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EDUCATION

CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY (Ph.D. 2010)

Religion - New Testament

Dissertation: "Q, the Essenes, and the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Study in Christian Origins"

Advisors: Vincent L. Wimbush, James M. Robinson, Karen Torjesen; Kristin De Troyer

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (M.A. 2003)

Religious Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Thesis: "Ascetic Renunciation and the Jesus Tradition"

THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH (B.A. 2001)

Liberal Arts

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (1984-1988)

English

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Lecturer in Early Christianity, Center for the Study of Religion (2018-2020)

"History of Religion in the United States." (REL 142C; Spring 2020; Summer 2020; Spring 2021; Summer 2021)

"Jesus in Film and History" (REL 177; Spring 2019; Winter 2020; Winter 2021)

"History of Early Christians" (REL 186; Spring 2019; Winter 2020; Winter 2021)

"History of the Study of Religion" (REL 101; Winter 2019)

"Religion and Violence" (REL 11; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020)

"Religion in Los Angeles" (REL 110; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020)

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Senior Adjunct Professor of Religion (Fall 2018 – present)

Adjunct Professor of Religion (Spring 2012 – 2017)

"Jews and Judaism" (Spring 2018; Spring 2020; Fall 2021)

"Exploring the New Testament," (Fall 2015)

"Jesus in Film and History," (Spring 2021; Fall 2019; 2016; 2015; 2014; 2013)

"Exploring Biblical Traditions," (Fall 2013; 2014; 2015)

"Introduction to Christianity," (Spring 2012; 2013; 2016; Fall: 2012; 2014, 2016)

“Religion, Identity, and Vocation” (Spring 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; Fall 2018; 2019)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Guest Lecturer, “Intro to New Testament” (Spring 2021)

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Guest Lecturer, “The Parables in the Synoptic Gospels,” (Fall 2013)

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Guest Lecturer, “Luke-Acts” (October, 2008)

SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Guest Lecturer, “An Introduction to Q,” “Beginning Greek” (Fall 2007)

CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

Preparing Future Faculty Certification (2007-2008); Teaching Practicum (2005)

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

Guest Lecturer, “An Introduction to Q,” “Jewish and Christian Origins” (Spring 2006)

PUBLICATIONS (Books)

Jesus, the Essenes, and Christian Origins: New Light on Ancient Texts and Communities (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2018).

Reviews

Émile Puech, *Revue Biblique* 127 no. 3 (2020): 451-453.

Cecilia Wassén, *Dead Sea Discoveries* 27 no. 2 (2020): 323-325.

Mary J. Marshall, *Review of Biblical Literature* (August 2019).

David Wenham, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 41.5 (2019): 110-111.

Michael O. Wise, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 62 (2) (2019): 390-93.

Michael Flowers, *Revue de Qumran* 30 no. 1 (2018): 103-105.

Olegs Andrejevs, *Religious Studies Review* 45 no. 3 (2019): 378-79.

Donald Senior, *The Bible Today* 56 no. 5 (September 2018): 330.

Aryeh Amihay, *Reading Religion* (September 2018);

<http://readingreligion.org/books/jesus-essenes-and-christian-origins>

Jesus and the Temple: The Crucifixion in its Jewish Context

(Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 165; Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016).

Reviews

Paul Foster, *The Expository Times* 127 (2016): 509-510.

Timothy Wardle, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 56 (2) (2017): 409-411.

Grant Macaskill, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 39 (5) (2017): 25.

David W. Chapman, *Journal of Theological Studies* 68 (2) (2017).

Ruben J. van Wingerden, *NTT Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion* 71 no. 1 (2018), 85-86.

Yongbom Lee, *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 45 no. 1 (2018), 206-208.

The Nonviolent Messiah: Jesus, Q, and the Enochic Tradition

(Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014).

Reviews

- Blake Jurgens, *Review of Biblical Literature* (April 2017).
 Stephen Finlan, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015), 770-771.
 Benjamin E. Reynolds, *Journal of Theological Studies* (2015): 758-761.
 John R. L. Moxon, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 37 (5) (2015): 28-29.
 Sarah E. Rollens, *Review of Biblical Literature* (June 2015).
 Sarah E. Rollens, *Interpretation* 71 (2) (2017): 228-229.
 Kelly Denton-Borhaug, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 55 (1) (2016): 89-90.
 Karina Martin Hogan, *Religious Studies Review* 43 (2) (2017): 170.

Jesus, Q, and the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Judaic Approach to Q

(Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament II.333; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012).

