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TEACHING AND EMPLOYMENT

- 2013- Associate Professor, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
- 2003-2013 Associate Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 2009-2010 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies
University of Virginia
- 1992-2003 Associate Professor of Theology, Greek Patristics
The Catholic University of America
- 1998 Visiting Associate Professor of Armenian Studies, Oriental Institute,
University of Chicago (Spring, 1998)
- 1987-1992 Assistant Professor of Theology
Catholic University
- 1982-1987 Assistant Professor of Early Church History,
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
- 1980-1982 Instructor in Church History
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
- 1973-1974 Reporter (politics and education), *Virginia Sentinel* newspaper,
Fairfax, Virginia
- 1972-1973 Junior Cataloger, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION

- 1982 Ph.D., History of Christianity, University of Chicago
Dissertation Title: *The Patriarchate of Severus of Antioch, 512-518*
- 1975 M.A., History of Christianity, University of Chicago
- 1972 B.A., Religion

Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS

History of Early Christianity; Early Christian Theology; Eastern Christianity in Late Antiquity; Monastic Thought and Practice in Late Antiquity

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2010 Internal Award, Notre Dame Office of Research, Library Acquisitions Grant for Byzantine Borderlands Library (addition to Byzantine Research Library)
- 2009 Sponsored Research Award for Workshop, 2010 and volume on the Byzantine and Medieval Legacy of Evagrius of Pontus
- 2008 Internal Research award, University of Notre Dame
- 2006 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar award, with Prof. Joseph P. Amar, at the University of Notre Dame, on “The Middle East Between Rome and Iran: Early Christianity and the Path to Islam.”
- 2006 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada, with Prof. Hindy Najman of the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Toronto, three-year grant for new translation of and commentary on IV Ezra, under contract to Walter de Gruyter.
- 2002 Resident and Grant Recipient, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton
- 1991-92 Departmental Research Assistantship, for preparation of publications
- 1990-91 School of Religious Studies Research Assistantship, for bibliographic and research aid

- 1988 Catholic University Research Fund grant, for aid in microfilm collection
- 1988 National Endowment for the Humanities, Travel-to-Collections grant, to aid Armenian manuscript research
- 1985 American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid, for field work in Turkey and Israel
- 1984-85 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, for research at the Oriental Institute and Bodleian Libraries, Oxford, and the British Library, Oriental Manuscript Collection
- 1975-78 Graduate Student Fellowships, University of Chicago
- 1976-79 Assistant to the Editors, Church History
- 1972 Bachelor of Arts, cum laude; Mortarboard National Women's Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

In proofs:

Ascetic Culture, co-edited with Blake Leyerle (Notre Dame, IN: UND Press, 2013)

Completed, awaiting editing:

After Evagrius: The Work and the Legacy of Evagrius of Pontus, ed. with Joel Kalvesmaki (Washington, D.C. and Notre Dame, IN: Dumbarton Oaks and Notre Dame Press, 2012)

Reading Martyrdom: Recounting Early Christianity with Early Judaism (Leiden: Brill (Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplement Series), 2013 [4?]) (see attached letter from Ben F. Wright)

In progress:

The Letters of Evagrius of Pontus, translation with commentary and notes (Washington,

D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2014)

The Gnostic Trilogy of Evagrius of Pontus, ed. and co-translator
Under contract with OUP
(New York: Oxford University Press, 2015)

IV Ezra: Commentary, ed., trans. [from Syriac MS], notes, with Hindy Najman (Berlin:
Walter de Gruyter, 2015)

Syriac and Armenian Theology in the Age of the Fathers, ed. Joseph Lienhard, S.J.
(Crossroads: 2014) (this is a book-length discussion; the other two sections are by
Lienhard and Kenneth Steinhauser)

Articles

Published

“*In Procession Before the World*”: *Martyrs’ Sacrifices as Public Liturgy in Early
Christianity*.
Pere Marquette Lecture, 2001. (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2001)

Ezrik of Kolb. *On God*. Translated and introduced, with Monica Blanchard. (Leuven:
Peeters Press, 1998)

*In Dominico Eloquio, In Lordly Eloquence: Essays on Patristic Exegesis in Honor of
Robert L. Wilken*. Edited with Paul M. Blowers, Angela Russell Christman, and David
G. Hunter. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2001.

*Reading Religions in the Ancient World: Essays Presented to Robert McQueen Grant on
his 90th Birthday*, edited with David Aune. Leiden: Brill, 2007. Supplement to Novum
Testamentum.

