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Professional Positions:

Dean of the Divinity School, University of Chicago (2010-)

Shailer Mathews Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature, University of Chicago Divinity School (2011-)

Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature, University of Chicago Divinity School (2005-2011), Associate Professor (1998-2005)

Associate Professor of New Testament, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago (1991-1998)

Assistant Professor of New Testament and Hebrew Bible, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago (1986-1991)

Instructor in Religion, Canterbury School, New Milford, Connecticut (1978-1981)

Education

Ph.D. (with distinction) University of Chicago, Divinity School (1989) Bible

M.A. University of Chicago, Divinity School (1982) Study of Religion

B.A. Manhattanville College (1978) Religion and English Literature

Publications

Books Authored

Paul, the Corinthians, and the Birth of Christian Hermeneutics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 178 pp.

The "Belly-Myther" of Endor: Interpretations of 1 Kingdoms 28 in The Early Church (with Rowan A. Greer), *Writings from the Greco-Roman World* vol. 16 (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 2007), 348pp.

The Heavenly Trumpet: John Chrysostom and the Art of Pauline Interpretation, Hermeneutische Untersuchungen zur Theologie 40 (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 2000; Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2002), 564pp.

Paul and the Rhetoric of Reconciliation: An Exegetical Investigation of the Language and Composition of 1 Corinthians. Hermeneutische Untersuchungen zur Theologie 28 (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 1991; Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1993), 380 pp.

Books Edited

The Cambridge History of Christianity, vol. 1: Origins to Constantine (with Frances M. Young) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), 740pp.

Re-publication, with new Foreword, "What Can We Know About the Beginnings of Christianity?" (pp. xiii-xlii), and completely revised bibliographies, of Robert M. Grant, *Augustus to Constantine: The Rise and Triumph of Christianity in the Roman World* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2004).

Antiquity and Humanity: Essays on Ancient Religion and Philosophy Presented to Hans Dieter Betz on His 70th Birthday (with Adela Yarbro Collins) (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 2001), 561pp.

Articles in Refereed Journals () and Book Chapters:*

"Peter's 'Hypocrisy' and Paul's: Two 'Hypocrites' at the Foundation of Earliest Christianity?" *New Testament Studies* 58 (2012), forthcoming.*

"The Poetics and Politics of Christian Baptism in the Abercius Monument." In *Ablution, Initiation, and Baptism in Early Judaism, Graeco-Roman Religion, and Early Christianity*, ed. David Hellholm (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011) 1739-1778.

"The Continuing Problem of Particularity and Universality within the *corpus Paulinum*: Chrysostom on Romans 16:3." *Studia Theologica* (2011) 127-137.*

"Chicago's 'Archaic Mark' (ms 2427) II: Microscopic, Chemical and Codicological Analysis Confirms Modern Production" (with Joseph G. Barabe and Abigail B. Quandt). *Novum Testamentum* 52 (2010) 101-33.*

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"Le style, c'est l'homme: Aesthetics and Apologetics in the Stylistic Analysis of the New Testament." *Novum Testamentum* 51 (2009) 369-88.*

"Christian Martyrdom and the 'Dialect of the Holy Scriptures': The Literal, the Allegorical, the Martyrological." *Biblical Interpretation* 17 (2009) 177-206.*

“Corrective Composition, Corrective Exegesis: the Teaching on Prayer in 1 Tim 2,1-15.” In *1 Timothy Reconsidered*, ed. Karl P. Donfried (Louvain: Peeters, 2008) 41-62.

“Looking for Abercius: Reimagining Contexts of Interpretation of the ‘Earliest Christian Inscription.’” In *Commemorating the Dead, Texts and Artifacts in Context: Studies of Roman, Jewish, and Christian Burials*, ed. Laurie Brink and Deborah Green (Berlin/New York: deGruyter, 2008) 303-335.

“Origen, Celsus and Lucian on the ‘Dénouement of the Drama’ of the Gospels.” In *Reading Religions in the Ancient World: Essays Presented to Robert McQueen Grant on his 90th Birthday*, ed. David E. Aune and Robin Darling Young (NovTSup 125; Leiden: Brill, 2007) 215-36.

“The Letter of James as a Document of Paulinism?” *Reading James With New Eyes: Methodological Reassessments of the Letter of James*, ed. Robert L. Webb and John S. Kloppenborg (London: T & T Clark, 2007) 75-98.

