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### Education

2003: Ph.D. in Early Christianity, Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion  
Dissertation: "In the Service of Orthodoxy: Anti-Jewish Language and Intra-Christian Conflict in the Writings of Ephrem the Syrian."  
1998: Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, Duke University  
1996: M.T.S., *summa cum laude*, Boston University School of Theology  
Concentration: Biblical Studies; Focus: New Testament  
1994: B.A., Swarthmore College, Majors: Religion, English

### Reading Languages

Syriac, Greek, Hebrew (biblical and rabbinic), Aramaic, Latin, Coptic, French, German

### Books

*Controlling Contested Places: Late Antique Antioch and the Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014).  
*Anti-Judaism and Christian Orthodoxy: Ephrem's Hymns in Fourth-Century Syria*. Patristic Monograph Series (Washington, D.C., Catholic University of America, 2008).

### Articles: Published and Forthcoming

"Bodies on Display: Deploying the Saints in Religious Competitions of Late Antique Antioch." In *Intellectual Exchange and Religious Diversity in Antioch (CE 350-450)*, ed. Silke-Petra Bergjan and Susanna Elm (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming 2017).  
"Give it Up for God: Wealth, Suffering, and the Rhetoric of Religious Persecution in John of Ephesus' *Church History*." *Reconceiving Religious Conflict: New Views from the Formative Centuries of Christianity*, ed. Chris De Wet and Wendy Mayer (London: Routledge, forthcoming Oct. 2017).  
"Posthumous Orthodoxy," in *Melania: Early Christianity in the Life of One Family*, ed. Catherine Chin and Caroline Schroeder, 186-201 (Berkeley: University of California, forthcoming Oct 2016).  
"Between Polemic and Propaganda: Evoking the Jews of Fourth-Century Antioch," *Journal of the Jesus Movement in its Jewish Setting* 2 (2015): 147-82.  
"Meaningful Meetings: Constructing Linguistic Difference in and around Late Antique Antioch," in *Syriac Encounters: Papers from the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University, 26-29 June 2011*, *Eastern Christian Studies* 20, ed. M. Doerfler, E. Fiano, and K. Smith, 79-90 (Leuven: Peeters, 2015).

- A. Dessel, C. Shepardson, and R. Bolen, "Can conservative Christian religious expression and LGB sexual orientation affirmation coexist in social work?" in *Conservative Christian Beliefs and Sexual Orientation In Social Work: Privilege, Oppression, and the Pursuit of Human Rights*, ed. A. Dessel and R. Bolen, 171-194 (New York: Council on Social Work Education Press, 2014). [Revision of JSWE article.]
- "Apollo's Charred Remains: Making Meaning in Fourth-Century Syria." *Studia Patristica*, 38 (2013): 297-302.
- "Aphrahat," signed article for *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, vol. 2 (Blackwell, 2012), 19-20.
- A. Dessel, R. Bolen, and C. Shepardson, "Hopes for intergroup dialogue: Affirmation and allies," *Journal of Social Work Education* 48.2 (2012): 361-7.
- "Interpreting the Ninevites' Repentance: Jewish and Christian Exegetes in Late Antique Mesopotamia," *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*, 14.2 (2011): 61-89.
- A. Dessel, R. Bolen, and C. Shepardson, "Can religious freedom of expression and sexual orientation affirmation coexist in social work? A critique of Hodge's theoretical, theological and conceptual frameworks," *Journal of Social Work Education* 47.2 (2011): 213-234.
- "Burying Babylas: Meletius and the Christianization of Antioch." *Studia Patristica*, 37 (2010): 347-52.
- "Rewriting Julian's Legacy: John Chrysostom's *On Babylas* and Libanius's *Oration 24*," *Journal of Late Antiquity* 2.1 (2009): 99-115.
- "Syria, Syriac, Syrian: Negotiating East and West in Late Antiquity," in *The Blackwell Companion to Late Antiquity*, 455-66 (Blackwell, 2009).
- "Paschal Politics: Deploying the Temple's Destruction against Fourth-Century Judaizers," *Vigiliae Christianae* 62.3 (2008): 233-260.
- "Defining the Boundaries of Orthodoxy: Eunomius in the Anti-Jewish Polemic of his Cappadocian Opponents," *Church History* 76.4 (December 2007): 699-723.
- "Controlling Contested Places: John Chrysostom's *Adversus Iudaeos* Homilies and the Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy," *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, 15.4 (December 2007): 483-516.
- "Create-A-Jesus: Scholarship and the Search for the Historical Jesus," in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*, 277-278 (Society of Biblical Literature, 2005).
- "Source Criticism and Eye-Witness Accounts," in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*, 30-31 (Society of Biblical Literature, 2005).
- "'Exchanging Reed for Reed': Mapping Contemporary Heretics onto Biblical Jews in Ephrem's *Hymns on Faith*," *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 5.1 (2002): 15-33.
- "Anti-Jewish Rhetoric and Intra-Christian Conflict in the Sermons of Ephrem Syrus." *Studia Patristica*. 35 (2001): 502-507.
- Paula Fredriksen and Tina Shepardson, "Embodiment and Redemption: The Human Condition in Ancient Christianity," in *The Human Condition: A Theory and Case-Study of the Comparison of Religious Ideas*, ed. Robert C. Neville, 133-155 (Albany, NY: SUNY, 2001).
- "Stones and Stories: Reconstructing the Christianization of the Golan." *Biblisches Forum* Summer 1999 (<http://purl.org/bibfor/archiv/99-1.shepardson.htm>). Reprinted in *Biblisches Forum: Texte und Steine*, eds. Andreas Leinhäupl-Wilke, Stefan Lücking, and Jesaja Michael Wiegard, 98-116 (Münster: Biblisches Forum, 2000).
- "Christian Division in Ancient Edessa: Ephrem the Syrian's *Carmina Nisibena* XXVII-XXVIII." *Journal of the Assyrian Academic Society* 12.1 (1999): 29-41.

