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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2019– Lecturer in Religious Studies, Religious Studies Program, Department of Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston  
2019–2020 T. Orman Taylor Teaching Fellow, Department of Religion, Rice University  
2019 Graduate Instructor, First-year Writing Intensive Seminar Program, Rice University  
2018 Visiting Instructor, Department of Classical and European Studies, Rice University

## EDUCATION

### Rice University – Houston, TX

2014– Ph.D., Religious Studies (Expected Spring 2020)  
Primary Concentration: New Testament and Early Christian Studies  
Secondary Concentration: Second Temple Judaism  
Ph.D. Methodology Exam: Historiography, Hermeneutics, and Cultural Theory  
Special Ph.D. Exam Field Topic: Greco-Roman Religion, Medicine, and “Magic”

Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Center for Teaching Excellence

Advisor: April D. DeConick

Committee: Niki K. Clements and Scott McGill

Dissertation: “The Physiology of Salvation: Medical Rhetoric and Religious Authority in Late Antiquity.”

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC

2012 Non-degree, Post-baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies (Latin)

### Duke University – Durham, NC

2010–2012 M.A., Religious Studies  
Concentration: New Testament and Christian Origins  
Advisor: Mark S. Goodacre  
Committee: Douglas Campbell and Cavan Concannon  
M.A. Defense: “Crafting Controversy: Luke’s Use of Matthew in Light of Ancient Compositional Conventions”

### University of Central Florida – Orlando, FL

2005–2009 B.A., Religious Studies, *Honors*  
B.A., Anthropology, *Honors*  
Certificate, Judaic Studies (Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism)

## RESEARCH FIELDS

New Testament • Early Christian History • Second Temple Judaism • Late Antiquity • Greco-Roman religion • Ancient Medicine • representations of expertise and authority • history of medicine • Transhumanism • Punishment in the ancient world • Cultural Studies • Greek literature of Hellenistic and Imperial periods

## OTHER INTERESTS

Gender and Sexualities Studies • Gnosticism • Conceptual Metaphor Theory • Disability Studies • Ethnicity and ancient identities • Museum of the Bible • Scholarship on Teaching and Learning

## PUBLICATIONS

### Encyclopedia Entries

2015 "Marcion" in *Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Lexham Press)

### Book Reviews

2019 Thomas A. Robinson, *Who Were the First Christians: Dismantling the Urban Thesis*. In *Ancient Jew Review* (Forthcoming)  
 Ido Israelowich, *Patients and Healers in the High Roman Empire*. In *Religious Studies Review* (Forthcoming)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

### Articles

"Medicinal Baptism: Medical Knowledge in Clement of Alexandria's *Paedagogus*." (Article to be submitted to *Journal of Early Christian Studies* in Summer 2019).

"Farrer's Forgotten Challenge to Q: The Beelzebul Controversy and Luke's Use of Matthew." (Article to be submitted to *New Testament Studies* in Fall 2019).

"Corinth's Role in the Formation of the Pauline Corpus." (Article to be submitted to *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* in Fall 2019).

### Book Chapters

Translations, with introduction and notes, of original texts for *Medicine in Greece and Rome from 500BCE–500 CE: A Sourcebook*. Edited by Kristi Upson-Saia and Heidi Marx. Under contract with University of California Press, due August 2020.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Papers Presented

- 2019 "Clement of Alexandria and the Care of the Christian Self." Andrew W. Mellon Emerging Religions Conference III. Rice University, Houston (18 April)  
 "Bodily Discipline and Care of the Christian Self: Clement of Alexandria and Michel Foucault." Southwestern Commission on Religious Studies, New Testament and Early Christianity Section. Irving, TX (9 March)
- 2018 "Manumission at Death: Socrates as ΑΠΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΟΣ/ΕΞΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΟΣ in Plato's *Phaedo*." Classical Association of the Middle West and South, Platonic Dialogues Section, Albuquerque (14 April)
- 2017 "The Physiology of Salvation: The Use of Medical Theories in Simonian, Naassene, and Peratic Constructions of the Human Body." Society of Biblical Literature, Healthcare and Disability in Antiquity Unit, Boston (20 November)
- 2016 "Medicinal Baptism in Clement of Alexandria's *Paidagōgos*." Society of Biblical Literature, Healthcare and Disability in Antiquity Unit, San Antonio (19 November)

2012 “Luke’s Use of Matthew in Crafting the Controversy Sayings in Light of Ancient Compositional Conventions.” Society of Biblical Literature, Synoptic Gospels Unit, Chicago (20 November)

“Did Paul Keep Copies of His Letters?” Life of Paul Symposium, Duke University, Durham (1 May)

#### Panelist

2020 Panelist, “Politics, Pedagogy, and the Profession,” American Society of Church History, New York (3–6 January)

2018 Respondent, “Smiling Gods, Angels Named Erika, and Glow Clouds: Welcome to Night Vale and the Podcast as Sacred Text.” American Academy of Religion, New Religious Movements Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit, Denver (17 November)

