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Education

PhD Princeton University: Religion (2011)
MA University of Washington: International Studies/Religion (2005)
BA University of Washington: History (2002 *cum laude*)

Fields of Study: New Testament and Christian Origins, Second Temple Judaism, Religions of Antiquity

Teaching Areas

- Early Christianity (100–500 CE)
- Bible and New Testament
- Second Temple Judaism
- Religions of Antiquity
- Greek and Coptic languages
- Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion

COURSES

1. New Testament and Christian Origins
2. The Alternative Jesus
3. The Apostle Paul: Communities and Conflicts
4. Magicians, Healers, and Holy Men
5. Sexuality in Early Christianity
6. Christian Orthodoxy and Heresy
7. Scriptures and Cultural Traditions: Bible, New Testament, Qur'an
8. Millenarianism from Antiquity to Y2K
9. Beginning Attic Greek I & II
10. Attic Greek Prose: Plato's Apology
11. Coptic Language and Literature

Employment

- Lecturer in Classics and Religious Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, 2017–
- Visiting Instructor, The Lawrenceville School, New Jersey, 2017
- Research Fellow, University of Oslo, Faculty of Theology, 2013–2016
- Lecturer, Princeton University, Religion Department, 2010–2012
- Assistant Instructor, Princeton University, Religion Department, 2006
- Research Adviser, University of Washington, Center for Advanced Research Technology in the Arts and Humanities, 2003–2005
- Assistant Instructor, University of Washington, Comparative Religion, 2002–2004
- Research Assistant, University of Washington, History Department, 2000–2002

Publications

BOOKS

- The Monastic Origins of the Nag Hammadi Codices*, co-authored with Hugo Lundhaug. Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 97. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015.
- The Gospel of Judas: Coptic Text, Translation, and Historical Interpretation of the ‘Betray-er’s Gospel.’* Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 64. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011.

Under contract:

- Hermeneia Series commentary on the Gospel of Judas. Fortress Press.

EDITED VOLUMES

- The Nag Hammadi Codices and Late Antique Egypt*, co-edited with Hugo Lundhaug. Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 110. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018.
- Jewish and Christian Cosmogony in Late Antiquity*, co-edited with Sarit Kattan Gribetz. Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism 155. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.
- 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. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.
- 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. Leiden: Brill, 2013.

ARTICLES

- “Reading Variants in *James* and the *Apocalypse of James*: A Perspective from New Philology.” In *Snapshots of Evolving Traditions: Jewish and Christian Manuscript Culture, Textual Fluidity, and Material Philology*, ed. Liv Ingebord Lied and Hugo Lundhaug; Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016.
- “Production, Distribution, and Ownership of Books in the Monasteries of Upper Egypt: The Evidence of the Nag Hammadi Codices,” co-authored with Hugo Lundhaug in *Monastic Education in Late Antiquity: The Transformation of Classical Paideia*, ed. Samuel Rubenson and Lillian Larsen; Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- “Clergy, Clairvoyance, and Conflict: The Synod of Latopolis and the Problem with Pachomius’ Visions.” In *Beyond the Gnostic Gospels* (see above), 320–34.
- “Recovering Adam’s Lost Glory: Nag Hammadi Codex II in its Egyptian Monastic Environment.” In *Jewish and Christian Cosmogony* (see above), 222–43.
- “Emissaries of Truth and Justice: The Seed of Seth as Agents of Divine Providence.” In *Gnosticism, Platonism and the Late Ancient World* (see above), 43–62.
- “Antony’s Letters and Nag Hammadi Codex I: Sources of Religious Conflict in Fourth-Century Egypt.” Co-authored with Elaine H. Pagels in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 18.4 (2010): 557–89.

- “The *Gospel of Judas* 45,6–7 and Enoch’s Heavenly Temple.” 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, 471–77. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 71. Leiden: Brill, 2009.
- “The Betrayer’s Gospel.” Co-authored with Eduard Iricinschi and Philippa Townsend in *The New York Review of Books* vol. 53 (10) June 8, 2006: 32–37.
- “Inside the Covers of Codex VI.” Co-authored with Michael A. Williams in *Coptica, Gnostica, Manichaica: mélanges offerts à Wolf-Peter Funk*, ed. P.-H. Poirier and Louis Painchaud, 1025–52. Québec: Les Presses de l’Université Laval, 2006.

TRANSLATION

- “The Investiture of the Archangel Gabriel.” In *More New Testament Apocrypha*, vol. 2, ed. Tony Burke and Brent Landau. Eerdmans, 2018.
- “The Gospel of Judas.” Introduction, annotation and translation, with Eduard Iricinschi and Philippa Townsend, in *The Complete Gospels: Annotated Scholars Version*, ed. Robert J. Miller, 351–365. Fourth edition. Sonoma, CA: Polebridge Press, 2010.

