

EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

Ph. D. (Religions of Western Antiquity), 2018.

Dissertation: *A Sanctifying Myth: The Syriac History of John in Its Social, Literary, and Theological Context*.

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.

M. A. (New Testament), 2013.

Thesis: *In Other Words: Παράφρασις and the Intertextuality of Jude and 2 Peter*.

B. A. (Biblical Text), 2009, *cum laude*.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow, Regensburg, Germany

2022–Present Researcher, ‘**Beyond Canon**,’ Universität Regensburg

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.

2018–2021 Post-Doctoral Fellow (**Center for the Study of Ancient Religious Texts**).

2018–2021 Adjunct Instructor in Bible and Biblical Greek.

Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.

2020–2021 Adjunct Instructor in New Testament (Online)

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

2013–2018 Graduate Instructor in Religion.

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.

2009–2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In progress:

---- *The Syriac Peshiṭta Bible with English Translation: Ben Sira*. The Antioch Bible. Edited by George A. Kiraz. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press (forthcoming). Co-author with David A. Skelton and Blake A. Jurgens. In Press.

---- *The Doctrine of Addai and the Epistolary Correspondence of King Abgar and Jesus*. Early Christian Apocrypha Series; Eugene, OR: Cascade Books. Manuscript Submitted.

---- *John Climacus’ Ladder of Divine Ascent in the Syriac Tradition*. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming). Co-author with Jeff W. Childers, Ute Possekkel, et al. Proposal accepted for publication.

---- *The Martyrs of Adiabene*. Acts of Persian Martyrs Series. Piscataway: Gorgias Press. Proposal accepted for publication.

2020 *The History of John the Son of Zebedee: Introduction, Texts and Translations*. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press.

Articles

In progress:

---- “Shortening the Ladder: Epitomizing Climacus in the Syriac Tradition.” Contribution to a conference held in Louvain in Spring 2019 (title as of yet undisclosed). Edited by Maxim Venetskov and Peter Van Deun. Part of the *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta* series, Louvain: Peeters, forthcoming. Manuscript submitted.

---- “The History of Paul,” in *New Testament Apocrypha: More Non-Canonical Scriptures*. Volume 3. Edited by Tony Burke. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming. In press.

---- “The Interface Between Materiality and Textuality: The Syriac *History of John* as a Source for Early Christian Material Culture.” *Proceedings from the First Annual Conference for the North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature (NASSCAL)*, Charlottesville, VA. Edited by Janet Spittler, et al. (forthcoming). Manuscript draft submitted.

---- “In the deity there is no gender”: Early Christian Opinions on Gender in the Godhead. *Restoration Quarterly* (forthcoming). Co-author with Cecily Powell. Manuscript draft submitted.

2021 “‘The marks of my body, that I might come to the resurrection’: A Quotation of *3 Corinthians* in the Syriac *Martyrdom of Šarbēl*.” *Apocrypha* 32 (2021): 71–83.

2021 “‘The History that Should be Placed at the Beginning of the Book of Paul the Apostle’: New Evidence for the Syriac *Euthalian Apparatus* in Apocryphal Texts.” *Hugoye Journal of Syriac Studies* 24.1 (2021): 195–224.

2019 “The Martyrdom of Luke the Evangelist.” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. Tony Burke, Senior Editor. North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/martyrdom-of-luke/>

2019 “The History of Paul.” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. Tony Burke, Senior Editor. North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/history-of-paul/>

2018 “A Survey of the Manuscripts of the Syriac *History of John*”. *Apocrypha* 29 (2018): 113-136.

2018 “Wisdom of Solomon, 15.3—Syriac.” *The Textual History of the Bible*. Edited by M. Henze and M. Goff; General Editor A. Lange. Leiden: Brill. Co-author with David A. Skelton.

