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EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer in Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2013-

Assistant Professor, Religious Studies Program, University of Oklahoma, Fall 2009-Spring 2013

Lecturer on Syriac, Harvard Divinity School, 2008-09 Academic Year

Visiting Instructor in New Testament and Early Christianity, Boston University: School of Theology, Spring 2008

Visiting Instructor in Religion, Department of Religion, Boston University, Spring 2008

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2007-08 Academic Year

EDUCATION

Harvard Divinity School, Th.D, New Testament and Early Christianity, 2008

Harvard Divinity School, M.Div, 2001

University of Iowa, B.A., with Honors, Religion, 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Revelation of the Magi: The Lost Tale of the Wise Men's Journey to Bethlehem. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2010 (see list of published scholarly reviews at end of section).

New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures [anthology of Christian apocryphal writings neglected in the existing scholarly anthologies]. Co-editor with Tony Burke (York University). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. Forthcoming, 2015 or 2016.

Revelatio Magorum [introduction, text, translation, and commentary on the Syriac *Revelation of the Magi*]. *Corpus Christianorum Series Apocryphorum*. Turnhout: Brepols. Forthcoming.

Articles

“0000 [P.Oxy. designation to be added]. Hymn of the Cross: Amulet?” Co-edited with Thomas C. Hoklotubbe. *Oxyrhynchus Papyri 81*. Forthcoming, 2015 or 2016.

“The ‘Harvard School’ of the Christian Apocrypha.” Pages 58-77 in *Forbidden Texts on the Western Frontier: The Christian Apocrypha from North American Perspectives*. Edited by Tony Burke. Eugene, OR: Cascade Press. Forthcoming, 2015.

“Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 210: A New Translation and Introduction.” Co-authored with Stanley E. Porter. In *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*. Edited by Tony Burke and Brent Landau. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. Forthcoming, 2015 or 2016.

“The Revelation of the Magi: A New Summary and Introduction.” In *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*. Edited by Tony Burke and Brent Landau. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. Forthcoming, 2015 or 2016.

“‘One Drop of Salvation from the House of Majesty’: Universal Revelation, Human Mission and Mythical Geography in the Syriac *Revelation of the Magi*.” Pages 83-103 in *The Levant: Crossroads of Late Antiquity*. Edited by Ellen B. Aitken and John M. Fossey. Leiden: Brill, 2014.

“The *Revelation of the Magi* in the *Chronicle of Zuqnin*.” *Apocrypha* 19 (2008): 182-201.

“The Unknown Apostle: A Pauline *Agraphon* in Clement of Alexandria’s *Stromateis*.” *Annali di storia dell’esegesi* 25 (2008): 119-129.

Reference Works

Entries on “Christian Apocrypha”; “Apocryphal Acts of Apostles”; “Christmas”; “Infancy Gospel of Thomas”; “Protevangelium of James”; “Magi”; “Abgar Legend” for *The Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Edited by Eric Orlin, Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, and Michael Satlow. Routledge Press. Forthcoming in 2015 or 2016.

Online Publications

Entries on “The Benedictus” and “The Magi.” *Bible Odyssey* (public outreach website for the Society of Biblical Literature), 2014.

<http://bibleodyssey.com/people/related-articles/benedictus.aspx>

<http://bibleodyssey.com/passages/related-articles/magi.aspx>

Reviews

Andrew B. McGowan and Kent Harold Richards, eds. *Method and Meaning: Essays on New Testament Interpretation in Honor of Harold W. Attridge* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75 (2013): 836-838.

Bart D. Ehrman and Zlatko Pleše, *Apocryphal Gospels: Texts and Translations* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75 (2013): 356-358.

Roland Boer, ed., *Secularism and Biblical Studies* (London: Equinox, 2010). *Review of Biblical Literature* 2011.10.22. Available online at http://bookreviews.org/pdf/7862_8586.pdf

Olav Hammer, ed., *Alternative Christs* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). *Review of Biblical Literature* 2010.12.27. Available online at http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7416_8087.pdf

Dissertation

“The Sages and the Star-Child: An Introduction to the *Revelation of the Magi*, An Ancient Christian Apocryphon,” June 2008. Available online at http://www.academia.edu/207910/The_Sages_and_the_Star-Child_An_Introduction_to_the_Revelation_of_the_Magi_An_Ancient_Christian_Apocryphon

Scholarly Reviews of *The Revelation of the Magi: The Lost Tale of the Wise Men’s Journey to Bethlehem* (Harper Collins, 2010)

Craig A. Evans, *Review of Biblical Literature* 2012.06.25. Available online at http://bookreviews.org/pdf/7944_8683.pdf

Annette Yoshiko Reed, *Sino-Platonic Papers* 208 (2011). Available online at http://sino-platonic.org/complete/spp208_book_reviews.pdf

Kristian S. Heal, *Hugoye* 14 (2011). Available online at <http://www.bethmardutho.org/index.php/hugoye/volume-index/485.html>

Paul Foster, *Expository Times* 122 (2011): 408. Available online at <http://ext.sagepub.com/content/122/8/408.1.citation>

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

University of Texas at Austin:

Syriac Christianity, Spring 2015

Debating the Bible in 21st Century America, Spring 2015; Spring 2014

Introduction to the Study of Religion, Spring 2015

Introduction to the New Testament, Fall 2014; Fall 2013

The Bible and Its Interpreters, Fall 2014

Jesus in History and Tradition, Spring 2014

Religion, the Supernatural, and the Paranormal, Spring 2014

Beyond the New Testament, Fall 2013

History of Christmas, Fall 2013

RECENT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“The Synopsis Problem: Inerrancy and the Ethics of Biblical Studies Pedagogy,” presented at “Religious Studies, the Liberal Arts, and the Public University” Conference at Texas State University, San Marcos, April 2015.

“The Coming of the Star-Child: The Reception of the *Revelation of the Magi* in New Age Religious Thought and Ufology,” presented at “Gnostic Countercultures” Conference at Rice University, March 2015.

“Blurred Lines: Apocryphal Additions to New Testament Manuscripts,” presented at the Christian Apocrypha Section of the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2014.

“The Star-Child and His Star-Food: Fragments of Visionary Experience in the Syriac *Revelation of the Magi*,” presented at the Workshop on Late Antiquity at UT Austin, October 2013, and the Second Century Seminar at Texas Christian University, November 2013.

“The ‘Harvard School’ of Christian Apocrypha Studies,” presented at the York Christian Apocrypha Symposium in Toronto, CA, September 2013.

“Polymorphy, Metamorphosis, or Something Else? The Plasticity of Christ in the Syriac *Revelation of the Magi* and the *Apocryphal Acts of John*,” presented at the Christian Apocrypha Section of the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2012.

“‘Jesus Never Existed’: An Intellectual History of the ‘Jesus-Myth’ Theory,” presented at the Historical Jesus Section of the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2011.

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Oklahoma nominee to the National Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowship competition, 2012

Finalist (one of three) for Huston Smith Publishing Prize, sponsored by HarperCollins, Fall 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature
L’Association pour l’étude de la littérature apocryphe chrétienne (AELAC)

SERVICE

I am co-chair of the Christian Apocrypha section of the Society of Biblical Literature. In consultation with my co-chair and the other members of the steering committee, I evaluate paper proposals, plan agendas for future meetings, and chair sessions.