Reviews

- Alan Kirk, *Journal of Theological Studies* 66 (1) (2015): 353-356.
 Barry Crawford, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 559-561.
 Thomas E. Philipps, *Religious Studies Review* 41 (1) (2015): 23.
 Michael Labahn, *Review of Biblical Literature*, Feb. 2015.
 Christopher M. Tuckett, *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 44 (2013): 411-412.
 Michael Hölscher, *Biblische Zeitschrift* (2014): 283-286.
 Zdzislaw J. Kapera, *The Qumran Chronicle* 23 (2015): 59-61.
 Clare K. Rothschild, *Dead Sea Discoveries* 22 (2015): 129-131.
 Sara Parks, *Arc: Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies* (2017).
 Brian C. Small, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 24 no. 4 (2014): 579-581.

PUBLICATIONS (Articles)

“An Indigenous Jesus: Methodological and Theoretical Intersections in the Comparative Study of Religion,” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* (2021), forthcoming.

“‘In the Days of His Flesh, He Offered Up Prayers’: Reimagining the Sacrifice(s) of Jesus in the Letter to the Hebrews,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 140 no. 1 (2021): 207-227.

“‘I Shall be Reckoned with the Gods’: On Redescribing Jesus as a First-Century Jewish Mystic,” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 18 no. 3 (2020): 220-243.

“The Land Is Mine” (Lev 25:23): Reimagining the Jubilee in the Context of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 50 no. 4 (2020) (**Invited**).

“Essenes, Therapeutae,” in *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, vol. in *Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies* (ed. C. Wassen; Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2020) **(Invited)**.

“Other Voices: Remembering the Marginalized Vegetarian in the Study of Christian Origins,” *Journal of the Jesus Movement in its Jewish Setting* 6 (2019): 46-67.

“The Secret Pipe: Protecting the *Ptehīčala Čhaŋŋúŋpa* of the Lakota Sioux,” *History of Religions* 59 no. 1 (2019): 38-67.

“The Promise of Providence and the Problem of the *Parables*: Revisiting Prayer in the Sayings Gospel Q,” *Prayers in the Sayings Gospel Q* (ed. Daniel A. Smith and Christoph Heil; WUNT; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2019), 57-87 **(Invited conference paper)**.

“American Gnosis: Jesus Mysticism in *A Course in Miracles*,” *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* 4 no. 1-2 (2019) (forthcoming) **(Invited conference paper)**.

“The Quest for the ‘Community’ of Q: Mapping Q Within the Social, Scribal, Textual, and Theological Landscape(s) of Second Temple Judaism,” *Harvard Theological Review* 111.1 (2018): 90-114 (based on **Invited** conference paper).

“Yuwipi: A Postcolonial Approach to Lakota Ritual Specialization and Religious Revitalization,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 86 no. 2 (2018): 364-393.

“A Social Identity Approach to the Rhetoric of Apocalyptic Violence in the Sayings Gospel Q,” *History of Religions* 57.1 (2017): 28-49 **(Invited)**.

“‘Knowledge is Truth’: *A Course in Miracles* as Neo-Gnostic Scripture,” *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* 2 (2017): 94-125.

“Exit the Great Man? James Crossley and the *Chaos of History*,” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 16 (2018): 9-22 **(Invited)**.

“Prayer of Joseph,” in *T & T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism* (eds. L. Stuckenbruck and D. M. Gurtner; 2 vols.; New York: T & T Clark, 2019) **(Invited)**.

“‘I Have Come to Abolish Sacrifices’ (*Pan.* 30.16.5): Reexamining a Jewish-Christian Text and Tradition,” *New Testament Studies* 63.1 (2017): 92-110 **(Invited)**.

“Jesus and the Temple Incident: A New Proposal,” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 14.1 (2016): 71-95.

“Redescribing the Resurrection: Beyond the Methodological Impasse?,” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 45.3 (2015): 155-173 **(Invited)**.

“‘For Heaven and Earth to Pass Away’? Reexamining Q 16,16-18, Eschatology, and the Law,” *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 105/2 (2014): 169-188.

“‘Seventh from Adam’ (Jude 1:14-15): Re-examining Enoch Traditions and the Christology of Jude” *Journal of Theological Studies* 64.2 (2013): 463-481.

“Was Daniel 7:13’s ‘Son of Man’ Modeled After the ‘New Adam’ of the *Animal Apocalypse*?,” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 22.4 (2013): 269-94.

“‘Love Your Enemies’: The Adamic Wisdom of Q 6: 27-28, 35c-d,” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 43.1 (2013): 29-41.

“Why Do You Call Me ‘Master?’ . . . : Q 6:46, the Inaugural Sermon, and the Demands of Discipleship,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 132/4 (2013): 953-969.

“The Eschatological ‘Adam’ of the *Animal Apocalypse* (1 En. 90) and Paul’s ‘Last Adam’: Excavating a Trajectory in Jewish Christianity,” *Henoch* 34. 1 (2012): 144-170.

“Jesus in India?: Transgressing Social Identities and Religious Boundaries,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80 (2012): 161-99.