To Train His Soul in Books: Essays on Syrian Asceticism In Honor of Sidney H. Griffith.
Edited with Monica Blanchard. (Washington, D.C.: CUA Press 2011)

RECENT ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

General

“A Soldier of the Great War: Henri de Lubac and the Uses of Early Christianity,” in
*Vatican II:
Reconsiderations*, in honor of John O’Malley, S.J., edited by James Heft (Grand Rapids:
Eerdmans, 2012)

“*Among the Gentiles: Greco-Roman Religion and Christianity*, by Luke Timothy Johnson,” review essay with response by author, in *Conversations in Religion and Theology* 8.2 (November, 2010): 107-119

Articles

In press:

“The Meaning of *Xeniteia* in the Ascetic Gnostic Tradition,” in *Ascetic Culture* (see above)

“Problems in the Syriac Translation of the Letters of Evagrius of Pontus,” in *Syriac Voices*, ed. Maria Doerfler and Kyle Smith (Oxford?: 2014)

“Contemplation in the Letters of Evagrius of Pontus,” *Studia Patristica XV* ?? ed. Monica Tobon and Markus Vinzent (Peeters: Leuven, 2013)

“Friendship Philosophical, Christian and Monastic,” in *Studies in Christian Ethics*, ed.

Submitted:

“This Lovely and Hidden Thing: Contemplation of Nature in Evagrius of Pontus,” for *The Christian Moses from the Gospels to Islam*, ed. Philip Rousseau and Janet Timbie (Washington, D.C.: CUA Press, 2014)

In progress:

“The Letters of Evagrius,” in *Ancient Epistolography*, ed. Bradley Storin and Ed Watts (2015)

“Monks and Municipal Officers in the Fight over Antioch,” for *Cities in Late Antiquity*, ed. Philip Rousseau (Cambridge: University Press, 2014)

IV Ezra, in *Fortress Commentary on the Old Testament*, (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press, 2014)

Asceticism and Mysticism

“The Monastic Odysseus: Exile and Homecoming in the Letters of Evagrius of Pontus,” in *Ascetic Cultures* (see above)

“Introduction,” and “Divesting and Vesting in the Hymn of the Pearl,” in *Reading*

Religions in The Ancient World Festschrift for Robert Grant (see above)

“Gorgonia’s Silence: The Sister of Gregory Nazianzen and the Ascetic Household,”
Journal of Early Christian Studies (forthcoming)

“Cannibalism and Other Family Woes in Letter Fifty-Five of the Letters of Evagrius of Pontus,” in *The World of Early Christianity: Language, Literature and Social Context* (ed. James Goehring and Janet Timbie, Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2007)

“Evagrius the Iconographer: Monastic Pedagogy in the Gnostikos.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 9.1 (2001): 53-71.

“Appropriating Genesis and Exodus in Evagrius’ On Prayer,” in *In Dominico Eloquio Asceticism and Mysticism Forthcoming*

“Evagrius on the Subject of Letters,” in *After Evagrius*

“Textual Problems in the Syriac Translations of Evagrius’ Letters,” in *Syriac Encounters*, ed. Lucas van Rompay, et al.

“Contemplation in the Letters of Evagrius of Pontus,” in *Studia Patristica* (collected papers of the Workshop on Contemplation in Evagrius, Oxford Patristic Conference, August, 2011)

“The Virtues as the Possibility of Friendship with Christ, according to Evagrius of Pontus,” in *Modes of Godly Being: Eastern Orthodox Reflections on the Virtues*, ed. Aristotle Papanicolaou and Perry Hamalis (Studies in Christian Ethics, Spring, 2013)

Themes of martyrdom in early Christianity

“Martyrdom as Exaltation,” in Virginia Burrus, ed., *A People’s History of Christianity* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005)

“The Eucharist as Sacrifice According to Clement of Alexandria,” in *The Eucharist*, ed. Roch Kereszty, 2003(?)

“Ignatius of Antioch, ‘Attaining the Father,’” *Communio* 26.2 (Summer, 1999): 331-342.

“One, Two, Three and Four Maccabees,” in *The Women’s Bible Commentary*, ed. Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1998 (first ed., 1992), pp. 317-334.

“The "Woman with the Soul of Abraham": Traditions about the Mother of the Maccabean Martyrs,” in *Women Like This: New Perspectives on Jewish Women in the Greco-Roman World*, ed. Amy-Jill Levine. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1991.

Syriac and Armenian Christianity

“The Conversion of Armenia as a Literary Work,” in *Conversion to Christianity from Late Antiquity to the Modern Age*, ed. Calvin B. Kendall et al. (Minneapolis: Center for Early Modern History/University of Minnesota, 2009)

“Armenian Christian Literature,” “Jacob Baradaeus,” and “Judaism and Christianity, in *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, (2ed) , ed. F. Norris and E. Ferguson. New York and London: Garland, 1997.

