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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Religion (Early Christianity) 2019

Duke University, Durham, NC.

Minor Areas: New Testament; Greco-Roman Philosophy

Dissertation: "Asceticism and the Other: Angels and Animals in the Egyptian Ascetic Tradition."

Committee: J. Warren Smith (Chair), Ellen Muehlberger, Maria Doerfler, Zlatko Plese, Jennifer Knust

Master of Arts (M.A.), Religious Studies 2017

Duke University, Durham, NC.

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.), New Testament and Early Christianity 2013

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.

Primary Advisor: Laura Nasrallah, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Ancient Near Eastern Studies 2010

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

Other Education: Oxford Theology Summer School, Oxford University, UK. 2018

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Ancient Scripture 2019-present

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

Adjunct Professor, Department of Ancient Scripture 2017

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

"Wild Monks and Rational Animals: The Subversion of Human Exceptionalism in the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*," *Studia Patristica* (forthcoming, 2021).

"Origen, the Stoics, and the Rhetoric of Recitation: Spiritual Exercise and the *Exhortation to Martyrdom*" *Studia Patristica* 94 (2017), 85–98.

"A Homeric Papyrus from Tebtunis," *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 51 (2014), 7–26. (With Thomas Wayment)

Book Chapters

"Exegesis, Askesis, and Identity: Narsai's *Mēmra* on the Parable of the Ten Virgins," in *Narsai: Rethinking his Work and his World*. Edited by Aaron M. Butts, Kristian S. Heal, and Robert A. Kitchen (Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020), 9–23.

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, and Short Essays

"Review of *The Book of Mormon For the Least of These: 1 Nephi—Word of Mormon*," *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* (forthcoming, 2021).

"Messenger," in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 18 (Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2020), 837–38.

"Review of Peter Brown, *Ransom of the Soul: Afterlife and Wealth in Early Western Christianity*," *Studies in the Bible and Antiquity* 8 (2017), 257–67.

“Beginning of What? A Reflection on Hugh Nibley’s Legacy and the Future of LDS Scholarship on Late Antique Christianity,” *Studies in the Bible and Antiquity* 7 (2015), 59–65.

Translations

François Bovon, “En Tete des Clementines Homilies” in *The Emergence of Christianity* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013), 161–68. (French-English)

Books for Non-specialists

3–4 Nephi: A Brief Theological Introduction (Provo, UT: Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, 2020).

Articles and Book Chapters for Non-specialists

“The New Testament Canon” in *New Testament History, Culture, and Society*. Edited by Lincoln Blumell (Provo, UT: BYU Religious Studies Center 2019), 772–85.

COURSES TAUGHT

Brigham Young University

New Testament Gospels; Book of Mormon I; Book of Mormon II

Duke University

Introduction to Christianity; Ethical Issues in Early Christianity

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Greek, Latin, Syriac, Coptic (Sahidic), Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic), Aramaic

Modern: French, German, Spanish

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Moral and Psychological Function of the Heart in the Book of Mormon,” Book of Mormon Ethics Seminar, Provo, UT, 2021.

“Demonology and the Book of Mormon.” Neal A. Maxwell Institute Brown Bag, Provo, UT, 2021.

“Moral Psychology and the Heart in the Book of Mormon.” Book of Mormon Studies Association Conference, Logan, UT, 2020.

“Wild Monks and Rational Animals: The Subversion of Human Exceptionalism in the *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*.” XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies (Egyptian Monasticism Section), Oxford, UK, 2019.

“Cardiac Discourse in the Bible and Book of Mormon.” SBL Annual Meeting (Latter-day Saints and the Bible Section), Denver, CO, 2018.

“Angelic Benefaction in the Egyptian Ascetic Tradition.” North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting (Egyptian Asceticism Section), Chicago, IL, 2018.

Respondent to Dr. Andrew Harmon (Marquette University). “Ambrose and the Virtue of Simplicity.” Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, 2018.

“Exegesis, *Askesis*, and the Other: Narsai’s *Homily on the Parable of the Ten Virgins*.” Narsai: Rethinking his Work and World, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 2017.

“Asceticism and the Angels: Angels as Beneficiaries of *Askesis* in Late Antiquity.” North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting (Angels and Demons Section), Chicago, IL, 2017.

“Late Antique Christianity and LDS Scholarship.” SBL Annual Meeting (Latter-day Saints and the Bible Section), San Antonio, TX, 2016.

