Coding the Past*, The Database of Religious History (DRH), University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC, Canada, August 2022.
- “Early Christian Literature and the *Nouveau Riche*,” *Economic Aspects of Reading in Antiquity*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München (Münich), August 2022.
- “City and Country,” invited paper for The Next Quest for the Historical Jesus Conference, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London, July 2022.
- Respondent/Panelist, John S. Kloppenborg's *Christ's Associations: Connecting and Belonging in the Ancient City* (Yale University Press, 2019), Session: Social-Scientific Criticism of the New Testament, *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2021, via Zoom.
- Respondent/Panelist, Session: Interrelations of the Gospels: Matthean Posteriority, *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2021, via Zoom.
- Panelist, Session: Upending the Discipline—A Critical Roundtable on Crisis, *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2021, via Zoom.
- “*Argumentum ad lunam*: Discourse and Competition on the Moon,” Session: Bible and Conflict, *CISSR*, Bertinoro, Italy, September 2021, via Zoom.
- “Myth with Footnotes?: Neo-Romanticism and the Study of Antiquity,” Session: “Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory,” *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2019.

- “Digital Humanities and Classical Studies: An Overview, and the Challenges Ahead,” keynote *Digital Humanities and Classical Studies*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, May 2019.
- “Jesus in Berlin: Normativity in Classics and the Skewing of Early Christian Literature,” Session: “Redescribing Christian Origins 30 Years After *A Myth of Innocence*.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, November 2018.
- “Of Dualisms and Doppelgänger: Mapping Ancient Minds and Bodies in Religious Studies,” Session: “Critique in Context: Surveying Key Categories in the Study of Religion.” *NAASR; SBL Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, November 2018.
- “Invented Subjects in Greco-Roman and Early Christian Literature,” Session: “Redescribing Christian Origins as a Textual Event: Communities, Schools, Networks.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- Response to panelists, invited paper on the status of DRH digital humanities project, Session: “Cognitive Science of Religion Group.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- “Problems and Methods with *The Database of Religious History* (DRH),” Stanford University’s Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) conference/workshop “Religion, Ritual, Conflict, and Cooperation: Archaeological and Historical Approaches,” Stanford, CA, April 2016.
- “Jesus and the Anachronistic Origins of Christianity,” Session: “Redescribing Early Christianity.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- “Response to Matthew Bagger on ‘Of Cognitive Science, Bricolage, and Brandom,’” *NAASR; SBL Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- “A Reconsideration of the so-called Synagogue-Basilica of Elche, Spain,” *Moskow Workshop: A Conversation on Jews in the Late Antique Mediterranean (Outside the Land of Israel and Environs)*, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2015.
- “Ancient Authorship Practices and the ‘Big Bang’ Theory of Christian Origins,” Session: “Reimagining the Ancient Author: Writers, Agency, and Authority.” *Eastern International Region American Academy of Religion (ELA/AAR) Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec, CAN, May 2015.
- “Methodological Challenges to Studying Personal Experience,” Session: “Practice and Personal Experience in Ancient Religion.” *Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions (SocAMR) at the American Philological Association (APA) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.
- “The Literary Environment of John and the Influence of German Romanticism,” Session: “John, Jesus, and History.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “Q and the ‘Big Bang’ Theory of Christian Origins,” Session: “Q’s Difference: Social Context and Rhetorical Function.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “Redescribing Early Christian Communities,” Session: “Revisiting ‘Community’ in Early Christian Sources: Problems and Prospects.” *NAASR; SBL Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- “Judaism After the Temple: A New Historical Context for Q,” Session: “Q.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- “The Death of the (Community as) Author,” Session: “Methods in New Testament Studies.” *SBL International Meeting*, St. Andrews, Scotland, UK, July 2013.
- “Communities as Authors: The Problematic and Enduring Legacy of Nineteenth Century Romanticism in the Contemporary Study of Religion,” Session: “Philosophy of Religion.” *NAASR; AAR Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, November 2012.
- “Response to Literary Functions of the Aetiological Texts in Parthenius Nicaea’s *Erotika Pathemata*.” *Ancient Aitia: Explaining Matter Between Belief and Knowledge*, New York University Classics Conference, NYC, New York, December 2011.
- “New Data on Diaspora Synagogues: Elche (Ilici), Spain.” Session: “Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World: New Data on Diaspora Synagogues.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.
- “Temple Treasury Plundering in Antiquity.” Session: “Greco-Roman Religions.” *SBL Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005.