“St. Michael the Archangel: An Ancient Coptic Homily.” *Coptic Church Review* 19.3 (1998): 66-74.

## Book Reviews

Andrade, Nathanael J. *Syrian Identity in the Greco-Roman World*. Greek Culture in the Roman World. Reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2015.01.22.

Cribiore, Raffaella. *Libanius the Sophist: Rhetoric, Reality, and Religion in the Fourth Century*. Cornell Studies in Classical Philology. Reviewed in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 22.3 (2014): 473-4.

Cameron, Averil and Robert Hoyland, eds., *Doctrine and Debate in the East Christian World, 300-1500*. Worlds of Eastern Christianity 12. Reviewed in *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* 89.1 (2014): 171-2.

Walters, James, ed. *Ephrem the Syrian. Hymns on the Unleavened Bread*. Reviewed in *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 16.2 (2013): 382-4.

Sivertsev, Alexei M. *Judaism and Imperial Ideology in Late Antiquity*. Reviewed in *Journal of Late Antiquity* 5.2 (2013): 427-29.

Barnes, Timothy D. *Early Christian Hagiography and Roman History*. Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75.1 (2013): 136-8.

Schor, Adam M. *Theodoret's People: Social Networks and Religious Conflict in Late Roman Syria*. Reviewed in *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 15.2 (2012): 408-10.

Dunning, Benjamin. *Aliens and Sojourners: Self as Other in Early Christianity*. Reviewed in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 80.4 (2011): 880-2.

Harvey, Susan Ashbrook and David Hunter, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies*. Reviewed in *Theological Studies* 70.4 (2009): 933-5.

Bowes, Kim. *Private Worship, Public Values, and Religious Change in Late Antiquity*. Reviewed in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, 78.4 (2009): 877-80.

Sandwell, Isabella. *Religious Identity in Late Antiquity: Greeks, Jews, and Christians in Antioch*. Reviewed in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, 77.3 (2008): 706-8.

Maxwell, Jaelyn. *Christianization and Communication in Late Antiquity: John Chrysostom and his Congregation in Antioch*. Reviewed in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, 76.4 (2007): 823-4.

Harvey, Susan Ashbrook *Scenting Salvation: Ancient Christianity and the Olfactory Imagination*. Reviewed in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 76.2 (2007): 403-5.

Walker, Joel. *The Legend of Mar Qardagh: Narrative and Christian Heroism in Late Antique Iraq*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 32.2 (2007): 78-9.

Boustán, Ra'anán and Annette Yoshiko Reed, eds. *Heavenly Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions*. Reviewed in *Ancient History Bulletin* 21 (2007).

Klein, Wassilios, ed. *Syrische Kirchenväter*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review*, 32.2 (2006): 126.

Krueger, Derek. *Writing and Holiness: The Practice of Authorship in the Early Christian East*. Reviewed in *The Medieval Review*, September 2005.

Possekel, Ute. *Evidence of Greek Philosophical Concepts in the Writings of Ephrem the Syrian*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 28.2 (April 2002): 172-3.

Hoffman, Paul. *Studien zur Frühgeschichte der Jesus-Bewegung*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 23.2 (April, 1997): 78.

Bockmuehl, Markus. *This Jesus: Martyr, Lord, Messiah*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 23.2 (April, 1997): 78.

Wilkens, Michael J. and J.P. Moreland, eds. *Jesus under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the*

*Historical Jesus*; and Joel B. Green and Max Turner, eds. *Jesus of Nazareth, Lord and Christ: Essays on the Historical Jesus and New Testament Christology*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 23.2 (April, 1997): 77-8.

Watson, Alan. *Jesus the Jew: The Pharisaic Tradition in John*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 23.1 (January, 1997): 70.

Young, Brad H. *Jesus the Jewish Theologian*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 23.1 (January, 1997): 70.

### **International Awards, Fellowships, and Grants**

2014-18: International Research Partner in the project “Religious Conflict and the Stages of Radicalisation,” based in the Early Christian Studies research concentration in the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University.

### **National Awards, Fellowships, and Grants**

2016-17: National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH Fellowship

2009-10: American Academy of Religion, AAR Individual Research Grant

2009-10: American Academy of Religion, AAR Regional Development Grant

2009-10: American Council of Learned Societies, ACLS Fellowship

2008: National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH Summer Stipend

2008: American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant

2001-02: Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship

1998: American Schools of Oriental Research, Joseph A. Callaway Prize for best student paper

### **University Awards and Fellowships**

2016: Honorary Ambassador, University of Tennessee LGBTQ+ Pride Center

2016-17: Faculty Development Leave, (*concurrent with NEH Fellowship*)

2016-17: University of Tennessee Humanities Center, *Declined (accepted NEH Fellowship)*

2016: Faculty Development Leave, *Declined (concurrent with UT Humanities Center)*

2015-17: UT, Lindsay Young Professorship

2015: UT, SARIF Foreign Travel Award (Oxford)

2015: UT, Faculty Trailblazer: College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty Appreciation Week

2014: UT, Quest Scholar of the Week

2014: UT, Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend

2013: UT, SARIF Foreign Travel Award (Finland)

2012-13: UT, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Academic Outreach Award

2011-12: Department of Education Arabic and Arab Culture Infusion Stipend (awarded by UT)

2011: UT, SARIF Foreign Travel Award (Oxford)

2011: UT Chancellor’s Award: Professional Promise in Research and Creative Achievement

2010: UT, SARIF Foreign Travel Award (Syria)

2008: UT, Quest Scholar of the Week

2007: UT, SARIF Foreign Travel Award (Oxford)

2006: UT, Professional Development Award (Turkey)

2005: UT, Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend

2003: UT, SARIF Foreign Travel Award (Oxford)

2002-03: Duke University, Gerst Dissertation Fellowship

1996-2000: Duke University, Graduate Fellowship

1996, 1997: Boston University School of Theology, Lucinda Bidwell Beebe Fellowship  
1996: Boston University School of Theology, American Bible Society Award

