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Education

Ph.D., Yale University, 1996 (Classics)
Ph.D., University of Zagreb, 1996 (Philosophy—Theology—Philology)
M. Phil., Yale University, 1990 (Classics)
M. A., University of Zagreb, 1989 (History)
B.A., University of Zagreb, 1985 (Classics and Philosophy)

Languages

Coptic (various dialects); *Ancient and Byzantine Greek*; *Latin* (Classical, Medieval, Early Modern); *Church Slavonic*, *French* (fluent), *Italian* (fluent), *Croatian* (native), other South Slavic languages (fluent), *German* (active knowledge), *Russian* (reading proficiency) *Spanish* (reading proficiency)

Professional Experience

Professor of Church History and Medieval Latin, University of Zagreb (2007-)
Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (July 2005-)
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (1999-2005)
Visiting Professor, Institute for Philosophy, Zagreb University (1998-9)
Lector, Department of Near Eastern Languages, Yale University (1997-8)
Visiting Professor, Department of Classics, Wesleyan University (Spring 1995)
Visiting Instructor, Department of Classics, Wesleyan University (Spring 1994)
Instructor, Department of Classics, Yale University (1992-5)
Teaching Fellow, Department of Classics, Yale University (1989-1992)
Curator, Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, National Library, Zagreb (1985-7)

Honors

Competitive Faculty Leave, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2014
Resident Fellow, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Univ. of Göttingen, January-August 2011
Competitive Faculty Leave, UNC-Chapel Hill, Fall 2007
Competitive Junior Faculty Leave, UNC-Chapel Hill, Fall 2003
Visiting Fellow, Department of Classics, Yale University (2000-2001)
Fellow, Institute of Christian Oriental Research, Catholic Univ. of America (1998-9)
Visiting Fellow, Department of Classics, Yale University (1996-8)
Whiting Dissertation Fellowship (1993-1994)
Richter Fellowship, Pierson College, Yale University (1989)
Yale University Fellowship (1987-1991)
Goethe Institut Fellowship, Freiburg (1985)
Zagreb Univ. M.A. Fellowship (1984-1986)

Bibliography

Books:

Sinuthii Archimandritae Logorum Liber VII, ed. and trans. with introduction and notes by Zlatko Pleše. Vol. 7 of *Sinuthii Archimandritae Logorum quae supersunt*. Leuven: Peeters, 2015 (*under contract, in preparation*)

The Other Gospels: Accounts of Jesus from Outside the New Testament, ed. and trans. Bart D. Ehrman and Zlatko Pleše. Oxford-New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

The Apocryphal Gospels, ed. trans. Bart D. Ehrman and Zlatko Pleše. Oxford-New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

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Edited Volumes

Alexandrian Personae: Scholarly Culture and Religious Traditions in Ancient Alexandria. Proceedings of the International Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, February 23-24, ed. by Z. Pleše and R. Hirsch-Luipoldt. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014 (*in preparation*)

On the Fringe of Commentary: Objectives and Strategies of Metatextuality in Ancient Near Eastern and Ancient Mediterranean Cultures, ed. by Sydney H. Aufrère, Philip A. Alexander, and Z. Pleše. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta*. Leuven-Paris: Peeters, 2014.

Book Chapters:

Gnostic Scriptures as Literature. In: *Festschrift Bentley Layton*, ed. D. Brakke, S. Davis, and S. Emmel. OLA. Leuven: Peeters, 2015 (*in preparation*)

Rhetoric and Exegesis in Shenoute's Treatise *There Is Another Foolishness*, ed. S. H. Aufrère, N. Bosson, A. Boud'hors, and E. Grossman. Leuven: Peeters, 2015 (*in preparation*)

La place de la Bible dans la littérature gnostique. In: *Dictionnaire encyclopédique de la Bible dans la littérature mondiale*. Paris: Editions du Cerf, 2014 (*in preparation*)

The Hermetist and His Intellectual Milieu. In: *Alexandrian Personae: Scholarly Culture and Religious Traditions in Ancient Alexandria*. Proceedings of the International Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, February 23-24, ed. by Zlatko Pleše and Rainer Hirsch-Luipoldt. Göttingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014 (*in preparation*)