“The *Vita Severi*,” introduction and translation in *Ascetic Behavior in Graeco-Roman Antiquity*, ed. V. Wimbush (Minneapolis, 1990)

“Ephrem on the Fate of the Jews,” in *Symposium Syriacum 1984* (Orientalia Christiana Analecta, Rome, 1989)

“Ephrem, Jacob and Narsai: Commentaries on the Hexaemeron,” introduction and translation in *Biblical Interpretation*, ed. J. Trigg (Wilmington, 1987)

Armenian authors

“Notes on Eznik of Kolb’s Discussion of the Incarnation,” *St. Nersess Theological Review* 1.2 (July, 1996): 169-180.

“The Armenian Adaptation of Evagrius' Kephalaia Gnostica,” *Origeniana Quinta*, ed. R. Daly (1992)

“Evagrius in Edessa: Philoxenos of Mabbug’s Use of Evagrius in the Letter to Patricius,” in *To Train His Soul in Books* (see above)

In Progress

Philoxenos of Mabbug, “Twelve Rishê Against Those Who Say “Two Natures,” edited and translated with Monica Blanchard

“Moses Among the Armenians: A Portrait in the Sixth-Century *Teaching of St. Gregory*,” memorial volume for Michael P. O’Connor

“Severus in Antioch, a Bishop in a Recalcitrant City,” in *Late Roman Cities and Religions*, ed. Philip Rousseau

“Conversion of Armenia,” “Eznik of Kolb,” “Gregory the Illuminator,” “Koriwn,” “Armenian Monasticism” and “Council of Nicaea,” in *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*, ed. Oliver Nicholson and Mark Humphries

Other

“Edith Stein on the Role of Women,” *Carmelite Studies* (ICS: Washington, D.C.) 2002

In the journal *Communio*

"Father, Give me a Word': Patristic Voices in the *Catechism*." 21, no. 3 (1994): 461-72.
"Theologia in the Early Church." 24, no. 4 (1997): 681-90

159 "Ancient Culture and the Shape of Early Christian Discipleship." 25, no. 1 (1998): 151-

"Ignatius of Antioch, 'Attaining the Father.'" 26, no. 2 (1999): 333-342

"Knowing the True One is Acting the Truth." 27, no. 3 (2000): 609-11

"Philoxenos of Mabbugh and the Syrian Patristic Understanding of Justification." 27, no. 4 (2000): 688-700

With Peter J. Casarella. "Spirit and History: The Intelligence of Scripture." 24, no. 4 (1997)

“Holy Women: Their Spiritual Influence in the Middle Ages,” in *Spiritual Traditions for the Contemporary Church*, ed. R. Maas and G. O'Donnell. (Nashville: Abingdon, 1990).

Review Essays

Essay on John G. Gager, *The Origins of Anti-Semitism* and Robert L. Wilken, *John Chrysostom and the Jews*, in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 11, no. 4 (October, 1985)

“Reading the Fathers. *The Message of the Fathers of the Church*,” *The Living Light*, vol. 23, no. 4 (June, 1987)

“Recent Interpretations of Early Christian Asceticism,” *The Thomist* (January, 1990)

Book Reviews

In Church History, Theological Studies, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Anglican Theological Review, The Thomist, Religious Studies Review, Byzantine Studies/Etudes Byzantines, Modern Theology, Studia Philonica

RECENT INVITED LECTURES

Martin Lecture, “Holy Land in Ancient Christianity,” University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, 2011

“Reasoning with Terror: Sacrifice and Martyrdom Among Christians and Jews in the First Three Centuries,” Vanderbilt University, February, 2011

Cyril and Methodius Lecture, “Evagrius of Pontus on the Priesthood,” Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss, Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA May, 2011

“Melania Through the Eyes of Evagrius,” Duke University, April, 2012

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Associations

Association Internationale des Études Armeniennes
Byzantine Studies Conference
North American Patristic Society
Member of the Common Room, Wolfson College, Oxford
Board, Syriac Symposium of North America

Languages

Classical and Patristic Greek, Latin, Syriac, Aramaic, Hebrew, Armenian, Coptic, French, German, Spanish, Italian

Service to Profession

Member, Organizing Committee, Syriac Studies Symposium, 1989-
Secretary, Washington Patristics Group, 1992-
Steering Committee and Editor, SBL Group on Asceticism in Graeco-Roman
Antiquity,
1987-90
Program Committee, History of Christianity Section, American Academy of
Religion,

1986-89
Program Committee, American Catholic Historical Society, 1987
Program Committee, American Society of Church History, 1984

Consultations

Grants Award Panelist and Reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities,
1986-89
Member, Eastern Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation (Official U.S. Bilateral Dialogue), 1990-2002; Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Dialogue, 1995-2002.

