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Education

- Ph.D., Temple University, Department of Religion, Fall 2007-Fall 2014; GPA 4.0
Dissertation title: "Is Everybody Doing It? Marital Celibacy in the Cappadocians and Augustine"
Dissertation Passed with Distinction: October 29, 2014
Graduation Date: December 18, 2014
Passed Preliminary Doctoral Exams: March 2011
- M.A. in Theology, Villanova University, May 2004; GPA 4.0
Thesis: "Humility, Suffering, and Persecution in Paul's Letter to the Philippians"
Comprehensive Exams, "Passed with Distinctions," March 2004
- B.A., *summa cum laude*, Eastern University, May 2002; GPA 3.923
Majors: Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, Honors Program
Minor: English Literature
Thesis: "Interpreting the Theme of Sexuality in the Book of Esther"
- Oxford University, Keble College, Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Spring 2001
- Kingsway Regional High School, Swedesboro, NJ, Valedictorian, 1998

Publications

- (Preparing for publication: *Marriage and Celibacy in the Early Church*)
"Married Women and Ascent," forthcoming, in *Patristic Spirituality: Classical Perspectives on Ascent in the Journey to God*
- "Jews and their Others (New Testament)," in the *Blackwell Companion to Jews and Judaism in the Late Ancient World, 3rd Century BCE – 7th Century CE*, edited by Gwynn Kessler and Naomi Koltun-Fromm, forthcoming.
- "Book Review of Todd D. Still and David E. Wilhite (eds.), *The Apostolic Fathers and Paul* (New York: T&T Clark, 2017)." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming.
- "Reflections of a First-Year Professor," Blog entry, Chalk & Table Learning Collaborative; <http://www.chalkandtable.com/learning-blog/reflections-of-a-first-year-professor>
- "Theodicy and the Nature of God in Nahum and Jonah," *Concept* [Online] 27 (2004): n.p.

Presentations

- "The Visual Power of the Cappadocian Women: Construction of Empress Identity in the Paris Gregory," *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2017
- Organizer and Chair, "Identity Construction through Rhetoric, Image, and Text," *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2017
- "Heresy, Authority, and Family Dynamics: Basil of Caesarea's Silence on Naucrati," *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2016

- “Macrina the Celibate Matron,” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2014
- Organizer, “Perspectives on Macrina,” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2014
- “Marital Celibacy in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Family.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2012
- Organizer, “Thinking Outside the Text: Incorporating Visual Culture in the Classroom.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2012
- “Raising Godly Girls through Letters, Mosaics, and Dolls: The Intersection of Material Culture and Text.” *The Annual Fall Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute: Children and Family in the Patristic Tradition*, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, October 2011
- “Marital Celibacy: Is Everybody Doing It? A Rereading of Gregory of Nazianzus’ Funeral Oration for his Sister, Gorgonia.” *Eastern Theological Society: Spring Christian Studies Conference*, Faculty Presentation, Eastern University, May 2011
- “Incense, Censers, and Aesthetics: Enriching the Experience of the Liturgy in Early Byzantium.” *35th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference: Mother of Mercy: The Figure of Mary in Theology and Culture*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2010
- “The Construction of the Ideal Pious Empress: Nonna, Gorgonia, and Helena in the Paris Gregory,” *American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting*, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2010
- “Adultery: The Sin of Equality.” *30th Annual Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference; Reading, Community, Identity*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2005
- “Sin and Sexuality: A Comparison of Chrysostom and Augustine’s Beliefs about Marriage and the Marital Act.” *Pappas Patristic Institute Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies*, April 2005
- Respondent to Suzanne Hevelone’s Paper, “Macrina as Thecla: The Influence of the *Acts of Thecla* on Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Macrina*.” *Pappas Patristic Institute Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies*, April 2005
- “Women in 1 and 2 Maccabees: An Unveiling of Their Complex Role.” *Elizabeth Stady Canton Conference*, Villanova University, Spring 2004