“John Chrysostom on the Sermon on the Mount: φιλοσοφία as the Basis for the Christian πολιτεία.” *The Sermon on the Mount Through the Centuries*, ed. Jeffrey P. Greenman, Timothy Larsen, and Stephen R. Spencer (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2007) 19-42.

“Rhetorical Handbooks in Service of Biblical Exegesis: Eustathius of Antioch Takes Origen Back to School.” *The New Testament and Early Christian Literature in Greco-Roman Context. Studies in Honor of David E. Aune*, ed. John Fotopoulos (NovTSup 122; Leiden: Brill, 2006) 349-67.

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“The Emergence of the Written Record.” In *Cambridge History of Christianity*, vol. 1, 103-24.

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“Patristic Rhetoric on Allegory: Origen and Eustathius put 1 Samuel 28 on Trial.” *The Journal of Religion* 85 (2005) 414-45.* Revised version in Rowan A. Greer and M.M. Mitchell, *The Belly-myther of Endor* (2007), lxxxv-cxxiv.

“Patristic Counter-evidence to the Claim That ‘The Gospels Were Written for All Christians.’” *New Testament Studies* 51 (2005) 36-79.*

“Paul’s Letters to Corinth: The Interpretive Intertwining of Literary and Historical Reconstruction.” In *Urban Religion in Roman Corinth*, ed. Daniel Schowalter and Steven J. Friesen (Harvard Theological Studies 53; Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2005) 307-338.

“Paulus in Amerika.” *Zeitschrift für Neues Testament* 14 (2004) 11-21.*

“Epiphanic Evolutions in Earliest Christianity.” *Illinois Classical Studies* 29 (2004) 183-204.

“Silver Chamberpots and Other Goods Which Are Not Good: John Chrysostom’s Discourse Against Wealth and Possessions.” In *Having: Property and Possession in Religious and Social Life*, ed. William Schweiker and Charles Mathewes (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004) 88-121.

“1 and 2 Thessalonians.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Paul*, ed. James D.G. Dunn (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003) 51-63.

“The Corinthian Correspondence and the Birth of Pauline Hermeneutics.” In *Paul and the Corinthians: Studies on a Community in Conflict. Essays in Honour of Margaret Thrall*, ed. T.J. Burke and J.K. Elliott (NovTSup 109; Leiden: Brill, 2003) 17-53.

“A Response to ‘The Incomplete Feminism of Musonius Rufus, Platonist, Stoic, and Roman,’ by Martha C. Nussbaum.” *Criterion* 42/1 (2003) 22-27, 38.

“Why Family Matters for Early Christian Literature.” In *Early Christian Families in Context: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue*, ed. David Balch and Carolyn Osiek (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003) 345-58.

“P^{Tebt} 703 and the Genre of 1 Timothy: The Curious Career of a Ptolemaic Papyrus in Pauline Scholarship.” *Novum Testamentum* 45 (2002) 344-70.*

“His Most Devoted Interpreter: John Chrysostom and the Art of Pauline Interpretation.” *The Papers of the Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology, Vol. 5*, ed. Christopher I. Wilkins (ATS Series in Theological Scholarship and Research; Pittsburgh: Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, 2002) 47-69.

“Reading Rhetoric with Patristic Exegetes: John Chrysostom on Galatians.” *Antiquity and Humanity: Essays on Ancient Religion and Philosophy Presented to Hans Dieter Betz on His 70th Birthday*, ed. Adela Yarbro Collins and Margaret M. Mitchell (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 2001) 333-355.

“Pauline Palimpsests and the Protestant-Catholic Divide.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 30 (2001) 9-16.

“Pauline Accommodation and ‘Condescension’ (συγκατάβασις): 1 Cor 9:19-23 and the History of Influence.” *Paul Beyond the Judaism-Hellenism Divide*, ed. Troels Engberg-Pedersen (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2001) 197-214.

“A Patristic Perspective on Pauline περιавтоλογία.” *New Testament Studies* 47 (2001) 354-71.*

“‘Speaking of God as He Was Able’: A Response to Luke Timothy Johnson and Jerry L. Sumney on the Theology of 1 Timothy.” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 21 (1999) 124-39.*

“Ruth at Antioch: A Translation of Theodoret’s *Quaestiones in Ruth*, with a Brief Commentary.” In *Realia Dei: Essays in Archaeology and Biblical Interpretation in Honor of Edward F. Campbell, Jr. at His*

Retirement, ed. Prescott H. Williams and Theodore Hiebert (Scholars Press Homage Series 23; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999) 195-214.