- Le dualisme dans les Écrits hermétiques. In: *Le dualisme: une notion caractéristique de la pensée occidentale dès son origine ou un concept issu des polémiques religieuses et simplifications critiques?*, ed. Fabienne Jourdan. *Chōra: revue d'études anciennes et médiévales. Numéro spécial*. Paris: J. Vrin, 2014 (in preparation)
- Evil and Its Sources in Gnostic Traditions. In: *Die Wurzel allen Übels. Vorstellungen über die Herkunft des Übels und des Bösen in der Literatur des 1.-4. Jahrhunderts*, ed. by Fabienne Jourdan and Rainer Hirsch-Luipold. Mohr Siebeck 2014, pp. 93-125.
- Derveni-Alexandria-Qumran: Transpositional Hermeneutics in Jewish and Greek Culture (with Armin Lange). In: *On the Fringe of Commentary: Objectives and Strategies of Metatextuality in Ancient Near Eastern and Ancient Mediterranean Cultures*, ed. by Sydney H. Aufrère, Philip A. Alexander, and Zlatko Pleše. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta*. Leuven-Paris: Peeters, 2014, pp. 89-160.
- Text between Religious Cultures: Intertextuality in Hellenistic Judaism (with Armin Lange). In: *Between Text and Text: The Hermeneutics of Intertextuality in Ancient Cultures and Their Afterlife in Medieval and Modern Times*, ed. by Michaela Bauks, Wayne Horowitz, and Armin Lange. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013, pp. 328-350.
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- Plato and Parmenides in Agreement: Ammonius's Praise of God as One-Being in Plutarch's *The E at Delphi*. In: *Plato's Parmenides: History and Interpretation from Speusippus to Plotinus and Later Neoplatonism (4th C BCE-6th C CE)*, ed. by John M. Turner and Kevin Corrigan (Writings from the Greco-Roman World). Atlanta-Leiden: SBL Publications and Brill Academic Publishers, 2010, pp. 93-113.
- Gnostic 'Dualism'. In: Lange, A., E. Meyers, R. Styers, eds. *Light against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World*, Numen Series, Leiden: Brill, 2010, pp. 230-251.
- Gnostic Literature. In: *Religiöse Philosophie und philosophische Religion der früher Kaiserzeit. Literaturgeschichtliche Perspektiven*, ed. Michael von Albrecht, Herwig Görgemanns, and Rainer Hirsch-Luipold. *Ratio Religionis Studien* 1. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009, pp. 163-198.
- Deformity (*anapêria*): Plutarch's Views of Reproduction and Imperfect Generation in the *Moralia* and *Lives*. In: *Acts of the 7th International Plutarch Society Congress* (Rethymno, May 4-8, 2005), ed. A.Nikolaidis. Berlin-New York: W. de Gruyter, 2008, pp. 773-784.
- Platonist Orientalism. In: *Historical and Biographical Values of Plutarch's Works. Studies devoted to Professor Philip Stadter by the International Plutarch Society*, ed. Aurelio Pérez Jiménez and Frances Titchener, pp. Leuven-Madrid 2005, pp. 245-271.

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Refereed Articles:

Gnosis, Gnosticism, Greco-Roman Antiquity. *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin-New York: De Gruyter, 2014 (*in press*).

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Transpositional Hermeneutics: A Hermeneutical Comparison of the Derveni Papyrus, Aristobulus of Alexandria, and the Qumran Pesharim (with Armin Lange), *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 3 (2012) 14-66.

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Fate, Providence and Astrology in Gnosticism, *MHNH: Revista Internacional de Investigación sobre Magia y Astrología Antiguas* 7 (2007) 237-268

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Minucius Felix. *Latina & Graeca* 11 (1978) 97-100.

Marcus Aurelius. *Latina & Graeca* 9 (1977) 79-84.

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Refereed Unpublished Oral Presentations/Abstracts

Theology and Epistemology in Nag Hammadi Writings, International Colloquium “Seventy Year after Nag Hammadi: What Have We Learned?”, Université Laval, Québec City, May 29-31, 2015.

