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EDUCATION

CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY (Ph.D.), 2010
Religion - New Testament

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (M.A.), 2003
Religious Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Continuing Lecturer in Early Christianity (2024 – present)
Interdepartmental Program for the Study of Religion
Lecturer in Early Christianity (2018-2024)
“Jesus of Nazareth in Historical Research” (REL M186C)
“History of Religion in the United States” (REL 142C)
“Jesus in Film and History” (REL 177)
“History of Early Christians” (REL 186)
“History of the Study of Religion” (REL 101)
“Religion and Violence” (REL 11)
“Religion in Los Angeles” (REL 110)
“Study of Religion Capstone” (REL 191)

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
Senior Adjunct Professor of Religion
“The Bible in the Contemporary World”
“The Bible in the Ancient World”
“Jews and Judaism”
“Exploring the New Testament”
“Jesus in Film and History”
“Exploring Biblical Traditions”
“Introduction to Christianity”
“Religion, Identity, and Vocation”

PUBLICATIONS (Books)

A Social History of Christian Origins: The Rejected Jesus (London: Routledge, 2022).

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

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).

The Nonviolent Messiah: Jesus, Q, and the Enochic Tradition
(Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014).

Jesus, Q, and the Dead Sea Scrolls: A Judaic Approach to Q
(Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament II.333; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012).

PUBLICATIONS (Articles)

“The Social Memory of *Pté Sáŋ Wíŋ*: Indigenous History and Oral Tradition in a Lakota Origin Story,” *Journal of Religion* (forthcoming, 2024).

“The End of Q Studies: Contemporary Reflections,” in Olegs Andrejevs, Simon J. Joseph, Edmondo Lupieri, and Joseph Verheyden (eds.), *Synoptic Problem 2022. The Loyola University Conference* (Leuven: Peeters, 2023).

“An Indigenous Jesus: Methodological and Theoretical Intersections in the Comparative Study of Religion,” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 34 (2022), 238-266.

“‘Blessed is the One Who Stands in the Beginning’ (L. 18): Revisiting Protological Eschatology in the Gospel of Thomas,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 72 no. 2 (2021), 769-794.

“‘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), 180-190.

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

“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 Čhaŋŋūŋpa* 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.

“American Gnosis: Jesus Mysticism in *A Course in Miracles*,” *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* 4 no. 1-2 (2019), 135-160.

“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.

“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.

“‘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.

“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).

“‘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.

“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.

“‘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)

“The Resurrection as Category Error: A Response to *The Resurrection of Jesus*,” an invited response to Dale C. Allison, Jr., *The Resurrection of Jesus: Apologetics, Criticism, History* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2021). *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 32 no. 3 (2022): 287-293.

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)

“The Bible and Manifest Destiny.” *Bible Odyssey* (Spring 2024).
<https://cruiseradio.bibleodyssey.com/articles/the-bible-and-manifest-destiny/#:~:text=The%20biblical%20themes%20of%20a,American%20concept%20of%20manifest%20destiny.>

“Jesus, the Essenes, and *A Course in Miracles*.” *The Atonist* (forthcoming).

“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>

CO-EDITOR

Olegs Andrejevs, Simon J. Joseph, Edmondo Lupieri, and Joseph Verheyden (eds.).
Synoptic Problem 2022. The Loyola University Conference (Leuven: Peeters, 2023).

EDITOR

Richard Moves Camp, *My Grandfather’s Altar: Five Generations of Lakota Holy Men*
(American Indian Lives; Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2024).

PRESENTATIONS (Academic)

“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.

“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.

“‘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.

“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.

“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.

“‘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)

“The Meaning of Easter: A Master Born with a Purpose.” Invited Special Speaker presentation. Sai Prema Nilayam. March 30, 2024.

“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.

“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)

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, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* (Sage)
 Reviewer, *Bulletin for Biblical Research*
 Reviewer, *Critical Research on Religion* (Sage)
 Reviewer, *The Heythrop Journal*
 Reviewer, *Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies*
 Reviewer, *Mission Studies*
 Reviewer, Lexington/Fortress Academic Press (book MS)
 Reviewer, Baylor University Press (book MS)
 Reviewer, Routledge (book MS)
 Reviewer, University of Nebraska 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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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).

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Historical Jesus; Second Temple Judaism; Christian Origins; Synoptic Problem/Q; Jewish Christianity; Dead Sea Scrolls; Religion and Violence; Indigenous Religion