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Education:

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, B.A. (History; Religious Studies), 1999.  
Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, M.T.S. (Biblical Studies), 2004.  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, Ph.D. (New Testament & Early Christianity), 2011.  
Dissertation: "John's Use of Matthew." Advisor: Amy-Jill Levine.

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors:

Bridwell Library Visiting Scholar's Fellowship, Perkins School of Theology,  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, June 2013.  
Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar Award (Midwest), 2014  
Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship, 2014  
Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar Award (National), 2015  
NEH Summer Institute, The Materiality of Medieval Manuscripts: Interpretation  
through Production, University of Iowa, 2015.  
Catholic Biblical Association Research Grant, 2022  
WKU Faculty Award for Research and Creativity, AY 2022–2023

Books:

*John's Use of Matthew*. Emerging Scholars. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015. Reprint,  
Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022. Reviews:  
Sarah E. Rollins, *Marginalia/Los Angeles Review of Books*, September 2016: [online](#).  
John C. Poirier, *Stone–Campbell Journal* 19.2 (2016): 312.  
Christopher W. Skinner, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79.1 (2017): 135–36.  
Paul Foster, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 39.5 (2017): 55–56.  
Joseph Verheyden, *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 93.4 (2017): 744–45.  
Bartosz Adamczewski, *Biblical Annals* [Lublin, Poland] 8.3 (2018): 457–60.  
*Tatian's Diatessaron: Composition, Redaction, Recension, and Reception*. Oxford Early  
Christian Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. Reviews:  
Paul Foster, *Expository Times* 133.9 (2022): 399.  
Alan Garrow, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 44.5 (2022): 87–88.  
Ulrich B. Schmid, *Review of Biblical Literature*, September 2022.  
Ian Nelson Mills, *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 27 (2022/20023).  
Nicholas J. Zola, *Journal of Theological Studies* 74 (2023).  
*John and the Synoptics: Writing and Rewriting the Gospel*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans,  
under contract.

Edited Volume:

with Anthony Le Donne and Joel N. Lohr. *Found in Translation: Essays on Jewish Biblical  
Translation in Honor of Leonard J. Greenspoon*. West Lafayette: Purdue University  
Press, 2018.

#### Articles, Notes, and Essays:

- “The Reconstruction of *Kaige/Quinta* Zechariah 9,9.” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 126.4 (2014): 584–88.
- “Written Gospel or Oral Tradition? Patristic Parallels to John 3:3, 5.” *Early Christianity* 6.4 (2015): 543–58.
- “Ancient Compositional Practices and the Gospels: A Reassessment.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 135.1 (2016): 109–21.
- “The Equivalence of *Kaige* and *Quinta* in the Dodekapropheton.” Pages 127–52 in *Found in Translation: Essays on Jewish Biblical Translation in Honor of Leonard J. Greenspoon*. West Lafayette: Purdue University Press, 2018.
- “Teaching the Bible as a ~~Super~~Natural Book: Textual Criticism of Matthew’s Parable of the Two Sons.” *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching* 25.2 (2018): 113–21.
- “Tatian’s Diatessaron and the Proliferation of Gospels.” Pages 111–41 in *The Gospel of Tatian: Exploring the Character and Text of the Diatessaron*. Edited by Matthew R. Crawford and Nicholas J. Zola. Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries 3. London/New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2019.
- “The Narrative Chronology of Tatian’s Diatessaron.” *New Testament Studies* 66.2 (2020): 288–98.
- “The Acts of John within the Johannine Corpus.” Pages 340–80 in *Studies on the Intersection of Text, Paratext, and Reception: A Festschrift in Honor of Charles E. Hill*. Edited by Gregory R. Lanier and J. Nicholas Reid. Texts and Editions for New Testament Studies 15. Leiden: Brill, 2021.
- “Historical-Critical Methods.” Pages 348–68 in *The Cambridge Companion to the New Testament*. Edited by Patrick Gray. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021.
- “Eusebian Canon Ten in Codex Fuldensis: Paratextual Confusion, Transmission, and Correction.” *Vigiliae Christianae* 76.2 (2022): 144–68.
- with Daniel C. Ullucci, “The Presence and Absence of Animal Sacrifice in Jesus Films,” *Journal of Religion & Film* 26.1 (2022): [article 52](#).
- “The Use of Sources in Ancient Compositions.” Pages 44–62 in *The Oxford Handbook of the Synoptic Gospels*. Edited by Stephen P. Ahearne-Kroll. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023.
- “The Gospel of John in the Diatessaron.” In *The Reception of John’s Gospel*, 3 volumes. Edited by Christopher Skinner and Douglas Estes. Waco: Baylor University Press, under contract.

