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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2011-present	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Tennessee (UTK)
2009-2011	Visiting Scholar, Program in Ancient Mediterranean Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)
2008-2010	Lecturer, UCLA, Pomona College, and UCSB

EDUCATION

2008	Ph.D. UCSB (Religious Studies)
2001	M.A. UCSB (Religious Studies)
1998	B.A. Swarthmore College (Art History & Religion)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2012 and 2015	Professional Development Award (UTK)
2014	Best First Article Award, North American Patristics Society (NAPS)
2013-2014	Faculty Fellowship, University of Tennessee Humanities Center (UTK)
2013	Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research (UTK)
2009-2011	Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (UCSB)
2008	NEH Seminar at the American Academy in Rome (NEH)
2003-04 & 2006-07	Graduate Humanities Research Assistant Fellowship (UCSB)
2006	The Birger A. Pearson Award: Study of Hellenistic Religions (UCSB)
2005-06	Arthur Ross Predoctoral "Rome Prize" Fellowship (American Academy in Rome)
2001 & 2004	Brython Davis Endowment Graduate Fellowship (UCSB)
1998-99	Joshua Lippincott Fellowship for Advanced Study (Swarthmore College)
1998	Jesse H. Holmes Prize in Religion (Swarthmore College)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Current Project: *Practical Monumentality, Episcopal Authority, and the Christianization of Rome in Late Antiquity (ca. 300-700 CE)*

Published: *Performance, Memory, and Processions in Ancient Rome: The Pompa Circensis from the Late Republic to Late Antiquity* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016)

Articles (* peer reviewed):

Forthcoming: "Sacred Place in Classical Antiquity," in Susan Graham (ed.), *A Cultural History of Religion in the West in Antiquity* (New York: Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2018)

In Press: “Ritual and the Christianization of Urban Space,” in Risto Uro, Juliette Day, Richard DeMaris, and Rikard Roitto (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Ritual* (Oxford University Press, in press 2017)

*“*Adventus, Occursus*, and the Christianization of Rome in Late Antiquity,” *Studia Patristica* 75 (2017: page proofs)

Published: *“Roman Rhetoric, Metroac Representation: Texts, Artifacts, and the Cult of Magna Mater in Rome and Ostia,” *Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome* 59/60 (2014/2015 [2016]): 51-80

“Representing Ritual, Christianizing the *Pompa Circensis*: Imperial Spectacle at Rome in a Christianizing Empire,” in Lee Jefferson and Robin Jensen (eds.), *The Art of Empire: Christian Art in its Imperial Context* (Fortress Press, 2015), 197-224

*“Inventing Gregory ‘the Great’: Memory, Authority, and the Afterlives of the *Letania Septiformis*,” *Church History* 84 (2015): 1-31

*“Performing Theology: Imagining the Gods in the *Pompa Circensis*,” *History of Religions* 54 (2015): 288-317

*“Battling Bishops, the Roman Aristocracy, and the Contestation of Space in Late Antique Rome,” in Jordan Rosenblum, Lily Vuong, and Nathaniel DesRosiers (eds.) *Religious Competition in the Third Century CE: Jews, Christians, and the Greco-Roman World* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2014), 126-137

*“‘Fabulous Clap-Trap’: The Cult of Magna Mater and Literary Constructions of the *Galli* at Rome from the Late Republic to Late Antiquity,” *Journal of Religion* 92 (2012): 84-122

*“From Literal to Spiritual Soldiers of Christ: Disputed Episcopal Elections and the Advent of Christian Processions in Late Antique Rome,” *Church History* 81 (2012): 298-327

----- Best First Article Award: North American Patristics Society (NAPS) -----

*“The Making of a Papal Rome: Gregory I and the *Letania Septiformis*,” in A. Cain and N. Lenski (eds.), *The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2009), 293-304

“The City and the Subject: Benjamin on Language, Materiality, and Subjectivity,” *Epoché: University of California Journal for the Study of Religion* 24 (2006): 49-67

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Notes:

Forthcoming: Review: “Karl Galinsky (ed.). *Memory in Ancient Rome and Early Christianity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. Pp. xiv, 406. \$135.00. ISBN 978-0-19-874476-4,” *Classical World* 110.4 (2017)