#### Panels Chaired

2015 “The Beginnings of Gnosticism.” Gnostic Countercultures Conference, Rice University (27 March)

### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP OUTREACH

#### Invited Talks

2019 “A History of Abrahamic Religions: Origins to Medieval Period.” To be delivered to the Religious Literacy Professional Development Seminar for Houston Independent School District Social Studies and History teachers, in partnership with the Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance, Rice University (25–28 June)

“Ancient Judaisms: The Second Temple Period and Why it Matters for Christian Preaching and Teaching.” Delivered to seminarians of the Houston-Galveston Extension Program of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston (11 April)

2017 Discussant for audience conversation following showings of *Dark City* and *Altered States*, “Gnostic Film Festival at Rice Cinema.” Rice University (25–26 March)

### CAMPUS TALKS

2019 “Making the Mystical Material: Religious Experts’ Use of Medical Metaphors in Late Antiquity.” Research talk delivered during graduate recruitment weekend. School of Humanities, Rice University (22 March)

2017 “Constructing Effective Tests to Motivate, Measure, and Reinforce Student Learning.” Delivered to the Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice University (3 May)

2016 “The Body, Medicine, and Disease in Greco-Roman Antiquity.” Delivered to Rice Medical Humanities Club, Jones College, Rice University (14 October)

“The Library as Laboratory: Research Strategies in the Humanities.” Delivered at the Friends of Fondren Library Board of Directors Meeting (21 April)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****Rice University – Houston, TX**

## Courses Developed and Taught:

- Fall 2019 Magic, Medicine, and Miracle in the Ancient Mediterranean World, First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar, Program in Writing & Communication
- Spring 2019 Paul and the New Testament. T. Orman Taylor Teaching Fellow, Department of Religion (9 students)
- Spring 2018 Intermediate Greek. Department of Classical and European Studies (4 students)

## Courses Assisted:

- Fall 2016 Introduction to the Study of Religion. Instructor: Dr. Jeffrey Kripal. Department of Religion (109 students)
- Fall 2015 Greek Civilization and its Legacy. Instructor: Dr. Harvey Yunis. Department of Classical & European Studies (12 students)
- Spring 2015 Concrete and the Revolution of Space in Ancient Rome. Instructor: Dr. John Hopkins. Departments of Classical & European Studies, Art History, and Architecture (11 students)

## Selected Guest Lectures:

- 2019 “Haunted Greece and Rome: Ghosts in the Ancient World” in *The Supernatural and Religion* (29 March)
- 2018 “What is the New Testament?: The Earliest Christians and their Literature” in *Intro to the Study of Religion*, with Jeffrey Kripal (31 Aug)
- 2016 “Religion in the Roman Empire” in *Intro to the Study of Religion*, with Jeffrey Kripal (30 Aug)
- 2015 “Euripides’ *Bacchae*: The End of Tragedy?” in *Greek Civilization and its Legacy*, with Harvey Yunis (10 Nov)
- “*The Libation Bearers* and Athenian Greek Religion” in *Greek Civilization and its Legacy*, with Harvey Yunis (6 Oct)
- “Lost in Awe: Markets of Trajan, Hadrian’s Villa, and Hagia Sophia” in *Concrete and the Revolution of Space in Ancient Rome*, with John Hopkins (10 Mar)
- 2014 “Scriptural Demons: The Demonic in the New Testament and Early Christianity” in *Demons, Mental Illness, and Medicine*, with Niki Clements (23 Sept)

**The Women’s Institute of Houston – Houston, TX**

## Courses Developed and Taught:

- Summer 2019 The Apostle Paul: Life, Letters, and Legacy
- Fall 2018 The Apostolic Fathers: Christian Writings After the New Testament (20 students)
- Spring 2018 Jesus and the Gospels: New Testament & Non-canonical Portraits (21 students)
- Fall 2017 Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts (23 students)

**Pappas Patristic Institute****Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Hellenic College – Brookline, MA**

## Team-Teaching Fellow:

- 2017 Wealth and Poverty in the Patristic Tradition, with Brian Matz (30 July–4 August)
- 2016 Theology and Hermeneutics of Irenaeus of Lyons, with David Jorgensen (17–22 July)
- 2015 Studies in Patristic Hermeneutics, with Bruce Beck (19–24 July)

**Duke University – Durham, NC**

## Tutor:

- 2011 Elementary Greek. Instructor: Peter Burian. Department of Classics (Fall)