### **University Grants**

2015-16: College of Arts and Sciences grant to fund Middle East Research Group  
2015-16: Humanities Center grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2014-15: Humanities Center grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2013-14: Humanities Center grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2013: Marco Institute grant to fund the maps needed for my book  
2012-13: Humanities Center grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2011-12: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2011: Marco Institute research travel grant to Oxford conference  
2010-11: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2009-10: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Regional Workshop  
2009-10: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2009: Opportunities Fund Grant to fund Regional Workshop  
2008-09: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Regional Workshop  
2008-09: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2007-08: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2006-07: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2006: Marco Institute research travel grant to Newberry Library  
2005-06: Humanities Initiative grant to fund Faculty Research Seminar  
2005: Marco Institute research travel grant to Newberry Library  
2005: Lindsay Young Endowment grant for library resources

### **International Invited Research Lectures**

"TBA." Invited speaker at "Religious Violence in Antiquity: New Perspectives." Montreal and Ottawa, Canada, September 2017.  
"Representing the Saints: John of Ephesus's *Lives* and the Polarization of the Chalcedonian Conflict," XVII International Oxford Patristics Conference, invited workshop, August 2015.  
"Strategies of Persistence: Suffering and the Rhetoric of Religious Persecution in John of Ephesus' *Church History*." Invited speaker at the annual University of South Africa Symposium for New Testament and Early Christian Studies in Pretoria, South Africa, September 2014.  
"Bodies on Display: Deploying the Saints in Religious Competitions of Late Antique Antioch." Invited speaker at an international meeting, "Intellectual Exchange and Religious Diversity in Antioch (CE 350-450)," in Zurich, Switzerland, July 2014.  
"The Politics of Shaping Antioch's Places." Invited speaker at an international meeting in Paris, France, January 2010.

### **National Invited Research Lectures**

Invited panelist, "Urban Space and Ritual," Religious World of Late Antiquity, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2016.  
"Remembering the Future: Heaven, Hell, and the Eucharist in John Rufus (fl. 500-18)." Invited presentation, Regional Late Antiquity Consortium, University of Kentucky, Lexington, October 2016.

- “Apocalypse Now: Early Syrian Orthodoxy and the Rise of Islam.” Invited presentation for “Holistic Approaches to the Study of Early Islam and the Late Antique World,” Indiana University, Bloomington, April 2016.
- “From Early Christianity to ISIS: Putting Religion on the Map.” Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, April 2016.
- “Controlling Contested Places: The Topography of Religion.” Invited panelist at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, April 2016.
- “Bordering on Heresy: Early Syrian Orthodoxy and the Negotiation of Religious Identity,” Invited Keynote Lecture for “Forging Faith(s) in Global Borderlands,” University of California, Santa Barbara, March 2016.
- “Our City became a Church: The Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy in Roman Syria.” Invited lecture, University of California, Riverside, February 2016.
- “Putting Religion in its Places: How the Roman Empire became Christian.” Invited to give the annual Vassiliadis Lecture, University of California, San Diego, February 2016.
- Invited respondent, “Interpreting Text, Producing and Performing Interpretations,” Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts session, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2015.
- “Christians and Jews in late antique Antioch.” Invited panelist for the 2015 Moskow Workshop: “Jews in the Late Antique Mediterranean, 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> c.” Brown University, May 2015.
- Invited respondent for a session on my book, *Controlling Contested Places*, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2014.
- “Give it up for God: Wealth and the Cost of Religious Resistance in John of Ephesus’ *Church History*.” Invited lecture for “Cultures of the Late Antique Mediterranean”. Vanderbilt University, October 2014.
- “Mapping a Textured Landscape: Temples, Martyrs, Ascetics.” Invited seminar talk for the Mellon Graduate Student Workshop, “Cultures of Performance in the Post-Classical Mediterranean.” Brown University, Feb 2014.
- “The Enemy of My Enemy is a Heretic? Nestorians, Miaphysites, and Gerontius’s *Life of Melania*.” Late Antiquity Made New: A Celebration of the Work of Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University, April 2013.
- “Burying Babybas: Place Marketing and the Politics of Memory.” Invited research talk for the History Pre-Modern Seminar. (University of Kentucky, March 2013).
- “Controlling Contested Places: Fourth-Century Antioch and the Spatial Politics of Religious Controversy.” Invited research talk for the Religious History Colloquium. Vanderbilt University, October 2012.
- Invited respondent: “The Construction of Arian Memories,” American Society of Church History, Chicago, January 2012.
- “Controlling Contested Places: Constructing Religious Orthodoxy in Fourth-Century Antioch.” Invited speaker at the conference “Constructing Christianity.” University of South Carolina, November 2011.
- “Locating Orthodoxy: Syrian Judaizers and Narratives of Imperial Christianity.” Invited speaker at the annual meeting of the International Network for the Study of Late Antiquity/Internationales Netzwerk zur Spätantike-Forschung. Knoxville, May 2009.
- “The Politics of Place in Fourth-Century Antioch.” Invited speaker at Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.), March 2009.
- “Fourth-Century Syriac Christianity (Aphrahat and Ephrem) and Judaism in Mesopotamia.” Invited lecture at Duke University, part of the NEH-funded summer seminar, “Aramaic

in Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity." Duke University, July 2004.  
"Jewish, Christian, and Pagan Interaction in Northern Palestine and Southern Syria." Invited lecture at Duke University, part of the NEH-funded summer seminar, "Aramaic in Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity." Duke University, June 2004.

### **International Conference Presentations**

- "Building a Past for the Present: Mapping Religious Orthodoxy onto Antioch's Landscape," XXII Finnish Symposium on Late Antiquity: Spaces - Past and Present, Tvärminne, Finland, November 2013.
- "Apollo's Charred Remains: Making Meaning in Fourth-Century Syria," XVI International Oxford Patristics Conference, August 2011.
- "Burying Babylas: Meletius of Antioch and the Spatial Politics of Christianization," XV International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 2007.
- "Paschal Politics: The Temple's Destruction Deployed by Fourth-Century Christians." North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2005.
- "The Stench of the Stinking Jews': Reconnecting Ephrem's Rhetoric with Fourth-century Syrian Jews." XIII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 2003.
- "The Importance of Being Israel: Contextualizing Ephrem the Syrian's Interpretation of Scripture." Society of Biblical Literature, Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section, Toronto, November 2002.
- "The Politics of History: Scriptural History and Community Definition in Fourth-century Syria." Society of Biblical Literature, Ideological Criticism Section, Toronto, November 2002.
- "Anti-Jewish Rhetoric and Intra-Christian Conflict in the Sermons of Ephrem Syrus." XII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 1999.

