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Washington University in St. Louis
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Current positions:

Senior Lecturer, Department of Classics
Director, Religious Studies Program

Education

PhD Princeton University, Religions of Mediterranean Antiquity. January 22, 2011.
Dissertation: “The Gospel of Judas: Text, Translation, and Historical Interpretation of the ‘Betrayer’s Gospel’” Advisors: Elaine H. Pagels, Martha Himmelfarb, AnneMarie Luijendijk, Peter Schäfer.

MA University of Washington (Seattle), Religion. June 10, 2005. Supervisor: Michael Allen Williams.

BA *cum laude* University of Washington (Seattle), History. June 14, 2002.

AA Pierce College (Puyallup, Washington). August 13, 1998.

Employment History

Washington University in St. Louis: 2017 - present
Director, Religious Studies Program: July 2023 - present
Senior Lecturer, Department of Classics: July 2022 - present
Lecturer, Department of Classics: July 2017 - June 2022

The Lawrenceville School, New Jersey. Visiting Instructor: Spring 2017

University of Oslo, Faculty of Theology. Post-doctoral Research Fellow: 2013-2016

Princeton University, Religion Department
Lecturer: 2010-2012
Assistant Instructor: 2006

University of Washington, Seattle
Digital Humanities Research Adviser, Center for Advanced Research Technology in the Arts and Humanities: 2003-2005
Assistant Instructor, Comparative Religion Program: 2002-2004
Research Assistant, Department of History: 2000-2002

Research & Teaching Areas

- Ancient Christianity
- Nag Hammadi & Coptic Apocrypha
- Coptic language & manuscripts
- Classical Greek language
- Religions of Mediterranean Antiquity
- Second Temple Judaism

Publications

MONOGRAPHS

The Monastic Origins of the Nag Hammadi Codices, co-authored with Hugo Lundhaug. Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 97. Mohr Siebeck, 2015. (332 pages)

The Gospel of Judas: Coptic Text, Translation, and Historical Interpretation of the 'Betrayer's Gospel.' Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 64. Mohr Siebeck, 2011. (256 pages)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The Book of the Foreigner from Codex Tchacos.” *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 57 (2020): 235–276.

“Antony’s Letters and Nag Hammadi Codex I: Sources of Religious Conflict in Fourth-Century Egypt.” Co-authored with Elaine H. Pagels. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 18.4 (2010): 557–589.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Letter of Peter to Philip: Texts and Translations (NHC VIII,2 and CT,I).” Forthcoming in *Coptic Apocrypha: New Frontiers – New Perspectives*, ed. Hugo Lundhaug et al. Mohr Siebeck, 2024.

“Peter’s Letter to Philip: Textual Fluidity in a New Testament Apocryphon.” Pages 37–66 in *The Nag Hammadi Codices as Monastic Books*. Edited by Hugo Lundhaug and Christian H. Bull. *Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum* 134. Mohr Siebeck, 2023.

“Production, Distribution, and Ownership of Books in the Monasteries of Upper Egypt: The Evidence of the Nag Hammadi Codices.” Co-authored with Hugo Lundhaug. Pages 306–325 in *Monastic Education in Late Antiquity: The Transformation of Classical Paideia*, ed. Samuel Rubenson and Lillian Larsen. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

“Reading Variants in *James* and the *Apocalypse of James*: A Perspective from New Philology.” Pages 55–85 in *Snapshots of Evolving Traditions: Jewish and Christian Manuscript Culture, Textual Fluidity, and Material Philology*, ed. Liv Ingeborg Lied and Hugo Lundhaug. *Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur*. De Gruyter, 2016.

“Emissaries of Truth and Justice: The Seed of Seth as Agents of Divine Providence.” Pages 43–62 in *Gnosticism, Platonism and the Late Ancient World: Essays in Honour of John D. Turner*, ed. Kevin Corrigan and Tuomas Rasimus. Brill, 2013.

