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I. EDUCATION

2020 Princeton Theological Seminary, Ph.D., Biblical Studies (New Testament)
2015 Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div.
2010 Northwest University, B.A., Biblical Studies (*summa cum laude*)

II. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022– Associate Professor of New Testament, Northwest University (Kirkland, WA)
2020–22 Assistant Professor of New Testament and Louisville Institute Scholar, North
 Central University (Minneapolis, MN)
2018–22 Instructor of Record, Northwest University (online)
2019 Instructor of Record, The College of New Jersey
2018–20 Instructor of Record, Princeton Theological Seminary

III. ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS

2021 Upper Midwest SBL Regional Scholar Award Nominee
2020–22 Louisville Institute Grant
2015–20 Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2015–20 Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2010 Biblical Literature Award, Northwest University
2010 Outstanding Student of the Year Award, Northwest University
2008–10 Dean Scholarship, Northwest University

IV. COURSES TAUGHT

Northwest University

New Testament Greek
Gospel and Culture
Foundations of Youth, Children, and Family Ministry
How to Read the Bible (online)
Topics in Biblical Studies: The Gospel of Mark (online)
Biblical Interpretation (online)
Systematic Theology (online)

North Central University

New Testament History and Literature
Old Testament History and Literature
Romans and Galatians

Hellenistic Greek
New Testament Theology
Synoptic Gospels

Princeton Theological Seminary

Images of the Church in the New Testament
Greek Reading

The College of New Jersey

World Religions

V. PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS (*select*)

- 2019–20 Princeton University, Research Assistant (AnneMarie Luijendijk)
2018–20 Princeton Theological Seminary, Research Assistant (C. C. Black)
2019 Princeton Theological Seminary, Student Assistant for Cataloging and Collection Services
2015–17 Princeton Theological Seminary, Program Coordinator for the Online Certificate in Theology and Ministry Program
2010–12 Pastor of Family Ministries (Tacoma Life Center; Tacoma, WA)

VI. PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

The Moral Life according to Mark, LNTS 667 (New York: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2022).

The Last Shall Be First: Judgment according to Mark (Baylor University Press, under contract/forthcoming)

Invited Chapters in Edited Volumes:

“The Accountable God: Moral Accountability according to Mark,” in *Ethics in Mark*, ed. Michael Labahn and Martin Meiser. WUNT (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, [forthcoming 2023]).

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“‘Spiritual Blindness’ in the Bartimaeus Pericope (Mark 10:46–52): Toward Decentering Ableist Readings.” *Biblical Interpretation* (forthcoming).

“Void of Ethics No More: The Gospel of Mark and New Testament Ethics.” *Currents in Biblical Research* 20 (2022): 165–85.

“Moral Accountability According to Mark.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 83.4 (2021): 599–618.

“The Devil will Flee: James 4:7, the Jesus Tradition, and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 138 (2019): 883–97.

“Genesis 2:7 in Conversation: The Exegesis of Paul, Philo, and the Hodayot.” *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 110 (2019): 84–103.

“Satan and Sitis: The Significance of Clothing Changes in the *Testament of Job*.” *Journal for the Study of Pseudepigrapha* 26.4 (2017): 305–19.

Articles in process:

“From Imagination to Practice: Burial Rituals in Paul?” (under review)

Peer-Reviewed Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries:

“Biblical Foundations for Creation,” in *T & T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology*, eds. Jana Bennett, Jason Fout, and Stephen Cone (forthcoming).

“Pharisees.” *The Database of Religious History*. University of British Columbia. August, 2020. <https://religiondatabase.org/questionnaire/900/#/>

“Zealots.” *The Database of Religious History*. University of British Columbia. August, 2020. <https://religiondatabase.org/questionnaire/927/#/>

Book Reviews:

Review of Dale C. Allison, *Encountering Mystery: Religious Experience in a Secular Age* (Eerdmans, 2022), in *Pneuma* (in progress).

Review of Katherine A. Shaner, *Enslaved Leadership in Early Christianity* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018), in *The Pneuma Review* (forthcoming).

Review of Stefan Opferkuch, *Der handelnde Mensch: Untersuchungen zum Verhältnis von Ethik und Anthropologie in den Testamenten der Zwölf Patriarchen*, BZNW 232 (Boston: De Gruyter, 2018), in *Review of Biblical Literature* (in progress).

Review of Meghan Henning, *Hell Hath No Fury: Gender, Disability, and the Invention of Damned Bodies in Early Christian Literature* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2021) in *Journal of Theological Studies* (forthcoming).

Book note of Eyal Regev, *The Temple in Early Christianity: Experiencing the Sacred* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019) in *Ancient Jew Review*, <https://www.ancientjewreview.com/book-notes> (2021).