#### Dictionary Entries:

- “Diotrephes” (2:127), “Magadan” (3:766), “Versions, Coptic” (5:739–40), and “Washingtonianus, Codex” (5:817) in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfield et al. 5 vols. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006–2009.
- “Gehenna” (p. 177) and “Leopard change his spots” (pp. 292–93) in *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture: A Handbook for Students*. Edited by Mary Ann Beavis and Michael Gilmour. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012.

#### Book Reviews:

- Frank Schleritt, *Der vorjohanneische Passionsbericht: Eine historisch-kritische und theologische Untersuchung zu Joh 2,13-22; 11,47-14,31 und 18,1-20,29*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74.2 (2012): 397-98.
- Charlene McAfee Moss, *The Zechariah Tradition and the Gospel of Matthew*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74.3 (2012): 616-17.
- Zeba A. Crook, *Parallel Gospels: A Synopsis of Early Christian Writing*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76.2 (2014): 349-50.
- Arthur J. Dewey and Robert J. Miller, *The Complete Gospel Parallels*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76.2 (2014): 350-51.
- Vernon K. Robbins, *Who Do People Say I Am? Rewriting Gospel in Emerging Christianity*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77.2 (2015): 377-78.
- Matthias Konradt, *Israel, Church, and the Gentiles in the Gospel of Matthew*. *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 11.1 (2016): [online](#).
- Richard Bauckham, *Gospel of Glory: Major Themes in Johannine Theology*. *Interpretation* 71.3 (2017): 339-40.
- Jack R. Lundbom, *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount: Mandating a Better Righteousness*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81.1 (2019): 138-39.
- Bartosz Adamczewski, *The Gospel of Matthew: A Hypertextual Commentary*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81.2 (2019): 327-28.
- Matthew R. Crawford, *The Eusebian Canon Tables: Ordering Textual Knowledge in Late Antiquity*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 82.3 (2020): 503-5.
- Cambry G. Pardee, *Scribal Harmonization in the Synoptic Gospels*. *Journal of Theological Studies* 72 (2021): 392-94.
- Matthew S. Rindge, *Bible and Film: The Basics*. *Journal of Religion & Film* 26.2 (2022): [online](#).

#### Translation:

- Volkmar Fritz, *The Emergence of Israel in the Twelfth and Eleventh Centuries B.C.E.* *Biblical Encyclopedia* 2. [*Die Entstehung Israels im 12. und 11. Jahrhundert v. Chr.* *Biblische Enzyklopädie* 2. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 1996.] Leiden: Brill; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.

#### Academic Presentations:

- "Sons of God in the Gospel of Luke," Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, New Testament Section: Atlanta, GA, March 2004.
- "Authority and Administration in Crete: A Postcolonial Critique of Titus," Society of Biblical Literature, Disputed Paulines Consultation: San Antonio, TX, November 2004.
- "Repetition and Revelation 12: Toward a non-Teleological Reading of Revelation," Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, New Testament Section: Winston-Salem, NC, March 2005.
- "John's Use and Disuse of Matthew," Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, New Testament Section: Atlanta, GA, March 2010.
- "The Bible and Christian Ethics," Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Christian Ethics Interest Group: Virginia Beach, VA, March 2012.

- “CSI Jerusalem: Did Peter Kill Ananias and Sapphira?” Society of Biblical Literature, Formation of Luke-Acts Section: Chicago, IL, November 2012.
- “Kant’s Reasoning on Eschatology, Ethics, and Holiness,” Society for Pentecostal Studies, Christian Ethics Interest Group: Seattle, WA, March 2013.
- “Micro-Conflation and the Synoptic Problem: A Reappraisal,” SBL Midwest Region, Early Christian Gospels Section: Bourbonnais, IL, February 2014; SBL Upper Midwest Region, New Testament Section: St. Paul, MN, April 2014.
- “Ancient Compositional Practices and the Gospels: A Reassessment,” Society of Biblical Literature, Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship: San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “Ecclesial Authority from Matthew to John,” Society of Biblical Literature, John, Jesus, and History Group: San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “Fulfillment and Glorification in John 12,” Catholic Biblical Association, John’s Gospel and the Old Testament: New Orleans, LA, August 2015.
- “Christians and Torah Observance in Second-Century Perspective,” Society of Biblical Literature, Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Sacred Texts: Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- with Nicholas J. McGrory, “When Were the Gospels Written?” SBL Midwest Region, Early Christian Gospels Section: Bourbonnais, IL, February 2016.
- “Teaching the Bible as a ~~Super~~Natural Book,” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, Natural Ingredients: Teaching the Nature of the Medieval Book: Sewanee, TN, April 2016.
- “Did Tatian Intend To Supplement or To Supplant the Fourfold Gospel?” Society of Biblical Literature, Development of Early Christian Theology: San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- “Degrees of Difficulty in Writing the Gospels,” SBL Midwest Region, Early Christian Gospels Section: Notre Dame, IN, February 2017.
- “Justin Martyr’s Gospel Harmonizations,” Catholic Biblical Association research report: Washington, D.C., August 2017.
- with Daniel C. Ullucci, “The Presence and Absence of Animal Sacrifice in Jesus Films,” Society of Biblical Literature, Bible and Film: Boston, MA, November 2017.
- “Doublets in the Synoptic Problem in Light of Ancient Rhetoric,” Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Synoptic Gospels: Johnson City, TN, April 2018.
- “The Proliferation of Gospels and the Intentions of Subsequent Evangelists,” Society of Biblical Literature, Synoptic Gospels: Denver, CO, November 2018.
- “Harmony over Synopsis: Counterintuitively Comprehending the Synoptic Problem,” Society of Biblical Literature, Synoptic Gospels: Virtual Meeting, November 2020.
- “Papyrus 43: An Intentional Opisthograph of the Johannine Epistles and Apocalypse,” Society of Biblical Literature, New Testament Textual Criticism: Virtual Meeting, November 2020.
- “John’s Use of Luke,” Catholic Biblical Association, Continuing Seminar on the Gospel of John: Virtual Meeting, August 2021.
- “Prolegomena to Any Future Diatessaron Research,” Catholic Biblical Association, Continuing Seminar on First- and Second-Century Christian Writings: Hybrid Meeting, August 2022.
- “John’s Use of Mark: History, Method, and Harmonization,” Society of Biblical Literature, Johannine Literature / Gospel of Mark: Denver, CO, November 2022.

