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Educational History

- 1998 YALE UNIVERSITY, Department of Religious Studies
Ph.D., New Testament/Ancient Christianity.
Dissertation: "Teachers, Texts and Students: Textual Performance and Patterns of Authority in Greco-Roman Schools. Written under Bentley Layton and Heinrich von Staden
- 1991-5 YALE UNIVERSITY, Department of Religious Studies
M.Phil., New Testament/Ancient Christianity
- 1990-1 YALE UNIVERSITY, Divinity School, S.T.M.
- 1986-90 YALE UNIVERSITY, Divinity School
M.Div., *Magna cum laude*
- 1982-4 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, School of Engineering and Applied Science
M.S., Applied Physics
- 1978-82 SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Seattle, WA
B.S., Physics

Fellowships and Awards

- 2017 Received a group DRI Grant (\$16,000) for a spring break trip to Jerusalem
- 2016 Elected to membership in Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas
- 2016 Residency at the American Academy in Rome, June 13-29 (for a class in architectural drawing and documentation)
- 2013 Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome, May 5-13
- 2012 NEH Research Fellowship for 2012-13 (\$50,400)
- 2012 Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome, May 28-June 11
- 2011 Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome, May 30-June 13
- 2010 Participant, Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religion (COMCAR) archaeological seminar held in Israel and Jordan, June 26-July 11, 2010.
- 2009 Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome, June 22-July 8
- 2008 Visiting Scholar at the American Academy in Rome, May 12-26

- 2002 NEH Fellowship for Summer Seminar, "Roman Religion in Its Cultural Context," held at the American Academy in Rome, June-August, 2002.
- 2001 Course Award (\$10,000) from the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (Berkeley, CA).
- 1995-6 Robert M. Leylan Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University
- 1993 Bass Writing Fellow, Yale University
- 1991-4 Graduate Fellowship, Yale University

Professional Positions

- 2011-2013-17 Professor of Religion, Davidson College (Chair of the Religion Department 2013-17)
- 2004-11 Associate Professor of Religion, Davidson College
- 2000-04 Assistant Professor of Religion, Davidson College.
- 1999-00 Assistant Professor of Religion, St. Mary's College of California.
- 1998-99 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Davidson College.

Publications

Books

Teachers and Texts in the Ancient World: Philosophers, Jews, and Christians. London: Routledge, 2000. Italian translation: *Maestri e testi nel mondo antico: Filosofi, giudei e cristiani* (Rome: Paideia Editrice, 2010).

Books Edited

Christian Teachers in Second-Century Rome; Schools and Students in the Ancient City. Edited by H. Gregory Snyder. Leiden: Brill, 2020.

In Search of the Early Christians: Selected Essays by Wayne Meeks. Edited by Allen Hilton and H. Gregory Snyder. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Bed, Bath, and Burial: NCE 156 Revisited." *The Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23 (2015): 305-16.

"The Discovery and Interpretation of the Flavia Sophe Inscription: New Results." *Vigiliae Christianae* 68 (2014): 1-59.

"A Second-Century Christian Inscription from the Via Latina." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 19.2 (2011): 157-95.

“‘Above the Bath of Myrtinus’: Justin Martyr's ‘School’ in the City of Rome.” *Harvard Theological Review* 100 (2007): 335-62.

“Pictures in Dialogue: A Viewer-Centered Approach to the Hypogeum on Via Dino Compagni.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 13 (2005): 349-86.

“Naughts and Crosses: Peshet Manuscripts and Their Significance for Reading Practices at Qumran.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 7 (2000): 26-48.

“Pulsed Radio Emission from Jupiter.” *Journal of Geophysical Research* 94, No. A12 (December 1, 1989): 17, 245-49 (written with D. R. Evans).

Chapters in edited volumes

“Shoemakers and Syllogisms: Theodotus the Cobbler and His ‘School.’” In *Christian Teachers in Second-Century Rome*, edited by H. Gregory Snyder (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 183-204 (peer-reviewed).

