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EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Brown University  
2005 Certificate in Papyrology, American Society of Papyrologists  
2003 M.A., Religious Studies, Brown University  
2002 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Classics, University of Pennsylvania  
2001 B.A., Religious Studies, Minor: Music, *Magna Cum Laude*, Boston University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-present Stonehill College, Easton, MA. Associate Professor.  
2019-2022 Stonehill College, Easton, MA. Visiting Associate Professor.  
2016-2019 Rhodes College, Memphis, TN. W.J. Millard Associate Professor of Religious Studies,  
with tenure.  
—Director, Life Then and Now Program (2017-2018).  
2018-2019 Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. Visiting Lecturer.  
2018 The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. Visiting Instructor.  
2016-2017 (sabbatical year) Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. Visiting Lecturer.  
2011-2016 Rhodes College, Memphis, TN. Assistant Professor.  
2010-2011 University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA. Lecturer.  
2010 Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. Visiting Assistant Professor.  
2010 Colby College, Waterville, ME. Visiting Instructor.  
2009-2010 Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME. Visiting Assistant Professor.  
2008-2009 The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. Lecturer.  
2008 Wheaton College, Norton, MA. Faculty Fellow.

PUBLICATIONS

**Books**

- Forthcoming *Funding Spiritual Offerings: Social Networks, Wealth, and the Spread of Early Christianity*. Under contract with Oxford University Press.
- 2015 *A Most Reliable Witness: Essays in Honor of Ross S. Kraemer*. Co-edited with N. DesRosiers, S. Lander, and J. Pastis. Brown Judaic Studies.
- 2013 “*The One Who Sows Bountifully*”: *Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers*. Co-edited with C. Johnson Hodge, S. Olyan, and E. Wasserman. Brown Judaic Studies.
- 2012 *The Christian Rejection of Animal Sacrifice*. Oxford University Press.  
Reviews: P. Townsend, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* April (2012).  
F. Young, *Theology* 116.2 (2013): 136-7.  
T. Clemmons, *Religious Studies Review* 40.2 (2014): 107-108.  
M. Pjecha, *International Political Anthropology* 7.1 (2014): 115-23.  
K. McClymond, *Journal of Religion* 95.1 (2015): 132-4.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journals**

- 2022 “The Presence and Absence of Animal Sacrifice in Jesus Films.” *Journal of Religion & Film* 26.1. Co-authored with J. Barker.
- 2021 “Teaching Redescription with Aliens.” *Journal of Religious Competition in Antiquity* 2.
- 2019 “Competition Without Groups: Theorizing a Flat Ontology.” *Journal of Religious Competition in Antiquity* 1.
- 2019 “The Anonymity of the Gospels κατά Pac-Man.” *Annali de storia dell’esegesi: Materialist Approaches to Early Christian Research* 36.1: 95–116.
- 2015 “Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean: Recent and Current Research” *Currents in Biblical Research* 13.3: 388-439.
- 2013 “A Loan of Wheat.” *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 50.
- 2013 “Complicating Myth: A Review of Bruce Lincoln’s *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars: Critical Explorations in the History of Religions*.” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 25: 197-208.
- 2010 “Prophets vs. Texts About Prophets.” *Bibliciana* 1: 18-23.
- 2008 “Before Animal Sacrifice: A Myth of Innocence.” *Religion & Theology* 15: 357-374.