“Origen, the Stoics, and the Rhetoric of Recitation: Spiritual Exercise and the *Exhortation to Martyrdom*.” XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies (The Thought of Origen Section), Oxford, UK, 2015.

“Origen and the Spoken Word.” *The Aesthetics of Crossing: Experiencing the Beyond in Abrahamic Traditions* (Hearing Section), Utrecht, NL, 2015.

“*Ketiv/Qere* in the Versions: A New Look.” SBL International Meeting (Old Testament Textual Criticism Section), Rome, Italy, 2009.

INVITED LECTURES

“The Parables of Jesus.” Maple Mountain Seminary, Spanish Fork, UT	May 2021
“A Brief Theological Introduction to 3-4 Nephi.” Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Brigham Young University	October 2019
“Spiritual Athletes: Asceticism and Monasticism.” Maria Doerfler, “Early and Medieval Church History” Class, Duke Divinity School	October 2015
“Becoming Gods: Spiritual Formation in the LDS Tradition.” LDSSA Chapel Hill, NC, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	October 2015

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Research Grant, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship	2020
Religious Education Experiential Learning Grant, Brigham Young University	2020
Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Duke University	2018-2019
Sixth-Year Tuition Scholarship, Duke University	2018-2019
Brigham Young University Religious Education Dissertation Grant	2016-2017, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019
Conference Travel Fellowships, Duke University.	2015, 2016 and 2018
Graduate Stipend, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship.	2015
Graduate Travel Grants, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship.	2015-2017
Graduate Research Award, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship.	2014
Gurney Harriss Kearns Summer Research Fellowships, Duke University.	2013-2016, 2018
Graduate Program in Religion Doctoral Fellowship, Duke University.	2013-2018
Full Academic Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School.	2011-2013
Hugh Nibley Academic Fellowships, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship.	2011-2013
Academic Scholarship, Brigham Young University.	2009-2010

PEDAGOGY TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<i>Effective Teaching Consultation</i> , Center for Teaching and Learning, Brigham Young University	2020
<i>Writing Matters Seminar</i> , Brigham Young University	2020
<i>Certificate of College Teaching</i> , Duke Graduate School	2019
<i>Responsible Conduct for Research Training</i> , Duke Graduate School	2013-2019

Other Training Includes the Following Workshops:

- Structuring the Classroom for Inclusive Teaching, Duke University (Fall 2017)
- Engaging Transcultural/Intercultural Students: Tips for Instructors, Duke University (Fall 2017)
- Navigating Contentious Issues in the Classroom, Duke University (Fall 2016)
- Engaging Students in the Classroom, Duke University (Spring 2016)
- Crafting a Lecture, Duke University (Spring 2016)

SERVICE

To the Profession

Co-director: Early Christian Historiography Seminar **Summer 2021**
Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, BYU

Director: Book of Mormon and Ethics Seminar **Fall 2020-present**
Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, BYU

SBL Steering Committee Member: Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Setting **Fall 2019- present**

Co-organizer: Traces and Echoes: Scribal Culture, Texts, and Orality in Late Antiquity Symposium **March 2017**
Center for Late Ancient Studies (CLAS), Duke University.

To Brigham Young University

BYU Religious Education Diversity and Inclusion Committee member **Fall 2020-present**

Writer and Moderator: *Come Follow Up*, BYU Broadcasting **Summer 2020-Winter 2021**

BYU Religious Education Student Symposium Committee member **Fall 2019-Winter 2020**

BYU Religious Education Teaching Recourses Website Committee member **Fall 2019-Fall 2020**

REL 275 Online Course: Alma 5-7 Module contributor **Fall 2019**

Editorial Member: *Studia Antiqua: A Student Journal for the Study of the Ancient World*, Brigham Young University. **2015**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MEDIA

"3-4 Nephi: A Brief Theological Introduction," Y Religion Podcast **February 2021**

"Book of Mormon Conversations: 3-4 Nephi," Widtsoe Foundation Podcast **December 2020**

"3-4 Nephi: A Brief Theological Introduction," Maxwell Institute Podcast **August 2020**

"Helaman 1-6," Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought Sunday School Podcast **August 2020**

Scripture Roundtable Discussion Participant: Alma 5-7 **Winter 2020**

MENTORED STUDENT-LEARNING PROJECTS

Book of Mormon Theology Project **2020**

Mentored Students: Rachel Carter, Daniel Nelson, Jeffery Mattheson, Stina Plomgren

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

North American Patristics Society **2014-present**

Society of Biblical Literature. **2009-present**