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## Education

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**Doctor of Philosophy in Theology** (with distinction), Loyola University Chicago, 2011

**Master of Divinity**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2002

**Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology**, University of California at Santa Barbara, 1999

**Associate of Arts**, Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, CA 1997

## Scholarly Contributions

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### Publications

- “Editorial Fatigue in the Apocryphon of John” *Vetera Christianorum* (2021) (forthcoming).
- “For Whose Sake Heaven and Earth Came into Being: Anti-cosmicism and the Rejection of Alms in the Coptic Gospel of Thomas,” in *Sacred Texts, Sacred Figures: The Use and Interpretation of Inherited Traditions among Early Christianities. A Festschrift in Honor of Edmondo F. Lupieri*, ed. Cambry Pardee and Jeffrey Tripp. Turnhout: Brepols, 2021.
- “The Magdalene Yesterday and Today in the Gospel of Jesus’ Wife,” in *A Spouse for the Christ: Mary Magdalene from New Testament to New Age*. Edited by Edmondo Lupieri and Trent Rogers. Leiden: Brill, 2019. 132-46.
- “Christian Criminality” in *World and World* 38.4 (2018): 355-62.
- *The Use of Scripture in the Apocryphon of John: A Diachronic Analysis of the Variant Versions*. WUNT II 441. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.
- New Testament Editor, *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible*. Cincinnati: Forward Movement, 2016.
- “The Lawless Pride: Jewish Identity in the Fragments of Eupolemus.” *Annali di Storia dell'Esegesi* 29/2 (2012): 29-51.
- “Bodily Delight: The Pro-Life Message of the Gospel of Judas,” in *Judasevangelium und Codex Tchacos: Studien zur religionsgeschichtlichen Verortung einer gnostischen Schriftensammlung*. Edited by Gregor Wurst and Enno Popkes. WUNT 297. Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 2012. 243-52.
- “Now Where’s the Fun in That? The Humorless Narrator in the Greek Version of Esther.” *Biblical Research* 52 (2007): 17-40.

### Book Reviews

- Review of Rivka Nir, *The First Christian Believer: In Search of John the Baptist* for *Currents in Theology and Mission* (forthcoming).
- Review of John M. G. Barclay, *Pauline Churches and Diaspora Jews* for *Currents in Theology and Mission* 46.4 (2019): 47.
- Review of Seán Freyne, *The Jesus Movement and Its Expansion: Meaning and Mission* for *Currents in Theology and Mission* 46.1 (2019): 72-73.
- Review of *Building the Good Life for All: Transforming Income Inequality in Our Communities* by Shannon Jung for *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (2018).

- Review of Ignacio Carbajosa and Luis Sánchez Navarro, eds., *Entrar en lo antiguo: Acerca de la relación entre Antiguo y Nuevo Testamento* for *Review of Biblical Literature* (2008).
- Review of Kathy L. Gaca and L. L. Welborn, eds., *Early Patristic Readings of Romans* for *Review of Biblical Literature* (2008).

### Papers Presented

- “For Whose Sake Heaven and Earth Came into Being: Anti-cosmicism and the Rejection of Alms in the Coptic Gospel of Thomas.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2019, San Diego, CA.
- “Editorial Fatigue in the *Apocryphon of John*.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2019, San Diego, CA.
- “Was Jesus Married, Really? The Latest on Mary Magdalene and the Other Women around Him.” Presented at the Italian Cultural Institute, October 2018, Chicago, IL.
- “Old Wine in New Wineskins: Matthew and Luke as ‘Rewritten Scripture.’” Presented at Loyola University Chicago, October 2018, Chicago, IL.
- “What Religion? Whose Identity? Methodological Considerations in Constructing Christian Identities.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2015, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, “Teaching Social Justice and the Bible.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, August 2015, New Orleans, LA.
- “Review of *Beyond the Obvious: Doormways to Understanding the New Testament* by Donald Dale Walker.” Presented at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, February 2015, Bourbonnais, IL.
- “Silent Watchers: The Watchers Tradition in Philo and the *Sibylline Oracles*.” Presented to the Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Task Force of the Catholic Biblical Association, August 2009, Omaha, NE.
- “Bodily Delight: The Pro-Life Message of the *Gospel of Judas*.” Presented at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, February 2008, Bourbonnais, IL.
- “Not as Moses Said: Identity Formation through the Rejection of Scripture.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2007, San Diego, CA.
- “Now Where’s the Fun in That? The Humorless Narrator in the Greek Translation of Esther.” Presented at the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, October 2006, Chicago, IL.

