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EMPLOYMENT

- 2016- **Assistant Professor of Eastern Christianity**
Department of Religious Studies
Yale University
- 2013-16 **Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity**
Divinity School
Duke University
- Associate Member of the Graduate Program in Religion**
Duke University
- Associate Member of the Center for Jewish Studies**
Duke University
- 2015-16 **Director of the Center for Late Ancient Studies**
Duke University/University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2014-16 **Adjunct Assistant Professor**
Department of Religious Studies
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

EDUCATION

- 2013 **Ph.D., Duke University (Durham, NC)**
Late Ancient Christianity

Dissertation: "Law and Order: Constructions of Justice in Late Ancient Episcopal Formation."
Director: Elizabeth A. Clark
Minor Concentrations: New Testament; Late Ancient Liturgy.
- 2003-2006 **M.A., Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA)**
Biblical Studies and Theology
- 1999-2002 **J.D., School of Law, University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)**
- 1995-1999 **B.A. cum laude, Princeton University (Princeton, NJ)**
Political Science

Fellowships and Awards

- 2014-15 Institute for the Study of the Late Ancient World (ISAW) Visiting Research Fellowship

- 2013 Dumbarton Oaks 2013 Summer Fellowship in Byzantine Studies (June 1 – July 31, 2013)
- 2013 Eusebius Prize, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (for “Entertaining the Trinity Unawares: Genesis 18 and the Trinitarian Imagination in Late Antiquity”)
- 2012-13 Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship
- 2012 Best First Article Prize, North American Patristic Society (for “The Infant, the Monk and the Martyr: The Death of Children in Eastern Patristic Thought.”)
- 2012 Best Graduate Student Paper, North American Patristic Society Meeting (for “A Gaul in the Desert: Egyptian Texts and Readers in the Late Ancient Ascetic Imagination.”)
- 2011 Gurney Harriss Kearns Summer Research Fellow, Duke University
- 2010-11 Interdisciplinary Dissertation Working Group Award, John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University
- 2010 Alice Blackmore Hicks Summer Research Fellow, Duke University
- 2009-12 Conference Travel Fellowships, Duke University
- 2007-11 James P. Duke Fellow, Duke University
- 2007-12 Graduate Program in Religion Doctoral Fellowship, Duke University
- 2006 David Allan Hubbard Achievement Award, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2004-05 Burr/Roth Merit Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary

Publications

Books

Law and Order: Judicial Discourse in Early Christian Formation. Currently in revision for University of Pennsylvania Press.

Syriac Encounters: Papers from the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University, 26-29 June 2011. Co-edited with Kyle Smith and Emanuel Fiano. Louven, Paris and Walpole, MA: Peeters, 2014. In press.

The Early Church and State. In *Ad Fontes*. Editor. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2016.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Spelling the Boundaries of Orthodoxy: Simon Magus in the *Didascalia Apostolorum* and its literary interlocutors.” *Zeitschrift für Antike und Christentum*. Forthcoming.

“The Death of Strangers in the City of God: Antioch's Pandektai and Ancient Christian Community” *Harvard Theological Review*. Accepted, pending revision.

“Entertaining the Trinity Unawares: Genesis 18 and the Trinitarian Imagination in Late Antiquity.” *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (accepted for publication; forthcoming)

- Recipient of the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*'s 2013 Eusebius Prize.

“‘Hair!’ Remnants of Ascetic Exegesis in Augustine of Hippo’s *De Opere Monachorum*.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies JECS* 22.1 (Spring 2014).

“Ambrose’s Jews: The Rhetorical Construction of Jews and Heretics in Ambrose of Milan’s *Expositio evangelii secundum Lucam*.” *Church History* 80.4 (December 2011), 749-72.

“The Infant, the Monk and the Martyr: The Death of Children in Eastern Patristic Thought.” *Le Muséon* 124 (3-4), December 2011.

- Recipient of the 2012 North American Patristic Society Best First Article Award.

Chapters & Invited Contributions

“Wayward mothers, saintly children? Late ancient reading strategies in pursuit of the absent parent.” In *Growing up Motherless in Antiquity*. Sabine Hübner and David Ratzan, eds. *In process*.

“Ambrose’s Reception of Philo of Alexandria.” In *The Reception of Philo of Alexandria*. David Lincicum, ed. Oxford University Press. *In process*.

