

Curriculum Vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

Leibniz Research Project “Polyphony of Late Antique Christianity”
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016– Post-Doctoral Researcher in Late Antique Christianity in the Near East
Leibniz Research Project “Polyphony of Late Antique Christianity”
Historisches Seminar, Abteilung für Alte Geschichte
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt
2014– Adjunct Instructor in Church History
Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014– Adjunct Instructor in Church History, Wartburg Theological Seminary,
Dubuque, Iowa (Designed One Online Course)
2014 Co-Instructor, Department of Continuing Education, Princeton
Theological Seminary (One Course)
2012–2015 Program Coordinator and Teaching Fellow, Department of Continuing
Education, Princeton Theological Seminary (Sixteen Courses)
2009–2014 Teaching Assistant and Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological
Seminary (Five Courses)

EDUCATION

2015–2016 Visiting Fulbright Student, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
2011–2016 Doctor of Philosophy, History of Christianity, Princeton Theological
Seminary (degree to be granted on 21 May 2016)
Dissertation Title: “Preaching and Religious Debate: Jacob of Serugh and
the Promotion of His Christology in the Roman Near East”
2008–2011 Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary
2003–2007 Bachelor of Arts, Valparaiso University
Majors: Classics, Theology; Minors: Hebrew, Humanities
Christ College Scholar (Interdisciplinary Honors College)

PUBLICATIONS

Translation Volumes

- Forthcoming *1–4 Maccabees According to the Syriac Peshitta Version with English Translation*. 3 Vols. The Antioch Bible. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press (under contract).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2014 “Narrating History through the Bible in Late Antiquity: A Reading Community for the Syriac Peshitta Old Testament Manuscript in Milan (Ambrosian Library, B. 21 inf.).” *Le Muséon* 127, no. 1–2 (2014): 41–76.

Book Reviews

- 2016 Amir Harrak, trans., *Jacob of Sarug’s Homily on the Partaking of the Holy Mysteries*; Scott F. Johnson, trans., *Jacob of Sarug’s Homily on the Sinful Woman*; Edward G. Mathews, trans., *Jacob of Sarug’s Homily on the Creation of Adam and the Resurrection of the Dead*; Adam C. McCollum, trans., *Jacob of Sarug’s Homilies on Jesus’ Temptation*, Texts from Christian Late Antiquity 19, 33, 37–38, The Metrical Homilies of Mar Jacob of Sarug 17, 31–33 (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2013–2014). *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 19, no. 1 (2016): 267–271.
- 2013 Susanna Elm, *Sons of Hellenism, Fathers of the Church: Emperor Julian, Gregory of Nazianzus, and the Vision of Rome*, Transformation of the Classical Heritage 49 (Berkeley: University of California, 2012). *Religious Studies Review* 39, no. 2 (2013): 116.
- 2013 Stephen J. Shoemaker, trans., *The Life of the Virgin: Maximus the Confessor* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012). *Religious Studies Review* 39, no. 2 (2013): 117.
- 2012 Khaled Anatolios, *Retrieving Nicaea: The Development and Meaning of Trinitarian Doctrine* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011). *Word & World* 32, no. 4 (2012): 420–422.
- 2012 John Behr, *The Case Against Diodore and Theodore*, Oxford Early Christian Texts (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 2 (2012): 100–101.
- 2012 Douglas B. Farrow, *Ascension Theology* (New York: T&T Clark, 2011). *Currents in Theology and Mission* 39, no. 6 (2012): 466.
- 2012 Michael N. Jagessar and Stephen Burns, eds., *Christian Worship: Postcolonial Perspectives*, Cross Cultural Theologies (London: Equinox, 2011). *The Bible and Critical Theory* 8, no. 2 (2012): 93–94.

- 2012 Pope Benedict XVI, *Great Christian Thinkers: From the Early Church through the Middle Ages* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011). *Currents in Theology and Mission* 39, no. 6 (2012): 470–471.
- 2012 Adam M. Schor, *Theodoret's People: Social Networks and Religious Conflict in Late Roman Syria*, *Transformation of the Classical Heritage* 48 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011). *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 2 (2012): 101.
- 2012 Peter J. Leithart, *Athanasius, Foundations of Theological Exegesis and Christian Spirituality* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011). *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 1 (2012): 25.
- 2011 Gregory A. Barker and Stephen E. Gregg, eds., *Jesus Beyond Christianity: The Classic Texts* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). *Theological Book Review* 23, no. 1 (2011): 111.
- 2011 Silke-Petra Bergjan and Karla Pollman, eds., *Patristic Tradition and Intellectual Paradigms in the 17th Century* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010). *Theological Book Review* 23, no. 1 (2011): 99–100.
- 2011 Terrence G. Kardong, *The Life of St. Benedict by Gregory the Great: Translation and Commentary* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009). *Religious Studies Review* 37, no. 1 (2011): 67.
- 2011 Gail P. C. Streete, *Redeemed Bodies: Women Martyrs in Early Christianity* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009). *The Bible and Critical Theory* 7, no. 2 (2011): 139–140.
- 2010 Laura Nasrallah and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, eds., *Prejudice and Christian Beginnings: Investigating Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Early Christian Studies* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009). *Theological Book Review* 22, no. 2 (2010): 101–102.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 2015 “Ecclesiastical Leadership in the Roman Near East: The *Letters* of Jacob of Serugh in their Context.” Workshop on Jacob of Serugh, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University (31 January 2015).