Polymorphic Christology in the *Acts of John* and the *Fourteenth Act of Philip*, Ratio Religionis DFG-Emmy Noether Forschergruppe: “Die frühchristlichen Apostelakten im Gespräch,” Leuenberg-Bern, September 4-6, 2014.

Dualism in the Hermetic Writings, Keynote Lecture, *Courant Forschungszentrum ‘Bildung und Religion’ Sommer-Werkstatt: Das Corpus Hermeticum im Gespräch*, Hildesheim, August 29, 2013.

Le Corpus Hermeticum, Keynote Lecture, Colloque “Le dualisme: Une notion caractéristique de la pensée occidentale,” Centre Lenain de Tillemont/Centre Leon Robin, Paris IV Sorbonne, June 7, 2013.

Rhetoric and Exegesis in Shenoute’s Treatise *There Is Another Foolishness*, Tenth International Congress of Coptic Studies, Rome, September 21, 2012.

Edition and Translation of Shenoute’s *Discourses Seven*, International Colloquium ‘Critical Edition of the Works of Shenoute,’ University of Richmond, June 11-15, 2012

Intertextuality and Conceptual Blending in the *Apocryphon of John*. Seminario Internazionale *L’Apocrifo di Giovanni e la primitiva tradizione gnostica: il testo e il contesto/The Apocryphon of John and the Earliest Gnostic Tradition: the Text and Its Context*, October 3, 2011

The Concept of Transpositional Hermeneutics (with Armin Lange), *International Colloquium ‘Its Meanings Is ...’*, University of Vienna, May 8-9, 2011

Philo of Alexandria and Gnosticism, *Ratio Religionis Research Lecture Series*, University of Göttingen, May 4, 2011

The Problem of Evil in Gnosticism, *Where Does Evil Come from? Answers to a Challenging Philosophical and Religious Question in the First Centuries A. D.* University of Göttingen, January 27-29, 2011

Philosophia-Sophia-Gnosis: Form and Content of Gnostic and Hermetic Instruction (plenary lecture), *Ratio Religionis Sommer-Werkstatt: Die Mittelplatoniker im Gespräch*, Göttingen, August 24-26, 2010

Diplomatic vs. critical edition of Shenoute’s *Discourses 7*. *International Colloquium ‘Critical Edition of the Works of Shenoute*, Richmond, VA, June 7-11, 2010.

Rhetoric and Exegesis in Alexandrian Scholarship. International Conference “Hermeneutics in the Ancient World,” University of Vienna, Institut für Judaistik and Institut für Orientalistik, Vienna, October 31-November 1, 2009.