## SELECT INVITED LECTURES, PAPERS, PANELS, WORKSHOPS

- Title TBD, invited paper for conference being held at Loyola University Chicago, Spring 2026.
- Title TBD, invited paper for *Romanticism, Orientalism, and the Rupture of Culture* Conference, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, Summer 2026.
- Title TBD, invited paper for conference being held at Charles University, Černá, Prague, October 2025.
- “On Monotheism and Origins at the *Fin de Siècle*,” [Antiquities Interdisciplinary Research Group \(AIRG\)](#), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, March 2025.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature: Contextualizing the New Testament within Greco-Roman Literary Culture,” invited book talk for Dr. Jennifer Eyl’s New Testament seminar, Tufts University, Medford, MA, March 2025 (in person), 2024 (via Zoom), and 2023 (in person).
- “The Mouse of the Mysteries,” invited talk for Dr. Olegs Andrejevs’ New Testament seminar, Loyola University Chicago, February 2025.
- “Pseudangelion: Social Authorship and Romantic Invention in Jesus Literature,” University of Münster, invited paper for the History of Exegesis Project, Münster, Germany, October 2024.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” invited book talk for Dr. Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus’ New Testament seminar, Wheaton College, via Zoom, October 2024, February 2023, March 2022.
- “Jesus in Berlin: On Monotheism and Origins at the *Fin de Siècle*,” invited talk at Brown University in conjunction with conference “The Meanings and End(s) of Monotheism,” Brown University, Providence, RI, May 2024.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature: Contextualizing the New Testament within Greco-Roman Literary Culture,” invited book talk for the Department of Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Cultures, Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland (via Zoom), May 2024.
- “Cultural Aspirations and the Book as Veblen Good,” invited talk for the *Beyond the Codex* initiative, funded by the British Academy, Birmingham, UK, April 2024.
- “*Helluari Libri*: On Stoicism, Distinction, and Early Christianity,” invited talk for the Ancient Mediterranean Religions Spring Colloquium, Institute for the Study of Antiquity and Christian Origins, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 2024.
- “(I’ve Got the) Magic Stick: Sticks, Wands, and Scrolls in Roman Imperial and Early Christian Art,” [AIRG](#), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, September 2023.
- [Invited response to Ruben A. Büehner’s \*Messianic High Christology\*](#) (Baylor University Press, 2021), [The Enoch Seminar](#), via Zoom, July 2023.
- “Manufacturing Origins in the Study of Early Christianity,” invited talk for *Manufacturing Religion* conference at University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2023.
- “The Gospels as ‘Captive Literature,’” invited public lecture, Tufts University, Medford, MA, March 2023.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” invited book talk for the Jesuit School of Theology, via Zoom, March 2023.
- “*Argumentum ad lunam*: Discourse and Competition on the Moon,” Washburn University, Topeka, KS, February 2023.
- “Early Christian Literature and the *Nouveau Riche*,” University of Southern California School of Religion Research Seminar, Los Angeles, CA, November 2022.
- “*Argumentum ad lunam*: Discourse and Competition on the Moon,” University of Southern California School of Religion Research Seminar, Los Angeles, CA, November 2022.
- “The Miracle Mongers: Critiques of Christianity from Silence in the Second Century,” Space and Movement Conference hosted by the AIRG, Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, November 2022.
- “Early Christian Literature and the *Nouveau Riche*,” paper presentation in conjunction with The Nadine Beacham and Charlton F. Hall Sr. Visiting Lectureship in New Testament and Early Christianity, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, October 2022.