Conference Presentations

- 2015 “Homilies in Circulation: Producers and Readers of Syriac Homily Collections in Late Antiquity.” The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia (22 November 2015).
- 2015 “Asceticism and Christology: Paired Themes in the Letters of Jacob of Serugh.” Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America (22 June 2015).

- 2015 “From Letters to Homilies: Christological Polemics in the *Homily on the Faith*.” Late Antique, Medieval, and Byzantine Workshop, Department of History, Princeton University (13 May 2015).
- 2014 “Transmission as Interpretation: A Case Study on Jacob of Sarug’s *Homily on the Blasphemer*.” The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, California (23 November 2014).
- 2014 “Syriac Homilies at the Turn of the Sixth Century: A New Approach at Contextualization.” Patristic Homilies and their Reception History, Pappas Patristic Institute, Brookline, Massachusetts (10 October 2014).
- 2014 “Cataloguing the Manuscripts of Princeton Theological Seminary.” Hugoye Symposium III: Colophons in the Syriac Tradition, Rutgers University (16 May 2014).
- 2014 “Miracles and Sufferings: A Case Study on the Legacy of Chalcedon in the Homilies of Jacob of Sarug.” The Fifth Dorushe Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Duke University (28 March 2014).
- 2014 “Miracles and Sufferings: The *Henoticon* and the Person of Christ in Jacob of Sarug’s Letters and Homilies.” History Department Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary (11 February 2014).
- 2013 “Narrating History through the Bible: A Reading Community for the Codex Ambrosianus (7a1).” The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, Maryland (23 November 2013).
- 2013 Response to J. Edward Walters, “Show Me, O Sage: Aphrahat’s Rhetorical Use of a Jewish Interlocutor.” History Department Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary (5 November 2013).
- 2013 “Homilies and the Mystery of God: A Case Study on Jacob of Sarug’s *Homily on the Hexaemeron*.” 38th Annual International Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University (18 October 2013).
- 2013 “The Identities of a Saint: An Initial Inquiry into the Manuscript Tradition of Jacob of Sarug.” Identity and Authenticity: Creating, Preserving & Transmitting Identities Across Time & Place, A Symposium of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence, Princeton University (23 March 2013).
- 2012 “Ousting Emperors from their Throne: Ephrem’s Hymns against Julian.” The 2012 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (25 May 2012).
- 2012 “The Bishop as a Place of Divine Action in Ephrem’s *Carmina Nisibena*.” The Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Fr. Florovsky, Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary (10 February 2012).

Panels Organized

- 2015 “Jacob of Serugh on Asceticism.” Co-Organized with Dina Boero. The Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America (22 June 2015).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015	Reviewer, <i>Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies</i> (One Article)
2014–	Student Representative, North American Syriac Symposium
2014–	Area Editor, <i>Syriaca.org: The Syriac Gazetteer</i>
2013–2015	Professional Development Coordinator, Princeton Theological Seminary
2012–2015	Sexual Harassment Panel Member, Princeton Theological Seminary
2012–2014	Fellow Representative, Board of Trustees, The Roothbert Fund
2012–2013	Co-Moderator, History and Ecumenics Department Colloquium
2011–2012	Member of the Library Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016	Vatican Film Library Mellon Fellowship, Saint Louis University
2015–2016	Fulbright Graduate Fellowship, U.S. Department of State
2015–2016	Dissertation Award, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
2015	Second Prize, Gorgias Book Grant, Gorgias Press
2014–2015	Visiting Fellowship, Houghton Library, Harvard University
2012	First Prize, Ministerial Student Writing Contest, Ministry Magazine
2011–2016	Roothbert Fellowship, The Roothbert Fund
2011–2015	Grant for Theological Studies, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
2011–2015	Trustees' Merit Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2015	Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2015	Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2014	Lilly Graduate Fellow, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts
2011	Abdel Ross Wentz Prize in American Lutheran History
2007	Phi Beta Kappa

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Church History
Association of Teaching Theologians
The North American Patristics Society
Society of Biblical Literature