“Flavia’s Neighborhood: Further Evidence for a Second-Century Group on the Via Latina.” In *Valentinianism: New Studies*, edited by Christoph Marksches and Einar Thomassen (Leiden: Brill, 2019), 143-70 (peer-reviewed).

“She Destroyed Multitudes: Marcellina’s Group in Rome.” In *Women and Knowledge in Early Christianity*, edited by Ulla Tervahauta, Ivan Miroshnikov, Outi Lehtipuu, and Ismo Dunderberg (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 39-61 (peer-reviewed).

“Early Christianity.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Ancient Mediterranean Religion*, edited by Barbette Spaeth (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013): 177-98.

“The Classroom in the Text: Exegetical Practices in Justin and Galen.” In *Christian Origins and Classical Culture: Social and Literary Contexts for the New Testament*, edited by Stanley Porter and Andrew Pitts (Leiden: Brill, 2012): 663-685 (peer-reviewed)

“Response to Karl Galinsky, ‘In the Shadow (or Not) of the Imperial Cult: a Cooperative Agenda,’” In *Rome and Religion: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on the Imperial Cult*, edited by Jeffrey Brodd and Jonathan L. Reed (Writings from the Greco-Roman World Supplement Series 5; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011), 227-33.

Reviews

George W. Houston, *Inside Roman Libraries: Book Collections and Their Management in Antiquity* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2016) for *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2016)

Richard Horsley, *Jesus and the Powers: Conflict, Covenant, and the Hope of the Poor* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2011) for *Interpretation* 66 (2012): 331-2

Adela Yarbro Collins and John J. Collins, *King and Messiah as Son of God: Divine, Human, and Angelic Messianic Figures in Biblical and Related Literature*, (Eerdmans, Grand

Rapids/Cambridge, 2008) for *Interpretation* 64 (2010): 206-7.

Catherine Hezser, *Jewish Literacy in Roman Palestine* (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr [Paul Siebeck], 2001), for the *Journal of Biblical Literature* 121 (2002): 559-62.

Steven J. Friesen, *Imperial Cults and the Apocalypse of John* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001), for *The Classical Review* 53 (2003): 177-8.

Miscellaneous Short Pieces

“Vindolanda.” In *The Dictionary of the Bible and Ancient Media*. Edited by Tom Thatcher, Chris Keith, Raymond F. Person Jr., and Elsie R. Stern. London: Bloomsbury Books, 2017. Pp. 441-2.

Exegetical articles on Luke 11:1-13 and 11:14-28 for *Feasting on the Gospels* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014): 310-14.

Academic and Professional Activities

- 2019 Reviewer for American Council of Learned Societies grant proposals.
- 2018 “Bed, Bath and Burial along the Via Latina. The Archaeological Context for the Flavia Sophe Inscription,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 25.
- 2016 Completed a class in architectural drawing and documentation (“Bauforschung”), at the American Academy in Rome, June 13-29.
- 2015 Organized a workshop, “Christian Teachers in Second-Century Rome” for the Oxford Patristics Conference (Aug. 10-14), with eight panelists from five countries. Delivered a paper, “Shoemakers and Syllogisms: The School of Theodotus the Cobbler.”
- 2015 “Martial in Motion,” delivered at a conference, “Literary Interactions under Nerva, Trajan, and Hadrian,” held at Boston University, June 17-18.
- 2013 “For Weddings and a Funeral: Marital and Mortuary Imagery in the Flavia Sophe Inscription.” Delivered at The Society of Biblical Literature Conference, Baltimore, November 23, 2013.
- 2013 Invited panelist on Nicola Denzey Lewis’ book, *Introduction to Gnosticism* (Oxford, 2013), The Society of Biblical Literature Conference, Baltimore, November 25, 2013.
- 2013 “Flavia’s Neighborhood: the Neighborhood Context for the Valentinian Inscriptions.” Invited paper at a conference on Valentinian Gnosticism held at the Norwegian Institute, Rome, October 16-18.
- 2011 “Armadillos and Ancient Christians: What Do They Have in Common?” Invited talk at a conference, “Constructing Christianity,” held at the University of South Carolina, Nov. 6, 2011.
- 2010 Wrote the proposal for the 2012 panel of the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religion,