OTHER TEACHING

Adult ESL Teacher, Diocese of Ft. Wayne/South Bend (St. Casimir's/St. Adalbert's), 2004-2007

Adult ESL Teacher, Language ETC (Hispanic Catholic Center, Washington, D.C.), 1998-2001

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Area Coordinator, History of Christianity, 2003-2006
Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 2003-2006
Provost's Strategic Academic Planning Committee, 2008-2009
Byzantine Studies Initiative Planning Committee, 2007-
Medieval Institute Fellow, MI Library Committee, Admissions Committee, 2010-
Notre Dame Workshop in Ancient Philosophy

The Catholic University of America

Associate Chair, Department of Theology, 1991-92, 2000-2001
Ph.D. Committee, 1987- Chair, 1990-92
School of Religious Studies Committee on Failing Grades, 1990-
Early Christians Studies Committee, 1987-
Chair, ECS Subcommittee for Comprehensive Examinations, 1989-
Strategic Planning Committee for the Department of Theology, 1995-96
Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 1994-97

Wesley Theological Seminary

Curriculum Committee, 1980-86
Personal Development Committee, 1980-84
Search Committee, 1985-87

Courses Taught

At the University of Notre Dame

Origen
Formation of a Christian Empire
Introduction to Early Christianity
Clement, Irenaeus, Gnosticism
Teachers and Scriptures of the Second Century
Heaven, Hell and Purgatory: Imaginal Topographies
Veneration of the Saints Ancient and Medieval
History of Monasticism to the Reformation
Mystical Reading of Scripture in Early Christianity

At The Catholic University of America

Alexandrian Theology
Antiochene Theologians
Cappadocian Fathers (Seminar)
Christology from the Second to the Fifth Ecumenical Councils
Christology After Chalcedon
Classical Philosophy and Patristic Theology
Clement, Origen and Gnosticism
Early Christian Asceticism
Early Christian Exegesis
Early Christian Monasticism
Evagrius, the Monastic Theologian (Seminar)
Gregory Nazianus
Introduction to Patristic Theology
John Chrysostom (Seminar)
Judaism and Christianity in Patristic Thought
Martyrdom and Sacrifice in Early Christianity
Patristic Christology to Chalcedon
Patristic Exegesis: The Book of Genesis
Readings in Early Christian Studies
Studies in Patristic Christology Before Chalcedon
Theology of the Second Century
The Spiritual Senses

At Wesley Seminary:
History of Christian Thought

History of Christianity to 1700
Medieval Theology
Theology of the Reformation Theology of Augustine
Women in the Church

Dissertations Directed and Completed:

At the University of Notre Dame
“Irenaeus Rhetor”

At The Catholic University of America

“Origen’s Paidetic Mystagogy”

“The Character of the Human in Didymus the Blind’s *On Genesis*”

“Two Replies to the Arians: A Comparison of the Theological Orations of Gregory Nazianzus and the Hymns and Sermons on the Faith of Ephraem of Nisibis”

“Four Christological Homilies of Proclus of Constantinople: Critical Edition, Translation and Theological Commentary”

“Overcoming Gender: Virgins, Widow and Barren Women in the Work of St. John Chrysostom”

“The Helpful Lie: The Moral Reasoning of St. Augustine and St. John Cassian”

“Person and Nature in the Theological Poems of St. Gregory of Nazianzus”

“Cyril of Alexandria and Theodoret of Cyrus: Two Commentaries on Malachi”

“The Christology of the Emperor Justinian”

“Palladius of Hellenopolis: An Origenist Monk and Writer of the Fifth Century”

“The Theology of Eusebius of Emesa”

“Thought Clothed With Sound: Augustine’s Christological Hermeneutics in *De Doctrina Christiana*”

Reader at Other Universities

“The Sources of Isaac of Nineveh,” Marquette University

“The Syriac *Menander*,” University of Chicago

“Origen and Nuptial Imagery,” John Paul II Institute

REFERENCES

Rev. Joseph P. Amar, Professor in Semitic Languages and Theology, University of Notre Dame

J. Patout Burns, Professor Emeritus, Catholic Studies, Vanderbilt University

Elizabeth A. Clark, Department of Religious Studies, Duke University