Lectures

- “Mothers and Sisters in the Early Church: Saints Nonna and Macrina,” Women in the Orthodox Church Seminar, St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, Broomall, PA, April 2016
- “Marriage, Celibacy, and Gender,” Swarthmore Christian Fellowship, Swarthmore University, PA, February 2016
- “Why Women Particularly Matter to God,” Gender in Development Series, Eastern University, February 2016
- Lecture on “Jesus’ Hidden Years,” Pursuit Series, Calvary Church, Souderton, PA, Fall 2015
- Guest Lecturer, “Jesus’ Toys,” The Heritage School, Wayne, PA, 2014
- Lectures on Asceticism, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA, 2013
- Lectures on Jesus’ Childhood, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA, 2012
- Lectures on Martyrdom and Asceticism, Upper Merion Baptist Church, King of Prussia, PA, 2008

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor, Eastern University, Christian Studies Department, Fall 2015-present
 - Classes taught: Introduction to the Old Testament; Christian Spirituality; Introduction to the New Testament; Research Methods; New Testament and Politics; The Marginalized and the Bible; Paul: His Life and Letters
- Adjunct Professor, Temple University, Department of Religion, Spring 2015
 - Classes taught: The Art of Sacred Space
- Adjunct Professor, Eastern University, Christian Studies Department, Fall 2005-Spring 2007, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013
 - Classes taught: Introduction to the Nature and Meaning of the Old Testament; Introduction to the Nature and Meaning of the New Testament; Theological Thinking; The World of Early Christianity; Introduction to New Testament Greek
- Academic Advisor, Eastern University, Interdisciplinary Studies, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
 - Classes taught: Introduction to Reason, Faith, and Justice
- Adjunct Professor, St. Joseph's University, Theology Department, Fall 2004-Spring 2006
 - Classes taught: Introduction to the New Testament; Introduction to Systematic Theology

Professional Associations

- Member, North American Patristics Society
 - Student Representative, North American Patristics Society, 2013-2014
- Member, Society of Biblical Literature
- Member, American Academy of Religion
- Member, Philadelphia Seminar of Christian Origins

Awards and Honors

- 2016-2017 Faculty Member of the Year
- 2016-2017 Provost Summer Research Award
- Faculty Development Grant, Eastern University, 2015-2016; 2016-2017
- Dissertation Passed with Distinction, Temple University, October 2014
- University Fellowship, Temple University, 2007-2009
- Comprehensive Exams, "Passed with Distinctions," Villanova University, March 2004
- Graduate Assistantship, Villanova University, Fall 2002-Spring 2004
- Eastern University: Theology Senior Award, 2002; Summa Cum Laude, 2002

Service to Eastern University

- Chapel speaker, November 1 and 8, 2017
- Student Chaplain Dinner Guest Speaker, November 2017
- Organizer, "Keeping the Faith" series, Theology Department, Spring 2017-present
- General Education Oversight Committee, Fall 2016-present; Co-chair Fall 2017-present
- Student Chaplain Dinner Guest Speaker, February 2017
- Faculty Workshop, "Positions and Postures: Theological Differences in the Classroom: Theology Department," January 2017
- New Faculty Orientation, Co-leader, Summer 2016
- Search Committee, Assistant to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Summer 2016

Faculty Workshop, “Not losing the faith: challenges in Biblical Studies and Theology,” May 2016
Prayer, University Call to Prayer Service, May 2016
Student-Faculty Book Study on “7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess,” with Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch and various students, Spring Semester 2016
Benediction, December 2015 Commencement

Other Organizations/Service

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Graduate Student Representative, Temple University, 2008-2012
Various activities, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA
Volunteer, Hope Community Church VBS, Summer 2016, 2017
Volunteer, The Heritage School, Wayne, PA, 2012-2015
Proofreader, *The Church Unfinished*, May 2004
Literary Editor, *Communicating with QuarkXPress*, Summer 2003
Peer Reviewer, *Concept*, Villanova University, 2002-2004
Graduate Assistant, Theology Department, Villanova University, Fall 2002-Spring 2004

Research Interests

General: New Testament, early and patristic Christianity
Specific: Social history, marriage, asceticism, family, and identity

References

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(More references available upon request.)