“Clergy, Clairvoyance, and Conflict: The Synod of Latopolis and the Problem with Pachomius’ Visions.” Pages 320–334 in *Beyond the Gnostic Gospels: Studies Building on the Work of Elaine Pagels*, ed. Eduard Iricinschi, Lance Jenott, Nicola Denzey Lewis, and Philippa Townsend. *Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity* 82. Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

“Recovering Adam’s Lost Glory: Nag Hammadi Codex II in its Egyptian Monastic Environment.” Pages 222–243 in *Jewish and Christian Cosmogony in Late Antiquity*, ed. Lance Jenott and Sarit Kattan Gribetz. *Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism* 155. Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

“The *Gospel of Judas* 45,6–7 and Enoch’s Heavenly Temple.” Pages 471–477 in *The Codex Judas Papers: Proceedings of the International Congress on the Tchacos Codex held at Rice University, Houston, Texas, March 13–16, 2008*, ed. April D. DeConick. *Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies* 71. Brill, 2009.

“Inside the Covers of Codex VI.” Co-authored with Michael A. Williams. Pages 1025–1052 in *Coptica, Gnostica, Manichaica: mélanges offerts à Wolf-Peter Funk*, ed. P.-H. Poirier and Louis Painchaud. *Les Presses de l’Université Laval*, 2006.

TRANSLATIONS

“The Investiture of the Archangel Gabriel,” introduction, translation, and annotation. Pages 559–579 in *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*, vol. 2, ed. Tony Burke. Eerdmans, 2020.

“John of Parallos, Homily Against Heretical Books,” introduction, translation, and annotation, with Christian Bull. Pages 553–558 in *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*, vol. 2, ed. Tony Burke. Eerdmans, 2020.

“The Gospel of Judas,” translation, annotation, and introduction, with Eduard Iricinschi and Philippa Townsend. Pages 351–365 in *The Complete Gospels: Annotated Scholars Version*, ed. Robert J. Miller. Fourth edition. Polebridge Press, 2010.

EDITED VOLUMES

Co-editor:

The Nag Hammadi Codices and Late Antique Egypt, co-edited with Hugo Lundhaug. *Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity* 110. Mohr Siebeck, 2018. (508 pages)

Jewish and Christian Cosmogony in Late Antiquity, co-edited with Sarit Kattan Gribetz. *Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism* 155. Mohr Siebeck, 2013. (336 pages)

Beyond the Gnostic Gospels: Studies Building on the Work of Elaine Pagels, co-edited with Eduard Iricinschi, Nicola Denzey Lewis and Philippa Townsend. *Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity* 82. Mohr Siebeck, 2013. (517 pages)

Assisting editor:

My Lots Are in Thy Hands: Sortilege and its Practitioners in Late Antiquity, ed. AnneMarie Luijendijk and William E. Klingshirn, with the assistance of Lance Jenott. *Religions in the Graeco-Roman World* 188. Brill, 2018. (392 pages)

Gnosticism, Platonism and the Late Ancient World: Essays in Honour of John D. Turner, ed. Kevin Corrigan and Tuomas Rasimus, in collaboration with Dylan Burns, Lance Jenott and Zeke Mazur. Brill, 2013. (701 pages)

BOOK REVIEWS

David Brakke, *The Gospel of Judas: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. Anchor Yale Bible 45. Yale University Press, 2022. Engelsberg Ideas, October 2022.

Bentley Layton and David Brakke, eds. *The Gnostic Scriptures*. Second edition. Yale Anchor Bible Reference Library. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2021. In *Gnosis: Journal of Gnostic Studies* 7:2 (2022): 233–241.

James Robinson, *The Nag Hammadi Story*, vol. 1: *The Discovery and Monopoly*; vol. 2: *The Publication*. Leiden: Brill, 2014. In *Journal of Theological Studies* 67 (2016): 298–302.

David Brakke, *The Gnostics: Myth, Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity*. Harvard University Press, 2010. In *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74:3 (2012): 589–591.