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

- Forthcoming “Sacrifice.” In *The Encyclopedia of Jewish Christian Relations*, eds. W. Homolka, R. Kampling, A. Levine, C. Marksches, P. Schäfer, M. Thurner. Walter de Gruyter.
- Forthcoming “Sacrifice.” In *The Oxford Handbook to the New Testament in the Roman Empire*, eds. E. Urciuoli, H. O. Maier, and H. Wendt. Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming “Sacrifice.” In *Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies*, eds. C. Evans and G. Macaskill. Zondervan.
- 2021 “Redescribing Spiritual Sacrifice as Moralistic Therapeutic Rhetoric.” In *Non uno itinere Ebraismi, cristianesimi, modernit, Studi in onore di Mauro Pesce in occasione del suo ottantesimo compleanno*, eds. M. Rescio, C. Facchini, C. Gianotto, E. Lupieri, F. Motta, and E. Norelli. Morcelliana.
- 2021 “Banning Animal Sacrifice *Ad Infinitum: Cui Bono?*” In *Animals and the Law in Antiquity*, eds. S. Olyan and J. Rosenblum. Oxford University Press.
- 2019 “Sacrifice.” In *The Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, eds. D. Hunter, P. van Geest, and B. Peerbolte. Brill.
- 2019 “Sacrifice, Superstition, and the Problem of ‘Spiritual’ Offerings.” In *From Jesus to Christian Origins*, eds. A. Destro and M. Pesce. Brepols.

- 2018 “Sacrifices and Votives.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Ritual*, eds. R. Uro, J. Day, R. DeMaris, and R. Roitto. Oxford University Press.
- 2016 “Competition Between Experts and Non-Experts.” In *Religious Competition in the Ancient Mediterranean*, eds. N. DesRosiers and L. Vuong. Society of Biblical Literature Press.
- 2015 “Un-gendering *Andrea*.” In *A Most Reliable Witness: Essays in Honor of Ross S. Kraemer*, eds. N. DesRosiers, S. Lander, J. Pastis, and D. Ullucci. Brown Judaic Studies Press.
- 2014 “What Did He Say? The Ideas of Religious Experts and the 99%.” In *Religious Competition in the Third Century C.E.: Jews, Christians, and the Greco-Roman World*, eds. N. DesRosiers, J. Rosenblum, and L. Vuong. Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht.
- 2014 “Qualifying Rabbinic Ritual Agents: Cognitive Science and the Early Rabbinic Kitchen.” Co-authored with J. Rosenblum. In *Religious Competition in the Third Century C.E.: Jews, Christians, and the Greco-Roman World*, eds. N. DesRosiers, J. Rosenblum, and L. Vuong. Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht.
- 2013 “Towards a Typology of Religious Experts in the Ancient Mediterranean.” In “*The One Who Sows Bountifully*”: *Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers*, eds. C. Johnson Hodge, S. Olyan, D. Ullucci, and E. Wasserman. Brown Judaic Studies Press.
- 2011 “Contesting the Meaning of Animal Sacrifice.” In *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice: Images, Acts, Meanings*, eds. J. Knust and Z. Varhelyi. Oxford University Press.

### **Online Publications**

- 2016 “The Millennial Jesus? A Response to *Risen*.” *The Marginalia Review of Books*. [marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/mrblog-two-reviews-of-risen-2016](http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/mrblog-two-reviews-of-risen-2016)
- 2014 “Sacrifice in the New Testament, A Guide.” Oxford Biblical Studies Online. [www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com](http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com).

### **Book Reviews**

- Forthcoming R. Riotto, C. Shantz, and P. Loumanen, *Social and Cognitive Perspectives on the Sermon on the Mount*. *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*.
- Forthcoming V. Nicolet and M. Kartzow, *The Complexity of Conversion: Intersectional Perspectives on Religious Change in Antiquity and Beyond*. *Studies in Religion*.
- 2021 P. McMurray, *Sacrifice, Brotherhood, and the Body: Abraham and the Nations in Romans*. *Studies in Religion*.
- 2019 Anthony Palma ed., *The Science of Religion: A Defense, Essays by Donald Wiebe*. *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2019 H. Wiley and C. Eberhart eds., *Sacrifice, Cult, and Atonement in Early Judaism and Christianity*. *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2017 I. Czachesz, *Cognitive Science and the New Testament*. *Reading Religion*.
- 2016 H. Marx-Wolf, *Spiritual Taxonomies and Ritual Authority*. *Ancient History Bulletin* 6.