### **National Conference Presentations**

- "Persisting in Religious Truth: Reading John of Ephesus during the Rise of Islam," Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 2016.
- "(Dis)Locating Heresy: John of Ephesus and Religious Persecution in Late Antiquity," Invited participant in a sponsored session, North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2016.
- "Inscribing Chalcedonian Orthodoxy on the Monks of Palestine," North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2014.
- "The City, A Text: Inscribing Orthodoxy in Antioch's Landscape," North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2013.
- "Going to the Cemetery: Remembering the Saints in Fourth-Century Antioch," North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2012.
- "Meaningful Meetings: Constructing Linguistic Difference in Late Antique Antioch," VI North American Syriac Symposium, June 2011.
- "Legislating the Places of Religious Practice from Constantine to Theodosius," North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2010.
- "The Power of Prestigious Places: Teaching and Preaching in Fourth-Century Antioch," Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 2009.
- "The Rhetoric of Civic Chaos: Social and Geographical Inversion in John Chrysostom's *De Statuis*," North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2009.
- "From Mountaintop to Marketplace: The Topography of Authority in Fourth-Century Antioch,"

- American Society of Church History, New York City, January 2009.
- "Simply Orthodox: Exploiting the Urban/Rural Divide in Fourth-Century Antioch," Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity section, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, November 2008.
- "Interpreting the Repentance of the Ninevites in Late Antique Mesopotamia," History of Interpretation section, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, November 2008.
- Invited response to Paula Fredriksen, *Augustine and the Jews*, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2007.
- "Reading Regional 'Realities': Fourth-century Judaizers in Antioch and Edessa" SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2007.
- "Competing for Congregants: John Chrysostom and the Politics of 'Christian' and 'Jewish' Space," Society of Biblical Literature, Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group, Washington, D. C., November 2006.
- "John Chrysostom and the Politics of Religious Space in Fourth-Century Antioch." North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2006.
- Invited response to "Astrological Knowledge and Apostolic Competition: The Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions* in the Context of Fourth-Century Syria" by Nicole Kelley. Society of Biblical Literature, Christian Apocrypha section, Philadelphia, November 2005.
- "Interpret with Care: Jews, Arians, "Jews," and "Arians" in Fourth-century Syria." Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2003.
- "Defending Nicea: Ephrem in the Context of Empire." North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2002.
- "In the Service of Orthodoxy: Anti-Jewish Language and Intra-Christian Conflict in the Writings of Ephrem the Syrian." Society of Biblical Literature, poster session, Denver, Nov. 2001.
- "'Exchanging Reed for Reed': Mapping Contemporary Heretics onto Biblical Jews in Ephrem's *Hymns on Faith*." North American Patristic Society, Chicago, 2001.
- "Blood, Bread, and the Bible: Scripture and Authority in Ephrem's *Hymns on Unleavened Bread*." American Academy of Religion, History of Christianity session, Nashville, 2000.
- "'Whoring with the Calf': Exodus 32 and Ephrem's anti-Jewish Rhetoric." North American Patristic Society, Chicago, 2000.
- "Contending with Christian Heresy: Reexamining the Anti-Jewish Rhetoric of Ephrem the Syrian." Society of Biblical Literature, Early Jewish/Christian Relations session, Boston, 1999.
- "Claiming Christianity: Early Syriac Christianity and the Anti-Manichaean Rhetoric of Ephrem's *Prose Refutations*." Syriac Symposium III, Notre Dame University, 1999.
- "Drawing the Line with Gentiles: Eating Practices and Christian Self-Definition in the Pseudo-Clementine *Recognitions*." American Academy of Religion, southeastern regional meeting, Durham, NC, 1999.
- "Stones and Stories: Reconstructing the Christianization of the Golan." Society of Biblical Literature, Jewish, Christian, and Pagan Interaction in Late Antique Syria session, Orlando, 1998.
- "Constraining a Gendered Ideal: Basil of Ancyra's *de vera virginitatis integritate* and the Body of the True Female Virgin." North American Patristic Society, Chicago, 1998.
- "Stones and Stories: Reconstructing the Christianization of the Golan." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR), southeastern regional meeting, Knoxville, TN, 1998.



## **UT Research Lectures**

- "Representing the Saints: John of Ephesus's *Lives* and the Polarization of the Chalcedonian Conflict." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, October 2015.
- "Culture, Politics, and Religion: Interpreting God's Word in the American South." Alumni Reunion invited speaker, UT, June 2015.
- "Suffering and the Rhetoric of Religious Persecution in John of Ephesus' *Church History*." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, September 2014.
- "The Enemy of My Enemy is a Heretic? Nestorians, Miaphysites, and Gerontius's *Life of Melania*." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, September 2013.
- "Transformative Transgression: Exploiting the Urban/Rural Divide." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, March 2013.
- "This Land is My Land: Religion, Politics, and the Power of Controlling Places." Invited speaker for the University program "Mic Nite" (UTK, October 2011).
- "Christianizing the Landscape: Temples, Ascetics, and Martyrs." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, August 2011.
- "Controlling Contested Places: The Spatial Politics of Early Christianity." Invited faculty speaker for the Dean's Advisory Council meeting (UTK, April 2011).
- "The Power of Prestigious Places: Teaching and Preaching in Fourth-Century Antioch." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, April 2011.
- "Elsewhere in the Empire." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, August 2009.
- "Saving the City: Rural Role Models and Urban Corruption." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, December 2008.
- "Rewriting Julian's Legacy: John Chrysostom's *De s. Babyla* and Libanius's *Oratio 24*." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, September 2007.
- "Defending Nicaea: 'Jews' and 'Arians' with Ephrem's Greek Neighbors." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, October 2006.
- "John Chrysostom and the Politics of Religious Space in Fourth-Century Antioch." Faculty Research Seminar on Late Antiquity, UT, March 2006.
- "Jews, Christians, Heretics: Fourth-century Politics and the Making of Christian Orthodoxy." Public inaugural lecture at UTK, October 2004.