“Reading John without Canonical Prejudice and Genre Preoccupation,” Society of Biblical Literature, Connecting John—Intertextualities, Contexts, Reception: Denver, CO, November 2022.

“In Defense of the Farrer Hypothesis,” Society of Biblical Literature Global Virtual Meeting, Loyola University Synoptic Problem Proceedings, March 2023.

“Reinscribing the Old Latin Diatessaron: Textual and Paratextual Avenues,” Society of Biblical Literature, Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti: San Antonio, TX, November 2023.

Board of Editors, Reviewer, or Referee:

Oxford University Press, 2010  
National Science Centre, Poland, 2014  
*Soundings*, 2016  
*Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, 2018  
*Bible Odyssey*, Society of Biblical Literature, 2020–2022  
Lexington/Fortress Academic, 2021  
*Journal of Theological Studies*, 2022  
*Comparative Oriental Manuscript Studies Bulletin*, 2022  
*Bible Odyssey*, Society of Biblical Literature, 2023–2025: New Testament general editor

Professional Societies:

Catholic Biblical Association  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Co-Chair, Interrelations of the Gospels, 2021–2023  
Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

Professional History:

Roanoke College, Salem, VA: Visiting Lecturer, Spring 2010–Spring 2011.

*Courses Taught:*

Elementary Ancient Greek II  
Feminist Interpretations of Scripture  
Introduction to the New Testament  
Introduction to the Tanakh/Old Testament  
Values and the Responsible Life

*Service:*

Academic Integrity Council (AY 2010–2011)  
“Why are there four Gospels in the New Testament?” Elderscholar lifelong learning program, November 2010.

Luther College, Decorah, IA: Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2012–Spring 2014.

*Courses Taught:*

Christians, Jews, and Pagans  
Interrelations of the Gospels  
Introduction to Biblical Studies  
Lost Scriptures/The Making of the Bible

*Service:*

First-Year Student Advising (AY 2013–2014)

Public Lecture: “Why did John write a gospel?” Religion Forum, October 2013.  
Faculty Panelist: “Creating the Ethical Community: Academic Integrity and Tutoring,” March 2014.

*Student Research:*

Senior Thesis, Second Reader: Eric Sand, “Billy Graham and the Deconstruction of Religion,” May 2014.

Luther College Student Research Symposium, May 2014:

Samuel Berglund, “The Birth of the Nativity Stories.”

Coriann Dorgay, “Did Luke Read John’s Gospel?”

Martin Eyres, “The Implications of John’s Use of the Synoptics.”

Alexandra Klug, “To Harmonize or Not To Harmonize the Gospels?”

Makayla Marinack, “Searching for Sacraments in the Gospel of John.”

Nicholas McGrory, “When Were the Gospels Written?”

SBL Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, St. Paul, MN: Makayla Marinack,

“Searching for Baptism in the Gospel of John,” Undergraduate Paper Session: April 2015.

Rhodes College, Memphis, TN: Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2014–Spring 2015.

*Courses Taught:*

Search for Values in Light of Western History and Religion

The Bible: Texts and Contexts

History of Christian Thought

Jesus in Film

Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN: Adjunct Assistant Professor, May 2015.