Review: “M. Salzman, M. Sághy and R. Lizzi Testa (eds.), *Pagans and Christians in late antique Rome: conflict, competition, and coexistence in the fourth century*. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016. Pp. xv + 419, illus., plans. ISBN 9781107110304. £74.99/US\$120.00.” *Journal of Roman Studies* 107 (2017)

Published: Review: “*Religious Practices and Christianization of the Late Antique City (4th-7th cent.)* Aude Busine, ed. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2015. Pp. vii+243. ISBN 978-90-04-29460-8,” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 9 (2016): 544-547

Long Review: “Movement, Experience and Urbanism in Ancient Rome: Ida Östenberg, Simon Malmberg, and Jonas Bjørnebye (edd.), *The Moving City. Processions, Passages and Promenades in Ancient Rome* (Bloomsbury Academic, London 2015). Pp. xiv+361, figs. 32. ISBN 978-1-47252-800-1. \$138.” *Journal of Roman Archaeology* 29 (2016): 587-591

Review: “Bronwen Neil and Pauline Allen, *The Letters of Gelasius I (492-496): Pastor and Micro-Manager of the Church of Rome* (Turnhout: Brepols: 2014). Pp. XIII + 252. €65.00,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 24 (2016): 300-301

Encyclopedia: “Attis,” “Circus,” “Collegia,” “Di Manes,” “Numen,” and “Quirinus,” in Eric Orlin with Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust, Michael Satlow, and Michael Pregill (eds.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions* (New York: Routledge Press, 2016)

Review: “Garver, Valerie L. and Owen M. Phelan (editors), <i>Rome and Religion in the Medieval World: Studies in Honor of Thomas F. X. Noble.</i> Church, Faith, and Culture in the Medieval West. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014. Pp. xxviii, 349. \$139.95. 978-1-4724-2112-8,” *The Medieval Review* (15.10.24): <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/20144/26224>

- Review: “K. Harper, *From Shame to Sin: The Christian Transformation of Sexual Morality In Late Antiquity* (Revealing Antiquity 20). Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2013. Pp. xi + 304. ISBN 9780674072770. £29.95,” *Journal of Roman Studies* 104 (2014): 358-359
- Review: “Douglas Boin, *Ostia in Late Antiquity* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013),” *CJ-Online (The Classical Journal)* (2014.05.08): <http://cj.camws.org/reviews.php>
- Note: with Ellen Muelberger, “Trends in Art and Religions in Antiquity at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting,” *Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 34 (2012): 188-189
- Review: “Venning (T.) (ed.) *A Chronology of the Roman Empire*. Introduction by John F. Drinkwater. Pp. xxiv + 850, maps. London and New York: Continuum. Cased, £150. ISBN: 978-1-4411-5478-1,” *The Classical Review* 62.1 (2011) 317-318
- Review: “*The Rome of Pope Paschal I: Papal power, urban renovation, church rebuilding and relic translation, 817–824*. By Caroline J. Goodson. Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought: Fourth Series. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. xxi + 385 pp. \$99.00 cloth.” *Church History* 80.2 (2011) 374-375
- Review: “Kate Cooper and Julia Hillner (editors), *Religion, Dynasty, and Patronage in Early Christian Rome, 300-900*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2007, xv+327 pp., \$99.00 (hardback), ISBN 978-0-521-87641-4,” *Religion* 40.4 (2010) 333-335
- Review: “*Leo the Great and the Spiritual Rebuilding of a Universal Rome*. By Susan Wessel. Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae 93. Leiden: Brill, 2008. xii + 422 pp. \$191.00 cloth,” *Church History* 79.3 (2010) 685-687
- Review: “Sarah Iles Johnston, editor, *Ancient Religions*. Cambridge, MA, Harvard University Press, 2007, xi+266 pp., \$19.95 (paperback), ISBN 9780674025486,” *Religion* 39.3 (2009) 302-304
- Review: “Andrew S. Jacobs, *Remains of the Jews: The Holy Land and Christian Empire in Late Antiquity*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA (2004) ISBN 0804747059 xiv+249 pp., \$55.00,” *Religion* 36.2 (2006) 113-115
- Note: “Research in the School of Classical Studies at the American Academy in Rome (2005-2006): Making Rome Christian: Ritual Processions and the Transformation of Classical Rome,” *Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome* 51/52 (2006/2007), 372
- Note: “Le processioni cristiane nella Roma di epoca tardoantica,” *ALACNews: Bollettino dell'Associazione Internazionale di Archeologia Classica* 2.1 (2006) 13-14
- Encyclopedia: “Conrad I,” “Decius,” “Egbert,” “John the Baptist,” “Kent,” “Lateran Councils,” “Latin Empire,” “Mercia,” “Olaf I Tryggvason,” “Pelagius,” and “Sigismund, Holy Roman Emperor,” *ABC-Clio World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras* (<http://www.ancienthistory.abc-clio.com>)