## **Professional Seminars and Workshops**

- 2015-16: UT Humanities Center Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2014-15: UT Humanities Center Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2013-14: UT Humanities Center Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2012-13: UT Humanities Center Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2011-12: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2010-11: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- Faculty Advisor: "Mysticism, Heresy, and Witchcraft: An Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Renaissance Studies"
- 2010: Second Annual "Southeast Regional Late Antiquity Workshop" April 2010

- 2009-10: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2009: UT Humanities Initiative Workshop: "Southeast Regional Late Antiquity Workshop: Roman Religion and Culture in Late Antiquity." I received funding from the Humanities Initiative to create a two-day regional workshop that brought together faculty and graduate students in the Southeast region on the topic of Late Antiquity. I was the workshop coordinator and in charge of organizing and running the workshop.
- 2008-09: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2008: UT Marco Workshop: "Marco Manuscript Workshop: Texts in Motion," Feb 2008. I participated in this workshop, and chaired a session.
- 2007-08: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2006-08: Wabash Workshop (Lilly Foundation): "Rethinking the Christian Studies Classroom: Mapping the Hidden (and Not So Hidden) Dynamics of Teaching Religion in the South." I participated in a two-year workshop with faculty from the University of Tennessee, the University of Georgia, and Appalachian State University. The three UT faculty involved met during the year, and all the faculty from the three universities met once each March. We produced a report on our activities for the Wabash Center.
- 2006-07: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, chair: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity."
- 2005-06: UT Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar: "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity." I founded this research seminar as the first such seminar through UT's Humanities Initiative program. I have organized and chaired this seminar from its beginning. I also participate in each meeting, and present my work in progress to the seminar for discussion once each year.
- 2004: NEH Summer Seminar: "Aramaic in Post-Biblical Judaism and Early Christianity," at Duke University, June-July 2004. I accepted an invitation to present two lectures to the participants in this NEH-funded summer seminar.

### **Teaching and Research Interests**

Christianity in Late Antiquity, History of Christianity, Anti-Judaism and Anti-Semitism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Syriac Christianity, Gender Studies, New Testament, Second-Temple Judaism, Greco-Roman Religions, Women and Religion, Cultural Geography, Politics of Biblical Interpretation

### **Teaching Experience**

Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2015-present.  
 University Honors Program: I accepted an invitation to teach the required second-semester seminar for the prestigious Haslam Scholars Program (Spring 2011, 2013, 2015). I also taught a one-credit University Honors seminar (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013).  
 Related Faculty, Department of Classics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2012-present.  
 Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2010-present.  
 I received permission to direct History M.A. and Ph.D. students.  
 Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville,

2009-2015.  
Associated Faculty, Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2008-2010.  
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Classics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2004-2012.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville,  
August 2003-2009.  
Gerst Instructor: "The Rhetoric of Religious Conflict and the History of Christian Anti-Judaism,"  
Duke University, Spring 2003.  
Visiting Lecturer: "The New Testament and the Origins of Christianity," University of  
North Carolina at Greensboro, Fall 2002.  
Instructor: "The New Testament and the Origins of Christianity," Duke University, Spring 2000.  
Instructor: "Anti-Judaism: Jews in the Christian Imagination," Duke University, Spring 1999.  
Visiting Lecturer: "The New Testament and the Origins of Christianity," University of  
North Carolina at Greensboro, Spring 1999.  
Teaching Assistant: "Modern European Christianity," Duke Divinity School, Spring 1998.  
Teaching Assistant: "Early and Medieval Christianity," Duke Divinity School, Fall 1997.

### **Disciplinary Service**

#### Advisory Boards:

2015-2020: *Journal of Early Christian Studies*  
2016: Best First Article Prize Committee, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*  
2015-2020: *Journal of Early Christian History*

#### Editorial Boards:

2016-2018: *Studies in Late Antiquity*, University of California journal  
2015-present: *Early Christianity in the Context of Antiquity*, Peter Lang series  
2013-present: *Studies in the History of the Christian Traditions*, Brill monograph series

#### Review Panelist:

2012-13: National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend  
2010-11: National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend

#### Society of Biblical Literature

2011-present: Early Jewish/Christian Relations Session, chair  
2007: organized a conference session for the national SBL meeting  
2005-2011: Early Jewish/Christian Relations Session, steering committee

#### North American Patristics Society

2014-17: Board Member (Member-at-Large)  
2016-17: Awards Committee  
2016-17: Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce, co-chair  
2015-16: Program Committee

#### American Society of Church History

2014-16: ASCH Research and Prizes Committee  
2013: Executive Secretary Performance Review Committee, chair  
2011-13: ASCH Council  
2008-2009: Program Committee, organized a conference session

Memberships:

American Academy of Religion: 1995-present (sporadically)  
American Society of Church History: 2000-present  
North American Patristics Society: 1997-present  
Society of Biblical Literature: 1995-present

Journal submissions reviewed for:

*Journal of Early Christian History*  
*Journal of Early Christian Studies*  
*Journal of the Jesus Movement in its Jewish Setting*  
*Journal of Late Antiquity*  
*Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*

Book submissions reviewed for:

Brown Judaic Studies  
Routledge, Classics and Archaeology

Book Reviews published in:

*Ancient History Bulletin*  
*Bryn Mawr Classical Review*  
*Catholic Biblical Quarterly*  
*Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*  
*Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies*  
*Journal of Early Christian Studies*  
*Journal of Late Antiquity*  
*The Medieval Review*  
*Religious Studies Review*  
*Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies*  
*Theological Studies*