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## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2020	T. Orman Taylor Teaching Fellowship in Religious Studies, Rice University (Spring)
2019–2020	CTE Graduate Fellowship, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University FWIS Teaching Fellowship, Program in Writing & Communication, Rice University
2014–2019	William Marsh Rice Fellowship, Rice University
2018–2019	Graduate Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Research Seminar: Emerging Religions
2019	Andrew W. Mellon Travel Grant, Humanities Research Council, Rice University T. Orman Taylor Teaching Fellowship in Religious Studies, Rice University (Spring)
2018	HGSA/SSGSA Travel Grant
2016–2017	Graduate Fellow, Rice-Leipzig International Seminar on Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins
2017	GSA Conference Travel Grant Conference Travel Grant, Department of Religion Teaching Fellowship, Pappas Patristic Institute at Hellenic College
2016	GSA Conference Travel Grant Conference Travel Grant, Department of Religion Teaching Fellowship, Pappas Patristic Institute at Hellenic College Summer Research Grant, Humanities Research Council at Rice University
2015	Teaching Fellowship, Pappas Patristic Institute at Hellenic College
2010–2012	Tuition Grant, Duke University Department of Religious Studies

## AWARDS & HONORS

2019–2020	Tuition Award, Program in Writing & Communication at Rice University
2017–2018	GradStarter Award to establish Interdepartmental Theory Reading Group, Office of Graduate and Postdoc Studies at Rice University
2016	Fondren Research Award, Fondren Library
2005–2010	Higher Education Award, United Methodist Church
2008–2009	McNair Scholars Award (declined)
2005–2009	Pegasus Award, University of Central Florida

## LANGUAGES

### Ancient

Greek (Homeric, Doric, Attic, Koine, and papyrological iterations)  
Latin (Classical and Medieval)  
Coptic (Sahidic and Subakhmimic)

### Modern

German (reading and basic conversational)  
French (reading with dictionary)

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Steering Committee, Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section, SBL (2018–)  
Steering Committee, Nag Hammadi and Gnostic Studies Section, NAPS (2018–)  
Lead Copy Editor, *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* (2018–)  
SBL On-Campus Student Representative for Rice University (2016–2018)  
Copy Editor, *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* (2016–2018)  
Glossary Writer, *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Religion*. 10 vols. (2015–2016)

## DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Mentor to undergraduate majors, RELI@Rice Undergraduate Mentorship Program (2017–)  
 Graduate Advisory Board, Center for Teaching Excellence (2017–)  
 Committee Member, Teaching Awards Committee for Independent Instructors (Fall 2018)  
 Editorial assistant, *Basic Coptic: Grammar and Exercises*, in-house textbook by April DeConick (2017)  
 Committee Member, Graduate Student TA Award Selection Committee (Spring 2017)  
 Contributor, Annual Department Newsletter (2016–2017)  
 Graduate Student Liaison, Department of Religion (2015–2017)  
 Department Representative, Humanities Graduate Student Council (2015–2017)  
 Developer of Mentoring Program for First-Year Graduate Students, Dept. of Religion (2016)  
 Judge, Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium (RURS) (2015)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONALIZATION

- 2019 First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar (FWIS) Instructor Training (13–17 May)  
 Writing Habits for Academic Success, Dr. Helen Sword of University of Auckland, NZ
- 2018 Whiteness 101: From Privilege to Solidarity, Project Curate–Houston.  
 Unstuck: The Art of Academic Productivity, with Kellee Weinholt
- 2017 Politics, Pedagogy, and the Profession: A Collaborative Syllabus Workshop; Boston, MA  
 Graduate Instructor of Record Training, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice  
 The Teaching Portfolio, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice  
 Practicum in College Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice  
 Rice Ally Training 2.0, The Montrose Center and The Student Wellbeing Center at Rice  
 “How Much Should We Assign? What the Research Can (and Can't) Tell Us,” Center for  
 Teaching Excellence at Rice
- 2016 Research on Teaching and Learning Seminar, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice  
 Pedagogy Practicum, Introduction to the Study of Religion, Rice Department of Religion  
 Academic Mentor Training, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice  
 Principles of Effective College Teaching Seminar, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice
- 2015 Rice Ally (LGBTQA+) Training, The Student Wellbeing Center at Rice  
 Teaching Assistant Training, Center for Teaching Excellence at Rice
- 2014 Sexual Harassment on Campus Prevention Training  
 Humanities Responsible Conduct of Research Training

## MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

### Professional Societies

Society of Biblical Literature  
 North American Patristic Society  
 American Academy of Religion  
 Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions  
 Classical Association of the Middle West and South

### Working Groups

Religion, Medicine, Disability, and Health in Late Antiquity (ReMedHe)

### Reading Groups (Past and Present)

Greek New Testament Reading Group, Rice University  
 Interdepartmental Theory Reading Group, Rice University  
 Center for Teaching Excellence Reading Group, Rice University  
 Late Ancient Studies Reading Group, Duke University  
 Christianity in Antiquity Reading Group, UNC-Chapel Hill  
 New Testament and Judaic Studies Colloquium, Duke Graduate Program in Religion

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