“‘His Wisdom Will Reach All Peoples’: “4Q534-36, Q 17:26-27, 30, and 1 En. 65.1-67.3, 90,” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 19.1 (2012): 71-105.

“‘Seek His Kingdom’: Q 12,22b-31, God’s Providence, and Adamic Wisdom,” *Biblica* 92.3 (2011): 392-410.

“Blessed is Whoever is Not Offended by Me: The Subversive Appropriation of (Royal) Messianic Ideology in Q 3-7,” *New Testament Studies* 57.3 (2011): 307-24.

“The Ascetic Jesus,” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 8 (2010): 146-81.

BOOK REVIEWS (Invited)

Matthias Henze, *Mind the Gap: How the Jewish Writings between the Old and New Testament Help Us Understand Jesus* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017). *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 14 no. 1 (2019): 1-4.

Roger David Aus. *Essays in the Judaic Background of Mark 11:12-14, 20-21; 15:23; Luke 1:37; John 19:28-30; and Acts 11:28*. *Studies in Judaism*. Lanham: University Press of America, 2015. *Review of Biblical Literature* (2019).

Ben C. Blackwell, John K. Goodrich, and Jason Maston, eds. *Reading Mark in Context: Jesus and Second Temple Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018. *Review of Biblical Literature* (2019).

David J. Neumann. *Finding God through Yoga: Paramahansa Yogananda and Modern American Religion in a Global Age*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2019. *The Historian* (2020).

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS (Invited)

“Jesus and the Essenes: An Esoteric History,” *The Bible and Interpretation* (November 2018); <https://bibleinterp.arizona.edu/articles/jesus-and-essenes-esoteric-history>

“Questioning Categories and Shifting Paradigms in the Study of Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins,” *Marginalia* (March 17, 2015) [a review of George Nickelsburg and James VanderKam, *1 Enoch 2* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Fortress)].
<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/questioning-categories-and-shifting-paradigms-in-the-study-of-second-temple-judaism-and-christian-origins-by-simon-j-joseph/>

“The ‘Prince of Peace’ or the God of War? Jesus as Nonviolent Messiah,”
The Bible and Interpretation (November 2014)
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/11/jos388005.shtml>.

“On Jesus, the Essenes, and the Anxiety of Influence,”
The Bible and Interpretation (July 2015),
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/opeds/2015/06/jos398030.shtml>

“The Afterlife of ‘Manifest Destiny’: Colonizing Jesus, Judaism, and Native America,”
The Bible and Interpretation (August 2015).
<http://simonjoseph.blogspot.com/2015/08/on-manifest-destiny-colonizing-jesus.html>

PRESENTATIONS (Scholarly)

“An Indigenous Q: Redescribing the Ethnic, Social, and Political Context(s) of Q in Light of Postcolonial Native Studies.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Q Section, Denver, CO. November, 2018 (**Invited**).

“American Gnosis: Jesus Mysticism in *A Course in Miracles*.” Paper presented at the “Gnostic America: The Afterlives of Gnosticism” conference at Rice University, TX, March 2018 (**Invited**).

“‘I Thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth . . .’ (Q 10:21): Q As Early Jewish Mystery-Discourse.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Q Section, Boston, MA, November, 2017 (**Invited**).

“The Promise of Providence and the Problem of the *Parables*: Revisiting Prayer in the Sayings Gospel Q.” Paper presented at Q-Conference 2017 on “Prayer in the Sayings Gospel Q,” in Graz, Austria, March 23, 2017 (**Invited**).

“The Quest for the ‘Community’ of Q: Mapping Q Within the Social, Textual, and Theological Landscape(s) of Second Temple Judaism.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Q Section, Atlanta, GA, November, 2015 (**Invited**).

“‘Jewish Christians,’ ‘Ebionites,’ and the Torah of Creation: Reexamining the Hermeneutic of Eschatological Restoration in the Pseudo-Clementines.” Society of

Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism Section, Nov. 24, 2013, Baltimore, MD.

“Q and the Ebionites: Testing a Conjecture.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Jewish Christianity Section, November 20, 2011, San Francisco, CA.

“Deconstructing Systemic Difference in Biblical Studies.” Society of Biblical Literature International meeting, July 5, 2011, London, U.K.

“Wisdom, Apocalypticism, and the Sayings Gospel Q.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Wisdom and Apocalypticism Section, November, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“A Social Identity Approach to the Rhetoric of Apocalyptic Violence in the Sayings Gospel Q.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, July 2, 2009, Rome, Italy.

“Blessed is Whoever is Not Offended by Me: The Subversive Appropriation of Messianic Ideology in Q 3-7.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Q Section, November 18, 2006, Washington, DC.