**EDITORIAL WORK**

- 2019-present Assistant Editor. *Journal of Religious Competition in Antiquity*.  
 2019-present Advisory Board. Routledge Series: Ritual in the Ancient Mediterranean.  
 2020 Guest Special Volume Editor: "Sacrifice." *Religion Compass*.  
 2021 Reviewer. Fortress Press  
 2019 Guest Editor. *Religions*, Special volume on Sacrifice in the Ancient and Modern World.  
 2015–16 Reviewer. University of Chicago Press  
 2016 Reviewer. *International Journal of Political Anthropology*  
 2016 Reviewer. *Open Library of the Humanities*

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2021 "Killing, Ritual Killing, or Human Sacrifice?" presented at il Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni, (virtual).  
 2021 "Supersessionism, Sacrifices, and the Destruction of the Second Temple," presented at the Boston College Corcoran Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Chair's Conference, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.  
 2021 Respondent. "Competition, Markets & Prophets," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.  
 2020 "Funding Spiritual Offerings: Wealth and the Spread of Early Christianity," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, (virtual).  
 2018 "Banning Animal Sacrifice *Ad Infinitum: Cui Bono?*" presented at "Animals and the Law" an international conference at Brown University, Providence, RI.  
 2018 "Offerings and Early Christian Elites," presented at The Context Group, Portland, OR.  
 2017 "Anti-Semitism and Scenes of Sacrifice in Jesus Films," co-presented with J. Barker at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.  
 2017 "Oh Foolish Scholars: Theorizing Social Competition in Galatia," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.  
 2017 "Brand Recognition: Anonymity in Early Christian Texts," presented at il Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni, Bertinoro, Italy.  
 2016 "How to Introduce Cognitive Theory to A Hostile Audience: A Response to Uro and Czachesz," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.  
 2016 "Asset Allocation Models for Salvation," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.  
 2016 "Spiritualization and the Rhetoric of Simplification," presented at il Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni, Bertinoro, Italy.  
 2015 "Definitions and Resisting the Urge to Synthesize: A Review of B. Spaeth (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Mediterranean Religion*," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.  
 2015 Respondent. "Religious Competition in the Ancient Mediterranean: Interdisciplinary Approaches," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.  
 2015 "Theorizing Evidence for Early Christian Sacrifice," presented at il Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni, Bertinoro, Italy.  
 2014 "Who Sacrifices? Christian Experts and the Redefinition of Religion," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif.  
 2014 Respondent. "Religious Competition in the Ancient Mediterranean: Interdisciplinary Approaches," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.

- 2013 “Competing for the Gods’ Portion,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2013 Respondent. “Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2012 “The Christian Rejection of Animal Sacrifice,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2012 “Christianity, Animal Sacrifice, and Appropriation in the Third Century,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2011 Respondent. “Religious Competition in the Third Century: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Calif.
- 2010 “Qualifying Rabbinic Ritual Agents: Cognitive Science and the Early Rabbinic Kitchen,” co-written and co-presented with Jordan Rosenblum at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2009 “Porphyry, Origen, and Cognitively Optimal Religion,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2008 “Contesting the Meaning of Animal Sacrifice,” presented at “What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in Mediterranean Antiquity. An Interdisciplinary Conference at Boston University,” Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2008 “The End of Animal Sacrifice,” presented at “Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean,” an interdisciplinary seminar at Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2007 “Before Animal Sacrifice: A Myth of Innocence,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- 2005 “Mary in the Cosmos, Women in the Church: Epiphanius on the Kollyridians,” presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

#### INVITED LECTURES

- 2022 “Critical Approaches and Question in the Study of Sacrifice,” presented at a meeting of a newly formed German research group headed by Christian Frevel, Ruhr University, Bochum, Germany
- 2022 “Physical Offerings and the Development of Christian Elite,” presented at The International Catacombs Society Shohet Scholars Showcase (virtual).
- 2011-21 “How Religion Killed a Fish: A Brief History of the Atlantic Cod,” presented semi-annually at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2020 “Sacrifice, Social Networks, and the Spread of Early Christianity,” presented at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts.
- 2018 “Funding Spiritual Offerings,” presented at the Boston Area Patristics Group, a colloquium of the Boston Theological Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2017 “Early Christian Offering Practices,” presented at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
- 2015 “Competing for the God’s Portion: Animal Sacrifice and Religious Competition in the Ancient Mediterranean,” presented at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts.
- 2015 “Paul, Roman *Virtus*, and the Spread of Early Christianity,” presented at Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
- 2014 “Sacrifice in Roman Religion & Early Christianity” presented at the University of Massachusetts-Boston.
- 2013 “Religion, Experts, and the 99%,” presented at a gathering of the ΘAK Religious Studies Honor Society, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 2012 “Paul and the Early Jesus Movement,” presented at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee.
- 2011 “Revelation in Context,” presented at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee.