External tenure file reviewer:

2015 (2)

**Institutional Service: Departmental Level**

2016-17: On leave for an NEH Fellowship

Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee (Mar '16-Feb '17)

Premodern Europe Caucus, Graduate Program, History Department

2015-16: Search Committee (Director of Judaic Studies), chair

Department Curriculum Committee, chair

Department Undergraduate Advising

Department Diversity Representative to the College

New Faculty Mentor for Manuela Ceballos

Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee, chair (Mar '16-Feb '17)

Premodern Europe Caucus, Graduate Program, History Department

2014-15: Department Curriculum Committee, chair

Department Undergraduate Advising

Department Diversity Representative to the College  
 Peer Teaching Evaluation for Megan Bryson (Fall 2014)  
 New Faculty Mentor for Manuela Ceballos  
 Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee, chair (Mar '14-Feb '15)  
 Premodern Europe Caucus, Graduate Program, History Department  
 2013-14: Department Curriculum Committee, chair  
 Department Undergraduate Advising  
 Search Committee (Islam), diversity advocate  
 Department Diversity Representative to the College  
 Peer Teaching Evaluation for Erin Darby (Fall 2013)  
 Peer Teaching Evaluation for Megan Bryson (Spring 2014)  
 Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee, chair (Mar '14-Feb '15)  
 Premodern Europe Caucus, Graduate Program, History Department  
 2012-13: Department Curriculum Committee, chair  
 Department Undergraduate Advising  
 Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee (Mar '12-Feb '13)  
 CCTST test for UT seniors, administered test for department  
 Peer Teaching Evaluation for Youshaa Patel (Spring 2013)  
 Peer Teaching Evaluation for Erin Darby (Spring 2013)  
 SACS Reaccreditation Committee, department representative (Jan 2013)  
 New Faculty Mentor for Youshaa Patel (Fall 2012)  
 Premodern Europe Caucus, Graduate Program, History Department  
 2011-12: Search Committee (Early Judaism), chair  
 Department Undergraduate Committee  
 Department Undergraduate Advising, chair  
 Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee (Mar '12-Feb '13)  
 Bylaws Review Committee, chair  
 Premodern Europe Caucus, Graduate Program, History Department  
 2010-11: Search Committee (Islam), chair  
 History Dept. Search Committee (Early Roman History)  
 Department Undergraduate Committee  
 Department Undergraduate Advising  
 Dungan Memorial Lecture Committee (Mar '10-Feb '11)  
 2009-10: On leave for an ACLS Fellowship  
 2008-09: Department Undergraduate Committee, chair  
 Undergraduate Major Assessment Committee  
 Middle East Subcommittee, Department Board of Visitors  
 2007-08: Department Undergraduate Committee, chair: coordinated significant  
 rewriting of Religious Studies undergraduate curriculum 2007-08  
 Middle East Subcommittee, Department Board of Visitors  
 2006-07: Department Undergraduate Committee, chair  
 Middle East Subcommittee, Department Board of Visitors  
 2005-06: Department Representative in Arts and Sciences Advising (Aug-Oct)  
 Department Undergraduate Committee, co-chair  
 2004-05: Department Undergraduate Committee, co-chair  
 2003-04: Department Representative in Arts and Sciences Advising

## **Institutional Service: College Level<sup>1</sup>**

2016-17: On leave for an NEH Fellowship

Contact person for Middle East Studies Interdisciplinary Program  
Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," participant  
Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "Middle East Studies," participant  
Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Connections Package committee, chair  
The Marco Institute Advisory Board

2015-16: Tennessee Initiative for Middle East Studies (TIMES), director

Judaic Studies Committee  
Humanities Divisional Committee  
Social Sciences Divisional Committee  
The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
Keith Taylor Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee  
Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Connections Package committee, chair  
Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," seminar co-chair.  
Gender Studies Curriculum Committee

2014-15: Judaic Studies Committee

Humanities Divisional Committee  
Social Sciences Divisional Committee  
College Curriculum Task Force (ad-hoc, re: Connections packages)  
The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
Jimmy and Dee Haslam Postdoctoral Fellow search committee  
Lindsay Young Visiting Faculty Fellowship Committee, chair  
Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Connections Package committee, chair  
Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," seminar co-chair.

2013-14: Judaic Studies Committee

Humanities Divisional Committee  
College Curriculum Task Force (ad-hoc, re: Connections packages)  
The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
Lindsay Young Visiting Faculty Fellowship Committee, chair  
Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Connections Package committee, chair  
Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," project director, seminar co-chair.

2012-13: Judaic Studies Committee

Humanities Divisional Committee (extra UTrack, College Reqs meetings)  
Social Sciences Divisional Committee, chair (extra UTrack, College Reqs meetings)  
College Curriculum Task Force (ad-hoc, re: Connections packages)  
The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
Lindsay Young Visiting Faculty Fellowship Committee, chair  
Jimmy and Dee Haslam Postdoctoral Fellow search committee, chair  
Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late

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<sup>1</sup> N.B.: The Marco Institute refers to UT's Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