- Text between Religious Cultures: Intertextuality in Hellenistic Judaism (with Armin Lange). International Symposium on Intertextuality in Ancient Near Eastern, Ancient Mediterranean and Early Medieval Literatures. Koblenz, September 21-24, 2009.
- Shenoute, *Discourse 4.6: Narratological vs. Rhetorical Analysis*. *International Colloquium 'Critical Edition of the Works of Shenoute,'* Richmond, VA, June 1-5, 2009.
- Derveni-Alexandria-Qumran: Omen-Interpretation, Philology, and Commentary in Greek Culture. International Symposium *Palimpsestes Deux: La littérature du Commentaire dans les cultures du Proche-Orient ancien et de la Méditerranée ancienne et médiévale*. Aix-en-Provence, 25-27 September 2008.
- The Bible, Commentaries, and Scholia. A response to Gilles Dorival. International Symposium *Palimpsestes Deux: La littérature du commentaire dans les cultures du Proche-Orient ancien et de la Méditerranée ancienne et médiévale*. Aix-en-Provence, 25-27 September 2008.
- Shenoute's Paratextuality. A response to Sydney Aufrere and Nathalie Bosson. International Symposium *Palimpsestes Deux: La littérature du commentaire dans les cultures du Proche-Orient ancien et de la Méditerranée ancienne et médiévale*. Aix-en-Provence, 25-27 September 2008.
- Shenoute's Discourses IV, V, and VII—*Rhetoric and Argumentation*. *International Colloquium 'Critical Edition of the Works of Shenoute,'* Münster University, June 1-6, 2008.
- The Hermetist and His Intellectual Milieu. *International Conference 'Alexandrian Personae: Scholarly Culture and Religious Traditions in Ancient Alexandria (1st ct. BCE—4th ct. CE).'* UNC-Chapel Hill, February 23-24, 2008.
- Derveni-Alexandria-Qumran: Omen Interpretation, Philology, and Commentary in Jewish and Greek Culture (with Armin Lange). *The Dead Sea Scrolls in Context: Integrating the Dead Sea Scrolls in the Study of Ancient Texts, Languages, and Cultures*. International Conference, Vienna, February 11-14, 2008.
- Shenoute's *Discourses Seven* (Progress Report). International Colloquium 'Critical Edition of the Works of Shenoute'. Yale University, New Haven, CT, July 16-20, 2007.
- Oriental Wisdom: Gnostic and Hermetic Texts. *Ratio Religionis: Impulstagung*, International Conference, Goettingen, February 15, 2007
- Ammonius's Praise of the One (Plutarch, *On the Delphic E*): Alexandrian Neopythagoreanism or Academic Scepticism? SBL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 18, 2006
- Rhetorical Argumentation and Structure of Shenoute's *Discourses 7*. Reunión Científica 'Edición crítica y estudio de la obra de Shenute de Atripe, Barcelona 12-16 June 2006.
- Deformity (*anapêria*): Plutarch's Views of Reproduction and Imperfect Generation in the *Moralia* and *Lives*. 7th International Plutarch Society Congress, University of Crete, Rethymno, May 4-8, 2005.

Plato, Cicero and Plutarch on Prophetic Inspiration. International Conference *I Am No Prophet: The Function of Prophecy in Holy Books and Beyond*. Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill, October 16, 2004

Plutarch on Art—Metamorphoses of the Craft Metaphor. APA Panel *Plutarch and Aesthetics*, American Philological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 2004.

How Dualistic is Gnosticism? International Conference *Light against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World*, Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill, June 3, 2003.

Human Sacrifice and Ancient Theories of Culture. Workshop on Human Sacrifice, UNC-Chapel Hill, October 6, 2002.

Modes of Procession in Gnosticism. 7th International Congress of Coptic Studies, Leiden University, September 1, 2000.

Plutarch and Alien Wisdom. International Conference *Sage and Emperor: Plutarch and Trajan*. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, June 24, 2000.

Lamprias' Homage to Plato in Plutarch's *De defectu oraculorum*. 5th International Conference of the International Plutarch Society, *Plutarch, Plato, and Aristotle*. Madrid-Cuenca, May 5, 1999.

Conferences Organized

Transpositional Hermeneutics in Antiquity. International Symposium organized by Zlatko Pleše (Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen). Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen, April 12, 2011.

Alexandrian Personae: Scholarly Culture and Religious Traditions in Ancient Alexandria (1st ct. BCE – 4th ct. CE). International Conference organized by Zlatko Pleše (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Rainer Hirsch-Luipold (University of Göttingen). University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 23-24, 2008.

Courses and Seminars Taught

Varieties of Early Christianity; Gnosticism; Pagans, Jews and Christians in Roman Egypt; Early Christianity and Classical Culture; Myth, Philosophy and Science in the Ancient World; Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World; New Testament Greek; Sahidic Coptic; Coptic Monastic Texts; Gnostic Scriptures in Coptic; Greco-Roman Religions; Ancient Philosophy and Early Christianity; Ancient Rhetoric and Early Christianity; Ancient Hermeneutics; The Problem of Evil in Ancient Philosophy and Early Christianity, Justin Martyr and Early Christian Doctrines of Resurrection

Advising

Undergraduate Senior Honors Theses Directed

Ritual Elements in the Gospel of Thomas. By James Heilpern, Senior Honors Thesis, April 2012.

Testing the Stoic Hypothesis: Sin and the Divide Self in Pauline Ethics. By Bryan Weynand, Senior Honors Thesis, April 2010.