“The Understanding and Regulation of Diversity within Religious Communities.” In *A Cultural History of Religion in the West in Antiquity*. Susan Graham, ed. Bloomsbury, 2017. *Submitted*.

“Glimpses from the Margins: Re-telling late ancient history at the edges of the law.” In *Beyond Authority: Tradition and Transmission in Late Antiquity*. Mark Letteny and AJ Levine, eds. Princeton University Press. *Submitted*.

“Social Justice in Early Christianity.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Biblical Law*. Pamela Barmash, ed. Oxford University Press. *Submitted*.

“The Sense of an Ending: Childhood Death and Parental Benefit in Late Ancient Rhetoric.” In *Studia Patristica: Papers presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015*, eds. Heidi Marx-Wolf, Jared Sercord, and Christoph Marksches. *Forthcoming*.

“Breaking and Entering: Holy Women at the Center of Late Ancient Households.” *Melania: Early Christianity through the Life of One Family*, eds. Catherine M. Chin and Caroline T. Schroeder. University of California Press, 2016.

“Socializing Evagrius: The Case of Philoxenus of Mabbug's *Letter to Patricius*.” In *Syriac Encounters. Papers presented at the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium Held at Duke University, 26-29 June 2011*. eds. Maria Doerfler, Emanuel Fiano and Kyle R. Smith. Leuven: Peeters, 2014.

“Coming apart at the Seams: Crossdressing, masculinity, and the social body in late antiquity.” *Dressing Judeans and Christians in Antiquity*, eds. Alicia Batten, Carly Daniel-Hughes, and Kristi Upson-Saia. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014.

“Sexual Renunciation in Late Antiquity.” In the *Blackwell Companion to Greek and Roman Sexualities*, ed. Thomas K. Hubbard. Oxford: Blackwell, 2013.

“Keeping it in the Family: The law and the Law in Ambrose of Milan’s Letters.” In *Studia Patristica: Papers presented at the Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2011*, vols. 55-62, ed. Markus Vinzent. Leuven: Peeters, 2013.

Book Reviews

Gelehrte Frauen des frühen Christentums: Zwölf Porträts. By Katharie Greschat. Standorte in Antike und Christentum, vol. 6; Stuttgart: Anton Hiersemann, 2015. *Submitted*.

“An Immodest Proposal: Kate Wilkinson’s *Women and Modesty in Late Antiquity*.” *The Marginalia Review of Books*, 2015.

Violence in Ancient Christianity. Victims and Perpetrators. By Albert C. Geljon and Riemer Roukema (eds.). Leiden: Brill, 2014. In *Theologische Literaturzeitung*, 2016.

Dialoguing in Late Antiquity. By Averil Cameron. Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C., distributed by Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA: 2014. In *J ECS* (forthcoming).

Two Early Lives of Severos, Patriarch of Antioch. Translated with an introduction and notes by Sebastian Brock and Brian Fitzgerald. Translated Texts for Historians 59. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2013. In *Disgressus* (forthcoming).

Gender Differences and the Making of Liturgical History. By Theresa Berger. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2011. In *Theology & Sexuality* 20.1 (2014).

The first Thousand Years: A Global History of Christianity. By Robert Louis Wilken. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012. In *Commonweal* (October 26, 2012), 35-6.

Nouvelles intrigues pseudo-clémentines/Plots in the Pseudo-Clementine Romance: Actes du deuxième colloque international sur la littérature apocryphe chrétienne, Lausanne – Genève, 30 août – 2 septembre 2006. Edited by Frédéric Amsler, Albert Frey, Charlotte Touati, and Renée Girardet. (Publications de l’Institut Romand des Sciences Bibliques, 6.) Prahins: Éditions du Zèbre, 2008. In *JTS* (62.1, March 2011).

The Didascalia Apostolorum: An English Version with Introduction and Annotation. By Alistair Stewart-Sykes. Turnhout: Brepols, 2009. In *JTS* (61.2, October 2010).

Miscellanea

St. Augustine: Confessions. Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism. Advisor to the publisher concerning selection of essay reprints to be included in this volume.

“Imperial Edicts” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (De Gruyter, 2014).