- to be convened at the meeting of the American Philological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Invited respondent for a group of papers on Religion and Civil Strife, at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference, Atlanta, Nov. 22, 2010.
- Program Chair for a panel run by the Society of Ancient Mediterranean religion, held at the American Philological Association meeting in Anaheim, January 2010.
- 2009 Respondent for a panel entitled, "Rome and Religion," held at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference, Nov. 22, New Orleans, LA.
- "Thinking Outside the Box: The Gospel of Judas and Non-canonical Literature"; invited lecture at St. Mary's College of California, Nov. 9, 2009.
- Contributed to a book panel on Fred Brenk's collection of essays, *With Perfumed Voice*, at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, July 4, 2009.
- Organized and participated in a conference for the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religion conference, held at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, June 28, 2009.
- 2008 Served as program chair for the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religion's inaugural conference in Rome and for a SAMR panel to be held at the American Philological Association meeting in Anaheim, 2010.
- 2006 "Justin at the Baths of Myrtinus." Delivered at a conference, "Justin Martyr and His Worlds," held at the University of Edinburgh, July 20-22, 2006.
- 2004 "From Wall to Wall: Decorative Programs in the Hypogeum on Via Dino Compagni." Delivered at a conference on Roman Religion, "Variationes Lectionum: Approaches to Roman Religion," held at the University of Mississippi, October 23-4, 2004.
- 2002 "Clement of Alexandria and the Renovation of the Book." Delivered at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting in Denver, CO, November, 2002.
- 2001 Attended (by invitation) a conference on the theme, "Methodology in Science and Religion: Critical Realism and its Alternatives" Oxford, England, July 8-13, 2001. Presented course proposal entitled, "Myths and Theories of Origin."
- 2000 "From Hercules to Christ . . . to Hercules; Pagan and Christian Art in the Catacomb of the Via Latina." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Conference, Nashville, TN, Nov. 20, 2000.
- 1998 "Textual Commentary and Reading Practices at Qumran." Paper presented at the Philadelphia Seminar for Christian Origins, University of Pennsylvania, May 11, 1998.
- "Naughts and Crosses: The Paleography of Qumran Peshier Manuscripts." Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Mid-Atlantic Section, New Brunswick, NJ, March 12, 1998.

Manuscript Reviews for *The Journal of Early Christian Studies* and for T&T Clark.

Courses Taught

In Religious Studies

History and Literature of the New Testament
Letters and Thoughts of Paul
Jesus and His Interpreters
The Gospel According to John
The Gospel According to Thomas
The Other Gospels
The Book of Revelation and the Apocalyptic Imagination
Religions of the Roman Empire
Introduction to Religion
Sacrifice
Idea of the Book
Myths and Theories of Origin
The Bible and Modern Moral Issues
The Bible in America
Religion and Politics

Humanities Program

The Western Tradition: Humanities 150 and 151

In the Writing Program

From Codex to Cloud: the Material Forms of Scripture

At Saint Mary's College

Survey of Bible
The Synoptic Gospels
Origin and Development of Christianity
Jesus at 2000

Service to the College

Chair of the Religion Department, 2013-17.

Interim chair of the Religion Department, fall 2011

Graduate Fellowships Committee 2014-present

Pre-Ministerial Committee (currently chair) 2008-present

Past service on Professional Affairs Committee (chair, 2008), Campus Community and Religious Life

Professional Societies

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

Society of Biblical Literature

American Academy of Religion

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religion (served as Program Chair, 2008-9)

Activities/Activism

Active in local and state politics.

Many teaching sessions at local churches in and around Charlotte.