Genesis Chapter 6:1-4: A Look at the Fruits of Obscurity. By Jamaal Edwards, Senior Honors Thesis (Highest Honors), May 2004.

The David-Goliath Pericope (1 Sam 17:1-18:5) 'als literarische Groesse und Einheit'. By Aaron Sayne. Senior Honors Thesis (Highest Honors), May 2001.

Undergraduate Senior Honors Theses Read

Thesis Reader for Mark Letteney, *Luke-Acts Among the Pagans*, Spring 2012

Thesis Reader for Scott Possiel, *Challenges of Modernity for Cistercian Monasticism*, Spring 2012

Thesis Reader for Karen Connor, *The Adversus Iudaeos Tradition in Luke-Acts*, Spring 2008

Thesis Reader for Matthew Wilhite, *Light in Manichaeism and Buddhism*, Spring 2002

Thesis Reader for Philip Habberkern, *The Book of Psalms and Justin Martyr*. Spring 2000

Undergraduate Papers Awarded

Whence Evil: An Analysis of the Gnostic Theodicy. By Nina Poe. Daniel H. Moore Award.

Recent Master Theses Advised

Thesis Reader for Brian A. Coussens, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2014

Thesis Reader for Travis Proctor, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2013

Thesis Reader for Jared Anderson, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2008.

Thesis Reader for Steve Werlin, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2007.

Thesis Reader for Jacob Shields, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2006

Thesis Reader for Jason File, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Fall 2006

Thesis Reader for Pamela Mullins, *Alternative Martyrdom in Clement of Alexandria*, Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2002

Thesis Reader for Joanne Seiff, *Interpretation of Purity Law in the Baraita de Masechet Nidda*, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2001

Thesis Reader for Kristie Irish, *The Court History and the Yahwistic Genesis Texts: Interpreting Their Relationship in Term of a Model of Literary Imitation*, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2000

Recent Doctoral Dissertations Read/Advised

Dissertation Reader for Pamela Reaves, *Gnosis, Witness, and Early Christian Identities: The "True Martyr" in Clement of Alexandria and Gnostic Traditions*, Spring 2013, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Maria Doerfler, *Law and Order: Monastic Formation, Episcopal Authority, and Conceptions of Justice in Late Antiquity*, Spring 2013, Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Susanne Gomoluch, *Redeeming the Imagination: The Case Study, Literature, and Medical Discourse Around 1800*, Summer 2012, Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Kathy Barrett Dawson, *Reading Galatians as Rhetorical Parody*, Spring 2012, Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Carrie Elaine Duncan, *The Rhetoric of Participation: Gender and Representation in Ancient Synagogues*, Spring 2012, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Christine Luckritz Marquis, *Haunted Paradise: Remembering and Forgetting Among Ascetics of the Egyptian Desert*, Spring 2012, Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Steven H. Werlin, *The Late Ancient Synagogues of Southern Palestine*, Spring 2012, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Kyle Smyth, *Religion, Rhetoric, and Identity: The Idea of Rome and Persia*, Spring 2011, Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Catherine Burris, *Translation, Collection, and Reception: The Reception of the Acts of Thecla in Syriac Christianity*, Fall 2010, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for David Moffitt, *A New and Living Way: Atonement and the Logic of Resurrection in the Epistle "To the Hebrews"*, Spring 2010, Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Ariel Bybee, Spring 2010, Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Kristi Upson-Saia, *Making an Appearance: Sexual renunciation and gender revision in the attire of early Christian female ascetics*. Spring 2006. Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Leroy Huizenga, *Of Eco and Echoes: Sacrifice and Servanthood in the Gospel of Matthew*, Spring 2006. Department of Religion, Duke University

Dissertation Reader for Christopher Roberts, *Towards a Genealogy of Sacrificial Rhetoric in Post-Reformation Germany* Spring 2005, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Carl Cosaert, *The New Testament Text of Clement of Alexandria*. Spring 2005, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Diane Wudel, Spring 2005, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dissertation Reader for Stephanie Cobb, *Dying to Be Men: The Construction of Martyr in Early Christian Literature*. Fall 2003, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Dissertation Reader for Frank Judd, *The Making of a Saint: Pontius Pilate in Early Christian Literature*, Fall 2003, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Dissertation Reader for Judy Yates Siker, *Polemical Language and the Social World of Matthew*, Fall 2000, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Supervision of Doctoral Students