“Didascalia,” “Romanos,” and “Pius J. Zingerle” in George Kiraz, ed., *Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syriac Heritage* (Gorgias Press, 2010).

“The Value of a Ph.D.: Labors of Choice” in *Duke University Graduate School Newsletter*. No pages. [Cited: 1 December, 2010]. Online: <http://gradschool.duke.edu/gsa/newsletter/>

Under Review

“Mourning Isaac: The Death of Children and the Late Ancient Exegetical Imagination.”

“Christ and the Courts of Rome: The *Pericope Adulterae* in Patristic Judicial Thought.”

“A Gaul in the Desert: Egyptian Texts and Readers in the Late Ancient Ascetic Imagination.”

Published Translations

Jacob of Sarug, *Memre* 189: "On Children who Have Passed Away" in George Kiraz and Sebastian Brock, eds., *The Homilies of Jacob of Sarug in English* (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press; forthcoming). (Syriac-English)

Conference Papers & Invited Talks

Invited Talks and Lectures

- 2016 "Listen to Her: Women and Wisdom in Late Ancient Homiletic Discourse." Medieval Circle Lecture Series. Brown University, Providence, RI. December 1.
- 2016 "Wayward mothers, saintly children? Late ancient reading strategies in pursuit of the absent parent." *Growing up Motherless in Antiquity: A Conference on Mother Absence in the Ancient Mediterranean*. University of Basel, Switzerland. May 26-28.
- 2016 "Reading History from the Margins of the Law." *Beyond Authority: Tradition and Transmission in Late Antiquity*. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. March 20-22.
- 2016 "Affect Aliens: Texts of Terror and the Making of Emotional Communities in Late Antiquity." Yale University. New Haven, CT. January 24.
- 2015 "The Least of These: Liturgical *Loci* for speaking of the Prematurely Departed in Late Antiquity." Duke Divinity Faculty Colloquium. September 21, 2015.
- 2015 "Children, Death, and Scripture in Late Antiquity." Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. September 10, 2015.
- 2015 "Mourning Isaac: The Death of Children in Eastern Patristic Thought." Fordham University, New York, NY. April 10, 2015.
- 2015 "Jephthah's Daughter, Sarah's Son: Children, Death, and Scripture in Late Antiquity." Visiting Research Scholar Lecture. Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University. New York, NY. March 31, 2015.
- 2014 "Why weep for worldly things? The Case of Grief." Managing emotion: passions, emotions, affects and imaginings in Byzantium. Co-directed by Susan Ashbrook Harvey and Margaret Mullett, December 12-13, 2013.
- 2014 "What makes a Woman? Virginitly and Identity at the Turn of the Third Century." Nancy Hardesty Memorial Lecture. Clemson University, Greenville, SC, October 28, 2014.
- 2014 "What is a woman? Debating nature, gender, and virginitly in Early Christianity." Furman University, Greenville, SC, October 27, 2014.
- 2014 "Christ and the Courts of Rome: The *Pericope Adulterae* in ancient judicial Discourse." Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity Colloquium, University of Virginia, Richmond, VA. April 8, 2014.
- 2013 "Entertaining the Trinity Unawares: Genesis 18 and the Patristic Imagination." Invited Lecture. St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews, Scotland. October 14, 2013.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 “Lives and afterlives: Changing visions of souls and their ransoms in fifth century Syriac Christianity.” Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity – Twelfth Biennial Conference. Yale University. New Haven, CT. March 23-26. *Submitted*.
- 2016 “Speaking of Strangers: Continuities in rhetorical form and function to address social displacement in late antiquity.” Fourth Annual Conference of the International Society for Late Antique Literary Studies. Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College, Philadelphia, PA. October 21-22. *Accepted*.
- 2015 “Good Grief: Parental Bereavement in Biblical Literature and Late Ancient Reception History.” Society of Biblical Literature Meeting. Atlanta, GA, November 21-24, 2015.
- 2015 “The Sense of an Ending: Childhood Death and Parental Benefit in Late Ancient Rhetoric.” Oxford Patristics Conference. Oxford. August 10-14, 2015.
- 2015 “Bishop and Martyr: The Curious Afterlife of Ambrose of Milan in Syriac Legal Sources.” Seventh North American Syriac Symposium. Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. June 21-24, 2015.
- 2015 “Emotions and Passions in Early Christianity.” Respondent. American Society for Church History Conference. New York, NY. January 2-5, 2015.
- 2014 “The Holy Man in the Courts of Rome: Late Ancient Conceptions of Ascetic Authority and Roman Law.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Vienna, Austria. July 6-10, 2014.
- 2014 “Strangers in the Gates: Economies of Exile in Late Ancient Christian Discourse.” International Late Antiquity Network Conference, New York University, New York, NY. June 11-14, 2014.
- 2014 “Introducing Syriaca.org: New Online Tools for the Study of Syriac Christianity.” Respondent. North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. May 22-24, 2014.
- 2014 “The Future of Syriac Studies.” Panelist with Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent (Marquette University) and Kyle Smith (University of Toronto). Fifth Dorushe Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Durham, NC. March 28-29, 2014.
- 2013 “The Judge, the Bishop, and the Woman caught in Adultery: John 8:1-8 before the Roman Courts.” History of Interpretation Section. Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Baltimore, MD. November 23-26, 2013.
- 2013 “Christ and the Courts of Rome: The Pericope Adulterae in Late Ancient Judicial Theology.” History of Christianity Section. American Academy of Religion Conference, Baltimore, MD. November 23-26, 2013.
- 2013 “‘However much you may attack his heresy, you can fairly defend him as a man:’ Jews, Christians, and Conflict Resolution in Late Antiquity.” North American Patristics Society Conference, Chicago, IL, May 23-25, 2013.
- 2012 “Coming apart at the Seams: Crossdressing, masculinity, and the social body in late antiquity.” American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2012.
- 2012 “The Foundations of Justice: Legal and Ethical Reasoning in the writings of Ambrose of Milan.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 26-28, 2012.