- “City and Country,” The Nadine Beacham and Charlton F. Hall Sr. Visiting Lectureship in New Testament and Early Christianity, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, October 2022.
- “Early Christian Literature and the *Nouveau Riche*,” working paper for the [AIRG](#), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, September 2022.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature: Contextualizing the New Testament within Greco-Roman Literary Culture,” invited book talk for Dr. Jennifer Eyl’s New Testament seminar, Tufts University, via Zoom, March 2022.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” invited book talk for New Testament and Early Christian Studies Seminar, University of South Africa, via Zoom, March 2022.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” invited book talk for [New Testament Research Seminar](#) at University of Cambridge, via Zoom, February 2022.
- “The Epistle to the Laodiceans and the Art of Tradition,” [Bible and Religions of the Ancient Near East \(BRANE\) Collective](#), via Zoom, December 2021.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” invited book talk for faculty seminar at Brigham Young University, via Zoom, December 2021.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” invited book talk for [University of Miami Center for the Humanities](#), via Zoom, October 2021.
- “Wonder-Culture: The Rise of Popular Literature and the Aspirational Class,” working paper for the [AIRG](#), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, via Zoom, October 2021.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät Abteilung für Neutestamentliche Theologie, LMU, München, via Zoom, June 2021.
- “The Origins of Early Christian Literature,” [The Early Christianity and Late Antiquity Reading Group \(ECLAR\)](#), University of Chicago, via Zoom, May 2021.
- “The Ethics of Investigation,” [The Cambridge Forum](#), Classical Studies, Cambridge University and Cambridge University Press, via Zoom, May 2021.
- “The Romantic Genius Revisited: Discourse and the Solitary Author in Antiquity,” [Birmingham Biblical Studies Seminar](#), University of Birmingham, UK, via Zoom, May 2021.
- “Redescribing Early Christian Literature: The Gospels, the Satyrice, and Anonymous Sources,” [ACU Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry](#), Program in Biblical and Early Christian Studies (BECS), Australian Catholic University, via Zoom, April 2021.
- “The Paradoxographical Web: Literary *Thauma*, Faith, and Imperial Imagination,” working paper for the [AIRG](#), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, via Zoom, March 2021.
- “The Gospels as Imperial ‘Captive Literature,’” invited paper for M.Div students working with Dr. Katherine Shaner, Wake Forest University, Divinity School, via Zoom, January 2021.
- “Syriac Dialogue Hymns and New Comedy,” working paper for the AIRG, Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, via Zoom, April 2020.
- “The Emergence of Christianity,” for Dr. David Graf’s *Holy Bones, Sacred Stones: The Archaeology of the Holy Land from the Persian Period to Bar Kochba*, University of Miami, November 2019.
- “Pedagogical Initiatives for the Database of Religious History,” invited presentation at Harvard University for DRH digital humanities project Steering Committee, May 2019.
- “Popularizing Jesus: The Gospels as Roman Literature,” working paper for the [AIRG](#), Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, April 2019.
- “Early Christian Narratives and the Myth of Exceptionalism,” invited lecture for Florida International University (FIU)’s “Language and Religion” Graduate Seminar, March 2019.
- “A Second-Century *Satyrice* and its Knowledge of the Gospels,” working paper for the AIRG, Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, April 2018.
- “Romantic Imagination and Oral Tradition in Christian Literature,” Conference in Honor of Dr. Richard Martin, Stanford University, University of Miami, November 2017.
- “Imagining Judea in post-War Imperial Literature,” [Classics and Religious Studies Interdisciplinary Lecture Series](#) at Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland, October 2017.
- “The Beginning of Gospel Literature,” University of Miami Center for Humanities Colloquium, University of Miami, October 2017.

