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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 2006

Department of Religious Studies

Patristics & New Testament

*Dissertation:* “Priests of My People: Levitical Paradigms for Early Christian Ministers”

M.Div. Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO, May 2001

Biblical & Exegetical Studies—summa cum laude

B.A. Grove City College, Grove City, PA, May 1995

Religious Studies—magna cum laude

## EMPLOYMENT

**Professor**, McMurry University, Dept. of Religion & Philosophy, 2017-present

**Associate Professor**, McMurry University, Dept. of Religion & Philosophy, 2013-2017

**Assistant Professor**, McMurry University, Dept. of Religion & Philosophy, 2009-2013

**Lilly Fellow & Lecturer**, Valparaiso University, Christ College and Theology, 2007-2009

**Adjunct Lecturer**, University of Virginia, Religious Studies & Transition Program, 2006-2007

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of Christian Thought, Early Christian History, Patristic and Medieval Exegesis and Theology, Biblical interpretation, Worship and Liturgy, Anglicanism and Methodism, Monasticism, New Testament Theology

## COURSES TAUGHT

*Introduction to Christianity* (both online and face-to-face versions)

*Freshman Seminar: Leading a Life That Matters*

*Research Methods in Religion & Philosophy*

*New Testament & Early Christianity*

*Paul: Life, Letters & Thought*

*The Christian Bible: Formation and Interpretation*

*History of Biblical Interpretation*

*The Gospel of John in the Early Church*

*Early Christians Read the Bible: Origen of Alexandria*

*Early Christian Thought (200-800 C.E.)*

*History of Christianity to 1500*

*History of Christianity since 1500*

*Anglicanism & Methodism*

*Augustine, Anselm, Aquinas, Luther*  
*Christian Monasticism*  
*Worship & Liturgy*  
*Greek in Translation I*  
*Early Christian Theological Heritage* (graduate level)  
*Medieval and Reformation Theological Heritage* (graduate level)

### **PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH**

*The Birth of Anglicanism: A Forgotten History* (in progress)

*The Gospel of John: Interpreted by Early Christian and Medieval Commentators*, The Church's Bible series, gen. ed. Robert Wilken (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Pub., 2018).

"The Garland of Immortality: A Theology of Martyrdom in the Early Church," *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity*, March/April 2018 (pp. 26-31).

"The Spiritual Gospel: The Gospel of John in the Early Church," *The Bible and Interpretation*, April 2018 (<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2018/04/ste428025.shtml>).

*Priests of My People: Levitical Paradigms for Christian Ministers in the Third and Fourth Century*, Patristic Studies 11 (New York: Peter Lang Pub., 2015).

"Text, Context, and Logical Analysis: A Reexamination of the Use of Psalm 82 in John 10:31-39," in *What Does the Scripture Say?: Studies in the Function of Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity*, vol. 2: The Letters and Liturgical Traditions, ed. Craig A. Evans & H. Daniel Zacharias (New York: T & T Clark, 2012), 21-38.

"Levitical Paradigms for Christian Bishops: The Old Testament Influence on Origen of Alexandria," in *The Old Testament as Authoritative Scripture in the Early Churches of the East* (Bible in the Christian Orthodox Tradition, vol. 1), ed. Vahan Hovhannessian (New York: Peter Lang Pub., 2010), 25-33.

Book review of *The Power of Sacrifice: Roman and Christian Discourses in Conflict*, by George Heyman, in *Christianity and Literature* (Autumn, 2010: 155-158).

"A Moment of Beauty and Truth: Fly Fishing, Trout and the Art of Teaching," in *Lilly Fellows Program Network Communiqué* 24 (2009): 8-9, 15.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

"In Accord with the Gospel: A Theology of Martyrdom in the Early Church," Annual Conference, Touchstone Magazine, Deerfield, IL, October 13, 2017 (invited lecturer).

"The Gospel of John in the Early Church," Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 25, 2017.

"Sacred Space and Ecclesial Leadership in Third Century North Africa," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Unit, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012.

Invited guest on “The Professors” radio show, commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup>-year anniversary of the publication of the King James Version of the Bible, May 18, 2011.

“Levitical Paradigms for Christian Bishops: The Old Testament Influence on Origen of Alexandria” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions Unit, Boston, MA, November 23, 2008

“Context, Intertext, and Inductive Arguments: A Reexamination of the Use of Psalm 82 in John 10:31-39” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Unit, Boston, MA, November 24, 2008

“Ecclesiology and Priesthood in Origen of Alexandria: A Call for Reassessment” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, Chicago, IL, November 2, 2008

“Priests of My People: Levitical Paradigms for Christian Ministers” Annual Conference of the Spirit & Letter Summer Institute, St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, OH, May 29, 2008

“Guardians of Sacred Space: The Levitical Priest as a *Figura* for the Christian Bishop in Tertullian of Carthage” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristic Society, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2008

“Rulers of the Divine Nation: Christian Leadership within Origen’s Religio-Political Ecclesiology” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Patristics Study Group, Washington D.C., November 16, 2006

“Stewards of God’s House: The Rise of a Christian Priesthood in the *Apostolic Tradition*” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Patristics Study Group, Valley Forge, PA, November 18, 2005

“Ecclesiastical Communion: Power, Politics and the Significance of Tradition in Pope Julius” Response Paper, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Patristics Study Group, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2004

“Augustine and Porphyry: Sacrifice in a Neo-Platonic Milieu” Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 28, 2004

“I Said You are Gods’ Revisited: An Exercise in the Contextuality and Logic of John 10:31-39” Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, March 7, 2004

#### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

E. E. Hall Memorial Scholar Award (2016-2017)

Gordon R. and Lola J. Bennett Award for Outstanding Teaching, Service and Leadership (2016)

Lilly grant for year-long faculty discussion program (2015-2016)

Lilly Post-doctoral Teaching and Research Fellowship, Valparaiso University, 2007-2009