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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Department of Religious Studies

Assistant Professor, 2018–

Carolina Postdoctoral Fellow for Faculty Diversity, 2016–18.

Department of Classics

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2019–

Yale University

Yale Divinity School

Lecturer, 2014–16.

Yale Institute of Sacred Music

ISM Fellow in Sacred Music, Worship, and the Related Arts, 2014–16.

EDUCATION

University of Georgia

Ph.D., Linguistics (Historical), 2013

M.A., Religion, 2009

Southern Adventist University

B.A., English, 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Christianity, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2016–17 (declined).

Fellowship, Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2016–18.

ISM Fellowship in Sacred Music, Worship, and the Related Arts, Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, 2014–16.

Travel Grant, Society of Oriental Liturgy, 2014.

Lilly Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities and the Arts, 2014–16 (declined).

Scholarship, North American Academy of Liturgy, 2013.

Outstanding Teaching Award in Religion, University of Georgia, 2009.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books

Inventing Stephen: The Cult of the Protomartyr in Late Ancient Jerusalem (~80,000 words; manuscript complete and under review with Oxford University Press).

Refereed Articles

“Revising the Date of the Armenian Lectionary of Jerusalem.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, forthcoming (13,733 words; accepted for vol. 29, Summer 2021).

“Did the Johannine Community Exist?” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 42 (2020): 350–374.

“Mixed Metaphors: Resolving the ‘Eschatological Headache’ of John 5.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 137 (2018): 711–732.

“He Spoke... Forever’: A Hebrew Idiom in Luke 1:55.” *Biblica* 98 (2017): 257–269.

“Stephen the Martyr (Acts vi-viii) in the Early Jerusalem Lectionary System.” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 68 (2017): 22–39.

“Semitic Poetic Techniques in the Magnificat: Luke 1:46–47, 55.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 135 (2016): 557–574.

“‘Night’ and ‘Day’ in John 9.4–5: A Reassessment.” *New Testament Studies* 61 (2015): 468–481.

“The Origin of the Post-Nativity Commemorations.” *Vigiliae Christianae* 68 (2014): 290–309.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“What Does Lazarus Have to Do with the Epiphany? Unraveling a Mystery in the Early Jerusalem Lectionary,” *Studia Patristica*, forthcoming.

“The Ritual Year of Fourth- and Fifth-Century Constantinople: Insights from the Gothic Calendar.” In *Studies in Oriental Liturgy: Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, New York, 10-15 June 2014*, edited by Bert Groen, et al, *Eastern Christian Studies* 28. Leuven: Peeters, 2019, 167–178.

Recent Unpublished Conference Presentations

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

"The Beginning of the Liturgical Year: Genealogies of an Idea," Eighth International SOL Congress, Thessaloniki, Greece, *postponed due to COVID-19*.

"Armenian Monks and the Making of the Čašoć," 2020 NAPS Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, *cancelled due to COVID-19*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Invited External Presentations

Invited Talk. “The Community of the Invented Disciple: Rethinking Johannine Origins,” Duke New Testament and Jewish Studies Colloquium, Duke University, 27 February 2019.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

<i>Graduate:</i>	Metacriticism of New Testament Studies
<i>Undergraduate/Split:</i>	The Cult of Saints: Narratives, Materialities, Practices The Gospel of John and its Earliest Readers Christian Cultures: Eastern and Orthodox Christianities Jesus in Myth, Tradition, and History Introduction to the New Testament Birth of Christianity
<i>Independent Studies:</i>	Classical Syriac

Yale Divinity School

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

<i>Undergraduate:</i>	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam The Study of Language
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Theses Supervised and/or Read

Ph.D. Dissertations

Reader, Luke Drake, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Reader, Christopher Picorillo, UNC-Chapel Hill, anticipated 2020.

Advisor, Brodie Heginbotham, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
Catholic Biblical Association of America (CBA)
North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL)
North American Patristics Society (NAPS)
Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL)

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Teaching and/or Research Languages

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

Modern Languages

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Elizabeth A. Clark Center for Late Antique Studies, Duke University
Board member, 2019–

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

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