- “What is a Classic?” working paper for the AIRG, Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, September 2017.
- “A Database of Religious History,” invited lecture at the *XIV International Symposium of University Professors*, Rome, Italy, June 2017.
- “Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow*,” guest lecture with Dr. Michelle Maldonado for HON 330: Books That Matter, University of Miami, April 2017.
- “Reconsidering the Synagogue-Basilica of Elche, Spain,” *Mondays at the Museum Series* at Florida International University (FIU), Jewish Museum of Florida, January 2017.
- “Cognitive Science and Oral Tradition Theory,” presentation on research for the University of Miami Cognitive Science Seminar, University of Miami, December 2016.
- Guest Lecture on Cognitive Science and Religion, REL 499: Method and Theory in the Study of Religion, University of Miami, November 2016.
- “The Gospels as Subversive Biography,” invited paper and discussion for *l’AEHR (l’Association des Étudiantes en Histoire des Religions de l’Université de Genève)*, l’Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2016.
- “The New Testament Beyond the Hellenism/Judaism Divide,” invited lecture for the *Die jüdisch-hellenistische Literatur: Interkultureller Austausch in der Antike Seminar* at Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland, May 2016.
- “Ancient Gender Constructions and the Origins of Western Morality,” invited lectures for the undergraduate and graduate seminars in religion at Universität Basel, Basel, Switzerland, May 2016.
- “Reconsidering the Synagogue-Basilica of Elche, Spain,” working paper for the AIRG, Center for the Humanities, University of Miami, November 2015.
- “The Anachronistic Origins of Christianity,” Brain Bag Colloquium, Religious Studies Department, University of Miami, October 2015.
- “The Evolution of Early Christian Art,” model lecture for prospective students and family, University of Miami, September 2015.
- “Martyrdom, Catacombs and Constantine’s Rome,” invited lecture for Brown University’s *Global Program: An Immersion in Roman Life and Culture*, Rome, Italy, July 2015.
- “Revisiting the Synagogue-Basilica of Elche (Ilici), Spain.” pre-circulated paper discussed at the *Seminar on Culture and Religion in the Ancient World*, Brown University, October 2010.

#### SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS, FEATURES\*

- Ongoing association with the [Biblical Studies Academy](http://BiblicalStudiesAcademy.com), [ehrmanblog.org](http://ehrmanblog.org), February 2025–present.
- “[Dr. Robyn Walsh Comes to ‘Story Time!’](#)” Jennifer Bird Podcast/YouTube, January 2025.
- “Jesus’ ‘Magic Stick’ and Imperial Imagery in Early Christian Art,” *Biblical Archaeological Society* (BAS), [Bible and Archaeology Fest](#), Biblical Scholars Series, June 2025.
- “Paul the Philosopher,” [New Insights into the New Testament](#), sponsored by Bart Ehrman, September 2024.
- “Recovering Lost Diaspora Communities,” BAS3, [Bible and Archaeology Fest](#), February 2024.
- “Closing Conversation: Mear One,” exhibition interview with artist Mear One for the Museum of Graffiti and Hip Hop, Wynwood, Miami, FL, February 2024.
- “Reading between the Lines: Literacy, Authorship, and the Gospels,” [New Insights into the New Testament: A Biblical Conference for Non-Scholars](#), sponsored by Bart Ehrman, September 2023.
- “[Is the New Testament Actually Greek Literature?](#)” *Misquoting Jesus Podcast* with Bart Ehrman and Megan Lewis, July 2023.
- John Drummond, “[Writing the Good News](#),” *Biblical Archaeology Society*, October 2022.
- Candida Moss, interview for “[Did God Create Us to Be Vegetarians?](#)” *The Daily Beast*, May 2022.
- “[The Way We Think About the Messiah is Very Problematic](#),” *The Daily Beast*, December 2021.
- “[Was Jesus Ugly? The Early Church Thought So](#),” *The Daily Beast*, November 2020.
- “[Did the Nazis Cover Up a Jewish Discovery in Spain’s ‘Oldest Christian Basilica’?](#)” *The Daily Beast*, April 2020.
- “[Kale, and Corpses: How We Got the Weirdly Awesome Halloween](#),” *The Daily Beast*, October 2015.