- 2011 “Stoic Philosophy in the Letters of Paul,” presented at Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut.
- 2011 “The Meaning of Sacrifice: Greek, Roman and Christians Models of Atonement,” presented at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.
- 2010 “The Christian Rejection of Animal Sacrifice,” presented at the Faculty Lunch and Lecture Series, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.
- 2010 “Killing Animal Sacrifice,” presented at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Massachusetts.
- 2009, 08 “The Roman Festival of Saturnalia,” presented at Matignon High School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2008 “Contesting the Meaning of Animal Sacrifice,” presented at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine.
- 2007 “Roman Religion and Animal Sacrifice,” presented at Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Introductory Courses*

Introduction to Philosophy  
 Introduction to the Bible: Hebrew Bible and New Testament  
 Introduction to the New Testament  
 Introduction to the Study of Religion  
 The Search for Meaning in Light of Western History and Religion  
 Abrahamic Religions  
 The Critique of Religion

### *Intermediate Courses*

Jesus of Hollywood: Cinema, History, and Changing Images of Jesus  
 Claiming Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Conflict  
 Christianity in a Global Perspective  
 Creating the Bible: (Mis)Editing & Translating  
 Models of the Church  
 New Religious Movements in the Time of Jesus  
 The New Testament in its Religious and Cultural World  
 Other Christianities: Jesus Outside the Bible  
 Paul’s Letters  
 Probing the Mind of God: Cognitive Theories of Religion  
 Roman Religion at the Dawn of Christianity  
 Women and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean

### *Advanced Courses*

Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion  
 The Origins of Christianity: An Alternative View  
 Religious Competition Ancient and Modern  
 Rhetorical Techniques in the Letters of Paul  
 Social Networks and the Spread of Religious Movements  
 Senior Research Seminar: Theorizing Meaningful Questions in Religious Studies

**GRANTS**

- 2016 Rhodes College Hill Grant  
Funding to revamp key courses in the department's major, including researching standards at peer institutions and external review of the department's courses.
- 2016 International Catacomb Society Shohet Scholar  
Funding for catacomb research in Rome, Naples, and Syracuse.
- 2015 & 2016 Rhodes Faculty Development Grant  
Traveled to Rome and Florence to research evidence of physical offerings in Christian catacombs and financial offerings in early Christian churches.
- 2013-2015 The Teagle Foundation, "Gateway Courses in the Liberal Arts."  
Focused on teaching, planning, and promoting core first-year Humanities courses, in collaboration with interdisciplinary faculty from the College of the Holy Cross, Lawrence University, Rhodes College, and Ursinus College.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2020 Stonehill College Faculty Learning Community Co-Facilitator with Heiko Todd.  
Developed strategies for hybrid and remote teaching in response to Covid-19.
- 2012-2014 Rhodes Teaching Mentors Program. Paired with tenured faculty member to receive mentorship and teaching feedback.
- 2014 Rhodes Teaching and Learning Workshop: Socioeconomic Status in the Classroom.
- 2012-14 Douglas Seminar, a faculty seminar devoted to the discussion of teaching in Rhodes College's "Search for Meaning in the Light of Western History and Religion" program.
- 2012 Teaching Initiative Gathering, Brown University, sponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Invited to speak at a seminar on preparing graduate students for the classroom.
- 2012 Writing Across the Sequence: Pedagogical Development in the First-Year Life Program, a workshop to study student writing and writing assessment in the Rhodes College's "Life Then and Now" program.
- 2008 Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellowship. Worked closely with a faculty mentor at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. on pedagogy and class planning while teaching a course at the college.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2017-present Member of the Scientific Committee, Il Centro Italiano di Studi Superiori sulle Religioni annual meeting.
- 2009-present Founding Member; Steering Committee, "Religious Competition in the Third Century C.E.: Interdisciplinary Approaches." Society of Biblical Literature Seminar.
- 2008 Moderator for "Christianity vs. Atheism," a campus-wide debate at Wheaton College, Norton, MA.
- 2006 Coordinator for Harvard-Yale-Brown Day, an annual meeting of Early Christianity and Ancient Judaism faculty and graduate students.
- 2005 Co-Coordinator for "How Intense is the Zeal," a graduate student conference on the concept of orthodoxy in Ancient Mediterranean religion.
- 2003-2007 Brown University Student Liaison to the American Academy of Religion.