“Diotrephes Does Not Receive Us’: The Lexicographical and Social Context of 3 John 9 and 10.” *The Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998) 299-320.*

“A Variable and Many-sorted Man’: John Chrysostom’s Treatment of Pauline Inconsistency.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 6 (1998) 93-111.*

“Reading to Virtue” [A Response to Hildegard Cancik-Lindemaier, “Seneca’s Collection of Epistles - a Medium of Philosophical Communication”]. In *Ancient and Modern Perspectives on the Bible and Culture: Essays in Honor of Hans Dieter Betz*, ed. Adela Yarbro Collins (Scholars Press Hommage series 22; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1998) 110-21.

“John Chrysostom on Philemon: A Second Look.” *Harvard Theological Review* 88 (1995) 135-48.*

“The Archetypal Image’: John Chrysostom’s Portraits of Paul.” *The Journal of Religion* 75 (1995) 15-43.*

“Rhetorical Shorthand in Pauline Argumentation: The Functions of The Gospel’ in the Corinthian Correspondence.” In *Gospel in Paul: Studies on Corinthians, Galatians and Romans for Richard N. Longenecker*, ed. L. A. Jervis and P. Richardson (JSOTSup 108; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994), pp. 63-88. Partial reprint in Wayne A. Meeks and John T. Fitzgerald, eds., *The Writings of St. Paul*, 2nd ed. (Boston: W. W. Norton, 2007) 669-78.

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“Concerning ΠΕΠΙ ΔΕ in 1 Corinthians.” *Novum Testamentum* 31 (1989) 229-56.*

Contributions to Reference Works:

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“Pathos,” “Rhetorik, Neutestamentlich,” “Rede, Reden, Redner, Neutestamentlich,” “Rhetorische Figuren, Neutestamentlich.” In *Lexikon der Bibelhermeneutik* (LBH), ed. Oda Wischmeyer, et al. (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009) 437-38, 490-91, 505, 509.

“Allegory, New Testament,” “Allegory, Greek Patristics,” “Allegory, Latin Patristics.” For *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (EBR), ed. Hermann Spieckermann, et al. (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2010).

Translation of 1 Corinthians, for CEB (Common English Bible).

“The Johannine Epistles” and “John Chrysostom.” For *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (NIDB) (submitted).

“Rhetorical and Literary Criticism.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Biblical Studies*, ed. Judith Lieu and John Rogerson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006) 615-33.

“Brief I. Form und Gattung” (I.1757-1759), “Brief II. Schrifttum” (I.1759-1762), “Korintherbriefe” (IV.1688-1694), “Rhetorik, I. Antike, 3a. Neues Testament, 3b Übrige antike christliche Literatur” (VII.494-496), “Thessalonicherbriefe” (VIII.360-362). In *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 4th edition (RGG⁴) (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr/Paul Siebeck, 2001-2004 [now in English translation]).

“Biblical Literature in its Historical Context: The Apocrypha and the New Testament.” In *HarperCollins Bible Commentary*, ed. James L. Mays, revised edition (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 2000) 39-49.

“First and Second Timothy, Titus, and the Epistle to Philemon,” Introductions and Annotations. In *New Revised Oxford Annotated Bible* (NOAB), ed. Michael D. Coogan (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2000, revised ed. 2010).

“Chrysostom, John, St.” For *Encyclopedia of Monasticism*, ed. W.M. Johnston and C. Renkin (Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn: 2000).

“1 Cor 9:5, Sister/wife.” “1 Cor 11:2-16 women praying and prophesying.” “1 Cor 14:33b-36 women should be ‘silent’ in the *ekklesia*.” In *Women in Scripture: A Dictionary of Named and Unnamed Women in the Hebrew Bible, Apocrypha, and New Testament*, ed. C. Meyers, T. Craven and R. Kraemer (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000).

“John Chrysostom.” For *Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters*, ed. Donald K. McKim (Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 1998; 2nd ed. 2007) 28-34.

“Corinthians, First Epistle to the” (with Hans Dieter Betz). In *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* (ABD) (NY: Doubleday, 1992) 1.1139-48.

Book Reviews and Review Essays in

Augustinian Studies
Catholic Biblical Quarterly
Church History
Critical Review of Books in Religion
History of Religions
Journal of Biblical Literature
Journal of Religion
Religious Studies Review
Theologische Literaturzeitung

Columns on Early Christian Origins, Biblical Interpretation and Religion in Popular Culture
(select)

“Clearly, this is not a pacifist God we serve,” *Sightings*, August 4, 2011.
http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive_2011/0804.shtml

“How Biblical is the Christian Right?” Web Forum, Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago Divinity School, May, 2006.
<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum/052006/>

“What is Truth in Recent Claims about Early Christian Origins?” *Sightings*, April 13, 2006.
<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/index.shtml>

“*Aramaica Veritas* and the Occluded Orientalism of Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*,” *Criterion* 43 (2004) 20-25, 38.