- “[Livestream Interview Event: \*The Origins of Early Christian Literature\*](#),” *Urbs and Polis*, Facebook Live/YouTube Live event, September 2021.
- Cavan Concannon, “[A Conversation with Robyn Faith Walsh on \*The Origins of Christian Literature\*](#),” *Ancient Jew Review*, September 2021.
- Mark Goodacre, “[NT Pod 98: The Origins of Early Christian Literature: In Conversation with Robyn Walsh](#),” June 2021.
- [Colin McEnroe Show, Connecticut Public Radio WNPR](#), interview on *damnatio memoriae* and the Donald Trump impeachment trial, aired February 2021.
- Chris Keith, “[Robyn Faith Walsh, \*The Origins of Christian Literature\*](#),” T&T Clark Jesus Library Podcast, *Theology and Religion Online*, recorded October 2020, released January 2021.

\* A full media CV is available, upon request. Also see [robynfaithwalsh.com](http://robynfaithwalsh.com)

## UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

- REL 101 Introduction to Religion (team taught)
- REL 103 One God (team taught)
- REL 121 Introduction to the New Testament
- REL 255 Religion and Sports: From Antiquity to the Present (team taught)
- REL 308 The Greco-Roman Context of Early Christianity
- REL 322 Paul: Letters and Controversies
- REL 324 The Bible and Modern Film
- REL 325/JUS 301 Jesus in Myth and History
- REL 345/CLA 222/GSS 350 Religion and Gender (Sex in the Ancient World)
- REL 349 All Roads Lead to Rome (team taught)
- REL 351 Religious Issues in Death and Dying
- REL 362 Sanctity of Life: From the Ancient World to the Present (team taught)
- REL 369/AMS 324 Is *Star Wars* a Religion?
- REL 401 Seminar: Theory of Religion I
- REL 401 Seminar: Preparing for Graduate School
- REL 405 Seminar: Theory of Religion II

### WHEATON COLLEGE

- GRK 101 Elementary Greek
- CLAS 199 Numismatics & Epigraphy
- CLAS 256/356 The Ancient Romance
- CLAS 266/WMST366 Gender, Power & the Gods
- CLAS 399 Ancient Biographies
- RELS 110 The Literature of the New Testament (funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation)
- RELS/PHIL 225 Philosophy of Religion
- RELS 298 Conflict and Sacred Space: Archaeology, Politics & Religion
- RELS 399 The German Romantic Movement & American Transcendentalism
- RELS 399 Augustine’s Confessions & Early Modern Literature
- RELS 399 Social Change & Human Development

### COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

- RELS 118 Introduction to the New Testament
- Workshop Leader, New Teaching Assistant Orientation, [The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning](#), Brown University, 2012–2013.

## THESIS ADVISING

- Committee Member, “Bultmann and his Legacy in Scholarship on the Apostle Paul,” Lara Boleslawsky, University of Texas, Austin. Chair: Dr. Tony Keddie, 2024.

Committee Member, “The Practice of ‘Religious Law,’” Natalie Ghosn, Esq., Ph.D., University of Miami. Chair: Dr. David Abraham, 2019.

Committee Member, “Coptic Christianity in Egypt” Senior Honors Thesis Committee, Heather Wilson, Peace and Conflict Studies, Wheaton College. Chair: Dr. Darlene Boroviak, 2013.

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

Fellow, Faculty Learning Community (FLC) *Learning Through Dialogue and Discussion*, Harkness Method Cohort, 2019–2020.

Recipient, University of Miami Program Award for Pedagogy Workshops, funded by the University of Miami Dean’s Office, February 2015.

Senior Teaching Consultant, [The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning](#), Brown University, 2011–2013.