Member of the Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Emanuel Fiano, *Three Powers in Heaven: The Trinitarian Debates in Fourth-Century Syria and the Christian-Jewish Continuum*, 2014–, Department of Religion, Duke University

Member of the Ph. D. Dissertation Committee for Shaily Patel, *Peter the Magician: Strategies of Magical Discourse in Early Petrine Traditions*, 2014 –, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Member of the Ph. D. Dissertation Committee for Travis Proctor, *Demonic Bodies in Early Christianity*, 2014 –, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

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Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Lori Baron. *Ancient Rhetoric and Early Christianity*. Fall 2006. Department of New Testament Studies, Duke University

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Hans Arneson. *Ancient Philosophy and Rhetoric*. Fall 2006. Department of New Testament Studies, Duke University

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for David Moffit. *Ancient Rhetoric and Philosophy*. Fall 2005. Dept. of New Testament Studies, Duke University

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Kim Sung. *Ancient Rhetoric and Hellenistic Religion*. Fall 2005. Dept. of New Testament Studies, Duke University

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Rabia Gregory. *Early Christianity and Late Antiquity*. Spring 2005. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Member of the Dissertation Committee for Eric Scherbernske, *Canonizing Paul*, Spring 2005-Spring 2009, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Pamela Mullins. *Graeco-Roman Religion and Greek Language*. Fall 2004. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee and Dissertation Reader for Catherine Burris. *Greco-Roman Religion and Greek Language*. Fall 2004. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

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Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Eric Scherbenske. *Greco-Roman Religion, Greek and Coptic languages, Ancient Rhetoric and Hermeneutics*, Fall 2004. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Kristi Upson-Saia, *Ancient Philosophy*, Spring 2004. Dept. of Religion, Duke University.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Leroy Huizenga. *Ancient Rhetoric and Exegesis*. Spring 2004. Dept. of New Testament Studies, Duke University.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Carl Cosaert. *Greco-Roman Religion, Dissertation Area, Greek Language*, Fall 2003. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Dissertation Proposal Committee and Dissertation Reader for Jeremy Schott. *Pagan Polemics, Christian Apologetics, and 'Barbarian Wisdom' in the Making of Christian Imperialism*. Spring 2003-Spring 2007. Dept. of Religion, Duke University.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Jeremy Schott. *Greco-Roman Religion and Philosophy*. Fall 2002. Dept. of Religion, Duke University.

Member of the Dissertation Proposal Committee and Dissertation Reader for Diane Wudel, *The Seduction of Self-Control: Desire and Restraint in the Conversion Tales of Thecla, Hermas, and Aseneth*, Spring 2002-, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Susan Eastman, *Hellenistic Religions, Philosophy, and Rhetoric*, Spring 2001, Dept. of New Testament Studies, Duke University.

Training and supervision of graduate Teaching Assistants in the introductory course *Introduction to New Testament Literature*, Spring 2000, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Diane Wudell, *Greek Language, Greco-Roman Religions, Dissertation Area, Ancient Rhetoric*, Fall 2000. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Evaluator of the M.A. Field Exam for Pamela Louise Mullins, *New Testament Literature, Greco-Roman Religions, and Early Christianity*, Fall 2000. Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Timothy Scott McGinnis, *Christian Antiquity*, Fall 1999, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Member of the Ph.D. Examination Committee for Stephanie Cobb, *Greek Language and Greco-Roman Religions*, Fall 1999, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Grants

McLester Faculty Development Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill (Fall 2013)

Lichtenberg-Kolleg Fellow Grant, University of Goettingen (October 2010-August 2011)

McLester Faculty Development Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2009)

Tenured Professor Research Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2008)

McLester Faculty Development Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2008)

Center for Global Initiative Small Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2008)

Center for European Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2008)

Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2008)

McLester Faculty Development Fund, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2006)

Junior Faculty Development Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill (December 2002)