- Antiquity," project director, seminar chair.  
 Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee, member as Social Sciences  
 Divisional Chair (extra UTrack, College Reqs meetings)
- 2011-12: Judaic Studies Committee  
 Humanities Divisional Committee  
 Social Sciences Divisional Committee, chair  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Lindsay Young Visiting Faculty Fellowship Committee, chair  
 Keith Taylor UTK Undergraduate Essay Prize Committee  
 Keith Taylor Undergraduate Conference Paper Prize Committee  
 Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late  
 Antiquity," project director, seminar chair.  
 Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee, member as Social Sciences  
 Divisional Chair  
 Reviewer of UT's Summer NEH proposals  
 Fulbright Selection Committee for the Office of National Scholarships and Fellowships  
 Committee for the Curricular Infusion of Arabic and Arab Culture
- 2010-11: Judaic Studies Committee  
 Humanities Divisional Committee  
 Social Sciences Divisional Committee, chair  
 Dean's Advisory Committee, back-up department representative  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Lindsay Young Visiting Faculty Fellowship Committee, chair  
 Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late  
 Antiquity," project director, seminar chair.  
 Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee, member as Social Sciences  
 Divisional Chair
- 2009-10: On leave for an ACLS Fellowship  
 Humanities Initiative Workshop, "Southeast Regional Late Antiquity Workshop:  
 Religion and Culture in Late Antiquity," coordinator.
- 2008-09: Arts and Sciences Curricular Requirements Committee  
 Judaic Studies Committee  
 Humanities Divisional Committee  
 Social Sciences Divisional Committee, chair  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late  
 Antiquity," project director, seminar chair.  
 Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee, member as Social Sciences  
 Divisional Chair  
 Humanities Initiative Workshop, "Southeast Regional Late Antiquity Workshop:  
 Roman Religion and Culture in Late Antiquity," coordinator.  
 Association of Women Faculty
- 2007-08: Judaic Studies Committee  
 Humanities Divisional Committee

- The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," project director, seminar chair.  
 Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee, member as elected representative  
 Association of Women Faculty
- 2006-07: Judaic Studies Committee  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," project director, seminar chair.  
 Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee, member as elected representative  
 Association of Women Faculty, chair
- 2005-06: Judaic Studies Committee  
 Humanities Divisional Committee  
 Social Sciences Divisional Committee  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Humanities Initiative Faculty Research Seminar, "The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity," project director and seminar chair: involves scheduling and chairing meetings, ordering and distributing books, managing budget, coordinating two visiting speakers each year, presenting own work in progress once each year, and writing annual report and renewal proposal.  
 Association of Women Faculty, board member
- 2004-05: Judaic Studies Committee  
 Humanities Divisional Committee  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Association of Women Faculty
- 2003-04: Judaic Studies Committee  
 The Marco Institute Advisory Board  
 The Marco Institute Steering Committee  
 Association of Women Faculty

**Institutional Service: University Level**

- 2016-17: On leave for an NEH Fellowship  
 2015-16: Top 25/Vol Vision Milestone Review Committee  
 Research Council, ex officio  
 Chancellor's Awards Committee
- 2014-15: Research Council, chair  
 Chancellor's Awards Committee  
 SARIF Graduate Research Assistantship Committee  
 Faculty Senate Executive Council  
 Graduate Council, ex-officio  
 Top 25/Vol Vision Milestone Review Committee  
 Search Committee for Faculty Development Team Director
- 2013-14: Faculty Senate (UTK: Arts and Sciences: Humanities)



Research Council, chair  
 Faculty Senate Executive Council  
 Graduate Council, ex-officio  
 Research Advisory Council for the Vice-Chancellor of Research  
 J. Wallace & Katie Dean Fellowships Committee, UTK Graduate School  
 Haslam Scholars Program Curriculum Committee (April-June 2014)  
 2012-13: Faculty Senate (UTK: Arts and Sciences: Humanities)  
     Research Council, member as senator  
         Research Council Centers Review Committee  
         Chancellor's Awards Committee, chair  
     Haslam Scholars Program, Selection and Interview Committee  
 2011-12: Faculty Senate (UTK: Arts and Sciences: Humanities)  
     Research Council, member as senator  
         Research Council Center Review Committee  
     Haslam Scholars Program, Selection and Interview Committee  
     Lavender Graduation Planning Committee  
 2010-11: General Education: Cultures and Civilizations Committee  
     Haslam Scholars Program, Selection and Interview Committee  
 2009-10: Commission for LGBT People  
     General Education: Cultures and Civilizations Committee  
 2008-09: Provost's Junior Faculty Fellows  
     General Education: Cultures and Civilizations Committee  
     Commission for LGBT People  
 2007-08: Provost's Junior Faculty Fellows  
     General Education: Cultures and Civilizations Committee  
     Commission for LGBT People

### **Academic Outreach Lectures**

Sept 2015: "Bodies on Display: Deploying the Saints in the Religious Competitions in Late Antiquity," Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.  
 Aug 2015: "The Politics of Creating Christianity." City TV interview, moderated by Joe Barnhart.  
 Mar 2015: "The Bible Tells Me So: The Politics of Biblical Interpretation." Diversity Dialogues, Black Cultural Center, UTK.  
 Feb 2015: "Making Truth: How 1st-c. Debates shaped 21st-c. Christianity." Lecture at Church Street United Methodist Church (Friends in Christ class), Knoxville.  
 Oct 2014: "Jesus' Birth and the Latin Bible," Latin Day at UTK.  
 Sept 2014: "The Bible Tells Me So: The Politics of Biblical Interpretation," Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.  
 Mar 2014: "Becoming Male: Women Martyrs and Gender in the Roman Empire," Lecture at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Knoxville.  
 Feb 2014: "Treasonous Atheists: Early Christian Martyrs and the Roman Empire." Lecture at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.  
 Oct 2013: "Jesus' Birth and the Latin Bible," Latin Day at UTK.  
 Oct 2013: "Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible: Rediscovering the Diversity." Lecture at Day of Dialogue event at UTK's Multicultural Center.