- 2018 “The History of Philip.” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. Tony Burke, Senior Editor. North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/history-of-philip/>
- 2017 “Doctrine of Addai.” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. Tony Burke, Senior Editor. North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/doctrine-of-addai/>
- 2017 “History of John (Syriac).” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. Tony Burke, Senior Editor. North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/history-of-john-syriac/>
- 2017 “Acts of Mar Mari.” *e-Clavis: Christian Apocrypha*. Tony Burke, Senior Editor. North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature. <https://www.nasscal.com/e-clavis-christian-apocrypha/acts-of-mar-mari/>

Book Reviews

- 2021 Jonathan Loopstra. *The Patristic “Masora”: A Study of Patristic Collections in Syriac Handbooks from the Near East*. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 689. Reviewed for *Reviews of Biblical Literature*.
- 2021 Rosie Andrious. *Saint Thecla: Body Politics and Masculine Rhetoric*. Library of New Testament Studies 617. Reviewed for *Reviews of Biblical Literature*.
- 2021 Manolis Papoutsakis. *Vicarious Kingship: A Theme in Syriac Political Theology in Late Antiquity*. Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 100. Reviewed for *Reviews of Biblical Literature*.
- 2020 Jens Schröter, Tobias Nicklas, and Joseph Verheyden, eds. *Gospels and Gospel Traditions in the Second Century: Experiments in Reception*. Reviewed for *Reviews of Biblical Literature*.
- 2019 Philip Michael Forness, *Preaching Christology in the Roman Near East: A Study of Jacob of Serugh*. Reviewed for *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 26.4 (2019): 625-628.
- 2019 Mark W. Hamilton, *Jesus, King of Strangers: What the Bible Really Says about Immigration*. Reviewed for *Restoration Quarterly* 61.4 (2019): 248-250.
- 2018 Tony Burke, ed. *Forbidden Texts on the Western Frontier: The Christian Apocrypha in North American Perspective*. Reviewed for *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 25.3 (2018): 448-450.
- 2017 Richard I. Pervo, *The Acts of Paul: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. Reviewed for *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 24.2 (2017): 353-356.

COURSES TAUGHT

Abilene Christian University

BGRK 221	New Testament Greek for Beginners (Fall 2018–Fall 2021)
Honor’s Colloquium	Star Wars and Religion (Fall 2020)
Honor’s Colloquium	Middle Earth, Myth, and Movies (Spring 2020)
BIBL 620	Introduction to Christian Apocryphal Literature (Summer 2020; course cancelled due to Coronavirus)

Pepperdine University

REL 102	The New Testament in Context (Spring 2021)
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Florida State University

REL 3505	The Christian Tradition (Spring 2017; Spring 2018)
REL 2240	Introduction to the New Testament (Spring, Fall 2016)
REL 1300	Introduction to World Religions (Fall 2013-Fall 2015; Summer 2014 online)
REL 3607	The Jewish Tradition (Spring 2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “The Acts of Thekla in Syriac: Preliminary Observations.” XIII Symposium Syriacum et au XI Congrès d’études arabes. Paris, France.
- 2021 “Between History and Myth: Stories of Edessa’s Christianization in Apocrypha and Hagiography.” Christian Apocrypha Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (via Zoom).
- 2020 “The Martyrdom of Luke: An Original Coptic Apocryphon?” Christian Apocrypha and Gnosticism Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (via Zoom).
- 2019 “‘Listen to a story, that is not a story...’: Eusebius, John the Son of Zebedee, and John and the Robber in the Syriac Tradition.” Christian Apocrypha Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2019 “Refugees, Religion, and Reconstructing History: The Effects of Forced Migration on the Development of Syriac Literature in the Fourth Century.” 8th North American Syriac Symposium. Brown University. Providence, RI.
- 2019 “Make Edessa Great Again: Refugees, Religion, and Reconstructing History in Late Antique Syria.” Church History Section at the Annual Christian Scholars’ Conference. Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX.
- 2018 “The Interface Between Materiality and Textuality: The Syriac *History of John* as a Source for Early Christian Material Culture.” Inaugural Meeting for the North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature (NASSCAL). University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2018 “What Has Ephesus to do with Edessa?: The Syriac *History of John*, the Cult of the *Dea Syria*, and Religious Competition in Fourth-Century Syria.” Christian Apocrypha Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