Teaching Certificate Programs, [The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning](#), Brown University: Certificate I Program, Sheridan Teaching Seminar, 2006–2007  
Certificate II Program, Classroom Tools Seminar, 2011–2012  
Certificate III Program, Professional Development Seminar, 2010–2011  
Certificate IV Program, Teaching Consultant Program, 2011–2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Steering Committee, *Paul within Paganism Unit*, 2025–present.

Steering Committee, *Redescribing Christian Origins Unit* (RCO) 2024–present; Co-Chair, RCO, 2018–2024.

Steering Committee, *Interrelations of the Gospels Unit* 2024–present; Co-Chair, RCO, 2018–2024.

Executive Committee, *North American Academy for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), elected 2023.

Secretary-Treasurer, *Society of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (SAMR), 2020–2023, reelected in 2023 (declined).

### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Co-Convener, Antiquities Interdisciplinary Research Group (AIRG), University of Miami Center for the Humanities, 2015–present.

RAU (Representative Academic Unit) Cognate Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, 2019–present.

Secretary/Treasurer, Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), University of Miami Chapter, 2021–present.

Member, University of Miami Anatomical Advisory Committee (Hospital Ethics Committee), University of Miami, 2022–present.

Member, Steering Committee for American Media Studies (AMS), 2023–present.

Reviewer, Provost Research Awards, Provost Office of Research, University of Miami, 2024, 2023, 2015.

Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Miami, College of Arts and Sciences, 2019–2024.

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Classics, University of Miami, 2024.

Member, Hiring Committee for Writing Studies, 2023.

Member, Ruggiero Prize Committee for best dissertation in the Humanities, 2022.

President, PBK Chapter, University of Miami, 2017–2021.

Member, Search Committee for tenure-track position in African American Religion, University of Miami, 2021.

Transfer Credit Advisor, Religious Studies Department, University of Miami, 2018–2019, 2015–2016.

Faculty Supervisor, Society for the Study of Religion and Culture (SSRC) Student Organization, University of Miami, 2015–2019.

Vice-President, PBK, University of Miami, 2015–2017.

Faculty Coordinator, American University in Rome Study Abroad Program, University of Miami, Fall 2016.

Member, Search Committee for tenure-track position in Islamic Studies, University of Miami, 2015.

Member, Curriculum Committee, Religious Studies Department, University of Miami, 2014–2015.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Collaborator, [The Birmingham Research Network on the Bible and Culture](#), University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK, 2022–present.

Co-founder, [Didaskaloi](#), public lecture platform, 2023–2024.

Book Prize Reviewer, “Best Book Relating to the New Testament,” *Biblical Archaeology Review*, 2023.

Co-Convener, discussion series [The Making of the Nero Myth: A Redescribing Christian Origins Project](#), 2021–2022.

Co-Convener, Conference: *Economic Aspects of Reading in Antiquity*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München (Münich), August 2022.

Co-Convener and Keynote Speaker, Conference: “Digital Humanities and Classical Studies,” Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, May 2019.

Graduate Student Liaison, [The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning](#), Brown University, 2011–2013.

Member, Committee on Academic Programming, Harvard Divinity School, 2004–2005.

Director of Faculty and Academic Affairs, Harvard Divinity School Student Government, 2004–2005.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS), 2022–present.

European Association of Biblical Studies, 2022–present.

Ourania: Network for Astronomical Cultures in the Ancient and Premodern Worlds, 2020–present.

Society of Classical Studies (formerly, American Philological Association), 2011–present.

North American Association for the Study of Religion, 2011–present.

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions, 2010–present.

American Academy of Religion, 2003–present.

Society of Biblical Literature, 2003–present.

#### HONORS, ELECTED MEMBERSHIPS

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS), inducted 2022.

Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), inducted 2001.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Teacher, [Prescott Community Center](#), Groton, MA, 2022–present.

[Brown University Alumni Interviewing Program](#), 2019–2022.

Volunteer Teacher, [Breakthrough Miami](#), 2015.

#### RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Greek, Latin, Coptic, Hebrew, French, Spanish, German, Italian, Catalan/Valencian

#### REFERENCES

Available upon request