- Sept 2013: "Christianity in the 'Middle East'." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Aug 2013: "Identity Crisis: Making Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity." Lecture at Church Street United Methodist Church (Friends in Christ class), Knoxville.
- Apr 2013: "The Bible Tells Me So: The Politics of Biblical Interpretation" Lecture for Volunteer Rotary Club, Knoxville.
- Apr 2013: "The Birds, the Bees, and the Bible," Lecture for UTK's Sex Week.
- Sept 2012: "Constructing Christian Orthodoxy: Fourth-Century Politics and Early Christian History." Lecture at Church Street United Methodist Church (Friends in Christ class), Knoxville.
- Sept 2012: "Meeting the First Muslims: Seventh-Century Christians and the End of the World." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Sept 2012: "The Politics of Biblical Translations." Lecture at Church Street United Methodist Church (United Methodist Women class), Knoxville.
- May 2012: "Early Christian Art and Architecture." Lecture at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Apr 2012: "The Politics of Biblical Interpretation." Lecture at Church Street United Methodist Church (Friends in Christ class), Knoxville.
- Apr 2012: "Passover and Easter: A History of Community Definition" Lecture at Temple Beth-El, Knoxville.
- Feb 2012: "The Politics of Biblical Translations." Lecture at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Knoxville.
- Oct 2011: "No Longer Male and Female": Gender, Sexuality, and the Christian Bible. Lecture for UTK's "OUTstanding: A Seminar Exploring LGBTIQ Diversity."
- Sept 2011: "Whose Bible is Right? The Politics of Biblical Translations." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Aug 2011: "Christianity in the Middle East." Lecture for Broadway United Methodist Church, Maryville, TN.
- April 2011: "When Jesus was Jewish: The Important Legacy of Early Jewish/Christian Relations." Lecture for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Maryville.
- April 2011: "The Bible Tells Me So: The Politics of Biblical Interpretation." Lecture for The Rationalists of East Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Mar 2011: "Controlling Contested Places: The Topographical Politics of Early Christianity." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Feb 2011: "Church Politics in Roman Antioch," Lecture at Oak Ridge Methodist Church.
- Dec 2010: "The Making of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed," Lecture at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Knoxville.
- Oct 2010: "The Bible Tells Me So: The Politics of Biblical Interpretation," Lecture at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Sept 2010: "The Bible Tells Me So: The Politics of Biblical Interpretation," Faculty Pregame Showcase lecture before the home football game, UT-Knoxville.
- Mar 2010: "Heresy and Faith: How Early Christians Decided and Why it Matters," Veritas forum with Robert Wilken, Knoxville.
- Nov 2009: "Christianity in the Middle East," lecture and discussion with Paul Tarazi at UT's International House, Knoxville.
- Oct 2009: "Women, Gender, Sex in Early Christianity: Lecture at Good Shepherd Episcopal

- Church, Knoxville.
- Apr 2009: "Constructing Christian Orthodoxy: Fourth-Century Politics and Early Christian History." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Mar 2009: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture at St. John's Episcopal Church, Knoxville.
- Feb 2009: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Knoxville.
- Dec 2008: "Family and Sexuality in Early Christianity." Lecture for the Presbyterian Center, University of Tennessee.
- Sept 2008: "Where did the New Testament come from?" Lecture for the Methodist campus ministries, University of Tennessee.
- Sept 2008: "Women in Early Christianity." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Feb 2008: "The Little-Known but Very Interesting History of Syriac Christianity," Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Feb 2008: "Claiming God's Covenant: Early Christian Leaders and their Anti-Jewish Language." Lecture at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Nov 2007: "Judaism and Early Christianity." Lecture at Heska Amuna synagogue, Knoxville.
- Oct 2007: "Jesus and Judaism." Lecture at Heska Amuna synagogue, Knoxville.
- Oct 2007: "Women and Gender in Early Christianity." Lecture at Faith Lutheran Church, Farragut.
- Sept 2007: "Politics and the History of early Christianity." Lecture at Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning (ORICL).
- Mar 2007: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Feb 2007: "Early Christianity as a Greco-Roman Religion." Lecture at Oak Ridge Methodist Church.
- Dec 2006: "When Jesus was Jewish: The Important Legacy of Early Jewish/Christian Relations." Lecture at Federated Church of Marlborough, NH.
- Dec 2006: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture at Greek Orthodox Church, Knoxville.
- Nov 2006: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Nov 2006: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture at Tennessee Valley Unitarian-Universalist Church, Knoxville.
- Sept 2006: "Claiming God's Covenant: Early Christian Leaders and their Anti-Jewish Language." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Feb 2006: "Constructing Christian Orthodoxy: Fourth-Century Politics and Early Christian History." Lecture for Seniors for Creative Learning, O'Connor Senior Center, Knoxville.
- Jan 2006: "Constructing Christian Orthodoxy: Fourth-Century Politics and Early Christian History." Lecture at First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.
- Dec 2005: "Orthodoxy on the Eastern Edge: The Theology, Politics, and Lasting Effects of the Early 'Monophysite' Controversy." Lecture at Oak Ridge Methodist Church.

- April 2005: "Local Variety and Imperial Orthodoxy in Early Christianity." Lecture at Oak Ridge Methodist Church.
- April 2005: "Early Christians Debate the Role of the Jewish Law." Lecture at St. John's Episcopal Church, Knoxville.
- Mar 2005: "The Making of Christian Orthodoxy." Lecture for Knoxville's Education for Ministry group.
- Mar 2005: "Claiming God's Covenant: Early Christian Leaders and their Anti-Jewish Language." Lecture for "Ink and Blood: Dead Sea Scrolls to the English Bible" public lecture series in Knoxville.
- Mar 2005: "The Rhetoric of Religious Violence: Christian Anti-Jewish Language and 'Holy Week'." Lecture for the Knoxville Ministry Association.
- Mar 2005: "More than Meets the Eye: Disagreements and Diversity in Early Christianity." Lecture for "Ink and Blood: Dead Sea Scrolls to the English Bible" public lecture series in Knoxville.
- Feb 2005: "The Politics of Claiming Christianity." Lecture at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian-Universalist Church, Knoxville.
- Feb 2005: "Constructing Christian Orthodoxy: Fourth-Century Politics and Early Christian History." Lecture for "Ink and Blood: Dead Sea Scrolls to the English Bible" public lecture series in Knoxville.
- Dec 2004: "Early Christian Anti-Jewish Language." Lecture at Sequoia Hills Presbyterian Church.
- Nov 2004: "Early Christian Diversity: Texts and their Translations." Lecture at St. John's Episcopal Church.
- April 2004: "Where did the New Testament Come From?" Lecture at Sequoia Hills Presbyterian Church.
- Oct 2003: "Majority Rules: Fourth-Century Emperors and the Creation of Christian Orthodoxy." Lecture at Sequoia Hills Presbyterian Church.