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EDUCATION

June 2019 **Ph.D. | The University of Chicago**
(Expected) New Testament & Early Christian Literature

Dissertation: “Retelling Scripture: Biblical Paraphrase in Philo of Alexandria’s
and Gregory of Nyssa’s *Lives of Moses*”
Committee: Margaret M. Mitchell, Jeffrey Stackert, David Martinez

Qualifying Exams:

Historical Contexts of Earliest Christianity, David Martinez

New Testament and Early Christian Literature, Hans-Josef Klauck

Ancient Christianity to 600 CE, Margaret M. Mitchell & Karin Krause

History of Criticism and Literary Theory, Richard Rosengarten & Jeffrey Stackert

Departmental Language Exams: Greek, Hebrew, Latin; German, French

2012 **M.Div. | The University of Chicago**

2009 **M.A. | The University of Arizona**

Classics (emphasis in Classical Philology)

Thesis: *Allusions to Ovid’s Metamorphoses in Prudentius’ Peristephanon 3 and 14*

2007 **B.A. | Baylor University**

Classics (minor in religion)

Honors Program Scholar with Distinction, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES

2016 American School of Classical Studies at Athens

2008 Istituto Internazionale di Studi Classici di Orvieto

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2018 “Moses’ Damascus Road Theophany: Rewriting Scripture in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses*.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 26, no. 2 (2018): 249–74.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Undergraduate and Graduate)

University of Chicago (Graduate)
 Introductory Koine Greek 2 (Winter 2018)
 Introductory Koine Greek 1 (Fall 2017)

St Macrina Orthodox Institute, Diocese of the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America
 Church History (Spring 2018)

University of Arizona (Undergraduate)
 Elementary Latin 2 (Spring 2008)
 Elementary Latin 1 (Fall 2007)

Writing Intern (Undergraduate)

Humanities Core Sequence, The College, University of Chicago
 Reading Cultures, Christopher Allison (Spring 2018)
 Philosophical Perspectives, Chris Kennedy (Winter 2018)
 Human Being and Citizen, David Martinez (Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate and Graduate)

University of Chicago (Undergraduate and Graduate)
 History of Christian Thought 1, Willemien Otten (Spring 2017)
 Introductory Koine Greek 1 & 2 (Fall 2016 & Winter 2017)
 Introduction to the Study of Iconography, Karin Krause (Spring 2016)
 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, Simeon Chavel (Winter 2016)
 Introduction to the New Testament, Hans-Josef Klauck & Margaret M. Mitchell
 (Winter 2014 & Spring 2015)

University of Arizona (Undergraduate)
 Intensive Intermediate Classical Greek, John Bauschatz (Summer 2009)
 Intensive Beginning Classical Greek, John Bauschatz (Summer 2009)
 The Classical Tradition 1 & 2, Christopher van den Berg (Fall 2008 & Spring
 2009)
 Christianity in the Greco-Roman World, Cynthia White (Fall 2008)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTION)

2018–2019 Greenberg Center for Jewish Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship

- 2018–2019 Marty Center Junior Fellow, The University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2016 Semple Award, Classical Association of the Middle West and South
- 2007–2009 College of Humanities Dean’s Fellowship, The University of Arizona
- 2007 Outstanding Student for the Major of Classics, Baylor University
- 2007 Outstanding Accomplishment in Classical Studies, Classical Association of the Middle West & South
- 2006–2007 Highest honors on National Greek Exam (Attic Tragedy, Prose, Homer)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers Presented

- 2018 Philo’s Double Paraphrase of the Parting of the Red Sea in *Mos.* 2.175–79 and 2.250–55
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov 17–20
- 2018 Reception History of the Golden Calf Episode in Philo of Alexandria
Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Meeting, Feb 2–4
- 2016 Chrysostom on Romans 5:12
North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, May 26–28
- 2013 “Moses’ Damascus Road Experience in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses* 1.19.14–1.20”
North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, May 23–25
- 2008 “Aristophanes’ Frog Chorus as a Means of Safe Return”
Classical Association of the Middle West and South Southern Section, Nov 13–15

Workshop Papers Presented

- 2018 Philo of Alexandria and Gregory of Nyssa on the Parting of the Red Sea
Hebrew Bible Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2017 Paraphrase in Philo of Alexandria’s *Life of Moses*
Early Christian Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2015 Gregory of Nyssa and the Burning Bush Theophany
Early Christian Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2014 “Daniel the Stylite: An Icon of Christ for the City of Constantinople”
Theology Workshop, The University of Chicago

- 2012 “Moses’ Theophany on the Damascus Road in Gregory of Nyssa’s *De vita Mosis*”
Early Christian Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2010 “Satan’s Throne as Proconsular Judgment Tribunal”
Early Christian Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago

Invited Responses

- 2017 Respondent for Prof. Michael Cover’s *Paul’s Commentary in Letters: The Exegesis of Exodus between Alexandria and Corinth*
Early Christian Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2014 Respondent for Prof. Simeon Chavel’s Book *Oracular Law and Priestly Historiography in the Torah*
Hebrew Bible Workshop, The University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014–2016 Coordinator, Early Christian Studies Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2016 Student Convener, Dean Search, The University of Chicago, Divinity School
- 2015 Student Convener, Faculty Position Search, New Testament and Early Christian Literature, The University of Chicago, Divinity School
- 2014 Student Convener, Faculty Position Search, Byzantine Theology and Visual Culture, The University of Chicago, Divinity School
- 2009–2013 Editorial Assistant, *Classical Philology*, The University of Chicago Press
- 2008–2009 Graduate Student Representative, Classics Department, The University of Arizona

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
North American Patristic Society
Classical Association of the Middle West and South

LANGUAGES

- Ancient** Greek (Advanced)
Latin (Advanced)
Biblical Hebrew (Advanced)
Syriac (Intermediate)

Modern German (Reading Knowledge)
 French (Reading Knowledge)
 Italian (Reading Knowledge)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

New Testament (Pauline epistles, Gospels, Johannine literature, Acts, etc.); Early Christian Literature; Hellenistic Judaism; Greco-Roman *paideia*; Greco-Roman literature and history; Patristic exegesis; Greek papyrology; Hebrew Bible; Late Antiquity; Second Sophistic; Byzantine theology, history, and material culture; Greek Pseudepigrapha; Septuagint; NT Apocrypha

REFERENCES

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