- 2012 “Judging the World: Intersections of Legal Discourse in Late Antiquity.” Between Heaven and Earth: Law, Ideology, and the Social Order in Late Antiquity (University of Manchester, 13-16 September 2012).
- 2012 “In the Eye of the Storm: The Development of Syriac Christianity.” Invited public lecture at Holy Cross Greek Theological Seminary's Pappas Patristics Summer Institute, Brookline, MA, July 25, 2012.
- 2012 “A Gaul in the Desert: Egyptian Texts and Readers in the Late Ancient Ascetic Imagination.” North American Patristics Society Conference, Chicago, IL, May 24-26, 2012.
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 2011 "First Come, First Served: Simon, Peter, and the Orders of Knowledge in the Didascalia Apostolorum and the Pseudo-Clementine Homilies." Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 18-23, 2011.
- 2011 “Reading the Fathers as a Feminist.” Duke Divinity Women’s Center Brown Bag Luncheon Lecture Series, Durham, NC, November 5, 2011.
- 2011 "'Like Flowers plucked from the Meadow of Life': The Death of Children and the Legacy of the Cappadocians in Syriac Christian Thought." Pappas Patristics Institute Annual Thematic Conference: Family and Children in the Patristic Tradition. Holy Cross Eastern Orthodox Seminary, Brookline, MA, October 13-15, 2011.
- 2011 “Keeping it in the Family: The law and the Law in Ambrose of Milan’s Letters.” XVIth International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford, UK, August 8-12, 2011.
- 2011 “Socializing Evagrius: The Case of Philoxenus of Mabbug’s Letter to Patriq.” VIth North American Syriac Symposium. Duke University, June 26-29, 2011.
- 2011 “Bounding the Ascetic Body: Legal and Exegetical Line-Drawing in 4th Century Roman North Africa.” Classical Association of Canada Annual Meeting. Halifax, CA, May 10-12.
- Best Paper in Gender Studies presented by a Graduate Student (Women's Classical Caucus); nominated.
 - Best Paper presented by a Graduate Student; finalist.
- 2011 Respondent to Kevin Uhalde, Ph.D. (University of Ohio). “Penance in Translation: Knowing, Feeling, and Suffering Regret in Early Christian Texts.” Duke Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium.
- 2010 “The Infant and the Martyr: Premature Death in Late Ancient Eastern Christianity.” North American Patristics Society Annual Conference.
- 2009 “Ambrose’s Jews: The Rhetorical Construction of Jews and Heretics in Ambrose of Milan’s *Expositio secundam Lucam*.” North American Patristics Society Annual Conference.
- 2008 Respondent to Michael Penn, Ph.D. “Erasure in Syriac Manuscripts” (Duke Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium, February 2008).
- 2006 "That great faith which we have inherited: American Civil Religion during World War II" (American Academy of Religion, Western Region; March 2006).

