

Allison Leigh Gray

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL DATA

Home address: 5135 South Kenwood Avenue
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EDUCATION

2007-present PhD Candidate, University of Chicago Division of the Humanities
Department of New Testament and Early Christian Literature

Dissertation: *Text and Embodiment: Gregory of Nyssa's Biographical Works and the Literary Formation of Virtue*

Committee: Dr. Margaret M. Mitchell, University of Chicago
Dr. Hans-Josef Klauck, University of Chicago
Dr. David Martinez, University of Chicago

2012 Doctoral Exams

1A: Two New Testament Books (Philippians, Acts)

1B: Major Ancient Collection of Materials (Gregory of Nyssa's corpus)

2A: The Religious and Cultural history of the Mediterranean world
from the Hellenistic to the Byzantine age

2B: The Political and Social History of the Roman Empire

3A: Special Topic: History of Greek Literature (biography)

2007 Master of Arts in Divinity, University of Chicago Divinity School
Specialization: New Testament and Early Christian Literature

2005 Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, University of Puget Sound
Special Interdisciplinary Major: Classics, Religion, English
Senior Thesis: *Saint or Goddess? Brigit of Ireland: Female Sanctity and Conversion*

2001 Carondelet High School, Concord, CA

TEACHING

University of Chicago

Lecturer, The Divinity School

Koine Greek I (Fall 2015)

Koine Greek II (Winter 2016)

B.A. Preceptor, Undergraduate Program in Religious Studies

B.A. Seminar (2014-2015)

Theses advised

Celia Bever (2015), "Pope Francis versus the Internet: the Dynamics and Possibilities of Confession Today."

Vivien Castillo (2015), "Spellcraft and Spirituality: On the American Evangelical Discussion Surrounding J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*."

Joseph A. Morrison (2015), "Faith in the Midst of Suffering: Richard Rubenstein, Elie Wiesel, and the Search for Embodied Theology After Auschwitz."

Rebecca Quick (2015), "The Cash-Waqf Dispute and the Legal Complications of Religious Universalism and Renewal in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire."

Lecturer, The College

Greek Thought and Literature 1 (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

Greek Thought and Literature 3 (Spring 2016)

Writing Intern, The College

Greek Thought and Literature 1, 2, 3 (2010-2015)

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Margaret M. Mitchell, The Divinity School

Introduction to New Testament (Winter 2009, Winter 2010)

Dominican University

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Theology and Pastoral Ministry

Hebrew Scriptures I: Genesis to Judges (Fall 2011, Fall 2013)

Hebrew Scriptures II: Prophets and Wisdom (Fall 2012)

Understanding the Bible (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

New Testament II: Acts, Paul, and Other Writings (Spring 2014)

Instructor, Siena Center

Eastertide with the Gospel of John (April 2013)

Introduction to Scripture (July 2013)

University of Puget Sound

Peer Writing Advisor, Center for Writing and Learning (2002-2005)

Peer Tutor in Statistics, Center for Writing and Learning (2002-2005)

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

2015 "Seeing *praxeis*, practicing virtue," presented in the Martin Marty Center Fellows Seminar, the University of Chicago Divinity School (March 2015)

- 2014 “Training the Eyes: Manipulation and Deception in the *Life of Gregory Thaumaturgus*,” presented at the University of Chicago Early Christian Studies Workshop (October 2014)
- 2013 Invited lecture and class discussion about Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Macrina* for Dr. Andrew Radde-Gallwitz’s course “Theology 317: History of Christian Thought: Ancient to Medieval” at Loyola University, Chicago (September 2013)
- Lecture on Gregory of Nyssa’s theological anthropology for the Archdiocese of Chicago’s *Theology on Tap* summer program (Summer 2013, two presentation sites: Dominican University and University of Chicago’s Calvert House)
- “Encounters with a Homicidal Bath Demon: Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Gregory Thaumaturgus*,” presented at the University of Chicago Early Christian Studies Workshop (April 2013)
- 2009 “Literal and Figurative Interpretation in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses*,” presented at the University of Chicago Early Christian Studies Workshop
- 2007 “Passwords for Salvation: A Comparative Look at Gnostic Ascent Narrative, Christian Apocalyptic Heavenly Journeys, and Orphic Gold Tablets,” presented at the University of Chicago Early Christian Studies Workshop

PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 Allison L. Gray, “Encounters with a Homicidal Bath Demon: Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Gregory Thaumaturgus*,” University of Chicago Divinity School, Martin Marty Center online *Web Forum* (December 2013).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Allison L. Gray, “Marriage, New Testament,” article for De Gruyter’s *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception* (to be submitted Fall 2015)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature (beginning 2007)

Service at the University of Chicago

Departmental Representative to the Humanities Division Graduate Student Council (2007-2009; 2014)

Presenter, Divinity School Craft of Teaching Program

"Helping Students Cope with Pluralism and Criticism in the Classroom" (February 2014)

“Syllabus Workshop: New Testament Intro Courses,” joint event with Early Christian Studies Workshop (May 2013)

Panelist, Divinity School Workshops

“Teaching the Bible in Diverse Classrooms,” Hebrew Bible Workshop (June 2013)

“Qualifying Exams Preparation Panel,” Bible Area Club (November 2012)

Professional Development

“Preparing Future Faculty Series,” University of Chicago Center for Teaching (workshops completed 2013-2015)

“Getting Started in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Workshop,” Dominican University (May 31, 2013)

Pedagogies of Writing course, training for work as a Humanities Writing Intern with the University of Chicago Writing Program (Spring 2010)

Academic Employment

Instructor, Catechetical courses for faculty at St. Paul’s Elementary School, San Pablo, CA (2013-2015)

Writing Tutor for University of Chicago undergraduate students in the Core (2010-2012)

Research Assistant to Dr. Hans-Josef Klauck, University of Chicago Divinity School (2007-present)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2014-2015 Martin Marty Center Junior Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago

2007-2012 Century Fellowship for Doctoral Study, University of Chicago

2005 Honorary Mellon Fellow

2004 Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, University of Puget Sound
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Puget Sound
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, University of Puget Sound

GRANTS

2009 University of Chicago Divinity School Border Crossings Project “Theologians in Residence” Program, with a grant from the Lilly Endowment.
Co-director for five-month lecture and discussion series with Chicago’s Old Saint Patrick’s Church and the Catholic Theological Union

LANGUAGES

Latin

Greek, Attic and Koine

Biblical Hebrew

French – high pass, University of Chicago proficiency examination

German – high pass, University of Chicago proficiency examination

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Apocryphal Acts; Apostolic fathers; Biography and panegyric; Classical and late antique education; Greek and Latin novels; Hagiography; Hebrew Bible literature and history; Historiography; Martyrdom and martyrologies; New Testament literature and history; Patristic exegesis; Rhetorical instruction and practices; Second Sophistic literature