- 2018 “‘At Once a Poet, Philosopher, and Expounder of Mysteries:’ Porphyry’s Embodiment of Homeric Scholarship.” Panel on “Porphyry the Polymath.” Society of Classical Studies. Boston, MA.
- 2017 “Manuscripts of the Syriac *History of John*.” Presented to the Members of the Societie pour l’étude de la littérature apocryphe chrétienne (SELAC). Paris, France.
- 2017 “Refugees, Religion, and the Reinvention of Histories and Identities: Martyrdom and Apostolic Myths among Refugees in Fourth and Fifth-Century Edessa.” Syriac Studies Section at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2016 “Ordering the Apostolic Order: The Syriac History of Philip and the Reinvention of Syriac Christian Origins.” Syriac Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX.
- 2016 “Ephesus, the Second Sister of Edessa: The Syriac History of John the Son of Zebedee and the Invention and Formation of Syriac-Christian Tradition.” Syriac Studies Section at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2016 “Of Lawgivers, Priests and Prophets: Philo and the Alexandrian Jews as an Allegory of Moses and the Israelites in the *De Vita Mosis*.” Enoch Graduate Student Seminar. University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- 2015 “‘Listen, My Son, and Understand Me’: The Translation and Arrangement of the Proverbs of the Syriac Legend of Ahiqar.” Syriac Section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “‘Do Not Renounce Moses and Believe in the Messiah!’ Religious Authority and the Interpretation of Scripture in the Syriac History of Phillip.” History of Christianity Section of the South-Eastern Commission for Religious Studies. Atlanta, GA.
- 2014 “The Ambiguous John: Origen and Focalization in John 1:15-18.” Church History Section at the Annual Christian Scholars’ Conference. Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN.
- 2014 “An ‘Unorthodox’ Defense of ‘Orthodoxy’: The Setting, Sources, and Purpose of the Syriac History of John the Son of Zebedee.” *Dorushe* Graduate Student Conference in Syriac Studies. Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2013 “Ἐγὼ μὲν εἶμι Παύλου, ἐγὼ δὲ Ἰωάννου: The Effect of Apostolic Legacies on the Text of Ephesians 1:1.” History of Christianity Section of the South-Western Commission for Religious Studies. Dallas, TX.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY TALKS/LECTURES

- 2021 Abilene Christian University, CSART Lecture. Topic: Demystifying Apocrypha: The Importance of Christian Apocrypha for the Study of Christian History.
- 2020 Palo Verde Church of Christ (Tucson, AZ). Topic: Apocryphal Literature and traditions about the Apostles after the New Testament.
- 2019 Gordon College (Wenham, MA). Topic: Editing Digital Syriac Manuscripts (via Zoom).

- 2019 Minter Lane Church of Christ (Abilene, TX). Topic: Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians.
- 2017 Faith Presbyterian Church PCUSA (Tallahassee, FL). Topic: Christianity in the Middle East.
- 2015 St. John’s Episcopal Church (Tallahassee, FL). Topic: Jewish-Christian Relations.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)	American Academy of Religion (AAR)
Society of Classical Studies (SCS)	North American Patristics Society (NAPS)
North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature (NASSCAL)	Beth Mardutho

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2022–2024 **Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship.** Universität Regensburg. Tobias Nicklas, Sponsor. Regensburg, Germany.
- 2022 **William F. Calder III Fellowship** (research funds awarded to Alexander von Humboldt fellows in fields related to Classical Antiquity and its reception in Medieval and modern times).
- 2017-2018 **Chateaubriand Fellowship in the Humanities** (Research fellowship through the French Government to work and study in France). Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). Laboratoire Mondes iraniens et indiens. Christelle Jullien, Supervisor. Paris, France.
- 2017-2018 **International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship.** Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2013 **Outstanding Thesis Award: Exceptional Biblical Textual Analysis.** Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.
- 2011-2013 **Barbara and Prentice Meador Endowed Scholarship.** College of Biblical Studies. Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.
- 2009 **J.W. Roberts Award for Excellence in New Testament Greek.** Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry. Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX.

LANGUAGES

Modern

French
German

Ancient
Greek
Syriac
Hebrew
Latin
Coptic

REFERENCES

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