CONFERENCE, SEMINAR, AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- November 2017 Refereed: “*Iter Pompae Circensis* and the Image of Rome,” *Society of Biblical Literature* (Boston, MA: November 18-21)
- May 2017 Refereed: “Claiming *Romanitas*: Christian Inveictive against the Cult of Magna Mater in Late Antique Rome,” *North American Patristics Society* (Chicago, IL: May 25-27)
- January 2017 Refereed: “*Pompa Diaboli*: Christian Rhetoric, Imperial Law, and the Roman Games,” *Society for Classical Studies* (Toronto, Ontario, Canada: January 5-8)
- November 2016 Panelist: “Civic Space and Ritual Practice in Late Antiquity: New Perspectives,” *Society of Biblical Literature* (San Antonio, TX: November 19-22)
- September 2016 Public: “On the Road to the Arena: Religion, Power, and Roman Spectacle,” *Archaeological Institute of America: North Alabama Chapter* (Huntsville, AL: September 12)
- August 2016 Seminar: “Ritual and the Christianization of Urban Space,” *Late Antiquity Faculty Research Seminar* (UTK Humanities Center: August 26)
- May 2016 Refereed: “Ritual and the Christianization of Urban Space,” *North American Patristics Society* (Chicago, IL: May 26-28)
- March 2016 Invited: “*Adventus Romam* and Christianization from Constantine to Charlemagne,” *13th Annual Marco Symposium: “Rome Beyond the Discourse of Renewal”* (University of Tennessee, Knoxville: March 4-5)

- January 2016 Refereed: "Imperial Cult in the *Pompa Circensis*," *Society for Classical Studies* (San Francisco, CA: January 6-9)
- November 2015 Refereed: "Parading the Imperial Cult," *Society for Biblical Literature* (Atlanta, GA: November 21-24)
- September 2015 Seminar: "Rolling out the Red Carpet, Roman-Style: *Adventus*, *Occursus* and the Christianization of Rome," *Late Antiquity Faculty Research Seminar* (UTK Humanities Center: September 4)
- August 2015 Refereed: "*Adventus*, *Occursus*, and the Christianization of Rome in Late Antiquity," *Oxford International Conference on Patristics XVII* (Oxford, UK: August 10-14)
- January 2015 Refereed: "The *Pompa Circensis* as an "Urban Image" of Rome: Symbolic Landscape and Personal Resonance," *Archaeological Institute of America* (New Orleans, LA: January 8-11)
- November 2014 Refereed: "Gods and Game-Givers in the *Pompa Circensis*: Ritual and Remembrance," *Society of Biblical Literature* (San Diego, CA: November 22-25)
- October 2014 Invited: "The *Pompa Circensis* in Late Antiquity: Christianization, Transformation, Restoration," *Regional Late Antiquity Consortium: ReLACs II* (Vanderbilt University: October 24)
- May 2014 Refereed: "Rolling Out the Red Carpet Roman Style: *Adventus*, *Occursus*, and the Christianization of Rome," *North American Patristics Society* (Chicago, IL: May 22-24)
- November 2013 Refereed: "Performative Theology and Roman Ritual: Religious 'Thinking' in the *Pompa Circensis*," *Society of Biblical Literature* (Baltimore, MD: November 23-26)
- November 2013 Seminar: "The Ritual Rhythms of the *Pompa Circensis*: Gravity, Levity, Spectacle, and Ritual Failure," *Regional Late Antiquity Consortium: ReLACs I* (University of Tennessee: November 1)
- November 2012 Refereed: "Roman Spectacle between Topography and Memory: The *Pompa Circensis*," *Society of Biblical Literature* (Chicago, IL: November 17-20)
- November 2012 Refereed: "The Entanglements of (Roman) Texts and (Metroac) Artifacts in the Cult of Magna Mater at Rome and Ostia," *Society of Biblical Literature* (Chicago, IL: November 17-20)
- August 2012 Seminar: "Battling Bishops, the Roman Aristocracy, and the Contestation of Space in Late Antique Rome," *Late Antiquity Faculty Research Seminar* (UTK Humanities Center: August 31)
- February 2012 Seminar: "Roman Rhetoric and Metroac Self-Representation: The Cult of Magna Mater in Rome and its Environs," *Late Antiquity Faculty Research Seminar* (UTK Humanities Center: February 17)
- March 2012 Refereed: "The Roman Aristocracy, Battling Bishops, and the Origins of Christian Processions in Late Antique Rome," *Sewanee Medieval Colloquium: "After Constantine: Religion and Secular Power in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages"* (University of the South: March 30-31)
- November 2011 Refereed: "The Roman and the Foreign: Metroac Subculture at Rome and Ostia," *Society of Biblical Literature* (San Francisco, CA: November 19-22)
- November 2010 Refereed: "Contested Space: Intra-Christian Competition and Disputed Episcopal Elections at Rome," *Society of Biblical Literature* (Atlanta, GA: November 20-23)
- October 2010 Invited: "From Literal to Spiritual Soldiers of Christ: The Contestation of Space in Late Antique Rome," *Geographies of Place: Interdisciplinary Humanities Center* (UCSB: October 20)
- January 2010 Refereed: "Sub-cultural Representations: The Cult of Magna Mater at Rome and Ostia," *Archaeological Institute of America* (Anaheim, CA: January 6-9)
- November 2009 "Imagining the Gods in the *Pompa Circensis*," *Society of Biblical Literature* (New Orleans, LA: November 21-24)
- October 2009 Seminar: "Performing Theology: Ritual Processions and Religious Thought in Classical Rome," *Research Fellows Colloquium: Interdisciplinary Humanities Center* (UCSB: October 21)
- January 2009 Seminar: "'Fabulous Clap-Trap': Transgression and Roman Identity in the Processions of Magna Mater," *Ancient Borderlands: Interdisciplinary Humanities Center* (UCSB: January 22)