“Special Gibson,” *Sightings*, March 11, 2004.
http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive_2004/0311.shtml

“Grave Doubts About the ‘James Ossuary,’” *Sightings*, June 26, 2003.

“Does the ‘James Ossuary’ Bring us Closer to Jesus?” *Sightings*, January 23, 2003. Republished on the Religious Studies News Society of Biblical Literature website, www.sbl-site.org/Newsletter/02_2003/Mitchell.html.

“Cracking *The Da Vinci Code*,” *Sightings*, September 25, 2003. Fuller version in *Lake Magazine*, Oct. 23, 2003.
http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive_2003/0924.shtml

Lectureships (select)

Sundet Lecture, University of Minnesota (April, 2010)
Nils Alstrup Dahl Lecture, University of Oslo (March, 2010)
Sundet Lecture, University of Minnesota (March, 2009)
Speaker’s Lectures in Biblical Interpretation, University of Oxford (Trinity term, 2008)
Kenneth W. Clark Lectures, Duke University Divinity School (March, 2006)
Carmichael-Walling Lectures, Abilene Christian University (November, 2006)
Donnellan Lectures, Trinity College, Dublin (October, 2006)
McManis Lecture, Wheaton College (April, 2006)
Albert Cardinal Meyer Lectures, Mundelein Seminary (April, 2005)
Drumwright Lecture, Baylor University (March, 2004)
Thompson Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary (March, 2000)
Dudleian Lecture, Harvard Divinity School (May, 2000)

Editorial Responsibilities:

Executive Editor (with David P. Moessner), *Novum Testamentum Supplements* monograph series (Brill), 1998- (to date, vols. 98 to 140)
Editorial Board, *Hermeneutische Untersuchungen zur Theologie* monograph series (Mohr Siebeck), 2001-
Editorial Board, *Writings from the Greco-Roman World* text and translation series (Society of Biblical Literature), 2005-
WGRW subseries on Chrysostom's exegetica, 2006-
Editorial Board, *The Journal of Religion*, 2000-2010
Editorial Board, *New Testament Studies*, 2002-2004
Editorial Board, *The Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1995-2000

Courses Taught (University of Chicago):

Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts
The Gospel according to Mark
Interpreting the Gospel according to Matthew
The Historical Jesus in Recent Research
Galatians and James: Traditions in Conflict?
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
The Thessalonian Correspondence
Paul's Letter to the Philippians (with Hans Dieter Betz)
The Pastoral Epistles
Colloquium: Ancient Christianity (Narratives of "The 'Rise' of Christianity")
Early Christian Epistolography
Early Christian Rhetoric
Early Christian Biblical Interpretation
Flavius Josephus and Early Christianity
ECL Seminar: Hero Cults and Earliest Christianity (with David Martinez)
ECL Seminar: Apollonius of Tyana and Early Christian Literature (with Hans-Josef Klauck)
Image and Religion in Late Antiquity: Pagan, Christian and Jew at Dura Europos
(with Jaś Elsner)
Gregory of Nyssa: Theologian and Rhetorician (with Kathryn Tanner)
Comparative Scriptural Interpretation (with James T. Robinson)

Memberships/Service:

American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2011)
American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
Association internationale d' études patristiques/International Association of Patristic Studies

Catholic Biblical Association

Chicago Society for Biblical Research

North American Patristics Society

Society of Biblical Literature

Co-chair, Pauline Epistles Section, SBL, 1994-98

(member of Steering Committee, 1990-98)

Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Section (member of
Steering Committee, 2004-)

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (member of Committee, 2006-2008)

University of Chicago Women's Leadership Council, 2008-2010

Board, University of Chicago Press, 2008-2009

Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology selection committee, 2006-2010

Co-convenor (with David Martinez), University of Chicago Early

Christian Studies Workshop, 2003-2010

The Goodspeed Manuscript Team, University of Chicago Special

Collections and Digital Media Team, 2002-

Grants:

John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship (awarded 2010, deferred)

University of Chicago Provost's ATI (Academic Technology Innovation) Grant, "The Goodspeed
New Testament Manuscript Project: The Digital Codex as an Exercise in Gospel Interpretation,"
2003-2004

Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, 1998-99