Rodolphe Kasser, Marvin Meyer, and Gregor Wurst, *The Gospel of Judas from Codex Tchacos*. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2006. Co-authored with Eduard Iricinschi and Philippa Townsend. Pages 32–37 in *The New York Review of Books* vol. 53 (10), June 8, 2006.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Gospel of Judas: A Commentary. Hermeneia series. Fortress Press (under contract).

The Gospel of Judas. Coptic Gospels and Associated Texts (CGAT). Cambridge University Press (under contract).

The Life of Saint John Calybites (British Library MS Oriental no. 6783): Annotated Coptic text and translation. Gorgias Press.

Kleine Schriften of the late Professor John D. Turner (University of Nebraska, Lincoln) on Gnosticism, neo-Platonism, and ancient Christianity. Co-edited with Tuomas Rasimus and Christian Bull. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies series. Brill (under contract).

Courses and Teaching Experience

Magicians, Healers, and Holy Men in the Greco-Roman World. *Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025*

Orthodoxy and Heresy in Early Christianity. *Fall 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022*

Sexuality in Early Christianity. *Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025*

The Alternative Jesus. *Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2023*

The Apostle Paul: Communities and Controversies. *Fall 2018, Fall 2022*

Historical Introduction to the New Testament. *Spring 2011, Spring 2017, Spring 2024*

Scriptures and Cultural Traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam. *Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2023*

Religion and Violence: Senior Seminar in Religious Studies. *Spring 2020*

Millenarianism from Antiquity to Y2K: Junior Colloquium in Religious Studies. *Fall 2010*

Language Courses

Greek 1510: Beginning Attic Greek I. *Fall 2023, Fall 2025*

Greek 1520: Beginning Attic Greek II. *Spring 2024*

Greek 190: Intensive Attic Greek I. *Spring 2018, Spring 2019*

Greek 210: Intensive Attic Greek II. *Fall 2018, Fall 2019*

Greek 317: Attic Greek Prose: Plato's *Apology*. *Fall 2017*

Greek 460: Readings in Herodotus. "There Be Dragons": Greek Encounters with the Unknown in History and Legend. *Spring 2020*

Coptic I (Classics 188). *Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2024*

Coptic II (Classics 189). *Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025*

Assistant Instructor

New Testament and Christian Origins (for Michael Williams; Anne Marie Luijendijk)
Fall 2002 (3 sections), Fall 2004 (3 sections), Fall 2006 (2 sections), Fall 2012 (2 sections)

Christian Ethics and Modern Society (for Eric Gregory)
Fall 2011 (3 sections)

The World of Early Christianity (for Elaine Pagels)
Spring 2012 (3 sections)

Departmental and University Service

STUDENT ADVISING

Classics major & minor advisor (approx. 5 students per year): 2022-present.

Religious Studies major advisor (approx. 10 students per year): 2023-present.

Religious Studies Study Abroad advisor: 2023-present.

SENIOR HONORS THESES

Supervisor

Shawn Duan (WashU, Classics). 2024-2025. "Scriptural Exegesis in the Festal Letters of Athanasius of Alexandria."

Grace Tillman (WashU, Classics). Fall 2023. "Anti-Pagan Rhetoric in Late Antiquity."

Kaysie Wachs-Young (WashU, Classics). Spring 2021. "Prescriptive Memories of Female Monks in the *Lives of Pachomius*."

Committee Member

Lillian Nystrom (WashU, Classics). Spring 2023. "The Political Advantages of Serapis as a Foreign and Egyptian God."

Quincy Schmeichel (WashU, English). Spring 2022. "Milton's Angelic Epic: The Primacy of Angelhood in *Paradise Lost*." Washington University in St. Louis.

Eli Ten Eyck (WashU, Classics). Spring 2022. "Reevaluating Religious Restoration in Early Roman Athens: I.G. II² 1035."

INDEPENDENT STUDY SUPERVISOR

Jacob Schechter (WashU, Classics). Fall 2024. "Ha-Nasi between Israel and Rome."

Percy Kaylor (WashU, Classics). Fall 2023. "The Woman of Spirit: Eve as Agent in the Hypostasis of the Archon."