### Poster Sessions

- “The Gospel of Judas: When Bad News Is Good News.” Presented at the Codex Judas Congress, Rice University, March 2008, Houston, TX.

### Research Interests

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**Primary research interest** is in the cultural and religious history of the first three centuries of the Christian movement

- This includes but is not limited to the varieties of Christianity prior to Nicea as evidenced in the documents of the New Testament, the Apostolic Fathers, Christian Apocrypha, the heresiologists, and Nag Hammadi; the Greco-Roman cultural and religious milieu; text and identity

**Other research interests** include ancient and modern hermeneutics, the role of sacred texts in ethical deliberation, ancient and contemporary Christian responses to injustice

## **Academic Teaching Experience**

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**Associate Professor**, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, 2019-present

- Activism 301: Making Change Happen, a required course for the Social Activism minor. Team taught course with faculty from Communication Studies, Political Science, and Sociology Departments. Teach the unit on the role of faith communities in social change.
- Faith and Leadership 201: Faith and Leadership, a required course for Religion majors earning a concentration in Faith and Leadership. The concentration, and the course, invites students to reflect on how religion informs vocation and service. Students in the concentration are generally preparing for seminary, social work, and other vocations in the non-profit sector.
- Faith and Leadership 491: Integrating Vocation, Faith, and Leadership, the final integrative course in the Religion major with a Faith and Leadership concentration. Reflection, analysis, dialogue, and personal discernment on vocation and preparation for faith and leadership.
- Inquiry 100: Faith and the Public Square, a survey of the historic tension between the church and state in the West that proposes constructive ways for religion and society to interact
- Humanities 380: A Holy Hatred? Use and Misuse of the Bible in Ideologically and Racially Fraught Times, a course examining how Christian texts, tradition, and imagery are used and misused in public discourse around contentious racial and ideological issues.
- Religion 200: Christianity and Religious Diversity, a course introducing students to the rich diversity of religions throughout the world, especially classical and contemporary Christianity. Students are also introduced to four academic methods (interpretive, historical, comparative, and constructive) that enable them to explore the complexity of religious expressions.
- Religion 313 J: Jesus the Jew, Jesus the Christ, an examination of the Jewish context and character of Jesus of Nazareth and how he came to be worshiped and revered as the focal point in Christian thought and ritual.
- Religion 314 J: Paul: Apostle or Apostate, a study of the historical circumstances of Paul, the religious and theological significance of his epistles, and his legacy for the Christian church.
- Religion 340 G: Ethics of Aid and Development, an examination of voluntary responses to war, civil conflict and natural disaster, with a focus both on individual action and organizations. Particular focus is given to women and the environment.
- Religion 392 G: Religion and World Affairs, a course on global development evaluated through a Christian theological lens. Course focus in Fall 2014 was a retrospective and prospective on the Millennium Development Goals.

**Assistant Professor**, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, 2013-2019

**Teaching Fellow**, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2012-2013

- Theology 100: Introduction to Christian Theology
- Theology 107: Introduction to Religious Studies
- Theology 232: New Testament

**Adjunct Professor**, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2012-2013

- B-331: Jesus and the Gospels
- B-332: Life and Letters of Paul

**Adjunct Professor**, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA, January 2011  
and Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH, January 2012

- Gathered at the Table: Ancient and Contemporary Christian Responses to Hunger and Poverty, a seminary course examining the variety of Christian responses to hunger and poverty, with a particular emphasis on effective strategies to address the present day realities of widespread poverty.