*Course Taught:* Paul’s Letter to the Galatians

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY: Assistant Professor, Fall 2015–Spring 2020; Associate Professor with tenure, Fall 2020–present.

*Courses Taught:*

Judaism

Senior Seminar

Christianity

The New Testament

Jesus in Film

Introductory Greek

The Life of Jesus

Intermediate Greek

The Making of the Bible

World History to 1500

Christians, Jews, and Pagans

Graduate Teaching Practicum

*Directed Readings:*

The Making of the Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Spring 2016

Josephus, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Spring 2017

The Kingdom of God: Jesus and Paul Compared, WKU, Spring 2020

*Student Research:*

Austin Hatfield, “Did 2 Enoch Intend To Supplement or Replace 1 Enoch?”

Student Religious Studies Conference (Midwest Regional SBL), Notre Dame, IN, February 2017.

*Internal Grants and Honors:*

Potter College Quick Turnaround Grant (\$1,400), November 2015

Colonnade Connections Course Development Grant (\$2,000), May 2016

Potter College Quick Turnaround Grant (\$770), November 2016

Distance Learning Course Development Grant (\$2,750), June 2017



Distance Learning Course Development Grant (\$2,750), October 2017  
Potter College Quick Turnaround Grant (\$1,247), October 2018  
Affordable Textbook Initiative (\$1,500), 2021  
Sabbatical, AY 2022–2023  
PCAL Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award, AY 2022–2023

*Service:*

Potter College Faculty Awards Committee, AY 2015–2016  
“The Bible and Friendship,” AOP Education Meeting, November 2015.  
“The Bible and Environmental Ethics,” Interfaith Dialogue on Earth Care,  
March 2016.  
Islamic Studies Search Committee, Spring 2017  
Faraway Flix, Israel: *Footnote*, March 2017  
Chair, Potter College Faculty Awards Committee, AY 2017–2018  
Faculty Senate Representative, AYs 2019–2021  
Faculty Welfare and Professional Responsibilities Committee, AYs 2019–2021  
“Could Rebekah’s Slaves Really Ride Camels? The Bible as a Historical Source,”  
History 101 public lecture, February 2020.  
Faculty Handbook Committee, Spring 2021  
Religious Studies Program Coordinator, AYs 2020–2022  
Asian Religions and Cultures Program Coordinator, AY 2021–2022  
Jewish Studies Search Committee, AY 2021–2022  
Vanderbilt Divinity School/Graduate Department of Religion, Nashville, TN:  
Adjoint Faculty.  
Ph.D. Tutorial: Tatian’s Diatessaron, Spring 2021  
Qualifying Exam committee, AY 2022–2023  
Dissertation committee, AY 2023–2024

*Media:*

“Luther Spotlight with Carl Bates,” KWLC 1240 AM, Decorah, Iowa, September 2013.  
Heather Hahn, “What can Christians learn from Judas?” United Methodist News, April  
2015.

*Congregational/Community Presentations:*

“From Jewish Scriptures to Christian Theology,” Second Presbyterian Church,  
Indianapolis, IN, September/October 2004.  
“The Concept of Hell in the New Testament,” First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN,  
December 2006.  
“How To (and How Not To) Read Revelation,” First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN,  
December 2007.  
“Canonization Processes of the Bible,” First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN,  
December 2008.  
“Paul in the New Testament,” Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville, TN, January 2009.  
“Paul in the New Testament,” Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN, March 2009.  
“Advent(s) and Jewish–Christian Relations,” Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA,  
December 2011.

“The Virgin Mary in Ecumenical and Interfaith Perspectives,” Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA, December 2011.

“The New Testament in Its Pagan Context,” Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Decorah, IA, February 2013.

“The Gospels of Holy Week: Readings from Palm Sunday to Easter,” Grace St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN, March 2015.

“Different Perspectives on Resurrection,” Grace St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN, April 2015.

“Advent(s) and Jewish-Christian Relations,” Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, KY, December 2015.

“The Virgin Mary in Ecumenical and Interfaith Perspectives,” Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, KY, December 2015.

“Jesus the Jew,” The Roots of Our Faith: Judaism and Christianity, Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, KY, February 2016.

“Good Friday and Anti-Judaism,” The Roots of Our Faith: Judaism and Christianity, Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, KY, March 2016.

“Christians, Jews, and Pagans,” Religion and Philosophy Speaker Series, Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, KY, November 2016.

with Katherine Attanasi, “Paul, Jews, and Gentiles,” Broadway United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, KY, November 2019.

“Jesus and Judaism,” Broadway United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, KY, June 2021.

“Why are there four Gospels in the New Testament?” Broadway United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, KY, September 2022.

with Elizabeth Tapscott, “Church History,” Broadway United Methodist Church, Bowling Green, KY, Fall 2022.