Kevin Swaggerty (WashU, Classics). Fall 2023. "Monastic Values in the Life of Saint John Calybites."

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TEACHING

Early Christian Greek reading group (1-2 hours weekly), Washington University in St. Louis: Fall 2018 - present.

Lectures on Greek paleography, manuscripts, and New Testament textual criticism for Classics graduate student pro-seminar, Washington University in St. Louis: Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2024

COMMITTEES

Religious Studies Program advisory board (WashU): 2017 - present

Weltin Lecture in Early Christianity planning committee (WashU): 2017 – present

Department of Classics colloquium committee: Spring 2025 - present

Lectures and Presentations

“Two Versions of the Letter of Peter to Philip.” Coptic Summer School in Rome: Advanced Course. July 23, 2025.

“The Gospel of Judas in Holy Week.” Princeton University. May 5, 2025.

Presentation of my book proposal and other preliminary materials for Cambridge University Press’s Coptic Gospels and Associated Texts series at the in-person meeting of contributors held at the University of Manchester, UK, July 3rd, 2024.

“Narrative Timing in Coptic Apocrypha and the Incipit of the Gospel of Judas.” 2023 Apocrypha Conference, Norwegian Institute in Rome. June 7, 2023.

“What is the Gospel of Judas?” The St. Louis Classical Club. November 12, 2022.

“Bad Magic and Good Religion in Apuleius’s *The Golden Ass*.” Fourth annual Missouri Egyptological Symposium. Washington University in St. Louis. October 15, 2022.

Review of *The Gnostic Scriptures*, second edition, edited by Bentley Layton and David Brakke, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, “Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory” section, November 22, 2021.

“The Book of Allogenes from Codex Tchacos: Status Quaestionis.” Apocrypha and Monastic Literary Culture conference, University of Oslo, June 18, 2019.

“The Dossier of Apa Sansnos: Documentary papyri for fourth-century monks in Egypt.” The American Society of Papyrologists Summer School, Washington University in St. Louis, July 26, 2018.

“Cosmic Holy War: The Book of Revelation as Martyrdom Propaganda.” Princeton University, February 23, 2017.

“The Nachleben of Nag Hammadi Texts in Egyptian Christianity.” University of Oslo, December 13, 2016.

“Is it Necessary to Suffer or to Die? A Variant Reading in the Letter of Peter to Philip.” The Nag Hammadi Codices as Monastic Books conference, University of Oslo, December 16, 2015.

Review of M. Choat and I. Gardiner, *A Coptic Handbook of Ritual Power* (Brepols, 2013), Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Atlanta, November 12, 2015.

“Two Versions of the Letter of Peter to Philip,” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Atlanta, November 12, 2015.

“Paul’s Fund-raising Strategies (2 Cor 8-9) and his Conflict with the Corinthian Church.” University of Aarhus, November 16, 2015.

“The Priority of Luke-Acts in the Gospel of Judas.” University of Edinburgh, October 23, 2015.

“Two Versions of the Letter of Peter to Philip.” Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, August 14, 2015.

“The History of the Term *Gnostikos*, Part II.” Nag Hammadi After 70 Years conference, University of Laval, Quebec, May 29, 2015.

“New Fragments of the Letter of Peter to Philip.” University of Aarhus, April 17, 2015.

“Reading Variants and Christology in the Apocalypse of James (NHC V,3 and CT,2).” Nordic Nag Hammadi Workshop, University of Helsinki, April 10, 2014.

“Knowledge of the Father and Movement of the Logos: Echoes of the Arian Controversy in the Tripartite Tractate?” New Contexts for Old Texts conference, University of Oslo, December 16, 2013.

“Readers’ Aids and Other Scribal Practices in Codex Tchacos.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Baltimore, Early Christian Papyrology/Nag Hammadi Codices joint session, November 23, 2013.

“The Scribe of Codex Tchacos.” PHANES, University of Bergen, November 4, 2013.