BOOK REVIEWS

- James Robinson, *The Nag Hammadi Story*, vol. 1: *The Discovery and Monopoly*; vol. 2: *The Publication*. Leiden: Brill, 2014. In *Journal of Theological Studies* (2016).
- David Brakke, *The Gnostics: Myth, Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity*. Harvard University Press, 2010. In *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74.3 (2012): 589–91.

FORTHCOMING

- Synoptic edition and translation of the Letter of Peter to Philip (NHC VIII,2 and CT,1)

Talks and Presentations

- Public review of doctoral dissertation by Paul Linjamaa, “Ethics in the Tripartite Tractate,” Lund University, 13 December, 2017
- “Cosmic Holy War: The Book of Revelation as Martyrdom Propaganda.” Princeton University, 23 February 2017
- “The Nachleben of Nag Hammadi Texts in Egyptian Christianity.” University of Oslo, 13 December 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, 16 December 2015
- Review of M. Choat and I. Gardiner, *A Coptic Handbook of Ritual Power* (Brepols, 2013), Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Atlanta, 21 November 2015
- “Two Versions of the Letter of Peter to Philip,” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Atlanta, 21 November 2015
- “Paul’s Fund-raising Strategies (2 Cor 8-9) and his Conflict with the Corinthian Church.” University of Aarhus, 16 November 2015

- “The Priority of Luke-Acts in the Gospel of Judas.” University of Edinburgh, 23 October 2015
- “Two Versions of the Letter of Peter to Philip.” Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, 14 August 2015
- “The History of the Term *Gnostikos*, Part II.” Nag Hammadi After 70 Years conference, University of Laval, 29 May 2015
- “New Fragments of the Letter of Peter to Philip.” University of Aarhus. 17 April 2015
- “Reading Variants and Christology in the Apocalypse of James (NHC V,3 and CT,2).” Nordic Nag Hammadi and Coptic Manuscripts Workshop, University of Helsinki, 10 April 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, 16 December 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, 23 November 2013
- “The Scribe of Codex Tchacos.” PHANES seminar, University of Bergen, 4 November 2013.
- “Evagrius Ponticus and the Books from Nag Hammadi: Sources of the Anthropomorphite Controversy in Fifth-Century Egypt.” Origeniana Undecima, University of Aarhus. 27 August 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, 17 May 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, 12 December 2012
- “Clairvoyance and Conflict: the Political Implications of Pachomius’ Visions.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Chicago, Christianity in Egypt section, 17 November 2012
- “Recovering Adam’s Lost Glory: Nag Hammadi Codex II in its Egyptian Monastic Environment.” North American Patristics Society conference, Chicago, 24 May 2012
- “Diversity of Perspectives on Creation in Sethian Myths.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network, Yale University, 11 May 2011
- “Alternative Views of Martyrdom among Early Christians.” Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University, 20 July 2009
- “Is there Soteriology in the Gospel of Judas?” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network, Helsinki, 11 August 2008
- “Astrology and the Stars in Plotinus’s Second Ennead.” Oxford-Princeton Program in the Ancient World colloquium: Prophecy, Oracles and Divination, 11 January 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, 16 January 2007
- “Myth in the Gospel of Judas.” Amherst College, 4 October 2006

Conferences Organized

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

Fellowships, Honors & Awards

- ERC-funded post-doctoral research fellowship, 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, 2005–09)
- Webb Scholarship (U. of Washington, Religion Program, 2003)
- Paul LeRoy Scholarship (U. of Washington, Near Eastern Languages, 2003)
- Thomas Power Prize (U. of Washington, History Department, 2002)
- Outstanding Senior Award (U. of Washington, History Department, 2002)
- Dale Roger Corkery Scholarship (U. of Washington, History Department, 2001)
- Gates Fellowship (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation/U. of Washington, 2001)

Travel and Research

Egypt: Luxor, Dishna, Red and White Monasteries, Deir Abbu Hinis, Antinoë, Naqlun, Deir el-Muharraq, St. Antony’s monastery, St. Paul’s monastery, Cairo, Wadi Natrun monasteries, Alexandria, St. Mina’s monastery

Greece: Athens, Corinth, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Dodona, Samos, Patmos

Israel: Caesarea, Sepphoris, Bet She’arim, Tiberias, Capernaum, Bet She’an, Bet Alfa, Jerusalem

Italy: Rome, Pompeii

Turkey: Istanbul, Pergamum, Ephesus, Sardis, Aphrodisias, Priene, Heliopolis

Service & Memberships

- Society of Biblical Literature
- SBL steering committee, Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism group (2011–2015)
- External reviewer for Journal of Early Christian Studies
- External reviewer for Oxford University Press
- Religious Studies Advisory Board, Washington University in St. Louis