- May 2008 Refereed: "From Pagan Body to Christian Flesh: The Logic of Clement of Alexandria's *Paidagogos*" *North American Patristics Society* (Chicago, IL: May 22-24)
- December 2007 Seminar: "The Ties that Bind: Overcoming Religious Fragmentation in Late Antique Rome," *Penates: Southern California Late Antiquity Group* (UCLA: December 1)
- November 2007 Refereed: "Creating Christian Identities in Late Antique Rome," *Society of Biblical Literature* (San Diego, CA: November 17-20)
- March 2007 Refereed: "The Beginnings of Christian Processions at Rome: Urban Authority and Public Ritual," *Annual University of California Conference on Late Antiquity: "City of God, City of Man"* (UCLA: March 29)
- March 2007 Refereed: "Inventing Christian Rome: Ritual under Gregory I," *Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity VII: The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity* (University of Colorado, Boulder: March 22-25)
- February 2007 Seminar: "Sex and Tradition, War and Schism: The Origins of Roman Christian Processions," *Ancient Borderlands: Interdisciplinary Humanities Center* (UCSB: February 12)
- June 2006 Invited: "With Contrite Hearts and Tears of Devotion: Christian Identity and the letania septiformis," *Les frontières du profane dans l'Antiquité tardive: Fêtes et cérémonies dans l'Antiquité tardives* (École française de Rome: June 2-3)
- April 2006 Seminar Invited: "On the Road to the Circus: The *Pompa Circensis*," (American Academy in Rome: April 10)
- December 2005 Invited: "Le processioni cristiane nella Roma di epoca tardoantica," *Associazione Internazionale di Archeologia Classica* (Rome, Italy: December 12)
- November 2005 Refereed: "The Ritual (Re-) Creation of the Ancient City," *American Academy of Religion* (Philadelphia, PA: November 19-22)
- November 2005 Refereed: "Christian Icon Processions and the Transformation of Late Antique Rome," *Society of Biblical Literature* (Philadelphia, PA: November 19-22)
- June 2005 Refereed: "Imagining the World: Late Antique Adventus and the Ancient Social Imagination," *North American Patristics Society* (Chicago, IL: June 2-4)