- 2006 "Civil Community and Evangelical Community: Karl Barth's Political Theology in Dialogue with American Evangelical Theology" (American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region; March 2006).

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity, Duke Divinity School

- 2014 CH952: Jewish & Christian Encounter in Late Antiquity.
2014 HT800: The "Alexandrian School": Clement, Origen, Evagrius & Co.
2013 CH819: The Body in Early Christian Thought and Practice.
2013 CH750: Early & Medieval Christianity.

Directed Readings: "Asceticism and Monasticism in Early Christianity" (Fall 2014/Spring 2015); "The Latin West before Augustine" (Fall 2013); "Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Late Antiquity" (Fall 2013); The Syriac Homiletic Imagination (Spring 2014).

Instructor, Duke University

- 2012 REL 41: Introduction to Christianity
2011 REL159: Ethical Issues in Early Christianity
2010 REL 41: Introduction to Christianity (with Lucas Van Rompay)

Teaching Assistant/Guest Lecturer, Duke University

- 2011 REL111: The Historical Jesus (Mark Goodacre)
2009 REL121: The Roman Catholic Tradition (Elizabeth A. Clark)

Visiting Lecturer in Early Christianity, Duke Divinity School

- 2011 Church History 13: Early & Medieval Christianity

Preceptor, Duke Divinity School

- 2010 Church History 13: Early and Medieval Christianity (J. Warren Smith)
2008 Church History 28: American Christianity (Grant Wacker)

Instructor, Fuller Theological Seminary

- 2010 CH500: Early Church History

Teaching Assistant, Fuller Theological Seminary

- 2005-9 Historical Theology; Hebrew Scriptures; Old Testament Exegesis; New Testament; Introductory Hebrew.

Instructor, Holy Cross Eastern Orthodox Theological Seminary (Summer Patristic Studies Program)

- 2011 Monks and Stylites: Asceticism in Late Ancient Syriac Christianity

Teaching Fellow, Holy Cross Eastern Orthodox Theological Seminary (Summer Patristic Studies Program)

- 2010 The Divine Liturgy Celebrated and Interpreted in the Patristic Period (Nicholas Denysenko, Loyola Marymount University)
- 2009 Portraits of the Invisible: The Second Iconoclastic Controversy (Thomas Cattoi, GTU)

Invited Lectures and Seminars:

- 2013 “‘Homosexuality’ in Late Antiquity: Querying the Boswell Thesis.”
Mary McClintock Fulkerson and Willie Jennings, “Sexuality: Bible, Church, and Controversy,” Duke Divinity School, Spring 2013.
- 2013 “Gender, Sexuality, and the Christian Religion.”
Jason Staples and Tim Cupery, “Historical Sociology of Christianity,” Department of Sociology, UC Chapel Hill, Spring 2013.
- 2013 “Asceticism in Early Christianity.”
Kate Bowler, “Introduction to Church History,” Duke Divinity School, Spring 2013.

Theses, Comprehensive Exam, & Dissertation Committee

- 2014 Candace Buckner
“Late Antiquity” Comprehensive Exam, First Reader. UNC-Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies.
- 2013 Amy Wigger “Mary in the Early Church: An Exploration of Early Christian Texts, Liturgy, and Art.”
Honors Thesis, Duke Department of Religion (Committee Member).
- 2014 Alan Taylor Farnes
M.A. Thesis: New Testament, Duke Department of Religious Studies (Committee Member).
- Nicholas Wagner
M.A. Thesis: Judaic Studies, Duke Department of Religious Studies (Committee Member).

Research Experience

- 2011- Research Assistant to Bart Ehrman, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2007- Research Assistant to Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University
- 2002 Research Assistant at UCLA School of Law

Service

Editorial & Referee

- 2013- Referee. *Gender & History*.
- 2013- Referee. Oxford University Press: *Philosophy & Religion*.