“Evagrius Ponticus and the Books from Nag Hammadi: Sources of the Anthropomorphite Controversy in Fifth-Century Egypt.” Origeniana Undecima, University of Aarhus. August 27, 2013.

“The Cult of the Archangel Michael at Phantau, Egypt.” Ancient Judaism and Christianity in Formation and Transformation: A Conference in Honor of Peter Schäfer. Princeton University, May 17, 2013.

“Ascent to the Imageless God: Noetic Prayer according to Evagrius Ponticus and Nag Hammadi Codex XI.” New Contexts for Old Texts, University of Oslo, December 12, 2012.

“Clairvoyance and Conflict: the Political Implications of Pachomius’ Visions.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Chicago, Christianity in Egypt section, November 17, 2012.

“Recovering Adam’s Lost Glory: Nag Hammadi Codex II in its Egyptian Monastic Environment.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 24, 2012.

“Diversity of Perspectives on Creation in Sethian Myths.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network, Yale University, May 11, 2011.

“Alternative Views of Martyrdom among Early Christians.” Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University, July 20, 2009.

“Is there Soteriology in the Gospel of Judas?” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network, Helsinki, August 11, 2008.

“Astrology and the Stars in Plotinus’s Second Ennead.” Oxford-Princeton Program in the Ancient World colloquium: Prophecy, Oracles and Divination, January 11, 2008.

“The Discourse on the Eighth and Ninth (NHC VI,6): Hermetic Ascent Ritual or Literary Fiction?” Princeton University colloquium: Revelation, Literature and Community in Antiquity, January 16, 2007.

“Myth in the Gospel of Judas.” Amherst College, October 4, 2006.

Media Interviews

Was Adam the Original Sinner? Interview by Shirley Paulson for *The Bible and Beyond* podcast. August 4, 2021. <https://earlychristiantexts.com/was-adam-the-original-sinner/>

Saint Peter according to the Gospel of Mark. Interview by Kiva Runnels for the *Hold That Thought* podcast at Washington University in St. Louis, July 2018.
<https://soundcloud.com/hold-that-thought/saint-peter-according-to-mark>

Professional Service

Editorial board, Gorgias Press, Coptic Studies series, 2019 - present.
External reviewer for Oxford University Press.
External reviewer for the *Studies in Late Antiquity* journal.
External reviewer for *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.
Public review of doctoral dissertation by Paul Linjamaa, "Ethics in the Tripartite Tractate,"
Lund University, 13 December, 2017; defense committee member, May 2018.
Steering committee, Society of Biblical Literature, Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism section,
2011-2015.

Conferences Organized

The Nag Hammadi Codices in Fourth and Fifth-Century Egypt. University of Oslo, 13–16 December, 2013, co-organized with Hugo Lundhaug.
'Let Us Make Man': Interpretations of Genesis 1:26–27 between Judaism and Christianity. Princeton, 23 March, 2010 and April 2011, co-organized with Sarit Kattan Gribetz.
In the Beginning: Jewish and Christian Cosmogony in Late Antiquity. Princeton, 2–4 May, 2010, co-organized with Sarit Kattan Gribetz.

Fellowships, Honors & Awards

ERC-funded post-doctoral research fellowship on project "New Contexts for Old Texts: Unorthodox Texts and Monastic Manuscript Culture in Fourth- and Fifth-Century Egypt." University of Oslo, 2013–2016.
Whiting Fellowship, Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation/Princeton University, 2009.
Program in the Ancient World Fellowship, Princeton University, 2005–2009.
Webb Scholarship, University of Washington (Seattle), Comparative Religion Program, 2003.
Paul LeRoy Scholarship, University of Washington (Seattle), Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2003.
Thomas Power Prize, University of Washington (Seattle), Department of History 2002.
Outstanding Senior Award, University of Washington (Seattle), Department of History, 2002.
Dale Roger Corkery Scholarship, University of Washington (Seattle), Department of History 2002.
Gates Fellowship, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/University of Washington (Seattle), 2001.