“A Response to Richard Miller’s ‘The Temple Incident in Mk 11:15-18 as Partisan War Propaganda c. 70 C. E.,’ New Testament Colloquium 2006, Claremont, California.

“Jesus in India: A Socio-Political Analysis of a Modern Scriptural Forgery.” The Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Brown Bag Series, April 21, 2005, Claremont, California.

PRESENTATIONS (Invited)

“Religion(s) in State(s) of Crisis.” Invited webinar Zoom presentation. Center for the Study of Religion, University of California, Los Angeles, May 20, 2020.

“The Indigenous Jesus: Native American Perspectives.” Invited public presentation at Christ Church (Episcopal) Parish Forum, Ontario, California, November 10, 2019.

“Jesus, the Essenes, and Christian Origins.” Invited public presentation. Center for the Study of Religion, University of California, Los Angeles, April 9, 2020 (rescheduled).

“Teaching American Religious Diversity in the Public Classroom.” Invited presentation. Center for the Study of Religion, University of California, Los Angeles, May 10, 2019.

“The Nonviolent Messiah.” Invited public presentation at Christ Church (Episcopal) Parish Forum, Ontario, California, November 25, 2018.

“Jesus and the Essenes.” Invited public presentation at Christ Church (Episcopal) Parish Forum, Ontario, California, June 3, 2018.

HONORS

Travel Award, California Lutheran University (November 2018)
 Outstanding Achievement Award, California Lutheran University (April 24, 2018)
 Outstanding Achievement Award, California Lutheran University (April 26, 2016)
 CGU Dissertation Grant, Claremont Graduate University (2008-2009)
 Doctoral Fellowship, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University (2004-2005)
 Doctoral Fellowship, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University (2005-2006)
 Travel Award, Claremont Graduate University (Fall 2009)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* (2017 – present)
 Member, The Enoch Seminar (2012 – present)
 Member, The Society of Biblical Literature (2002 – present)
 Member, The American Academy of Religion (2002 – present)
 Member, The International Q Project (2005 – present)
 Member, The Writer's Guild of America (2012 – present)
 Member, The Association for Jewish Studies (2013 – present)
 Member, The British New Testament Society (2013 – present)

SERVICE

Associate Editor, *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (Sage)
 Reviewer, *Neotestamentica: Journal of the New Testament Society of Southern Africa*
 Reviewer, *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* (Brill)
 Reviewer, Lexington/Fortress Academic Press (book MS)
 Reviewer, Baylor University Press (book MS)
 Editorial Board Member, *Concordia* (journal)
 Founding Member, Colloquium for the Study of Religion in Antiquity,
 School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University
 Member, Advisory Council, Institute for Religious Tolerance, Peace, and Justice

LANGUAGES

Modern: French, German (reading)
 Ancient: Greek, Hebrew (Biblical, Qumran), Aramaic, Latin, Coptic

REFERENCES

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**(Academic)**

Project Research Assistant, The International Q Project (Director: James M. Robinson),
Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, 2005-2010.

Lead Researcher/Writer, *Finding God in the City of Angels*, Documentary Film, Institute
for Signifying Scriptures (2008-2009).

Researcher/Writer, *Holy Man: The USA vs Douglas White*, Documentary Film (2011).

Research Associate, Institute for Signifying Scriptures.

Assistant to the Director, Institute for Signifying Scriptures (2008-2009).

Research Assistant, Institute for Signifying Scriptures (2004-2008).

Project Research Assistant, *Comparing Religions*, Claremont Graduate University,
School of Religion (2004-2005).

Editor, *Inscriptions* (Newsletter), Institute for Signifying Scriptures (2005-2008).

(Film and Television)

Writer, Researcher, and Co-Producer, *Holy Man: The USA vs Douglas White*,
Feature documentary film narrated by Martin Sheen (2011).

World Premiere, Boston Film Festival (2011)

Best Documentary Feature, 8th Red Nation Film Festival (2011)

Best Film, 14th Annual Native American Film & Video Festival of the Southeast (2011)

DocuWeeks Selection, International Documentary Association, August 2012

Writer, Lead Researcher, and Co-Producer, *Finding God in the City of Angels*,

Feature documentary film, Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont, CA.

World Premiere, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2009).

Audience Award, Urban World Film Festival (2010)

Accolade Award of Merit (2010)

Religious Education Congress Showcase, Center for Religion and Spirituality (LMU)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Sayings Source Q

The Historical Jesus

Jewish Christianity

Christian Origins

Second Temple Judaism

The Essenes and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Asceticism

Sacrifice

Mysticism
Religion and Violence
American Indian Religion
Jesus in Film

SYLLABI

Introduction to the New Testament
Introduction to Christianity
Jesus in Film and History
World/Global Religions
Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
The Historical Jesus
Christian Origins
New Religious Movements
Religion and Violence