- 2013- Editorial Board. Gateway to the Syriac Saints; a project of the Syriac Reference Portal (<http://www.syriaca.org>).
- 2012- Co-Editor, *Syriac Encounters. Papers presented at the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium Held at Duke University, 26-29 June 2011* (Peeters, 2013). With Emanuel Fiano and Kyle R. Smith.
- 2010- Referee, *Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte (Journal of Religious and Cultural Studies)*.
- 2000-2 Executive Editor, *Women's Law Journal*, UCLA School of Law.

Conferences & Symposia

- 2014- Program Committee, American Society for Church History Conference, New York, NY, January 2-5, 2015.
- 2013 Session Chair, "Representing the Saints: Text and Performance," North American Patristic Society Conference, Chicago, IL, May 23-25, 2013.
- 2013 Co-Organizer, "Late Antiquity made New: A Celebration of the Work of Elizabeth A. Clark." Together with Catherine Chin, Laura Lieber, Jeremy Schott, Caroline Schroeder, and Annabel Wharton planned and hosted a symposium in honor of Elizabeth A. Clark's retirement, featuring three keynote addresses and twenty-five paper presentations; April 11-13, 2013, Duke University.
- 2012 Session Chair, "St. Augustine: Culture and Counter-Culture," Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), October 27, 2012.
- 2011 Co-Organizer, Vith North-American Syriac Symposium, Duke University. Together with Lucas Van Rompay, Kyle Smith and Emanuel Fiano planned and hosted the quadrennial Symposium, featuring six keynote addresses and 70 paper presentations; June 26–29, 2011, Duke University.
- 2011 Session Chair, "Syriac Juridical Literature," Vith North-American Syriac Symposium, June 27, 2011.
- 2011 Convener, Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium, Duke University. Theme: "Late Ancient Re-Readings: Interpretation and Appropriation in Late Antiquity," featuring presentations from Elisabeth DePalma Digeser (UCSB) and Kevin Uhalde (University of Ohio).
- 2010 Session Chair, "Syriac Literature and Literary Themes," North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, May 28, 2010.
- 2010 Co-Convener, Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium, Duke University. Theme: "The Erotic in Late Ancient Muslim/Christian Encounters," featuring presentations Gabriel Said Reynolds (University of Notre Dame) and Thomas Sizgorich (UC Irvine). With Christine Luckritz-Marquis.
- 2003-6 Planning Team Member, InterSeminarian Conference, Fuller Theological Seminary.

Departmental & Organizational Service

- 2014- Search Committee Member, "Early Christianity" Associate Faculty Hire, Department of Religious Studies.
- 2014- German Language Examiner, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion.

- 2013- Board Member. Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke/UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2014 Member, Admissions Committee for Masters of Divinity applications, Duke Divinity School.
- 2013 Member, Academic Programs Committee, Duke Divinity School.
- 2012-13 Webmaster, Duke & UNC Chapel Hill Center for Late Ancient Studies. (<http://sites.duke.edu/clas>).
- 2011-13 Member, Committee on Career Support for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty, North American Patristics Society.
- 2010-11 Chair, Graduate Student Association in Religion, Duke University.
- 2010-13 Graduate Student Representative, Center for Late Ancient Studies, Duke/UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2008-13 Convener, Late Ancient Studies Reading Group (LASRG), Duke/UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2011 Convener, Women Graduate Students in Religion & Divinity Panel, Duke University.
Theme: "Women in Academia: From Job Market to Tenure and Beyond," February 8, 2011.
- 2011 Panelist, Wabash Teaching & Learning Luncheon, Duke University.
Theme: "Publishing in Graduate School," January 31, 2011.
- 2010 Panelist, Women's Studies Colloquium, Duke/UNC-Chapel Hill.
Theme: "Remembering Mary Daly: A Reflection on Her Life and Work," February 18, 2010.
- 2010 Graduate Student Representative, Language Standards Committee, Duke University.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR), American Society of Church History (ASCH), Association of Ancient Historians (AAH), Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA), Canadian Association of Classics (CAC), Canadian Society for Syriac Studies (CSSS), Ecclesiastical History Society (EHS), Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), North American Patristics Society (NAPS).

Languages

Ancient: Syriac; Coptic (Sahidic, Lycopolitan); Greek (Classical & *Koiné*); Latin; Biblical Hebrew.
Modern: German (native); French; Italian.