Faculty Travel Grant, UNC-Chapel Hill (September 2000)
 ‘Croatian Studies’ Grant, University of Zagreb (1998–1999)
 Research Grant, Ministry of Education, University of Zagreb (1993)
 Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities (1992-1993)
 Julian Biddle Travel Fellowship, Yale University (1991)
 Mellon Western European Project Grants, Yale University (1990)

Professional Service

Service to Discipline

- Member of the Project LABEX RESMED, Centre Lenain de Tillemont/Centre Léon Robin, Paris IV Sorbonne (2012-2014)
 Referee, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2001-2005, 2014-)
- Referee, *Church History* (2013-)
- Reviewer and Referee, *Journal of Ancient Judaism* (2010-)
- Editorial board, *Journal of Sufism*, University of Istanbul (2009-2011)
- Referee, *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum* (2008—)
- Conference panel organizer, International Symposium on Commentary Literature in the Ancient Near Eastern and Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean Cultures, Aix-en-Provence, September 25-27, 2008
- Referee, *Globus Publishing House*, Zagreb (2008)
- Conference organizer (in collaboration with the University of Göttingen): International Conference *Alexandrian Personae. Scholarly Culture and Religious Traditions in Ancient Alexandria*. UNC-Chapel Hill, February 23-34, 2008.
- Field Chair, Society for Jewish and Biblical Studies in Central Europe (2007-)
- Editorial Committee, *Collected Works of Shenoute of Atripe* (2005—)
- Referee, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, Duke University (2002-2004)
- Member, SBL Conference Panel “Rethinking Plato’s *Parmenides*” (2002-2007)
- Referee, Harvard University Press (2002)
- Executive Committee, Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke University (2001—)
- Editorial Board, *Prolegomena*, Journal of Philosophy, Zagreb (2001—2009)
- Book Reviewer, *Journal of Ancient Judaism* (2010—)

Service within UNC-Chapel Hill

- Director of the Christianity and Culture Minor, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Fall 2008—Spring 2012)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2008—Spring 2010)
- Faculty, Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (2002—)
- Joint Faculty, Department of Classics, UNC-Chapel Hill (1999—)

- ‘Modern Jewish Thought’ Search Committee, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2006)
- Divisional Course Committee in Humanities (Spring 2004)
- Department of Religious Studies Equal Opportunity Officer (Spring 2004, Fall 2003)
- Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Fall 2004, Fall 1999 to Spring 2001)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Spring 2002 to Fall 2003)
- The ‘New Testament’ Search Committee, Dept. of Religion, Duke Univ. (Spring-Fall 2003)
- The ‘Hebrew Bible’ Search Committee, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill (Fall 2001)

Service to Broader Community

Poetics of the Gnostic Myth, The 2014 Apostolic Johannite Church Conclave, Chicago, May 23, 2014.

Ancient Commentary. Graduate Proseminar Guest Lecture, Department of Classics, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 2013.

The Derveni Papyrus and Second Temple Jewish Bible Commentary: a Comparison (with Armin Lange), Center for Biblical Studies, The Ehrhardt Seminar, Department of Religion, University of Manchester, March 17, 2011.

Themes from Greek tragedy in Woody Allen’s movies, Public Lecture, Woody Allen Student Film Society, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, November 2006

Ancient Orientalism. Public Lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies, November 17, 2004

Imperial Platonism and Alien Wisdom. Public Lecture, Cornell University, Department of Classics, April 16, 2004

Numenius the Orientalist. Greco-Roman Lunch Lecture Series, Yale University, November 18, 2001.

Poetics of the Gnostic Myth. Early Christian Studies Luncheon, Catholic University of America, Institute of Christian Oriental Research, Washington, DC, January 1999.

Middle Platonism. Public lecture, Institute for Philosophy and Hermeneutics, University of Zagreb, November 19, 1998.

Origins of Hellenistic Mystery Cults: The Case of Isis. Public lecture. Department of Classical Studies, Wesleyan University., December 1, 1994.

Current Professional Memberships:

American Philological Association (1990—)

Society of Biblical Literature (1999—)

International Association for Coptic Studies (1991—)

International Plutarch Society (1996—)

International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (2006—)