Review of P. Fredriksen, *Paul: The Pagan’s Apostle* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017), in *Princeton Theological Review*, <http://ptr.ptsem.edu/online-book-reviews> (2018).

Review of Jack Levison, *Fresh Air: The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life* (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2012) in *The Pneuma Review*, <http://pneumareview.com/jack-levison-fresh-air> (2015).

Public Blog Posts:

“In Memory of Her: Lent and Extravagance for Nothing,” NCU Table salt blog post (March 2022). Link: <https://www.northcentral.edu/blog/lent-and-extravagance/>.

“A Week of Holy Waiting,” NCU Table Salt blog post (April 2021). Link: <https://www.northcentral.edu/blog/a-week-of-holy-waiting/>.

“Searching for the Resurrected Jesus and Stuffed Animals,” NCU Table Salt blog post (April 2021). Link: <https://www.northcentral.edu/blog/searching-for-the-resurrected-jesus-and-stuffed-animals/>.

VII. CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED LECTURES, & PUBLIC SERMONS

Academic:

“A Soul’s Second Chance: The Testament of Abraham and Traditions of Praying for the Dead.” Program Unit: Prayer in Antiquity. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Denver, CO; November 2022 (accepted; withdrawn due to schedule conflict).

“‘Spiritual Blindness’ in the Bartimaeus Pericope (Mark 10:46-52): Toward Decentering Ableist Readings.” Program Unit: Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Denver, CO; November 2022.

“The Moral Role of Spiritual Blindness in Mark: Toward Decentering Ableist Readings.” Program Unit: New Testament. Upper Midwest Regional Meeting SBL/AAR. Gustavus Adolphus College; April 2022.

“An Introduction to Paul’s Theological Anthropology.” Invited lecture for Northwest University, “Romans” (Blaine Charette); March 2022.

“From Imagination to Practice: Burial Rituals in Paul?” Program Unit: Early and Late Antique Christianity. Upper Midwest Regional Meeting SBL/AAR. St. Paul, MN (Virtual due to COVID-19); April 2021.

“Ethics in Mark.” Invited lecture for University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Dubuque, IA; February 2020.

“Moral Accountability According to Mark.” Program Unit: Gospel of Mark. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, CA; November 2019.

“A Discussion of Leander Keck’s *Who is Jesus: History in the Perfect Tense*.” Invited lecture for Princeton Theological Seminary, “Jesus, Christology, and the Gospels” (C.C. Black); November 2018.

“The Devil Will Flee: Intertextuality in James, the Jesus Tradition, and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs.” Program Unit: Intertextuality in the NT. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA; November 2017.

“Serious as Hell: Judgment Rhetoric and the Justice of God in Mark’s Gospel.” Annual Graduate Student Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary; February 2017.

“Clothing the Dead: An Important Pauline Image for the Afterlife.” New Testament Research Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary; December 2016.

“What is Biblical Scholarship?” Invited lecture for The College of New Jersey, “America’s Best Selling Book – The Bible” (T. Clydesdale); October 2016.

Public Lectures & Sermons (*select*):

“On Properly Ordering Our Love.” Student chapel; North Central University; March 2022.

“For Whom Shall We Give Thanks?” Student chapel; North Central University; November 2021.

“The Holy Spirit & Hospitality: Encountering the Other in Acts.” Student chapel; North Central University; September 2021.

“The Friendship of God.” Homestead Community Church; Farmington, MN; August 2021.

“God’s Coming Presence.” Student chapel; North Central University; November 2020.

“Holiness and the Gospel of John.” Biblical and Theological Studies student chapel; North Central University; October 2020.

“Celebrating God’s Faithfulness.” Hopewell Presbyterian Church; Hopewell, NJ; September 2019.

“Discipleship according to Mark.” Chapel service; Princeton Theological Seminary; July 2019.

“The Future of the Bible in Youth Ministry.” Keynote Speaker, Lipscomb University’s Youth Ministry Conference; Nashville, TN; March 2019.

“Created in the Image(s) of God? Media and the Future of the Bible in Youth Ministry.” Theologian-in-Residence, Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary; April 24–27, 2018.

“On the Nature of Resilience.” Conference Speaker, Institute for Youth Ministry Certificate Program. Princeton Theological Seminary; October 2017.

“A Biblical Theology of the Sabbath.” Conference Speaker, Institute for Youth Ministry Certificate Program, Princeton Theological Seminary; November 2016.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS)
Catholic Biblical Association (CBA)

External Reviews:

Peer reviewer for the following academic journals: *Pneuma* (2021).

IX. LANGUAGES

Greek (Koine & Attic); Hebrew; Aramaic; Coptic (Sahidic); Latin; German; French

X. REFERENCES

Available upon request