**SERVICE TO RHODES COLLEGE**

- 2017-2018 Director of the “Life Then and Now” Program. This is a three-course program which fulfills a primary foundations requirement for half of the Rhodes student body. As Director, I coordinated staffing, oversaw programing, and vetted all syllabi for the program.
- 2015-2018 FGen Faculty Mentor. Provided mentoring and support for first-generation Rhodes students.
- 2015-2018 Educational Program Committee. Oversaw all aspects of Rhodes’ curriculum including new majors and minors.
- 2013-2018 Frequent speaker at faculty information sessions for the Office of Admissions.
- 2012-2018 First-year and majors advising.
- 2014-2016 Faculty Moderator for Rhodes Scholarship Days. Evaluated students for Rhodes’ top academic scholarships.
- 2012-2016 Faculty Advisor, ΘAK Religious Studies Honors Society
- 2013-2014 Faculty Advising Committee.
- 2013 Rhodes Common Table, Teaching & Learning Group.
- 2013 Hill Grant Concluding Presentation for the Religious Studies department.
- 2012 Selection Committee for the Rhodes College Neal/Shewmaker Search awards.

**WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- 2021 Guest Lecturer. St. Susanna’s Church, Dedham, Massachusetts.
- 2011-2018 Instructor at the Meeman Center for Life Long Learning, Rhodes College. Taught one class per semester on various topics pertaining to religion for adults in the Memphis community.
- 2013-2016 Guest Lecturer. Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Presented weekly lecture series on topics in religious studies.
- 2015 Guest Lecturer. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

**RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2010-2011 Tutor, Prepped & Polished: Tutoring, College Counseling, and Test Prep, Wayland, Mass. Tutored high school students in Latin and special needs college students in math, reading, and study skills.
- 2010-2011 Tutor, Boston Learning Center, Dorchester, Mass. Tutored underperforming and at-risk students in Dorchester and Roxbury, Mass.
- 2009 Historical Consultant for *Poisoned Honey: A Story of Mary Magdalene* by Beatrice Gormley (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2010). Provided historical consulting and editing for a fictional children’s book about Mary Magdalene.
- 2008 The Perseus Project. Tufts University. Tree Banking Project. Part of a small team from across the country creating word dependency trees for major Greek and Latin authors to be archived on the Perseus website.
- 2005 Department Proctorship, Brown University. Assisted professors with research, upgraded department computers.
- 2001-2002 Library Assistant, Rare Book and Manuscript Library. University of Pennsylvania. Aided in the preservation of the library’s Rare Books collection.



**AWARDS**

2016	W. J. Millard Endowed Chair in Religious Studies, Rhodes College
2016	International Catacomb Society, Shohet Scholar
2008	Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellowship
2006-2007	Brown University Dissertation Fellowship
2005	Brown University Departmental Proctorship
2003-2006	Brown Summer Studies Fellowships
2002-2003	Brown University Graduate Student Fellowship

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Ancient Greek, Latin, French, German, and Italian

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Papyrologists  
International Catacombs Society  
International Society of Papyrologists  
International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion  
Society of Biblical Literature