**Teacher of Record**, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2006-2007, 2010-2011

- Theology 104: Jesus Christ
- Theology 110: Introduction to the Bible
- Theology 192: Moral Problems: Virtuous Eating and the Biblical Imagination

**Adjunct Professor**, Judson University, Elgin, IL, 2009-2011

- BST 101: Introduction to Biblical Studies: Old Testament

**Facilitator of Coptic II Reading Group**, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago IL, Spring 2007

**Research Assistant**, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2003 to 2006

**Teaching Assistant**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, 2000 to 2003

## **Other Professional Experience**

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**Director of Hunger Education**, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, IL, October 2008 to August 2012

- Interdisciplinary work (biblical, theological, moral, sociological, political, and economic) on the root causes of and effective responses to global poverty and hunger
- Teach groups of all ages about poverty and hunger, research and write resources on global hunger, lead domestic and international education trips, explore and develop age appropriate pedagogical models, review and award grants, enhance website content, maintain social media presence

## **Academic Service**

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- Integration Working Group for the revision of the common curriculum, Concordia College, 2020
- Core Committee, Concordia College, 2019-present
- Co-chair, Lived Religiousness in Antiquity Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2019-present
- Committee Member, Faith, Reason, and World Affairs Symposium: "Speech: Freedom vs. Responsibility?" Concordia College, 2019
- College Council for Diversity, Concordia College, 2017-2018
- Co-chair, Faith, Reason, and World Affairs Symposium: "Power Plays: Why Gender Matters," Concordia College, 2017-2018

- Faculty Senate, Concordia College, 2016-2017
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group, Concordia College, 2016-2017
- Co-chair, Construction of Christian Identities Seminar of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2015-2018
- Director of the Faith and Leadership Concentration, Concordia College, 2015-present
- Chair of Religion Department Enrichment Committee, Concordia College, 2014-2017
- Interfaith Minor Proposal Committee, Concordia College, 2014-2015
- President's Interfaith Advisory Committee, Concordia College, 2013-2016

## **Community Service**

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- Writer, Salvation Curriculum, published by Cokesbury, 2019
- Writer, Luke-Acts Bible Study for the Good Book Club, published by Forward Movement, 2018
- Climate change and hunger presentation to NW Minnesota and North Dakota Synod Hunger Teams, October 2016
- Daylong presentation: Introduction to the Gospels, NW Minnesota Synod Lay School, April 9, 2016
- Writer, Saints Curriculum, published by Forward Movement, July 2015
- Presentation on homelessness with area pastors at the Road to Jericho gathering, October 2014
- Presentation on world hunger to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Moorhead, March 2014
- Presentation on poverty to Fargo-Moorhead ELCA pastors, February 2014
- "Celebrity Blogger" for Lent Madness ([www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)), 2014-present
- Trustee, Episcopal Charities and Community Services, Chicago, IL, 2011-2013
- Facilitator, "Outside the Box," Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, IL, 2010-2013
- Member, NCC Eco-Justice Working Group, Washington, D.C., 2009-2012
- Presenter, Adult Forum, Church of the Holy Spirit, Lake Forest, IL, 2008-2014
- Presenter, "Virtuous Eating and the Episcopal Imagination," Diocesan Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Wheeling, IL, November 2006
- Teacher, "Secrets and Codes: Judas, Da Vinci, and the Early Church," Calvary Episcopal Church, Batavia, IL, Summer 2006
- Teacher, "Conversations with the Beloved Disciple: Lenten Reflections on the Gospel of John," Calvary Episcopal Church, Batavia, IL, Lent 2006

## **Research Languages**

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- Ancient: Coptic, Greek, Latin, and Hebrew
- Modern: Spanish, French, and German

## **Professional Affiliations**

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- Member, Society of Biblical Literature (2000 to present)
- Associate Member, Catholic Biblical Association (2005 to present)
- Member, Chicago Society of Biblical Research (2005 to present)
- Member, North American Patristics Society (2006 to present)
- Member, ELCA/ELCIC Association of Teaching Theologians (2013 to present)

## **Awards and Honors**

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- Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, 2012-2013
- Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship, Loyola University Chicago, 2007-2008
- University Assistantship, Loyola University Chicago, 2003-2006
- Everett F. Harrison, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award in New Testament for Outstanding Work in New Testament Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2003

## **Professional Development**

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- Environmental Humanities Professional Learning Committee, Concordia College, 2018-2019
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Professional Learning Committee, Concordia College, 2017-2018
- “A Broader Public: Writing on Religion for a Secular Audience—A Week with Religion Dispatches’ Editors and Author Elizabeth Drescher,” The Collegeville Institute, Collegeville, MN, June 2014
- “Learning to Listen, Learning to Teach,” Global Learning Partners, Chicago, 2010
- Certificate in Theological Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago, 2004

## **References**

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Available on request